

Geographical Expenditure Guide

Country/Region: CHINA

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Guidelines on Reasonable Expenditure:

Exchange Rate: £1.00 = CNY 10.0699	
Breakfast	Included in room rates of all recommended hotels CNY -130 – (In hotels where breakfast is not included)
Lunch	CNY 180
Dinner	CNY 258
Taxis	Embassy and Consulates-General are within walking distance of their respective hotels Approx. cost of journey from airport to Embassy/CG (inc. tolls) Beijing – CNY 80 Chongqing – CNY 60 Guangzhou – CNY 140 Shanghai (Pudong) – CNY 150 Shanghai (Hongqiao) – CNY 80

Recommended Hotels:

Hotel Name & Details	Price Guide	Comments
BEIJING	CNY 1250 per night	15 min walk to Embassy. Shops, restaurants and banks in the vicinity of the hotel.
	CNY 1300 per night	10 min walk to Embassy. Shops, restaurants and banks in the vicinity of the hotel. If hotels are booked through the Embassy, the corporate rate will apply. If booked separately, the hotels may insist on seeking Embassy approval before charging these rates.
CHONGQING	CNY 667 per night (inc. 15% taxes)	A short walk to Consulate-General. Shops, restaurants and banks in the vicinity of the hotel. Difficult to find a good Western-style restaurant in the

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		city. If hotel is booked through the CG, the corporate rate will apply. If booked separately, the hotel may insist on seeking CG approval before charging this rate.
GUANGZHOU	CNY 700 per night	5-10 min walk to Consulate-General. Shops, restaurants and banks in the vicinity of the hotel. ATMs located in Consulate building. If hotel is booked through the CG, the corporate rate will apply. If booked separately, the hotel may insist on seeking CG approval before charging this rate.
SHANGHAI	CNY 1050 per night (inc tax & breakfast but exc WiFi)	Shops, restaurants and banks in the vicinity of the hotel. If hotel is booked through the CG, the corporate rate will apply. If booked separately, the hotel may insist on seeking CG approval before charging this rate. Discounts are potentially available for groups over 10 people. Please contact the Corporate Services Team for more details

Region/Country Specific Information:

Exchanging Money:

- Visitors to China should, if possible, bring with them a small supply of local currency.
- Airports, banks and most major hotels can exchange foreign currency
- Banks are open from 0900 to 1700 seven days a week. Some banks close slightly earlier on Saturday and Sunday

Credit Card Use:

- Taxis from the airport do not accept credit cards
- Credit cards are accepted in large hotels and shopping centres. Smaller shops and restaurants less so

Other Relevant Information:

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- ATMs are widely available
- Tap water is not potable
- Tipping is not required

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