



Check-in, Stress-Free!



Make your stay as smooth as possible with these quick tips:

- **Passport ready?** Check! Hotels must register foreign guests.
- Complete the Foreigner Accommodation Registration Form.
- **Check-in** at 2 PM, **check out** by 12 PM (late checkout = extra fee!).
- **Free toiletries** and universal outlets (220V) in every room!



Pro tip: Reach out to your hotel ahead of time for any special arrangements you might need !



Take China Home With You!



Bring a piece of China back with you by picking up these must-have treasures:



Timeless Treasures: Snag silk scarves, jade carvings, and cloisonné vases—perfect mementos of your journey.



Tea Time: Savor the rich flavors of Pu' er tea or the delicate notes of Longjing green tea.



Tech Toys: Discover cutting-edge Xiaomi gadgets and DJI drones that blend innovation with affordability.



Health Boosts: Explore traditional Chinese remedies like ginseng, and goji berries for a natural wellness boost.

Tax Refund Triumph:

Spend RMB 500+ at tax-free shops? Claim up to 11% VAT refund at airports!



Rules: Keep your receipts and unused items, and ensure you depart within 90 days of purchase (with final departure within 183 days of your last entry). The tax refund currency is RMB. Refunds over RMB 10,000 require a bank card; for lower amounts, choose between cash or bank transfer.

BOC Compass Perks: Why Wander Alone?

“Unlock the full power of your journey with our all-in-one app !”

Multilingual Support: Available in English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Chinese.



All-in-One App, Zero Hassles: Get instant access to off-line translation, consultations, maps and navigation without the hassle of registering or logging in.



No extra Apps downloads needed!

Want even more convenience?

Simply sign up with your overseas mobile number or email to quickly book flights, train tickets, hotels and attraction passes.

Dive Deeper: Explore rich travel guides packed with: Entry Essentials: Visa rules, customs tips, and safety know-how.



Timeless Treasures: Must-see attractions, hidden gems, and cultural secrets (think tea ceremonies, festivals, and etiquette!). Local Flavors: Handpicked restaurants, street food hotspots, and dishes to try.

Heartfelt Hints: Weather prep, packing tricks, and how to avoid "oops!" moments.



Customer service hotline: +86-10-95566 (+86 is China's country code). Search for "BOC Compass" in your App store or Scan the QR code below to download the App.

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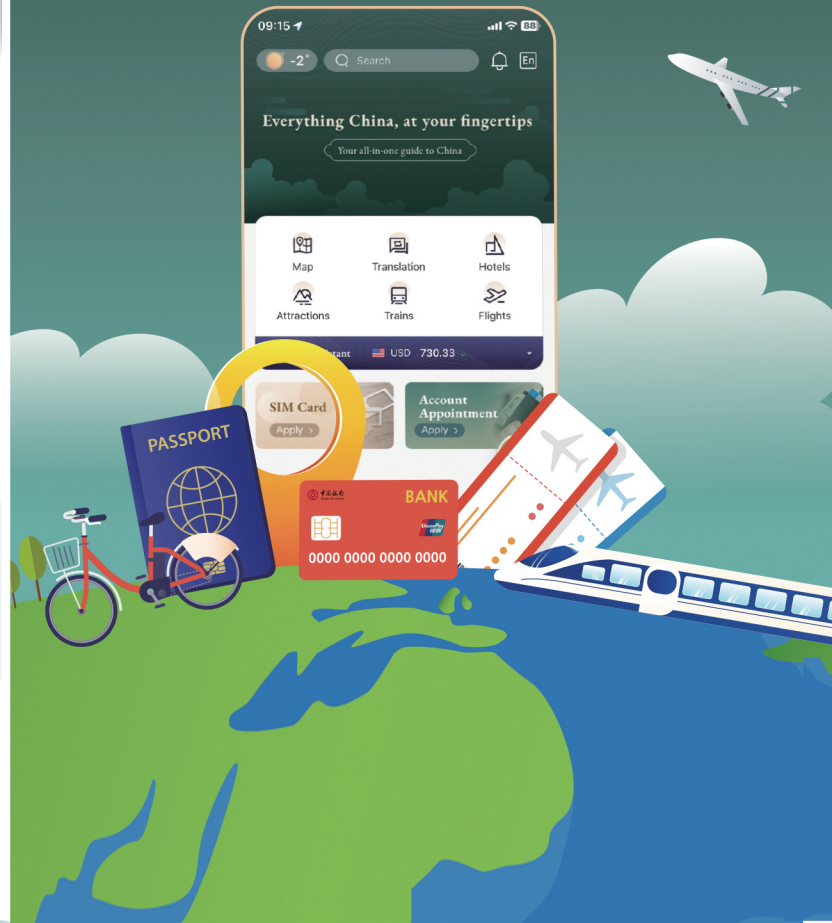
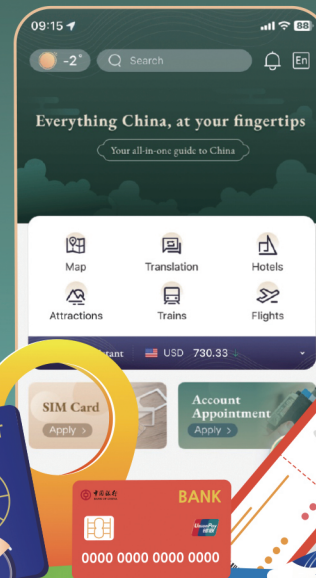


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The All-in-One Travel App for China!





Lost in Translation? Not anymore!



The official language of China is Chinese Mandarin. To ensure smooth communication, it is recommended to download translation Apps in advance or use the built-in translation tools on your phone.

★ **BOC Compass Bonus:** Enjoy offline instant voice/text translation—snap a photo of Chinese text (menus, signs, etc.) with our built-in AI translator and decode it instantly!



Stay Connected, Always!



China runs on mobile apps—don't let weak spotty Wi-Fi connection slows you down! **Get Online in 4 Ways:**



Roam Freely: Activate international roaming with your current provider, but beware of high costs.



eSIM Magic: Grab a traveler-friendly eSIM online before takeoff (details in the App). Pros: Access to daily social media (Gmail, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok). Cons: No calls or verification codes. Not every smartphone supports eSIM.



Local SIM Savvy: Buy a SIM at arrival airports (find China Mobile/Unicom/Telecom service desks via the app). Short-term SIMs (7/15/30 days) cost 11/16/26 euros respectively for data, texts and calls. Please note, the exact price is subject to change at the time of your card application.

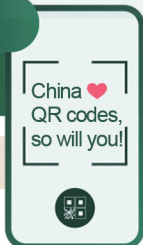


Pocket Wi-Fi: Rent a portable hotspot at Shanghai/Beijing airports—stream, pay, and navigate worry-free (find service desks via the app)! Perfect for families, but remember to keep it on and charge the battery.



Your Wallet, Digitized!

Pay



QR Code Rulebook

Alipay/WeChat Pay: Link your international card—scan to pay anywhere, from street vendors to luxury malls.

Card payment



UnionPay: The local favorite and widely accepted by 99% of merchants. Staying longer? Grab a UnionPay debit card upon arrival (more guidance in the app).

Overseas Cards: Visa, MasterCard, JCB, American Express work in five-star hotels, large malls, duty-free shops etc.

Cash Hacks



Carry Smart: Keep a maximum of RMB 20,000 in cash and declare foreign currency over \$5,000 using the China Customs Baggage Declaration Form.

Small Bills Matter: Stock up on RMB 1/5/10 notes for vending machines and subways at airport currency exchange counters.

Exchange Wisely: Skip airport counters and self-service machines (high fees!)—opt for better rates at local banks.



★ **Pro tips:** Use international bank cards to withdraw cash from ATMs—look for your card network logo for compatibility.



Navigate Like a Local!



City Walk



iPhone Users: Use built-in maps with roaming or save data with BOC Compass' s offline maps.

Android Users: Rely on BOC Compass' s offline maps for accurate navigation around attractions, commercial centers, and local eateries.

Subway Smarts



QR Codes Rule: Use Alipay/WeChat' s Transport feature scan in and out of the station.

Card Swipe: Beijing Subway accepts foreign Visa, MasterCard, and UnionPay cards directly.

No Apps? Buy tickets at machines (cash/card) or grab a rechargeable transport card (Beijing Pass, Shanghai Pass, etc.).



★ **Pro Tip:** All passengers must undergo a security check. Review security guidelines on our app before you ride.

Bike-Sharing Bliss



Scan, ride, repeat! Unlock blue (Hello Bike), yellow (Meituan), or green (DiDi) bikes for RMB 1–2/30 mins. Just park in designated zones!

Ride-Hailing & Taxi



Skip the chaos at airports and train stations by heading to designated taxi queues.

DiDi Dominance: China' s Uber alternative! Book taxis, luxury cars, or carpool rides. Pay via Alipay, WeChat, or your international card—no cash needed. Prices are estimated upfront—no language barriers or surprises.



★ **Pro Tip:** Pre-book rides during rush hours or rainy days! Always check the car' s license plate matches the app' s details.

High-Speed Rail Hacks



Real-Name Registration: Use your passport for verification.

Seat Upgrades: Splurge on business class for free WiFi, meals, and extra legroom!



★ **Pro Tip:** Book tickets 15 days in advance via our application or directly at station counters. Review security guidelines on our app before you ride.

Explore China like a true local with these handy tips! ”

★ **BOC Compass Bonus:** Need to find ATMs, banks, currency exchange spots, tax refund agencies, or even the nearest attraction? Use our interactive map for real-time navigation - everything you need is just a tap away!



Attractions: Dive into the Adventure!



Why wait in long queues when you can plan ahead?

Book tickets online in advance via official websites, mini-programs or apps like Trip.com to avoid long queues.



★ **Pro Tip:** Early booking often unlocks exclusive deals and promotions, saving you time and money! Bring your passport for on-site ticket purchases.