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