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Welcome to Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan, where giant pandas delight tourists at the Chengdu Breeding Research Base. Though a modern city, Chengdu is where life happens in the back streets, with crowds waiting outside hot-pot restaurants, and tea houses abuzz with mahjong players and their noisy tile-shuffling game.

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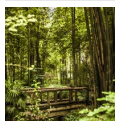
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THE CITY



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Chengdu is a tourist's paradise with a wide range of landscapes from snow-capped mountains, green plains to rugged hills. Fond of adventure? Visit the western mountains and the lowest latitude ski field in China and primary forests. There are the eastern suburbs, blooming with flowers all year round, where you can sit in the bamboo groves, have a cup of tea and learn mahjong from the natives. Afterwards, return to the downtown area on Yangxi Street for delicious Sichuan dishes and hot pots, and visit Chunxi Road, a shopping paradise lined with department stores and real bargains from whole-sale clothing plazas.

DO & SEE



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Chengdu has numerous scenic spots both in and around the city. The world's largest sitting Buddha in Leshan is 71m tall and the Sanxingdui Museum in Guanghan County houses impressive

giant bronze wares. Both are just an hour or two away by bus from the Xinnanmen Center.

The Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Research Base /



There are over 30 pandas in the research centre and you can pay them a visit during feeding time at 9:00 AM. Afterwards, it's nap time in the

comfort of their air-conditioned enclosures.

Between August to October, it is a good time to see new-born babies that are astonishingly small and fragile compared to their stout parents.

Photo: Worldgraphics/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1375 Xionghao Da Dao, Chenghua District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 7h30 - 18h

Phone: +86 28 8351 0033

Internet: www.panda.org.cn/english

Wenshu Monastery /



One of the largest Buddhist hubs in Chengdu, the Wenshu Monastery is not only a religious and cultural landmark, but also a

gastronomic must-stop for any foodie visiting the city (there is an excellent vegetarian restaurant plus a tea house on-site). Stop by for a soul cleanse and a treat to feel refreshed for the remainder of the day.

Photo: Daderot / Wikimedia Commons

Address: 66 Wenshu Jie, Qingyang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 9h - 17h

Phone: +86 28 8693 5293

Qingyang Palace /

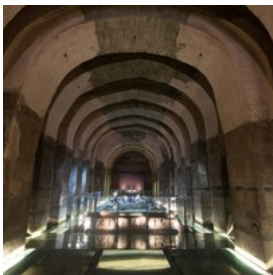


In the northwestern part of the city centre lies the Qingyang Palace, one of the most famous Taoist temple complexes in China. Go in and

experience some Taoist peace and relaxation right in the heart of Chengdu.

Photo: Daderot / Wikimedia Commons
Address: Qingyang Qu, Chengdu

Tomb of Wang Jian /



Dating back to the Tang dynasty, this funerary monument is the burial place of the ancient ruler Wang Jian. Besides its unique architecture, this

mausoleum also features plenty of carefully crafted and preserved cultural relics that will take you back to imperial China.

Photo: Siyuwj / Wikimedia Commons
Address: 10 Yongling Road, Chengdu
Opening hours: 8h30-18h
Phone: +86 28 8776 0688

Wuhou Shrine /



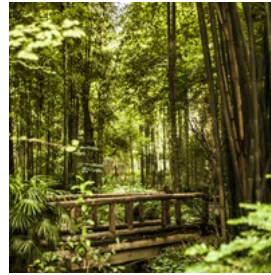
The signboard hanging over the top of the gate reads that this is a shrine for an emperor. However, it is known more as a

place of homage for his minister 武侯. Though constructed to honour both him and emperor Liubei, Zhugeliang is the one that earns greater respect among Chinese people. His story as one of the greatest folk heroes in Chinese history is recounted in the literary masterpiece Romance of the Three

Kingdoms.

Photo: 成都武侯祠/Wikimedia Commons
Address: 231 Huhou Ci Da Jie, Wuhou District, Chengdu
Opening hours: 7h30 - 20h
Phone: +86 28 8553 5951
Internet: en.wuhouci.net.cn/index.html

Du Fu's Thatched Cottage /



Du Fu is one of the great poets who lived during the Tang dynasty, China's golden era. His haunting poetry is still being taught in schools today.

This park is built around his cottage, and the temple is dedicated to him. Check out the intricate Bonsai trees, plants and Chinese paintings that adorn the place.

Photo: Baiterek Media/Shutterstock.com
Address: 37 Qinghua Lu, Qingyang District, Chengdu
Opening hours: 8h - 20h
Phone: +86 28 6600 5161
Internet: www.cddfct.com/dufu_for/main/navigation/lang/en

Jinsha Site Museum /



The museum's treasures date back 3000 years including historical relics from the Sun and Immortal Bird gold decoration to gold mask

and jade accessories. Exhibition in Jinsha awarded the Chinese Top Ten Excellent Exhibition, and you can experience the brilliance of Chengdu's history and splendour of the ancient kingdom here.

Photo: HUANG Zheng/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Jinsha Yizhi Lu, Qingyang District, Chengdu
Opening hours: 8h - 20h
Phone: +86 28 8730 3522
Internet: english.jinshasitemuseum.com

Jinli Street /



During the Shu Kingdom, Jinli Street was one of the busiest commercial areas and was known as 'First Street of the Shu Kingdom'. In order to reclaim its prosperity of former days, it was restored with contributions from the Wuhou Temple and has been open to the public since 2004. You can come here to enjoy a cup of tea and relax, visit the traditional buildings, as well as taste some local snacks.

Photo: McKay Savage/flickr(image cropped)

Address: 231 Wuhouci Da Jie, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 28 6631 1313

Internet: www.cdjinli.com

Wangjiang Tower Park /



The park is dedicated initially to Xue Tao, a famous female poet of Tang dynasty. It is known for its collection of more than 200 species of bamboo. Step on to the top of the Chongli Tower and have a panoramic view of the Jinjiang River that goes through the city.

Photo: 蔣亦炯/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

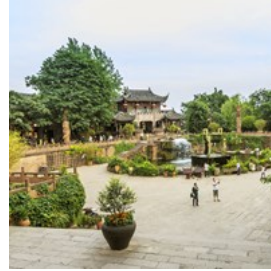
Address: 30 Wangjiang Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 8h - 18h

Phone: +86 28 8522 3389

Internet: www.wangjianglou.com

Huanglongxi Ancient Village /



Huanglongxi is an ancient village with a history of more than 1,700 years. Seven ancient streets, which were built during the Ming and Qing Dynasties, are well preserved. Walking through the street, you will find many historical civilian residences date back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

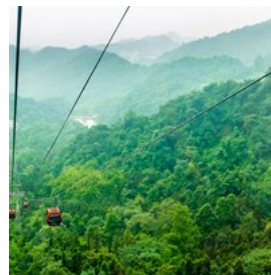
Photo: 4045/Shutterstock.com

Address: Huanglongxi Village, Shuangliu District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 28 8569 6001

Mount Qingcheng /



If you're up for hiking in the fresh air, climbing Mount Qingcheng is the ideal activity for your trip to Chengdu. The mountain is the cradle of Taoism and is considered sacred according to the Taoist culture. There are dozens of Taoist temple hides under the greenery, some abandoned, some are still prosperous.

Photo: syrnX/Shutterstock.com

Address: Qingcheng Shan, Dujiangyan City, Chengdu

Opening hours: 8h - 17h

Phone: +86 28 8728 8159

Internet: www.djy517.com/index.html

Tianfu Square /



The Tianfu Square features huge water fountains that are exceptionally beautiful at night. While taking a stroll here, you shall not miss the light installations and water spectacles.

Below the place, you can also find a shopping centre including plenty of shopping and food places.

Photo: a participant/flickr(image cropped)
Address: Tianfu Square, Qingyang District, Chengdu

People's Park /



Do as the locals do and relax in this urban park, an oasis in the middle of the city. You will find Renmin Park an ideal place for a picnic under

the tree and stretch your feet. The park is a gathering point of the locals. When night falls, you will find groups of Chinese square dance, Tai Chi and a lot of other interesting and particular activities.

Photo: lzf/Shutterstock.com
Address: 8 Xiaonan Jie, Qingyang District, Chengdu
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 28 8613 2021
Internet: www.cdpeoplespark.com/sy/index.asp

Happy Valley /



This amusement park will surpass your expectations! Enjoy dizzy heights, sweet candy and fun houses, and spend a day to remember with

your friends. Who's brave enough to go on the roller coaster? Who wants to take a selfie with the panda? Find out at Happy Valley!

Photo: Jeremy Thompson/flickr(image cropped)
Address: 16 Xihua Da Dao, Jinniu Disitric, Chengdu
Opening hours: 9h - 21h
Phone: +86 28 6189 8999
Internet: cd.happyvalley.cn/index.aspx

Dujiangyan Irrigation System /



This great engineering project was constructed in 256 BC and still functions today. Logs, stones and bamboo cages were used to make a

water conservancy, and this simple construction has been protecting the vast Chengdu Plain for over 2000 years. There are lots of traditional architecture in this historical area, among which, the An'lan suspension bridge is the most famous one.

Photo: Rick Wang/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Minjiang River at the west of Dujiangyan
Opening hours: 8h - 18h
Phone: +86 28 8726 9978

Leshan Giant Buddha /



When in Chengdu, you can't miss the Leshan Giant Buddha, the largest and tallest stone Buddha statue in the world. Since 1996, the Mount Emei

Scenic Area including Leshan Giant Buddha Scenic Area has been listed as the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Don't hesitate to explore the surrounding area by foot and enjoy the stunning presence of the tall sculpture. It's simply a must see.

Photo: akedesign/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2435 Lingyun Lu, Shizhong District, Leshan, Chengdu
Opening hours: 7h30 - 16h30
Phone: +86 83 3230 2048
Internet: www.leshandafo.com

DINING



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There is an old Chinese saying that goes that when eating in China, the flavour is in Sichuan. This makes the provincial capital Chengdu the best place to have good Chinese food. Sichuanese cuisine is known for being numbing hot. However, its flavours can be rather complex, and it is possible to have 100 different tasting dishes. Most restaurants in Chengdu are open until 9:30 PM.

Shunxing Ancient Teahouse /



Shunxing Ancient Teahouse is a country-yard-like restaurant, which is known for its snacks, is also a place to experience a bygone era - drinking tea, having snacks, desserts and Sichuanese dishes and watching face changing performance, an ancient Chinese dramatic art that originated in this area.

Photo: momo2050/Shutterstock.com

Address: 166 Shiji Cheng Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 10h30 - 22h

Phone: +86 28 8538 0007

Qin Shan Zhai /



Chinese people have a long history of combining food and Chinese herbal medicine and create food therapy. Qin Shan Zhai is a restaurant that offers an alternative to the typical Sichuanese cuisine. Dishes here are nutritious and easy on the palate, which is different from the typically heavy and spicy flavors of the city.

Photo: 54613/Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Wuhouci Da Jie, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h - 14h, 17h - 21h

Phone: +86 28 8505 3333

Three Ears Hot Pot /



A trip to Chengdu is not complete without a tasting of hot pot. The highlight here is the fish hot pot. The appetising smell and tenderness of fish slices are guaranteed to stimulate the taste buds. Be prepared to wait in line for a table.

Photo: chuyuss/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Nijiaqiao Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 10h - 22h30

Phone: +86 28 8553 0188

Mike's Pizza Kitchen /



Mike's Pizza Kitchen offers much more than just the round dough. Here you can choose from a great selection of pasta dishes, salads, sandwiches and desserts. Step in for lunch or dinner and have a good time.

Photo: Oksana Mizina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Building 1, 4 Tongzilin Road, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h - 13h, 16h - 21h

Phone: +86 186 2809 3914

Internet: www.mikespizzakitchen.com

More Info: Near Restaurant French Vine

Lixuan /



This Chinese restaurant offers innovative interpretations of classic Cantonese and Sichuan fare including double-boiled sea conch and Dan Dan noodles with pork. Inspired by the ancient Shu civilisation, the colourful decor features vibrant flowers and brocade. You will have a wonderful multi-sensory experience here.

Photo: MOAimage/Shutterstock.com

Address: 269 Shuncheng Da Dao, Hotel Ritz-Carlton, Qingyang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h30 - 14h, 17h30 - 22h

Phone: +86 28 8358 8888

Internet:

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/china/chengdu/dining/li-xuan

More Info: □ □ □ □ □ □

Bashu Dazhaimen Hot Pot /



No trip to Chengdu will be completed without an evening spent around a hot pot table. This local chain has plenty of restaurants spread all over Chengdu, all of them loved and cherished by the locals. Enter one of them and be prepared for a warming, numbingly spicy meal in a quintessentially Chinese environment.

Photo: leacky_321 / Pixabay.com

Address: Beidajie 91, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h-2h

Chenshi Liangfen /



It does not get more authentic than a meal at Chenshi Liangfen. This popular fly restaurant serves some of the most genuine Chengdu cuisine, such as fried yak meat and tofu with pig brains. You can finish your meal with a cup of tea from one of the many tea houses around.

Photo: Matt Ryall / flickr.com(image cropped)

Address: Hezi Kou FuDe Lu 42, Jinniu, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h-14h, 17h-21h

CAFES



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One of the first things a visitor notices about Chengdu is how much the locals love to spend a couple of hours in the company of good friends over a cup of coffee and tea, and this is one great way to spend a few hours between sights.

Good Wood Coffee /



This open-aired café is surrounded by bamboo. It is an excellent choice for a rest after window shopping on Chunxi Road. They serves a wide range of Chinese cuisine and western dessert including the ice cream with red berry and the braised

tenderloin with Wosun and rice.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 143 Kehua Bei Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 9h - 24h30

Phone: +86 28 8523 6170

Internet: www.cdmy.com

Origins



Origins Coffee Company is a cosy American cafe with the soft tinkling of piano keys and full-bodied cakes. They serve a range of food and drinks

including cinnamon muffin; home-made Muesli served with yoghurt and freshly dripped coffee in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Zijing Dong Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 9h - 19h

Phone: +86 28 6842 5782

More Info: Near Xinlv Jijie

The Temple Cafe /



The Temple Cafe is a quiet café full of greenery, located right next to groups of traditional Chinese buildings. Apart from

good café and tea, they also sever brunch. You can enjoy delicious scrambled eggs and a perfectly smoked salmon omelette with a beautiful view of the surrounding traditional architectures.

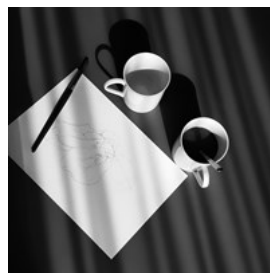
Photo: DronG/Shutterstock.com

Address: 81 Bitieshi Jie, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h30 - 21h30

Phone: +86 28 6297 4191

Yi Jie /



Yi Jie is a gallery/cafe/workshop: an all-in-one space. Apart from coffee and desserts, Yi Jie also provides exhibitions of relatively

accessible art, and holds up the concept of "art of everyone". You can even get a blank postcard on which you can create your own pattern and send it out from the café.

Photo: Thammarat Thammarongrat / Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Jinxiu Jie, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 11h - 19h

Phone: +86 28 8545 4511

More Info: On the crossroad of Jinxiu Lu (锦秀路) and Zongzhu Lu (纵竹路)

Gai Wan Cha /



Gai Wan Cha, literally translated as Covered Tea, is the unique creation of this region. It is not a specific place, nor a specific kind of tea, but

it is a way of drinking tea. While the tea houses were only for wealthy people, average families would gather by the river and have some boiled tea together. The reality has changed, yet the tradition stays. Nowadays, if you walk along the river or walk into a park, you can find many nameless stands with low chairs and tables in the open air by the road and under the trees. Locals come here for a chat, spend some time with friends and enjoy a cosy afternoon, and even play several rounds of Mahjong. Cai Wan Cha is an essential part of local culture and is a great way to have a peek into authentic local life.

Photo: PNK8619 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jincheng Park, Wuhou District, Chengdu

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Alex Kourotchkin/Shutterstock.com

Chengdu has a wide range of choices of drinking and clubbing venues, and you will definitely find your favourite place. Most bars and clubs are located at the Yulin neighbourhood and stay open between 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM. But since you are here, why not enjoy a special regional opera - Bianlian.

Little Bar /



Little Bar is a famous rock-and-roll bar, and one of the top ten bars in China. The bar has hosted countless young singers who later became

popular. One of 2018's greatest hits called "Chengdu" is dedicated to this little bar, and people from all around China come and visit, often forming lines out front.

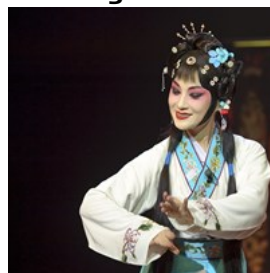
Photo: naito29/Shutterstock.com

Address: 55 Yulin Xi Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 15h - 2h

Phone: +86 28 8556 8552

Jincheng Art Palace /



Jincheng Art Palace is one of the most famous theatres in Southwest China and an important venue for the city of Chengdu. They offer

concerts, ballets, operas and dramas showing all year round and it seats up to 1450 people in its hexagonal amphitheater.

Photo: Jack.Q/Shutterstock.com

Address: Luomashi, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Phone: +86 28 8665 9475

Internet: www.228.com.cn/venue-143604.html

Shufengyayun Folk-show Theater /



You are going to be astonished by this magical folk show. Face changing, rolling light and hand shadowgraph, every performance would

win your applause. Enjoy the Sichuan 1000-year cultural banquet in just one night. It performs change regularly, so check show times beforehand.

Photo: cozyta/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23 Qintai Lu, Qingyang District, Chengdu

Phone: +86 28 8606 1158

Internet: www.shufengyayun.com.cn

Mooney's Pub



Located in the classy Shangri-La Hotel, this cosy pub offers visitors a wide range of drinks and bites and incredible live music. Meet some new

friends inside, mingle with the international crowd and dive into Chengdu's nightlife. With good food like Sichuan Lamb Shanks, this will be

a night to remember.

Photo: Tom Wang/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Binjiang Dong Lu, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 17h - 1h

Phone: +86 28 8888 9999

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/chengdu/shangrila/dining/bars-lounges/mooney-irish-pub

Email: mooneys.slcd@shangri-la.com

Jellyfish /



Jellyfish is undoubtedly the best night club in Chengdu. It is popular, especially among Chengdu's expat community. With its

energetic music and vibrant atmosphere, you are guaranteed to have a fantastic night out.

Photo: Anna Om / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Shuijing Jie, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 19h - 6h30

Phone: +86 28 8501 9041

SHOPPING



Chengdu Center/flickr (image cropped)

The province of Sichuan is home to several of China's minority ethnic groups so its capital Chengdu is one of the best places to explore the array of intricate crafts created painstakingly by hand. You will also be greeted by colorful TangKas and solemn Buddha statues.

Hongqi Chain Store /



The Hongqi Chain Store on Gaoshengqiao Road has a substantial range of Chinese and western favourites like sausages, preserved hams, smoked ducks, jersey, Sichuan liquor and dried tofu. You will find everything here, and its the best place to find some local product to take home.

Photo: 06photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Gaoshengqiao Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 9h - 22h

Phone: +86 28 8675 3936

Internet: www.hqls.com

Email: xcb@hqls.com.cn

Kowloon Plaza /



Kowloon Plaza consists of almost every item of clothing, food and electronics that you would wish for. You will find a great offer of different stores with low prices, and it will be fun if you get a bargain.

Photo: imtmphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Qingnian Lu, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 9h - 22h

Phone: +86 28 8665 5793

Ten Fu's Tea /



One of the best places to buy quality tea is Ten Fu's. From bitter to sweet you will find all kinds of tea such as oolong tea, green tea, black tea, puér tea and jasmine tea. Bring home some tea bags, some tea snacks or purchase one of the lovely teapots as souvenir could always be a good idea.

Photo: azure1/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shexianshu Xi Lu, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 8h - 22h

Phone: +86 59 2338 9334

Internet: www.tenfu.com

Song Xian Qiao Art City /



Song Xian Qiao Art City is a great place for gifts, souvenirs and local craft. Browse through antiques, find beautiful calligraphy art or purchase some

traditional Chinese style artwork. You won't leave Song Xian Qiao Art City empty-handed.

Photo: rodho/Shutterstock.com

Address: 13 Huanhua Bei Lu, Qingyang District, Chengdu

Opening hours: 10h - 18h

Phone: +86 28 8734 6051

Jinli Street /



The 350m long old-style alley has mansions, shops, inns, tea houses, restaurants and an old stage. Be sure to buy some souvenirs and try

some snacks at the end of Jinli, those great numbingly spicy Sichuanese foods.

Photo: McKay Savage/flickr(image cropped)

Address: 231 Wuhouci Da Jie, Wuhou District, Chengdu

Phone: +86 28 6631 1313

Tianfu Square /



Tianfu Square features huge water fountains that are especially beautiful to visit during night times.

The light installations and water spectacles are nice

to look at while taking a stroll in the area. The

square hosts some famous department stores like Pacific, Wangfujing, Seibu or Ito Yokado and below the place you can also find a big shopping center.

Photo: a participant/flickr(image cropped)

Address: Tianfu Square, Qingyang District, Chengdu

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Chengdu is one of the Chinese cities that supports the 72-hour transit visa on arrival program, which means that selected nationalities

(all citizens of the European Union, as well as several other countries including Albania, Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, and United States) are eligible for a transit visa. For longer stays, a visa must be pre-arranged in advance, so consult your local embassy for details.

You must bring your passport at all times, and all hotels will insist on seeing it for check-in. It is

now mandatory to present your passport when buying train tickets or using internet cafes that accept foreigners.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Internet Access and VPN in China



Due to the Internet policy of China, certain websites and applications are not accessible from the mainland, which includes those very commonly

used in the west (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google, Skype and more). Some travellers have been able to gain access to those via a VPN service (installed prior to arrival in China).

Make sure you comply with local laws and regulations when deciding on whether or not to employ a VPN, and which one to choose (if you do, only use those explicitly allowed by the Chinese government, and only use them for authorised purposes to avoid any trouble). There have been reports of foreigners in China getting their cell service cut off in response to unauthorised use of VPN being detected; restoring cell service required a trip to the local police station where contents of the device were investigated and certain apps removed.

Giving that Google is banned in China, Google Maps might not be the most accurate and reliable source of information. Some local apps such as Baidu Maps and AutoNavi tend to work better than Google Maps.

Photo: TukTuk Design / Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



The best periods to visit Chengdu are from March to May, and September to November. Spring weather in Chengdu often begins early, starting in

March, and lasts until early May. As the temperature rises, colourful flowers bloom one after another. It is the best time to see the peach blossom at Longquan Mountain and the cuckoo at Wawu Mountain.

Autumn usually starts from September and lasts till the end of October or early November. The temperature drops quickly, and there may be a lot of rain. It's best to pack long-sleeved shirts and thin overcoats, plus a thin sweater.

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Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport (CTU)



Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport locates 17 km from Chengdu city. The 303 Airport Express leaves every 20 minutes

between 6:30 am and 8:00 pm. Its 30-minute ride takes you to the Minshan Hotel downtown, opposite the Jinjiang Hotel.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Shuangliu, Chengdu

Phone: +86 28 8520 5555

Internet: www.cdairport.com

Public Transport



Metro Most metros run between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM. Tickets can be bought from the ticket machines on site.

Chengdu metro has six lines, and eight more will be completed in the future.

Bus

Most buses run between 6:30 AM and 9:00 PM. But the public bus system may be a little difficult for those who can't speak Chinese.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +86 28 8507 6868
Internet: www.cdmetro.cn

Taxi



It's convenient and simple to travel by taxi in Chengdu. Just flag down the coming taxi or ask the reception desk at the hotel to hire. Taxis take

an extra fee between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. It is advisable to show the destination in Chinese to the driver.

You can also use taxi hailing services with WeChat or Alipay (like the Chinese version of Uber).

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



West China Hospital SCU is China's largest and most well-regarded hospital among all. Foreigners should visit the Sichuan International

Hospital where doctors and some staffs speak English.

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 37 Guoxue Xiang, Wuhou District, Chengdu
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +86 28 8542 2788

Post Office



China Post provides domestic and international mail delivery services, circulation of newspapers, journals and

books, postal remittance services, issuing of stamps, postal express delivery and logistics services, e-business, confidential correspondence communication, postal financial services, a variety of postal agency businesses and other businesses that allowed by the state of China.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 25 Shuwa Bei Yi Jie, Jinjiang District Chengdu
Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h30
Phone: +86 28 8327 2287

Telephone



Country code: +86 Area code: 28

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Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz Adaptor
needed

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

15.4 million (2020)

Currency

1 RMB = 10 jiao

Opening hours

Most banks, malls and supermarkets are open from 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays, some supermarkets are open until 10 pm.

Internet

www.chengdu.gov.cn/english

Newspapers

Chengdu Business (in Chinese and English)
West China City Daily (in Chinese) — www.wccdaily.com.cn
China Daily (in Chinese, English and French) — www.chinadaily.com.cn

Emergency numbers

Police: 110
Ambulance: 120
Fire: 119

Tourist information

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