

China Arrival Checklist

Goal: leave the airport calmly, reach your hotel, and make sure the essentials work before you start sightseeing.

Open the complete arrival guide

Immigration, baggage, customs, airport transport, and the first steps after landing.

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At the airport

- ☐ Keep passport, boarding pass, arrival documents, and first hotel details ready.
- ☐ Connect to mobile data or airport Wi-Fi before leaving the arrivals area.
- ☐ Take a screenshot of your hotel address in Chinese and your route from the airport.
- ☐ Use airport rail, metro, official taxi queue, or ride-hailing; avoid unofficial drivers approaching you inside the airport.

Getting to your hotel

- ☐ Confirm the destination before entering a taxi or ride-hailing car.
- ☐ Keep the hotel phone number available in case the driver needs to call.
- ☐ Do not schedule a complicated transfer or major attraction immediately after landing.
- ☐ Keep passport and booking confirmation accessible for hotel check-in.

First 24 hours after check-in

- ☐ Test mobile payment with a small purchase if possible.
- ☐ Test maps, translation, ride-hailing, and route planning from your hotel.
- ☐ Save your hotel as a favorite location in your map or notes app.
- ☐ Plan tomorrow's first route and a simple way to return to your hotel.
- ☐ Keep the first day easy: food, rest, a short walk, and essential setup first.

First-day rule: solve network, payment, hotel address, and return route before ambitious sightseeing.