



# Qingdao

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Qingdao is possibly the most beautiful coastal city of China, famous for comfortable weather, a large number of beaches and delicious seafood. Being a former German concession has also provided it with attractive European-style buildings and one of the best brews in Asia, the famous Qingdao Beer. It has long been a favourite escape for Chinese holidaymakers and after having its profile raised when hosting the 29th Sailing Regatta during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, it has been steadily coming under the radar of foreign visitors as well.



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## THE CITY



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Located at the south-central section of Shandong Peninsula by the Yellow Sea, Qingdao is an important economic centre and port city. Its hilly landscape between mountains and the sea has given it a perfect setting. The best way to explore this city is to take some comfortable shoes with you and explore each area by foot, whether it is strolling through the huge Zhongshan Park or enjoying the easy sea-side ambience by the Zhanqiao Pier.

## DO & SEE

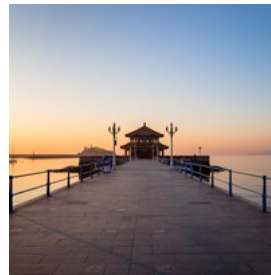


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Qingdao's charms lie in both the famous sights and the small details: a century-old florist shop, a corner drugstore or a delicately carved stone doorway, characterised by the statuesque sketching on the time-honoured buildings. The seaside metropolis dazzles equally for its ocean vistas and natural wonders and for the bustling yet easygoing vibe of the city with its many

attractions and attractive urban style.

### Zhanqiao Pier /



As the symbol of Qingdao, Zhaoqiao Pier was built as a wharf in 1891. After being expanded and repaired twice in 1931 and 1985, it is now open

for tourists. The pier is 440 metres long and 10 metres wide with giant granite supports and a two-storey distinctive Chinese style Pagoda, called "Huilan", the return of waves. Along the shore is the beautiful Pier Park, which is a pleasant and quiet place for tourists to rest.

Photo: Giusparta / Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Taiping Road, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: Zhan Bridge: 24/7. Huilan Pavilion: 7h - 19h.

Phone: +86 532 8288 4548

### May 4th Square /



Marked by the huge flaming sculpture called "Wind of May", the square is built to commemorate the May 4th Movement in 1919,

when Chinese nationalism was revived by a popular student-led uprising. Connecting the Qingdao municipal government building and the east coast, it consists of a coastal area and two squares, which are called City Hall Square and Central Square. In the evening, the colourful lights and water fountain make the whole square even more attractive.

Photo: SKY2015 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Donghai Xi Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 532 8571 1594

### Badaguan Area /



Lying between Huiquan Cape and Taiping Cape, it was named “Badaguan” (Eight Great Passes) after the eight great passes of the Great Wall. The area

was occupied by western countries and thus presents various architecture styles of twenty countries, including England, Russia, German, France, Danmark and so on.

In spring, the peach flowers bloom on Shaoguan Road, during summertime, crepe-myrtles on Zhengyangguan Road. Maple leaves turn red in autumn, and cedars stay green even in winter. In every season, Badaguan has its unique sides.

Photo: Jun Mu / Shutterstock.com

Address: Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 8h - 18h

Phone: +86 532 8386 9357

Tickets: Free, ticket needed for certain buildings

### Qingdao Underwater World /



Adjacent to Lu Xun Park is the Qingdao Underwater World, known as the Marine Products Museum. It covers an area of 7,300

sqm and accommodates an astonishing water body of 4,000 tonnes. It is a complex with a myriad of animal species on display.

Photo: lingling7788 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Laiyang Rd, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 8h - 17h

Phone: +86 532 8289 2187

Tickets: 130 RMB

Internet: [www.qdhdworld.com](http://www.qdhdworld.com)

### Qingdao International Beer Festival /



First held in 1991, Qingdao International Beer Festival has now become the biggest beer festival in Asia. The festival generally starts

on the second Sunday of August and lasts for 16 days. A 35-hectare Beer City located in the Shilaoren National Tourism Resort was specifically built for the festival. Although you can have Tsingtao Beer anytime in the city, the carnival vibe of the festival is something that you don't want to miss.

(P.S.: in Qingdao, fresh beer can be sold and contained in the plastic bag, so don't be surprised when you see people walking on the street with a bag of beer.)

Photo: xmee / Shutterstock.com

Address: Xianggangdong Lu, Laoshan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 24/7

More Info: The exact opening time and place changes every year, so do verify the information when planning the trip.

### Laoshan Scenic Area /



Named in the Tang Dynasty with the growth of Taoism, Laoshan is a household name for its vistas as well as the Taoist shrine. Laoshan

Jufeng Peak, Liuqing River, Taiping Palace, Yangkou Beach and Nine Waters and Eighteen Pools are the main tourist spots. Local travel agencies offer tours which vary between the southern route that covers both the Jufeng Peak and Taiping Palace, the eastern route to Yangkou Beach that covers both Taiping Palace and Qipan Stone Area and the central route to Nine Waters and Eighteen Pools.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: Laoshan District, Qingdao

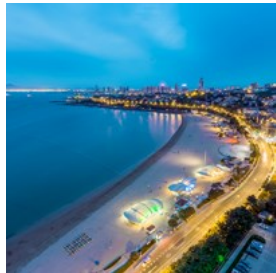
Opening hours: 7h - 17h

Phone: +86 532 8889 8866

Tickets: 160 RMB

Internet: [www.qdlaoshan.cn/en/](http://www.qdlaoshan.cn/en/)

### Seaside Promenade /



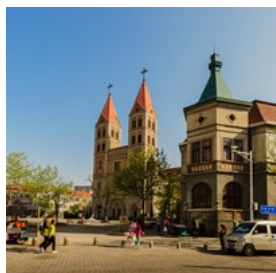
A newly-built plank promenade that meanders along the southern beach for about 40km, from Tuandao Cape in southwestern

Qingdao to Shilaoren Holiday Resort in the eastern part of the city. This makes it possible to walk from the western part of the city, covering Qingdao Bay, Huiquan Bay, Taiping Bay and come to the end at the Sculpture Road in eastern Qingdao.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: 24/7

### St. Michael's Cathedral /



Among the European-inspired architecture of the area, the German-style Catholic church stands out for its attractive facade. It is the

largest Romanesque Revival architecture in the province and the only consecrated church in China. The church has a newly installed organ and is played only for the mess.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Zhejiang Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 8h - 17h, free during the mess (8h - 9h every Sunday)

Phone: +86 532 8286 5960

Tickets: 10 RMB

### Zhongshan Park /



Zhongshan Park is the largest park in Qingdao, covering an area of 800,000 m<sup>2</sup> and located between Huiquan Square and Taiping Hill. Best

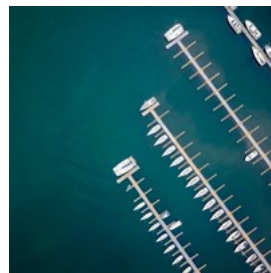
known for its cherry blossoms in the spring, lantern show in the summer and chrysanthemum show in the autumn, it is named "Flower Sea in Eastern Garden". In the west part of the park, the zoo is a children's paradise, with a mini-train, bumper cars and merry-go-round.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: Wendeng Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 9h - 21h

### Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center /



The centre was first built for hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competitions. Now it is transformed into a sailing boat dock. You can rent a

boat and have a tour on the bay, or have a beer on the bars nearby, and enjoy the breeze from the sea.

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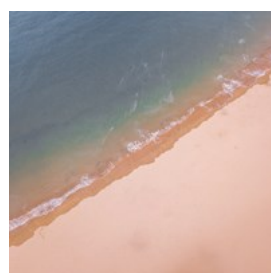
Address: 12 Xinhui Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +86 532 6656 8666

Internet: [www.qdsailing.org/node/node\\_29612.htm](http://www.qdsailing.org/node/node_29612.htm)

### Yinshatan Beach /



Compared to Jinshatan (the Gold Beach), Yinshatan (the Silver Beach) is farther from the city and the sand is slightly harder, but it is

less crowded than the first one and more



beautiful. The beach is 3000-meter long and in the shape of a new moon. It is an ideal spot to chill, swim and enjoy the sunshine.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: Fenghuangdao Scenic Area, Huangdao District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 24/7

Tickets: Free

### Tsingtao Brewery Museum /



This used to be the old factory of the Tsingtao Beer Brewery and now with the factory having moved out, the place has been transformed into a beer museum. All the old equipment is left on display, making it possible to see the whole process of beer production. The entrance fee is 60 RMB per person, which includes one cup of draught beer and a cask ale.

Photo: Kishivan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 56 Dengzhou Lu, Shibei District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 8h30 - 17h30

Phone: +86 532 8383 3437

Tickets: 60 RMB (2019)

Internet: [www.tsingtaomuseum.com/index.htm](http://www.tsingtaomuseum.com/index.htm)

### Little Fish Hill Park /



Built on a top of a hill, the Little Fish Hill Park offers one of the most scenic views over Qingdao. It does not only feature a good amount of

characteristic nautical-themed buildings, but also a unique view over some landmarks of China's most picturesque coastal city.

Photo: User: (WT-shared) Shoestring at wts wikivoyage / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Yushan Rd 1, Shinan, Qingdao

Opening hours: 7h30-18h30

Phone: +86 532 8286 5645

## DINING



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One cannot claim to have tried Qingdao food without sampling the seafood here. The local cuisine features sea food such as sea cucumber, scallop, abalone, whelk, prawn and fish, as well as the farm produce of dried vegetables and mushrooms growing on Laoshan Mountain. The best way to have the fresh marine produce is simply with garlic, vinegar and ginger. Most restaurants in Qingdao stay open until 22:00.

### Laochuanfu Restaurant /



Decorated as a huge ship with wooden decks, helms and anchors, Laochuanfu (Old Boatman) Restaurant is a popular restaurant

tailored to international customers. The special dishes are Roast Squid and trumpet shell.

Photo: HelloRF Zcool / Shutterstock.com

Address: 111 Yanji Lu, Qingdao

Opening hours: 11h - 22h

Phone: +86 532 8501 9999

More Info: at the crossroad

### Huanghai Hotel /



In this hotel, you will find a Chinese buffet with excellent cuisine in authentic Shandong style and local Qingdao style. All food is prepared by top chefs.

Photo: L.F / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 75 Yan'an Yi Lu, Qingdao  
Phone: +86 532 8287 0215  
Internet: www.huanghaihotel.com

### Haidilao Hot Pot /



Boasting a great view of the marina, Haidilao is easily the best place to get hot pot in the city. It's always clean, the ingredients are fresh and the service is good and friendly. Long waiting time is to be expected.

Photo: 54613 / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 178 Jufeng Lu, Qingdao  
Internet: www.haidilao.com  
More Info: 6th floor, Wanda Plaza

### Chuan Xiao Xian /



Chuan Xiao Xian is an innovated restaurant. The signature dish is the steam pot: vegetables, meat and seafood are layered on the pot and cooked with steam, with rice underneath. By the time you finish all the food above, the juice will already have turned the rice into a delicious porridge.

Photo: Midori9813 / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 135 Yan'an San Lu, Qingdao

Opening hours: 11h - 22h

Phone: +86 176 8583 7792

More Info: Right entrance to the Ariva (阿瑞雅) Hotel, 4th floor

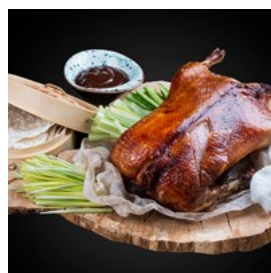
### Chuangyu Dumpling /



This chain of restaurants is famous for the combination of seafood and dumplings. The black dumpling, made with cephalopod ink is a dish that you should definitely try - as intimidating as it might sound.

Photo: adachonada / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 57 Minjiang Er Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 10h30 - 21h  
Phone: +86 532 8077 8001

### Quanjude Peking Duck /



Quanjude is the most famous chain of restaurants when it comes to Peking Duck, one might even call it synonymous with this well-known Chinese dish. Take the chance to have some authentic Peking Duck in Qingdao.

Photo: GrumJum / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 12 Xinaggang Zhong Lu, Fenghe Plaza, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 11h - 14h / 17h - 21h30  
Phone: +86 532 6677 7308

### CASANOVA



CASANOVA is an authentic Italian restaurant. Chefs are mainly Italian and so are the ingredients. Located on the 5th floor of Haixin Plaza, the restaurant has a beautiful view of the bay. Reservation is necessary for window seats.

The crew can speak English. Vegetarian menu available.

Photo: Plateresca / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 117 Aomen Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 11h - 21h30  
Phone: +86 132 5639 2790  
More Info: 5th floor, Hisense Plaza (□ □ □ □ )

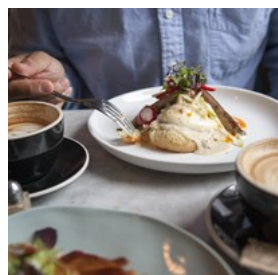
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Address: Taidong Commercial Pedestrian Street, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 24/7  
More Info: Most stands and shops close at 23h

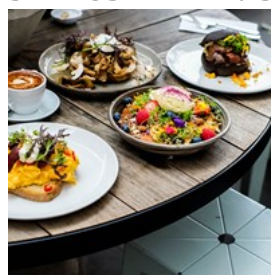
### Kiwi Café /



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Photo: Diana Daley / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 10 Gutian Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 10h - 20h, From Tues. to Sun.  
Phone: +86 186 6983 8569

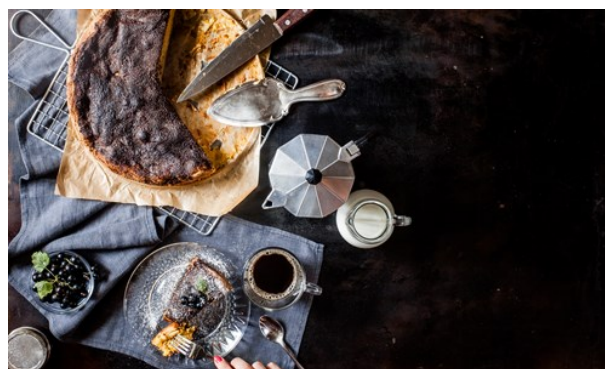
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Photo: GOER / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 31 Minjiang Er Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 9h - 2h  
Phone: +86 532 6807 7788  
More Info: On the crossroad of Minjiang Er Lu and Zhangzhou Yi lu.

### CAFES



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Coffee is probably a more popular drink in Qingdao nowadays than traditional tea. The Qingdao Coffee and Tea Art Street are lined with coffee shops and teashops, with both indoor and outdoor seating. Qingdao Coffee and Tea Art Street are located at Minjiang Lu, between Minjiang Lu and Zhangzhou Er Lu. There are eight coffee shops on the street and another five off the side streets of Zhangzhou Yi Lu and Zhangzhou Er Lu. Many of the stores, cafés, restaurants, shops and boutiques are Korean run, and it is perfect for a



stroll, a sip of coffee and some window shopping. You will of course also find coffee shops all around the city and in the shopping malls.

### Sunflower Café Bar /



Facing the beach and Zhanqiao Pier, Sunflower Café is nicely placed in a German-style villa which is surrounded by green trees and blooming flowers, and as one of the city's oldest bars, it is loved by locals.

Photo: Jan Knop / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 16 Taiping Lu, Qingdao  
Phone: +86 532 8266 7976

### Cafe Kona



The café has a Korean owner who specializes in making real Hawaiian Kona coffee. At Café Kona you get good coffee and wonderful service.

Photo: Hastings A Franks / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 21 Minjiang Er Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 8h - 22h30  
Phone: +86 532 8573 5300

### Snail Coffee Bar /

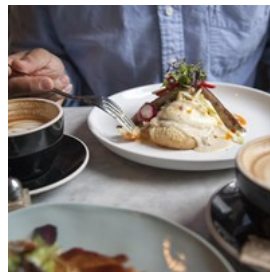


Snail Coffee Bar is a charming little coffee shop. The menu offers a variety of goodies and you will be served by a friendly staff. The atmosphere is described as warm and relaxed, perfect for a rest after a hard day of shopping on Zhongshan Road.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: 22A Dagu Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 10h30 - 22h30  
Phone: +86 137 9191 6196

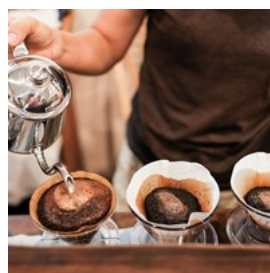
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### Nora Café /



The place hides in a quiet alley, in the historical centre of the city. It has a sunny terrace, 2 cats, and most importantly, pour-over coffee with beans from all over the world.

Photo: Alpha\_7D / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 20 Longshan Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 11h - 18h  
Phone: +86 156 1849 1580  
More Info: 20 meters to the gate of signal mountain park

### Coffee will



Coffee will is famous for its Japanese siphone-prepared coffee. The light roast coffee bean is imported from Japan as well. Wood furniture, outdoor space and a swing at the



entrance all create a cosy ambience.

Photo: Prarinya / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Xuzhou Lu, Shinan District, Qingdao

Opening hours: 9h - 24h

Phone: +86 532 8266 1010

More Info: Near Xinguidu Southwest Gate, Building No.8

### EASECAFE /



You will be surprised to know that there's a quiet café like this inside a shopping mall. It doesn't look much like a café, but more of a friend's apartment. The place is decorated with the owner's personal collection of books and photographs. All coffee beans are kept up to 15 days and every bean can be traced to its exact area of production.

Photo: ariadna de raadt / Shutterstock.com

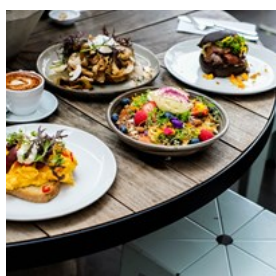
Address: 328 Dunhua Lu, Qingdao

Opening hours: 9h30 - 19h

Phone: +86 152 4420 4566

More Info: 5th Floor, Nuode Square

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Zhangzhou Yi lu.

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The nightlife in Qingdao is lively and varied, as locals like to take advantage of the city's many bars, KTVs, pubs, tea houses, bowling alleys and malls. Most bars and clubs are open from 21.00 to 03.00.

### Tsingtao Beer Street /



The area around the old Tsingtao brewery (now converted into a museum) has developed into a lively nightlife area, lined with dozens of

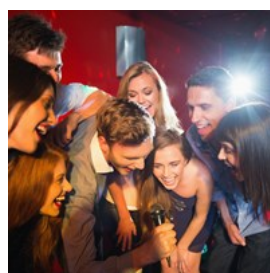
Sino-European style bars, restaurants and cafes. The best time to visit is during the Qingdao International Beer Festival when promotions abound and many events are organised.

Photo: QinJin / Shutterstock.com

Address: Dengzhou Lu, Qingdao

### Karaoke Bar /

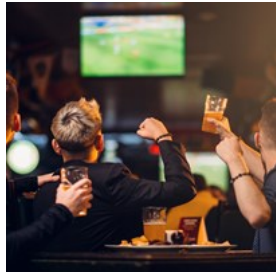
### KTV



Karaoke has become a very important part of Asian nightlife culture. There are plenty to choose from in the city, but Holiday KTV is one of the best, with branches all over the country.

Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 28 Xinhui Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 12h - 5h  
Phone: +86 532 8573 2233

### Charlie's Bar /



Right in the middle of Qingdao's party area, Charlie's bar is an American-style sports bar that screens all the important sporting

events. Young singles come here to meet people, mingle and start off the night.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 167 Jiangxi Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 18h - 3h  
Phone: +86 532 8589 7919

### Downtown Bar

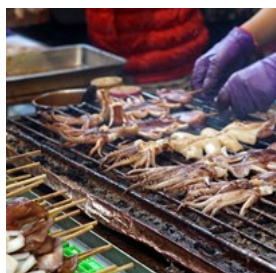


Downtown Bar proudly proclaims itself to be the home of live music in Qingdao. It is a non-lucrative platform for indie underground music

band to promote themselves.

Photo: PopTika / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1-6 Sangzi Lu, Shibei District, Qingdao  
More Info: Next to Kehao Convenient Store

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### City Moves Club



Located on the Xianggang Zhong Lu, City Moves Club is the absolute hottest night club in the city. The DJs and equipment are both

equally professional. Reservation only, and sometimes these are required several days in advance. Minimum consumption is 1000 RMB.

Photo: Party people studio / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 26 Xianggang Zhong Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 21h - 4h  
Phone: +86 532 5573 8866  
More Info: Inside Farglory International Plaza

### ROOM Lounge /



This is a gin-focused bar that has a wall of different gins from all around the world. The bar is compact, with a cosy ambience.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1 Shandong Lu, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 19h - 2h  
Phone: +86 185 5329 9666  
More Info: Near Boyan Dental

### Cherry Bar /



This newly opened bar has already won popularity among young college students and Qingdao's expatriate community. The prices

are relatively low and the place rings loud with



pop music. It is also one of the few bars that are open until morning.

Photo: sweetok / Shutterstock.com

Address: 65 Xianggang Zhong Lu, Qingdao

Opening hours: 20h30 - 5h

Phone: +86 138 0532 2202

More Info: 100 meters to the T Junction with Yanerdao Road

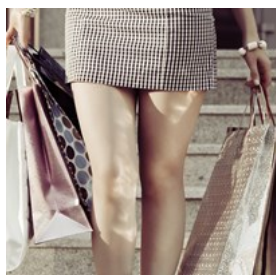
## SHOPPING



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There are many famous commercial products and souvenirs in Qingdao, such as Tsingtao Beer, Laoshan Mineral Water, Laoshan Tea, Laoshan Cola, Jimo Millet Wine, diamond ornaments, seafood, shell crafts, and more.

### Zhongshan Road /



Zhongshan commercial street is the most popular historical business hub in Qingdao, full of fashion stores, boutiques and big shopping malls, as well as large department stores, such as Parkson. You are sure to find everything you're looking for somewhere along Zhongshan Road.

Photo: wrangler / Shutterstock.com

Address: Zhongshan Lu, Qingdao

### Hong Kong Middle Road /



Home to leading international brands such as Jusco and Carrefour. Opposite Carrefour is Sunshine Department Store, the top-level shopping mall in Qingdao, which sells brands including Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada, Chanel and more.

Photo: allensima / Shutterstock.com

Address: Xianggang Zhong Lu, Qingdao

### Hisense Plaza Shopping Mall /



Opposite the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center is Hisense Plaza, a huge modern international department store which has all the world's leading fashion brands as well as Starbucks Coffee and Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream. There are also restaurants, a Cultural Gallery, Children's Kingdom and much more.

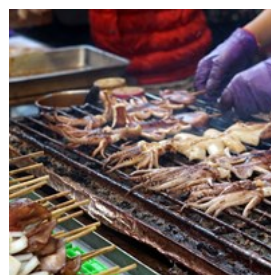
Photo: elwynn / Shutterstock.com

Address: 50 Donghai Xi Lu, Qingdao

Phone: +86 532 6678 8888

Internet: [www.hisense-plaza.com](http://www.hisense-plaza.com)

### Taidong Night Market /



The Taidong Night Market is always crowded and is one of those places that primarily draw in locals in the know. You can find all kinds of street food along the market, as well as souvenirs. Beware of pickpockets.

Photo: Glowonconcept / Shutterstock.com

Address: Taidong Commercial Pedestrian Street

Opening hours: 24/7

More Info: Most stands and shops close at 23h

### Qianyu Qianxun /



It is definitely worth checking out.

This souvenir shop is only a few steps away from St. Micheal's Cathedral. The Japanese-style shop has a vast selection of original souvenirs at reasonable

Photo: Sam's Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 176 Zhongshan Lu, Qingdao

Opening hours: 8h20 - 23h

Phone: +86 532 8286 1696

More Info: Next to Sajiao Pub

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Qingdao Liuting International Airport



Qingdao Liuting International Airport (TAO) is located 31 km from the centre of Qingdao city. The Airport Express leaves from the

airport to the city hall every 30 minutes between 06.00 and 21.00, the whole trip takes about 100 min. Taxis to the city centre should take around 45 minutes, depending on traffic, and costs

approximately 60 RMB.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Qingdao International Airport, Qingdao

Phone: +86 532 965 67

Internet: [www.qdairport.com](http://www.qdairport.com)

### Passport / Visa



For citizens of the following countries, the visa is not requested for short term stays : - 90 days: Bosnia and Herzegovina, San

Marino

- 60 days: Mauritius

- 30 days: Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Ecuador, Fiji, Grenada, Qatar, Serbia, Seychelles, Tonga, United Arab Emirates.

- 15 days: Brunei, Japan, Singapore.

Holders of passports issued by the following 49 countries do not require a visa for a 144-hour stay if they are transiting through Qingdao Airport. However, passengers need to provide ticket showing their first destination, which should be outside China, nor could it be in the same country as the inbound flight.

- All European Union citizens, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States.

- Messengers who enter China by Qingdao Airport cannot leave Shandong province during the transiting period. .

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### 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.

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### Best Time To Visit



Qingdao is a coastal city, which makes the best months to visit Qingdao July and August. A latitude of around 37° means means summers

never get too hot. In June, the temperature starts

to rise but the sea might still be a little cold for swimming.

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### Public Transport



Qingdao Railway Station is located in the western part of Qingdao, near the Zhanqiao Pier. The rail ticket office is in service from 04:30 to 22:30.

Tickets can be booked five days in advance.

Qingdao is accessible with the bus network, maintained by 187 routes and 3,700 buses which run on the roads. Most of the buses are ticket-seller free and accept IC cards. The fare is generally 2RMB.

Qingdao subway system has 4 lines in running. Passengers are recommended to buy a one day ticket for 15 RMB or a three days pass for 35 RMB.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Phone: +86 532 9510 5175

### Taxi



Jetta and Santana are the major taxi companies in Qingdao, which are of the conventional type. This type charges a minimum of 10 RMB within 3 km

and 2 RMB/km. Luxury type taxis charge a minimum of 12 RMB within 3 km and 2.5 RMB/km. An extra 0.4 RMB/km is charged for the rides from 22.00 to 05.00. Receipts are available upon request and would be necessary if customers need to make inquiries or complaints.

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

Photo: ArrivalGuides  
Phone: +86 532 8380 7661 / +86 532 8380 7502  
More Info: Prices updated July, 2016

### Post Office

China Post



Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: 220 Yan'an San Rd, Shinan District, Qingdao  
Opening hours: 8h - 18h  
Phone: +86 532 8389 0131

### Pharmacy

Hui Ren Pharmacy



Photo: Gemma Garner  
Address: 9 Shantou Lu, Qingdao  
Phone: +86 532 8588 3701

### Telephone

Country code: +86 Area  
code: 532



Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity

220 V/50 Hz Adapter  
needed



Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

8.335 million (2017)

### Currency

RMB 1 yuan = 10 jiao

### Opening hours

Office hours are 09:00-17:30, from Mondays to Fridays.  
Banks are open from 09:00-16:00 on weekends. Most malls  
and supermarkets close at 22:00.

### Internet

<http://qdto.qingdao.gov.cn/n28356069/n32563281/index.html> (Chinese only)

### Newspapers

Bandao Daily  
Qingdao Daily  
Qingdao Pictorial  
Qingdao Financial Daily

### Emergency numbers

Police: 110  
Ambulance: 120  
Fire: 119