CHINA CARDS

China, minus the panic.

Your first week, held up in one card.

SHOW THIS CARD

我要用支付宝付钱
我朋友可以代付

I want to pay with Alipay, or let my friend pay.

You already know about Alipay. The hard moment is standing there, with someone who does not speak English. This is the card you show them.

Free. No signup. Works offline.

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01 / THE CARD

Pay the shop

When the card reader shakes its head.

01 **Will they take the foreign card?**
Hotels and malls often will. The shop selling water usually will not.

02 **Open the payment code.**
Turn the VPN off first. Over about ¥200, expect a fee near 3%.

03 **Still stuck? Show the card.**
Ask them to take Alipay, or let a friend pay.

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Why this card exists: 5 public traveler reports. Problem research, not product reviews.

PUBLIC TRAVELER REPORTS (EXCERPTS)

“I use my visa in Alipay and WeChat small shops don't allow you to pay with your visa you must have balance in your account or in a Chinese bank account of yours”

“Credit cards are accepted most places, but when paying individuals and small stores they require you use a debit card with wechat/alipay”

“you have no way knowing how much your rate will be until you go and try to pay something there”

“your card issuer may impose a 3% conversion fee... while WeChat itself can add another 3% if the amount is over the 200 RMB fee free threshold”

Source: real traveler reports on Reddit / YouTube. reddit.com/r/chinalife · reddit.com/r/travelchina

02 / THE CARD

Show the driver

Where you are, where you're going, last four digits.

Before you get in: check the license plate on the app.

SHOW THE DRIVER

请带我去这里
外滩
我在酒店门口
手机尾号: 8842

Please take me here. Check the license plate before you get in.

Where you are	酒店门口	Where you are going	外滩

Last 4 digits: 8842 — the app shows the plate; the card shows the number to the driver.

On the live site you edit these three fields yourself. In this printed pack the Chinese above is an example — write your own destination before you travel.

PUBLIC TRAVELER REPORTS (EXCERPTS)

“Didi Driver refused to let me in the car this morning, shouting that I…” — r/Shanghai
“Dont get scammed like us - Didi driver” — r/travelchina, post title
“The destination problem is the whole difficulty: tones make spoken place names unreliable from a beginner”

03 / THE CARD

Allergy card

What you cannot eat, in one glance.

SHOW THE KITCHEN

我对花生、海鲜过敏
请不要放花生、海鲜
谢谢

I am allergic to Peanuts, Seafood. Please do not add it. Thank you.

Common allergens on the site (tap to fill the card):

Peanuts	**花生**	Seafood	**海鲜**
Milk	**牛奶**	Gluten	**麸质**
Medication	**药物**	Eggs	**鸡蛋**
Shellfish	**贝类**	Tree nuts	**坚果**
Soy	**大豆**	Sesame	**芝麻**

Other allergen (site field, type in Chinese): ■■■■■■ (e.g. penicillin)
我对___过敏
请不要放___
谢谢

Show this to the kitchen. A card, not medical advice. Saved on this phone only.

04 / THE CARD

Hotel address

Please take me here, plus the address.

SHOW THE DRIVER

请带我去这里
外滩中山东一路2号

Please take me here.

How to use

Hand this to a driver. Type the Chinese from your booking. Saved on this phone only.

Site field: Hotel name or address · ■■■■■■■■■■2■

WRITE YOUR ADDRESS BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

请带我去这里

Copy the hotel name and street from your booking confirmation into the blank lines above, in Chinese characters.

05 / THE CARD

Emergency information

Blood type, allergies, a phone number.

SHOW THIS IF I NEED HELP

紧急信息
血型：A型 Rh阳性
过敏：花生
紧急联系人：+1 415 555 0100
Jane

Emergency information. Blood type A+. Allergic to ■■. Call +1 415 555 0100 (Jane).

Fields on the site (fill them in before you go):

Field	Example	Note
Blood type	A+ / A- / B+ / B- / AB+ / AB- / O+ / O- / Unknown	A■ Rh■■ / A■ Rh■■ / … / ■■
Allergies	■■■■■	peanut, shellfish, medication…
Contact name	Jane	your emergency contact
Emergency phone	+1 415 555 0100	international format

Saved on this phone only. Nothing leaves the browser.

WRITE YOUR OWN DETAILS HERE

紧急信息
血型：_____
过敏：_____
紧急联系人：_____

Plug & voltage quick check

China is 220V, 50Hz. Sockets take Type A and Type I.

PLUG CHECK

中国 220V
A型与I型插头

China: 220V, 50Hz. Type A and Type I sockets.

How to read the table

Find your home country. If your plug types are only A and/or I, no adapter is needed. If your home voltage is below 200V, you also need a voltage converter unless the device says 100–240V. China: 220V, 50Hz.

Country / region	Voltage	Frequency	Plug type(s) at home
Argentina	220V	50Hz	I
Australia	230V	50Hz	I
Austria	230V	50Hz	C F
Belgium	230V	50Hz	C E
Brazil	127/220V	60Hz	C N
Canada	120V	60Hz	A B
Chile	220V	50Hz	C L
China	220V	50Hz	A I
Colombia	110V	60Hz	A B
Czechia	230V	50Hz	C E
Denmark	230V	50Hz	C K
Egypt	220V	50Hz	C F
Finland	230V	50Hz	C F
France	230V	50Hz	C E
Germany	230V	50Hz	C F
Greece	230V	50Hz	C F
Hong Kong	220V	50Hz	G
Hungary	230V	50Hz	C F
India	230V	50Hz	C D M
Indonesia	230V	50Hz	C F
Ireland	230V	50Hz	G
Israel	230V	50Hz	C H
Italy	230V	50Hz	C F L
Japan	100V	50/60Hz	A B
Malaysia	240V	50Hz	G
Mexico	127V	60Hz	A B

Country / region	Voltage	Frequency	Plug type(s) at home
Morocco	220V	50Hz	C E
Netherlands	230V	50Hz	C F
New Zealand	230V	50Hz	I
Norway	230V	50Hz	C F
Philippines	220V	60Hz	A B C
Poland	230V	50Hz	C E
Portugal	230V	50Hz	C F
Russia	220V	50Hz	C F
Saudi Arabia	220V	60Hz	G
Singapore	230V	50Hz	G
South Africa	230V	50Hz	C M N
South Korea	220V	60Hz	C F
Spain	230V	50Hz	C F
Sweden	230V	50Hz	C F
Switzerland	230V	50Hz	J
Taiwan	110V	60Hz	A B
Thailand	220V	50Hz	A B C
Turkey	230V	50Hz	C F
United Arab Emirates	230V	50Hz	G
United Kingdom	230V	50Hz	G
United States	120V	60Hz	A B
Vietnam	220V	50Hz	A C

The list lives on the page; your selection stays on your phone. Nothing is sent.

App availability quick check

Common apps marked Works / Limited / Blocked, with a legal alternative.

General guide only — app availability and policy can change. Check before you travel. No VPN guidance is given here.

App	Status	Legal alternative / note
WeChat · ■■	Works	Already works in China
Alipay · ■■■	Works	Already works in China
Amap / Gaode Maps · ■■■■	Works	Local navigation
Baidu Maps · ■■■■	Works	Local navigation
Didi · ■■■■	Works	Local ride hailing
Trip.com · ■■	Works	Hotels and trains
Baidu Translate · ■■■■	Works	Translation
Weibo · ■■	Works	Local social feed
Bilibili · ■■■■	Works	Video
iQIYI · ■■■	Works	Video
NetEase Cloud Music · ■■■■■	Works	Music
Apple Music	Works	No change needed
iMessage / Phone	Works	No change needed
WhatsApp · ■■	Limited	WeChat for messages and calls
Messenger · ■■	Limited	WeChat
Google Maps · ■■■■	Limited	Amap or Baidu Maps
Spotify · ■■■■■	Limited	NetEase Cloud Music
Netflix · ■■■	Limited	iQIYI or Tencent Video
Airbnb · ■■	Limited	Trip.com
Booking.com · ■■	Limited	Trip.com
Google Translate · ■■■■	Limited	Baidu Translate or Youdao
DeepL · ■■■■	Limited	Youdao Translate
Slack · ■■■■	Limited	WeCom or DingTalk
Zoom · ■■■■	Limited	Tencent Meeting
Dropbox · ■■■■	Limited	Baidu Netdisk
Amazon · ■■	Limited	JD.com
PayPal · ■■■	Limited	Alipay or WeChat Pay
TripAdvisor · ■■	Limited	Trip.com reviews
Facebook · ■■	Blocked	WeChat Moments or Weibo
Instagram · ■■■	Blocked	Xiaohongshu (RED)
X / Twitter · ■■	Blocked	Weibo
TikTok · ■■	Blocked	Douyin (the Chinese app)
YouTube · ■■■■	Blocked	Bilibili
Google Search · ■■	Blocked	Baidu
Gmail · QQ■■	Blocked	QQ Mail or NetEase Mail
Google Drive · ■■■■	Blocked	Baidu Netdisk
Google Photos · ■■■■	Limited	Baidu Netdisk
Uber · ■■■■	Blocked	Didi
Lyft · ■■■■	Blocked	Didi

App	Status	Legal alternative / note
Uber Eats · ■■	Blocked	Meituan
DoorDash · ■■■	Blocked	Meituan or Ele.me
Yelp · ■■■■	Blocked	Dianping
eBay · ■■	Blocked	Taobao
Reddit · ■■	Blocked	Zhihu
Discord · ■■	Blocked	WeChat groups
Telegram · ■■	Blocked	WeChat
Signal · ■■	Blocked	WeChat
Wikipedia · ■■■■	Blocked	Baidu Baike

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About these cards

What this is

A free offline pack from China Cards — the big Chinese sentences you can hold up when someone does not speak English. The five cards, plug check and app check mirror the cards on the site. Load the site once on wifi at home; the page stays on the phone with the signal off.

Honest notes

• The source quotes are public traveler reports gathered for problem research. They are not product reviews, and not from people who used this product.
• This is general information, not legal, medical or financial advice. The allergy card is a card, not medical advice.
• Rules, payment fees, app availability and network conditions change. Verify with your carrier, bank, app store and official sources before you travel.
• Nothing in this pack is a guarantee that any app, payment method or socket will work everywhere, at all times.

Privacy

Every field on the site (address, allergens, blood type, contact, plug choice, email) is saved on that phone only. Nothing is sent from the site. This PDF is a static pack — it contains no personal data of yours or of anyone else.

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