

China

Population: 1.36 billion (2013)

Geography: 9,596,961 square kilometres

Climate: Complicated terrain causes radically changing weather patterns, experiences rain, monsoons and snow in the winter and has hot, humid summers

World heritage sites: The Great Wall, Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor, Mount Huangshan

Capital City: Beijing

Language(s): Mandarin, Cantonese, Jin, Tibetan, Mongolian, Wu

Official language: Mandarin

Political system: Socialist republic run by a single party. State power is executed by the Communist Party

Travel advisory information: For up-to-date travel advice for China from the New Zealand government visit www.safetravel.govt.nz/china

Curriculum resources:

- [Asia New Zealand Foundation](#)
- [World Student China – Visiting China for the first time: A guide for teachers, students and tour leaders](#)

Useful websites:

- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)
- [New Zealand Embassy in Beijing](#)
- [Chinese Embassy in Wellington](#)
- [New Zealand China Council](#)
- [Confucius Institute at University of Auckland](#)
- [Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington](#)
- [Confucius Institute at University of Canterbury](#)
- [New Zealand China Friendship Society](#)
- [China Skinny](#)
- [Lonely Planet](#)

Media:

- [Xinhua English language portal](#)
- [China Daily](#)
- [Shanghai Daily](#)
- [BBC – country profiles](#)
- [The Economist – country briefings](#)