



An introduction to public transportation and driving

Getting Around Beijing

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Beijing By Taxi



Taxi Tips

- **Pre-book a Taxi in advance Tel: 961001, 68373399**
- **Most drivers do not speak English → Carry address in Chinese text**
- **Print out or SMS addresses to your cell phone using www.mobilenative.com**
- **Ring Native on 13466660777**
- **Use a Beijing Taxi Guide**
- **Ring restaurant or hotel then give cell phone to driver**
- **Use Apps from iPhone, Blackberries, Android phones eg BJ Taxi Guide**
- **For taxi complaints Tel: 68351150**
- **Always get the fapiao/receipt**





Beijing By Subway



Look for this Blue Sign to find a subway station

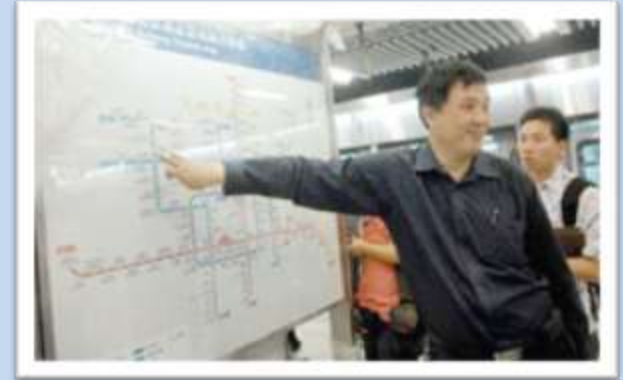
At the Station



Exits are marked with places of interest



The current station and the next are clearly labeled in English & Chinese



Map of the Subway Lines are clearly labeled in English & Chinese



Ticket Machines

On the train

Multiple panels display upcoming stations and interchanges in English and Chinese





The single journey ticket costs 2 RMB and may be purchased at a ticket sales counter or at a machine.

The IC card is a pre-paid transportation card .

Subway Tips

- Use Google Maps and www.beijingsubway.com to research the Beijing subway network and chart your journey.
- iPhone APP –“*Explore Beijing Subway map*” works offline and gives first/last train times, street map, nearest subway, map of subway network, a planned route, Chinese characters, pronunciations. The website does the same thing but is free.
- Since the street maps on the subway platforms are only in Chinese, use the compass arrow on them to get your bearings if you don't know which exit to use.



Beijing By Bus

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Route Numbers:

- 1 to 100 -- operate within the inner city up to the 3rd Ring Road.
- 200-212-- offer only night time travel in the inner city.
- 300's travel through the suburbs outside of 2nd Ring Rd.
- 400's and 500's travel from downtown out to the suburbs
- 600's – 700s travel through residential areas
- 900's connect Beijing with its "rural" districts which are not considered part of Beijing proper eg Changping, Yanqing, Shunyi, Gt Wall etc.

•Payment Options:

- Cash accepted
- IC card purchased from a bus terminal (like the subway)
- There are special 3 day, 7 day and 15 day cards available with usage limitations but these special day cards cannot be used to go to the Gt Wall.
- In suburban areas a CNY 1 Flat Fare is charged per person for the whole journey; on long distance trips, CNY 1 per person is charged for the first 12 kilometers and an additional CNY 0.5 every 5 kilometers thereafter. Passengers who use an IC/Yikatong card get 60% discount on any route bar the 900 and special routes, in which case they get 20% discount.
- There are bus conductors on board except for the self-service buses.

Bus Tips



- If there are multiple entries for the bus embark using the middle door and disembark from the other two doors. Over payment by cash into the coin machine will not be refunded.
- If you pay the bus fare with an IC/Yikatong card, you have to touch the card to the reader machine when you embark on the bus and then again when you disembark from the bus (for bus numbers greater than 400).
- If your baggage occupies the area equal to a standing passenger, you will be charged another ticket for your baggage. Some public buses in Beijing will examine the passengers' so keep it with you at all times whilst traveling on the bus.
- When a bus reaches a stop, the bus-stop name will be announced by the electronic bus-stop announcement machine, and then repeated by the conductor or the driver. All announcements are in Chinese, and conductors and drivers typically do not understand English. Some buses along the route of Chang'an Jie or places where there are more foreigners, announce the stop names in both Chinese and English. Inform the conductor or other passengers of your destination in advance, and assistance may be provided when approaching your stop.
- Theft is a problem on the bus transport system. Money, mobile phones and other valuables need to be kept well secured especially when boarding and exiting the bus. If your trip is a little long, it might be better to take the subway first and then transfer to the bus.
- Online resources such as www,bjbus.com and maps.google.com contain interactive maps can help you figure out routes and timetables.
- **Beijing Bus Public Transportation Service Hotline: 96166**

Driving in Beijing

- Useful websites:

- a. www.themiddlekingdom.org/getting-your-chinese-license-part-1

- b. www.bjtgl.gov.cn/publish/portal1/

- International Driver's License is not valid

- **Register** for a Chinese Driver's License at:

The Foreign Affairs Department of
Beijing Motor Vehicle
Administration

Address: No.18 Southeast 4th Ring,
Chaoyang District, Beijing, 100023

Tel: 010-8762-5150



Registration

- **Go to** the “Harmonious Traffic for Beijing, Friendly Beijing Traffic Police” Counter
- **Need:**
 - Passport (with visa valid for at least 3-months) with copy of the picture page and a copy of the latest entry stamp
 - Residence Permit (valid beyond 6 months)
 - Copy of overseas driver’s license – both sides
 - Legal translation of overseas driver’s license (with translator’s signature and stamp)
 - 4 (1” x 1”) passport size photos with white background
 - Driver’s Physical Exam Certificate from an authorised hospital in Beijing (you will need a photo for this too)
 - Driver’s License Application Form
 - 200 – 300 RMB
- **On completion** you get a card with the time and date of your test. You will need to bring this with you when you take the test.

Taking the Test

- Can be taken in English, French, German, Spanish, Korean or Japanese and of course, Mandarin.
- Buy a study book on the second floor of the main hall for 90 RMB.
- Download free China Drive App from iTunes
- TEST is 45-minutes long
- Must get at least 90 out of 100 multiple test questions correct to pass
- If fail the first time, can re-sit without paying another fee



Traffic

- **Emergency Numbers:**
 - Police (Emergency Assistance): 110
 - Traffic Emergencies (Accidents): 122
 - Ambulance: 120 or 999
 - Fire Department: 119
- **Speed Limits**
 - 30km/hr: Roads without centre lines and smaller urban roads
 - 80km/hr: national highways
 - 100km/hr: urban expressways
 - 120km/hr: highways

