

# CHINA CHECKLIST

## BEFORE YOU GO

Tickets, money, passport! Your essential China to-do list and packing list.

### To do

- Passport:** Is it up to date? It must have at least six months' validity.
- Visa:** Have you secured your Chinese visa?
- Vaccinations:** Have you checked which shots you may need?
- Travel insurance:** Are you covered?
- Safety:** Have you registered your travel plans with [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au) and checked the latest safety advice on the region you're travelling to?
- Money:** Have you told your bank you're going overseas and do you know how you'll be paying for things in China?
- Booking:** Have you booked accommodation?
- Transport:** Do you know how you'll get from the airport to your accommodation?
- Getting around:** Do you know how you'll get around China, and do you need to pre-book any tickets?
- Phone:** Have you switched off data roaming and voicemail? If you're planning to use a local or travel SIM, is your phone unlocked?
- Apps:** Have you downloaded offline maps, travel apps or the [CHOICE China travel guide](#) onto your mobile?
- Medication:** If you're travelling with prescription medication, do you have the original prescriptions and a letter of explanation from your doctor?

## To pack

- [Tickets](#)
- [Money](#) (cash and cards)
- [Passport](#)
- A copy of your [travel insurance](#) details
- A list of [emergency contacts](#) at home and in China
- Your hotel address written in Chinese characters (and any other important information such as food allergies)
- Chargers and a [power adapter](#)
- [Mosquito repellent](#) and mosquito-proof clothing [if travelling to sub-tropical areas](#)
- Any regular medication (in original packaging, with prescriptions and doctor's letter)



**Tip:** You can bring medication into China as long as it's a "reasonable amount for personal use". No matter where you travel, you should carry all medications (even vitamins) in their original packaging, along with their original prescription. It's also a good idea to carry a letter from your doctor explaining what the medications are (using generic names), what they're for and dosage instructions.