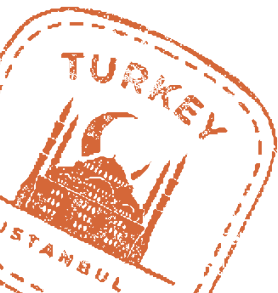




# 5-day Beijing Itinerary



Beijing



# Beijing: An Imperial Journey Through Time

Welcome to Beijing, China's magnificent capital, where ancient imperial grandeur meets modern innovation. This comprehensive 5-day guide will take you through the city's most iconic landmarks, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant contemporary scenes.

## Historical Overview

Beijing, with over 3,000 years of history, has been China's political and cultural center for centuries. From the Ming and Qing dynasties to the present day, the city has preserved its imperial legacy while embracing modern development, making it a unique blend of old and new China.

## Iconic Landmarks

- The Forbidden City: The world's largest palace complex and former home to Chinese emperors
- Great Wall of China (Mutianyu): One of the best-preserved sections of this wonder of the world
- Temple of Heaven: An imperial complex where emperors performed important ceremonies
- Summer Palace: A vast ensemble of lakes, gardens, and palaces

## Cultural Treasures

- National Museum of China: Home to priceless artifacts spanning Chinese history
- 798 Art District: Beijing's thriving contemporary art scene
- Lama Temple: The largest Tibetan Buddhist temple outside Tibet

## Charming Neighborhoods

- Nanluoguxiang Hutong: Traditional alleyways showcasing old Beijing life
- Sanlitun Village: Modern shopping and entertainment district
- Wangfujing Street: Famous shopping street with local snacks and souvenirs
- Yandaixie Street: Historic bar street with traditional architecture

## Beijing Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Sample Peking duck and other local delicacies
- Tea Culture: Experience traditional Chinese tea ceremonies
- Shopping: From traditional markets to modern malls
- Parks: Join locals in their morning tai chi routines

### **Green Spaces**

- Jingshan Park: Offering panoramic views of the Forbidden City
- Beihai Park: One of the oldest imperial gardens in China

### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Utilize the extensive subway system; consider getting a transportation card
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Autumn (September-November) for pleasant weather
- Language: Basic Mandarin phrases are helpful; English is limited in many areas
- Air Quality: Check daily air quality reports and plan indoor activities accordingly

### **5-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, National Museum, Jingshan Park

Day 2: Temple of Heaven, Hongqiao Pearl Market, Wangfujing Street, Ancient Observatory

Day 3: Great Wall (Mutianyu), Summer Palace

Day 4: Beihai Park, Nanluoguxiang Hutong, Qianmen Street, Yandaixie Street

Day 5: 798 Art District, UCCA Center, Lama Temple, Sanlitun Village

This guide includes over 30 carefully selected locations, allowing you to customize your Beijing experience. Each destination offers unique insights into China's imperial past and dynamic present.

Beijing is more than just a city; it's a living museum where ancient traditions coexist with modern innovations. As you explore its magnificent palaces, traverse the Great

Wall, and wander through historic hutongs, you'll discover why Beijing has captivated visitors for centuries.

Let this imperial city transport you through time as you create unforgettable memories during your journey. Welcome to Beijing!



# Itinerary Preview

5 days

## **DAY** 01

Forbidden City  
Jingshan Park  
National Museum of China  
Tiananmen Square

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## **DAY** 02

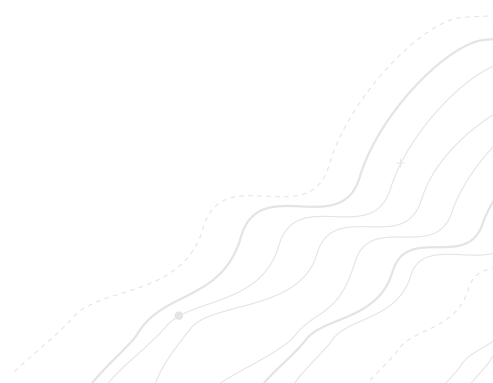
Temple of Heaven  
Hongqiao Market  
Wangfujing Avenue  
Beijing Ancient Observatory

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## **DAY** 03

Great Wall of China  
Mutianyu Great Wall Scenic Area Ticket Office  
Summer Palace

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**DAY**  
04

Beihai Park  
South Luogu Lane  
Qianmen Street  
Yandaixie Street

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**DAY**  
05

798 Art Zone  
UCCA Center for Contemporary Art  
Lama Temple  
Sanlitun SOHO Shopping Mall 1





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **Forbidden City**

4 Jing Shan Qian Jie, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China,  
100009

11:00

11:30

### **Jingshan Park**

44 Jing Shan Xi Jie, 景山 Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100009

13:30

14:00

### **National Museum of China**

16 Dong Chang An Jie, 前门 Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100051

16:00

16:30

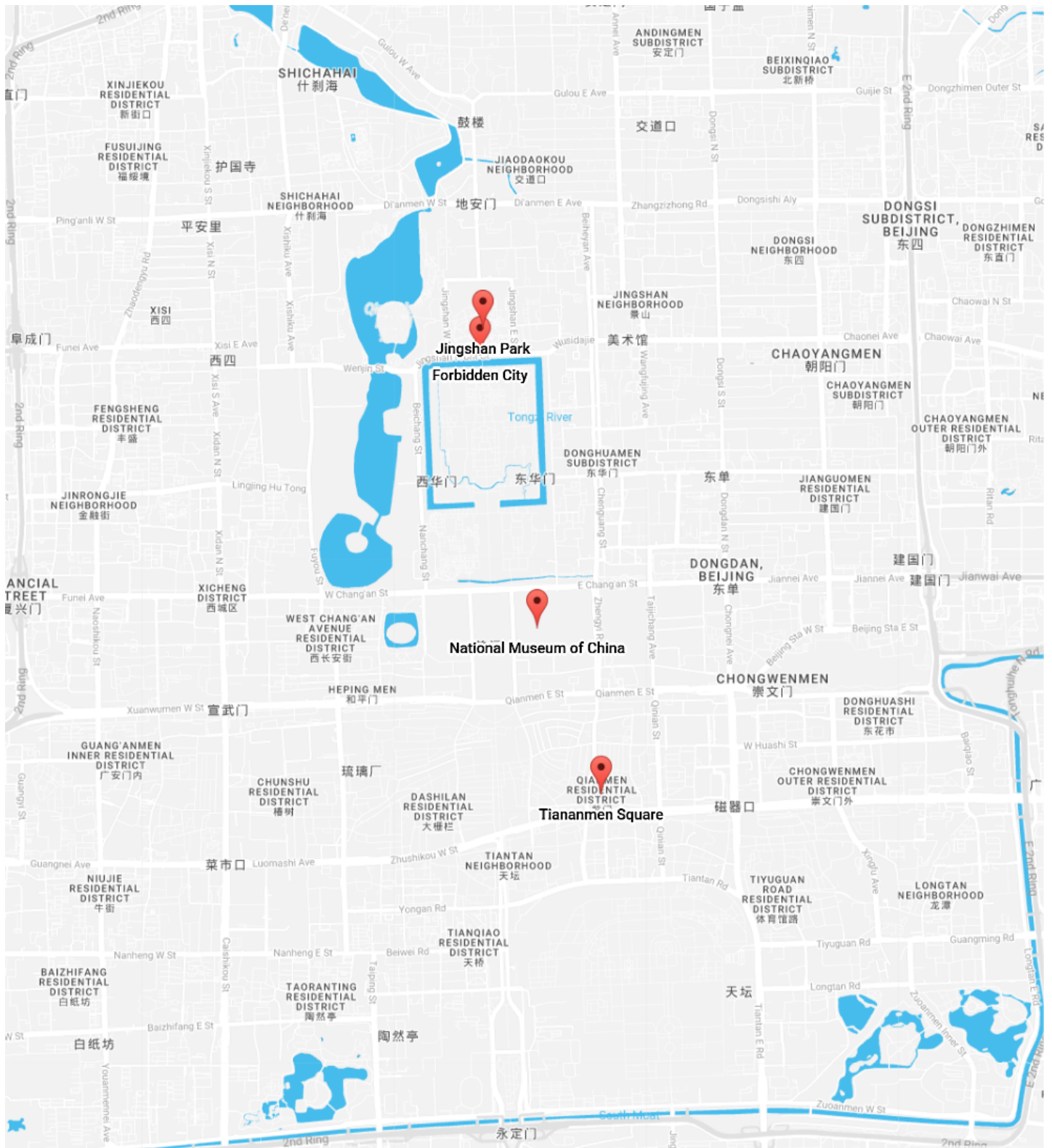
### **Tiananmen Square**

前门 Dongcheng, China, 100051

18:30



# Map for Day 1



## Day 2

09:00

### **Temple of Heaven**

1 Tian Tan Dong Lu, Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100061

11:00

11:45

### **Hongqiao Market**

Dongcheng, China, 100062

13:45

14:30

### **Wangfujing Avenue**

Wang Fu Jing Da Jie, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China,  
100006

16:30

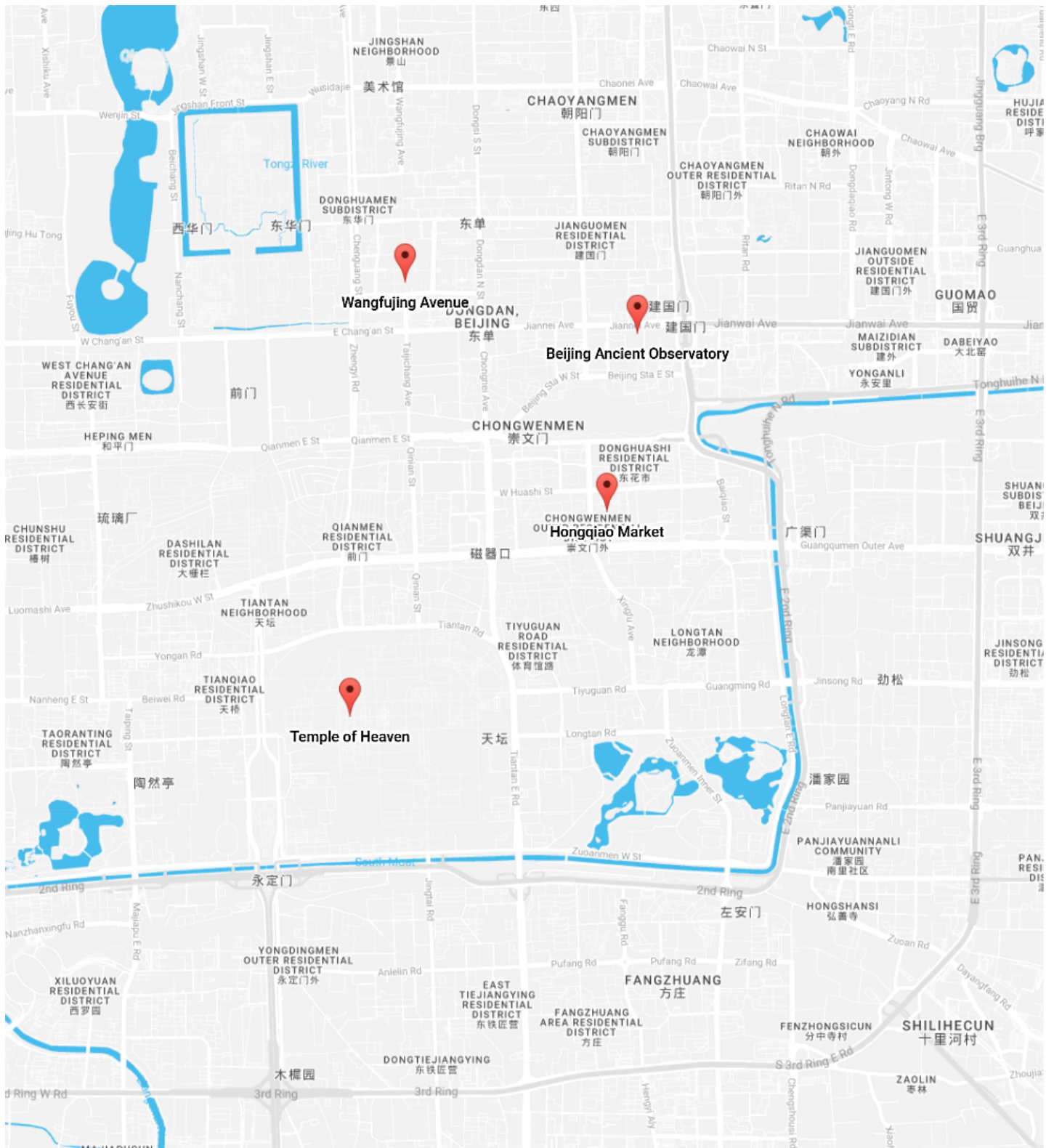
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### **Beijing Ancient Observatory**

China, Bei Jing Shi, Dong Cheng Qu, 东裱褙胡同2号 邮政编码:  
100005

19:15

# Map for Day 2



## Day 3

09:30

### **Great Wall of China**

Huairou District, China, 101406

11:30

12:15

### **Mutianyu Great Wall Scenic Area Ticket Office**

CHM7+3JC, Mu Tian Yu Lu, Huai Rou Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China,  
101406

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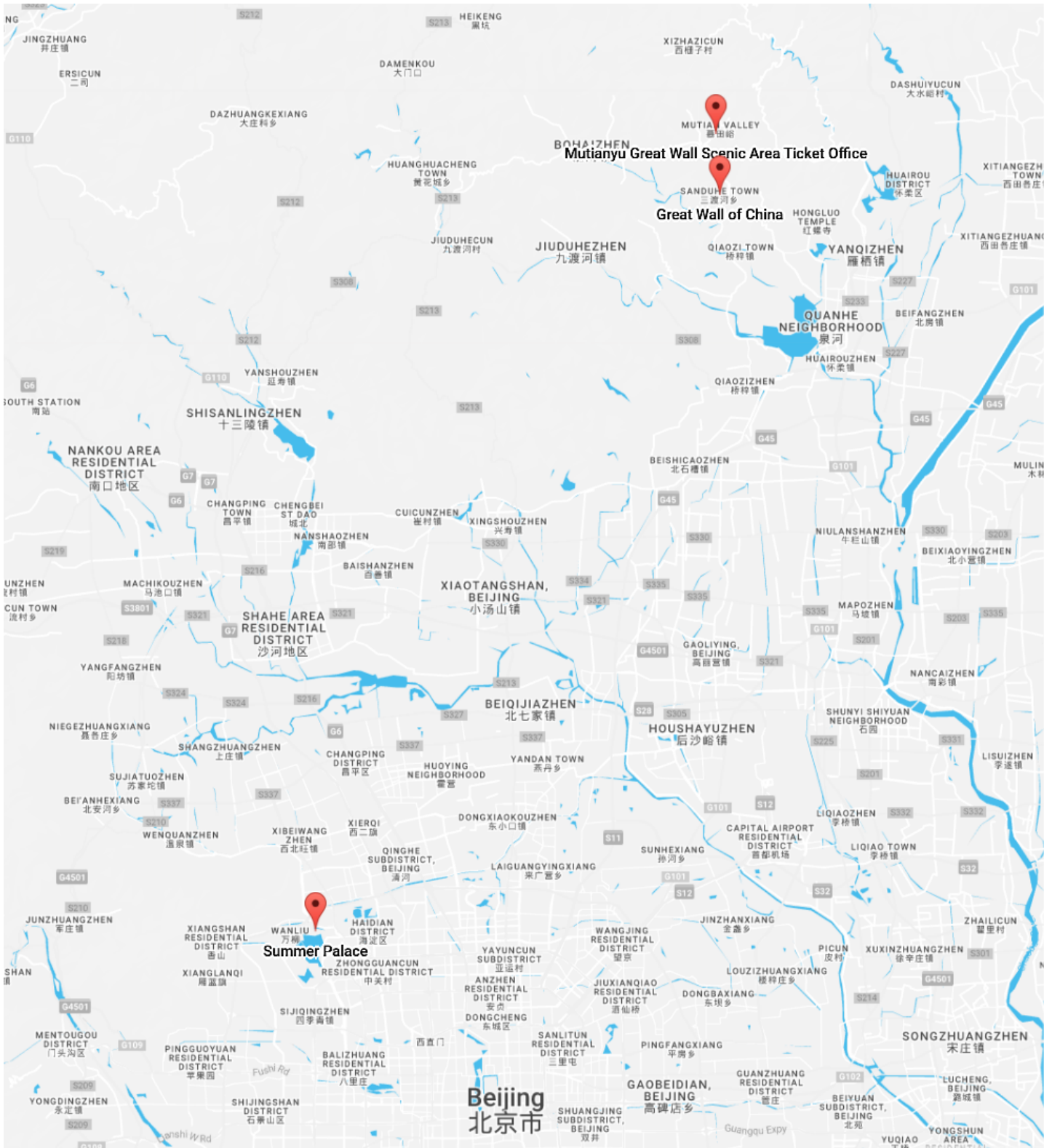
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### **Summer Palace**

19 Xin Jian Gong Men Lu, Hai Dian Qu, China, 100091

18:15

# Map for Day 3



## Day 4

09:00

### **Beihai Park**

1 Wen Jin Jie, 西安门 Xi Cheng Qu, China, 100034

11:00

11:45

### **South Luogu Lane**

Nan Luo Gu Xiang, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100009

13:45

14:30

### **Qianmen Street**

Qian Men Da Jie, Bei Jing Shi, China

16:30

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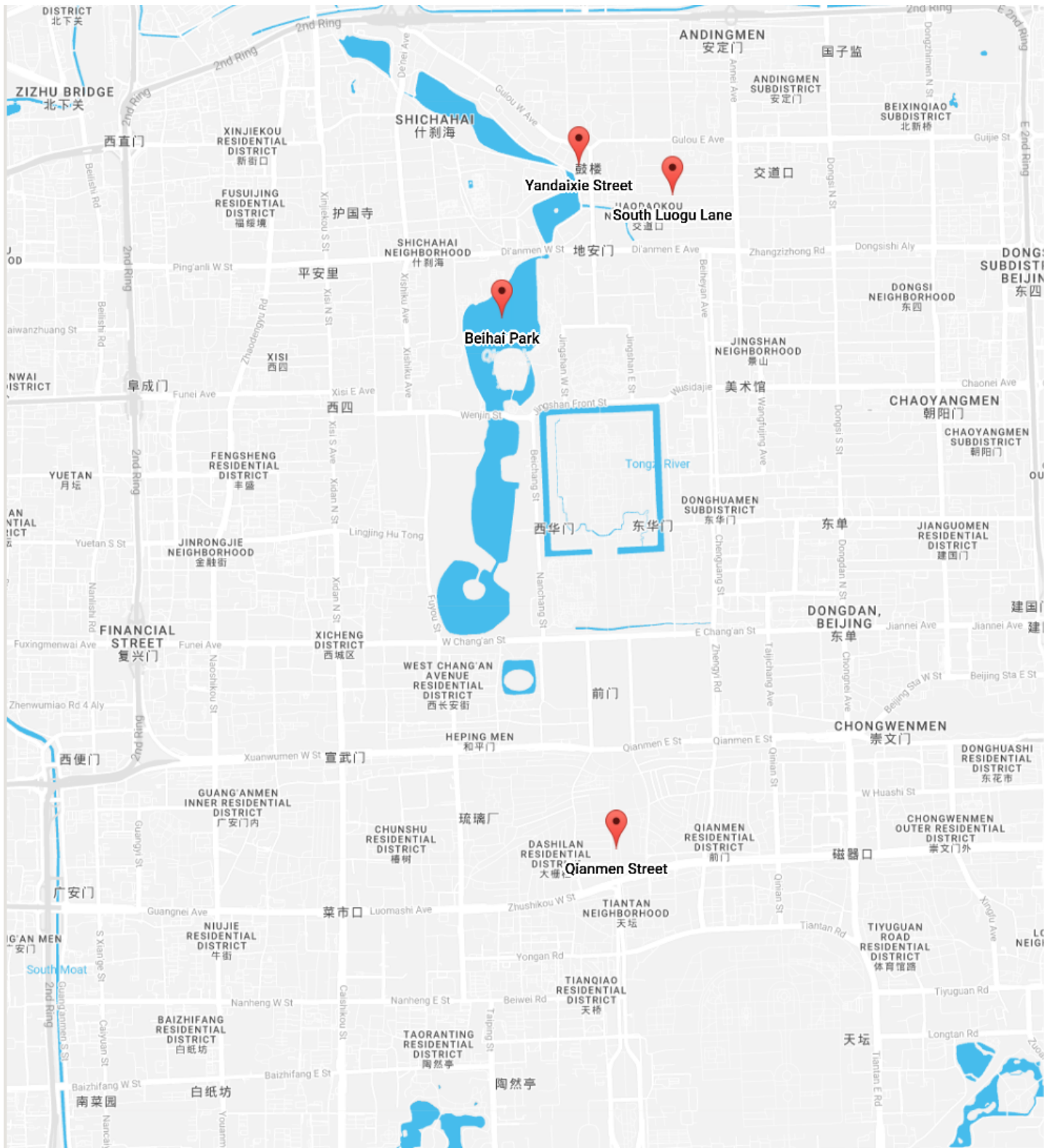
### **Yandaixie Street**

Yan Dai Xie Jie, Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China

20:15



# Map for Day 4



## Day 5

09:15

### **798 Art Zone**

2 Jiu Xian Qiao Lu, Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100102

11:15

12:00

### **UCCA Center for Contemporary Art**

4 Jiu Xian Qiao Lu, Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100102

14:00

14:30

### **Lama Temple**

12 Yong He Gong Da Jie, 国子监 Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100007

16:30

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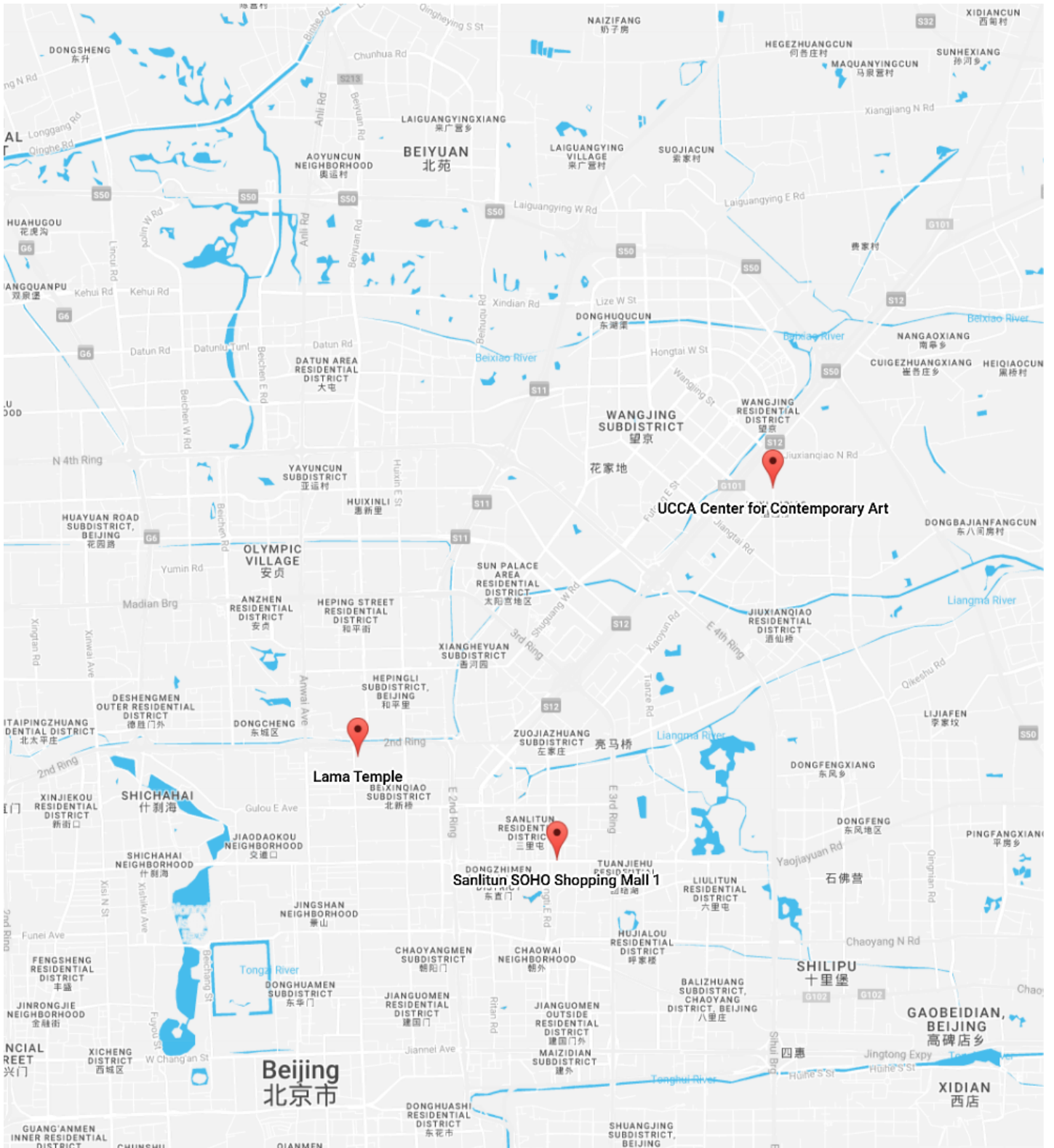
### **Sanlitun SOHO Shopping Mall 1**

WFM3+57W, Gong Ren Ti Yu Chang Bei Lu, 使馆区 Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100020

20:30



# Map for Day 5





# Spots



## 798 Art Zone

2 Jiu Xian Qiao Lu, Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100102

### Summary:

Decommissioned factory buildings now holding artist studios & exhibits, vendors & eateries.

### Phone:

010 5978 9798



## Yandaixie Street

Yan Dai Xie Jie, Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China



## **South Luogu Lane**

Nan Luo Gu Xiang, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100009



## **The Ming Tombs Museum**

China, Bei Jing Shi, Chang Ping Qu, Huan Ling Lu, 长陵 邮政编码: 102200



## Longqingxia Scenic Area

China, 北京市延庆区旧县镇古城村G2W5+7FV 邮政编码: 102109

### Summary:

A series of gorges with mountains & attractions such as bungee jumping & a huge dragon escalator.

### Phone:

010 6919 1020



## National Stadium

1 Guo Jia Ti Yu Chang Nan Lu, Chao Yang Qu, China, 100101

### Summary:

Iconic stadium known as the Bird's Nest built for the Olympics & now hosting concerts & sports.

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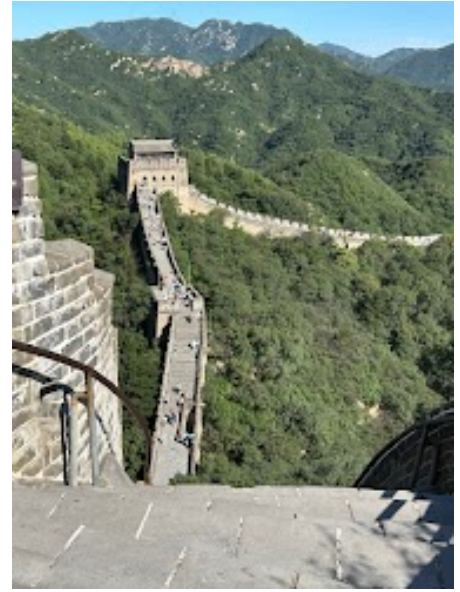
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## **The Great Wall at Badaling**

Yanqing District, China, 102112



## **Old Beijing Gui Street Characteristic Snack**

China, Bei Jing Shi, Dong Cheng Qu, 东直门东直门内大街WCRG+GFF 邮政编码: 100007



## National Centre for the Performing Arts

2 Xi Chang An Jie, Xi Cheng Qu, China, 100031

### Summary:

Titanium-encased, egg-shaped performance hall hosting a range of concerts, ballets, operas & shows.

### Phone:

010 6655 0000



## Chinese Ethnic Culture Park ☞North Gate☞

1 Min Zu Yuan Lu, Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100017

### Phone:

010 6206 3646



## Beijing Dashilan

V9WV+7XV, Da Shi Lan Shang Ye Jie, Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100031

### Summary:

A lively, centuries-old commercial street lined with souvenir shops, tea houses & small eateries.



## Fangjia Hutong Elementary School

17 Fang Jia Hu Tong, 交道口 Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100011





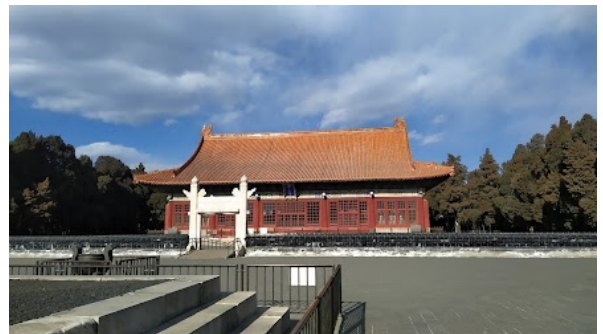
## **Shichahai**

Shichahai, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, 100035



## **Zhongshan Park**

Dongcheng, China



## Wudaoying Hu Tong

Wu Dao Ying Hu Tong, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100011



## Peking Opera

Huguang Guild Hall 3 Hufangqiao, Zhengyci Theater 220 Xiheyan Dajie, 西安门西城区  
北京市 China, 100077

**Phone:**

010 6722 7775



## Beijing Planetarium

138 Xi Wai Da Jie, Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100044

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**Phone:**

010 5158 3311



## Beijing Zoo

China, Bei Jing Shi, Xi Cheng Qu, 西直门外大街137号 邮政编码: 100044

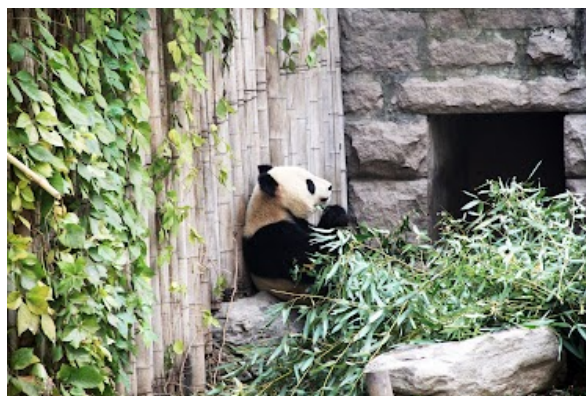
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**Summary:**

Venerable zoo, founded in 1906, with traditional landscaping & native animals such as pandas.

**Phone:**

010 6839 0274



## Beihai Park

1 Wen Jin Jie, 西安门 Xi Cheng Qu, China, 100034

### Summary:

First opened to the public in 1925, this 69-hectare former imperial park features a massive lake.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Tuesday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Wednesday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Thursday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Friday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM  
Sunday: 6:30 - 9:00 AM

### Phone:

010 6403 3225



## Hotel Hu Tong Impressions Beijing Guesthouse

41 Di'anmen Nei, Main Street, Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100009

### Phone:

010 6407 3799



## Lama Temple

12 Yong He Gong Da Jie, 国子监 Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100007

### Summary:

Ornate Tibetan Buddhist temple complex built in 1694 & featuring bronze statues & incense burners.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

010 8419 1919



## National Museum of China

16 Dong Chang An Jie, 前门 Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100051

### Summary:

Free, massive (2.2 million-sq.-ft.) museum of Chinese history & art with more than 1 million relics.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Phone:

010 6511 6400

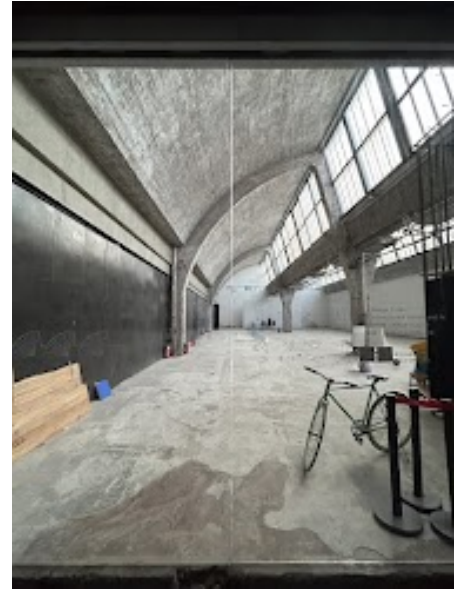




## Beijing 798 Art Zone

Beijing 798 Art Zone, Chaoyang, China

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## Temple of Heaven

1 Tian Tan Dong Lu, Dong Cheng Qu, China, 100061

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### Summary:

Renowned temple complex from 1420 featuring distinctive circular buildings set in a popular park.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Phone:

010 6702 8866



## Wangfujing Avenue

Wang Fu Jing Da Jie, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100006

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## Beijing Ancient Observatory

China, Bei Jing Shi, Dong Cheng Qu, 东裱褙胡同2号 邮政编码: 100005

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### Summary:

Dating to 1442, this former observatory is now a museum exhibiting ancient astronomical gear.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

010 6524 2202



## Hongqiao Market

Dongcheng, China, 100062

### Summary:

Huge marketplace famous for trading in pearls with around a million visitors each year.

### Phone:

010 6713 3354



## Forbidden City

4 Jing Shan Qian Jie, Dong Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100009

### Summary:

Completed in 1420, this palace complex with 980 buildings features a museum with art & artifacts.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### Phone:

400 950 1925





## **Tiananmen Square**

前门 Dongcheng, China, 100051

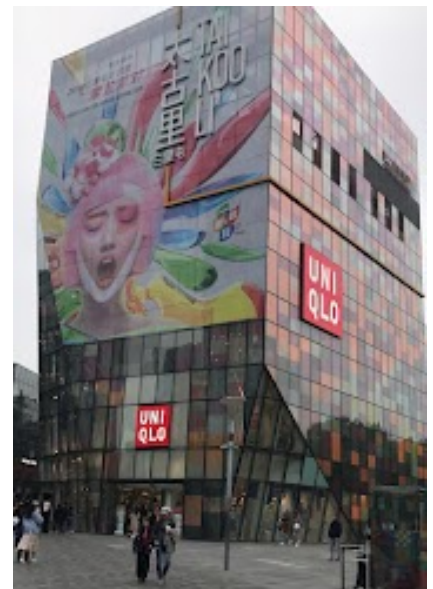
### **Summary:**

Historic, sprawling city square & cultural center, featuring a 37m-tall obelisk.



## **Sanlitun Bar Street Management Office**

WFP3+HVG, San Li Tun Lu, 使馆区 Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100600



## UCCA Center for Contemporary Art

4 Jiu Xian Qiao Lu, Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100102

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### Summary:

Modern paintings, sculpture & multimedia installations showcased in an industrial-chic space.



## Jingshan Park

44 Jing Shan Xi Jie, 景山 Xi Cheng Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100009

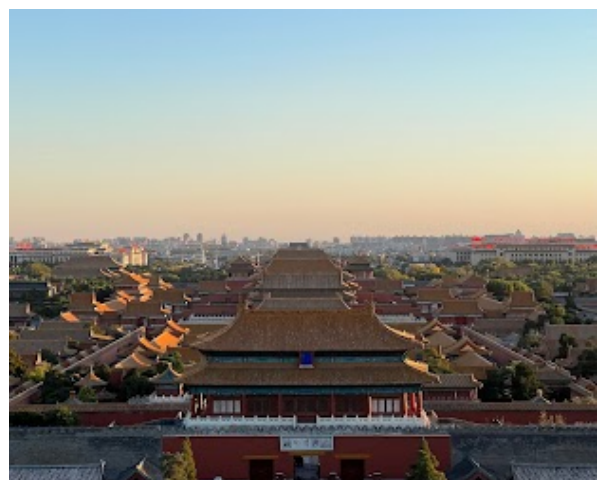
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### Summary:

Historic 57-acre park located on a hill & offering views of the Forbidden City.

### Phone:

010 6403 8098



## Ming Dynasty Tombs

764F+3C3, Chang Chi Lu, Chang Ping Qu, China, 102200

### Summary:

Immense, ancient complex including the tombs of 13 Ming Dynasty emperors plus pathways & statues.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

### Phone:

010 6076 1422



## Summer Palace

19 Xin Jian Gong Men Lu, Hai Dian Qu, China, 100091

### Summary:

Lakefront palace renowned for its ornate temples & artworks plus its lavishly landscaped grounds.

### Phone:

010 6288 1144



## **Mutianyu Great Wall Scenic Area Ticket Office**

CHM7+3JC, Mu Tian Yu Lu, Huai Rou Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 101406



## **Qianmen Street**

Qian Men Da Jie, Bei Jing Shi, China





## Great Wall of China

Huairou District, China, 101406

### Summary:

Ancient world wonder that winds for more than 8,850 km across China, with towers & walkways.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Phone:

010 6162 6022



## Sanlitun SOHO Shopping Mall 1

WFM3+57W, Gong Ren Ti Yu Chang Bei Lu, 使馆区 Chao Yang Qu, Bei Jing Shi, China, 100020

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

