Essential Travel Phrasebook
English ↔ Mandarin Chinese

# Greetings

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Hello | 你好 | nǐ hǎo (nee HOW) |
| Good morning | 早上好 | zǎo shàng hǎo (dzow shang HOW) |
| Good afternoon | 下午好 | xià wǔ hǎo (shyah woo HOW) |
| Good evening | 晚上好 | wǎn shàng hǎo (wan shang HOW) |
| Goodbye | 再见 | zài jiàn (dzai jyen) |
| How are you? | 你好吗？ | nǐ hǎo ma? (nee HOW ma) |
| Nice to meet you | 很高兴认识你 | hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ (hun gow-shing ren-shr nee) |

# Daily Interactions

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Please | 请 | qǐng (ching) |
| Thank you | 谢谢 | xièxiè (shieh-shieh) |
| Excuse me | 请问 | qǐng wèn (ching wen) |
| I’m sorry | 对不起 | duì bu qǐ (dway boo-chee) |
| Do you speak English? | 你会说英语吗？ | nǐ huì shuō yīngyǔ ma? (nee hway shwoh ying-yoo ma) |
| I don’t understand | 我不懂 | wǒ bù dǒng (woh boo dong) |
| Could you speak more slowly, please? | 请说慢一点 | qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn (ching shwoh man ee-dyen) |

# Directions

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Where is …? | …在哪里？ | … zài nǎ lǐ? (dzai NAH-lee) |
| Does this [bus/train] go to …? | 这辆[车/火车]去…吗？ | zhè liàng [chē/huǒchē] qù … ma? (jer lyahng chuh/hwo-chuh chyoo … ma) |
| Which way is …? | …怎么走？ | … zěnme zǒu? (dzun-muh dzoe) |
| How do I get to …? | 我怎么去…？ | wǒ zěnme qù …? (woh dzun-muh chyoo …) |
| Turn left | 左转 | zuǒ zhuǎn (dzwor jwahn) |
| Go straight | 直走 | zhí zǒu (jr dzoe) |
| Where is the bathroom? | 洗手间在哪里？ | xǐ shǒu jiān zài nǎ lǐ (shee show jyen dzai NAH-lee) |

# Travel (Transportation & Accommodation)

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| I have a reservation under the name of … | 我有一个预订，名字是… | wǒ yǒu yī gè yùdìng, míngzi shì … (woh yo ee guh yoo-deeng, ming-dzuh shir …) |
| Do you have any vacancies? | 有空房间吗？ | yǒu kòng fángjiān ma? (yo kong fahng-jyen ma) |
| I’d like to check in, please. | 我要办理入住。 | wǒ yào bànlǐ rùzhù (woh yow ban-lee roo-joo) |
| Where is the train/bus station? | 火车站/汽车站在哪里？ | huǒchē zhàn / qìchē zhàn zài nǎ lǐ? (hwo-chuh jan / chee-chuh jan dzai NAH-lee) |
| I’d like a ticket to \_\_, please. | 我要一张去\_\_的票。 | wǒ yào yī zhāng qù \_\_ de piào (woh yow ee jahng chyoo \_\_ duh pyow) |
| How much is a ticket to \_\_? | 去\_\_的票多少钱？ | qù \_\_ de piào duōshǎo qián? (chyoo \_\_ duh pyow dwor-shaow chyen) |
| Can I get a taxi, please? | 可以叫一辆出租车吗？ | kěyǐ jiào yī liàng chūzūchē ma? (kuh-yee jyaow ee lyahng choo-zoo-chuh ma) |

# Food and Dining

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| I’d like to order \_\_, please. | 我要点\_\_。 | wǒ yào diǎn \_\_ (woh yow dyen \_\_) |
| A table for \_\_, please. | 请给我一张\_\_人的桌子。 | qǐng gěi wǒ yī zhāng \_\_ rén de zhuōzi (ching gay woh ee jahng \_\_ ren duh jwaw-dzuh) |
| Could I see the menu, please? | 请给我菜单。 | qǐng gěi wǒ càidān (ching gay woh tsai-dan) |
| What do you recommend? | 你推荐什么？ | nǐ tuījiàn shénme? (nee tway-jyen shun-muh) |
| Could we have the bill, please? | 请给我账单。 | qǐng gěi wǒ zhàngdān (ching gay woh jahng-dan) |

# Emergencies

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Help! | 救命！ | jiù mìng! (jyoh ming) |
| Call the police. | 请报警。 | qǐng bào jǐng (ching baow jeeng) |
| I need a doctor. | 我需要医生。 | wǒ xūyào yīshēng (woh shoo-yaow ee-shung) |
| Where is the hospital? | 医院在哪里？ | yīyuàn zài nǎ lǐ? (ee-ywen dzai NAH-lee) |
| I lost my passport. | 我把护照丢了。 | wǒ bǎ hùzhào diū le (woh ba hoo-jow dyoh-luh) |
| I’m allergic to \_\_. | 我对\_\_过敏。 | wǒ duì \_\_ guòmǐn (woh dway \_\_ gwor-meen) |
| I’m having an emergency. | 我有紧急情况。 | wǒ yǒu jǐnjí qíngkuàng (woh yo jeen-jee ching-kwang) |

# Numbers & Money

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| One | 一 | yī (ee) |
| Two | 二 | èr (are) |
| Three | 三 | sān (san) |
| Four | 四 | sì (suh) |
| Five | 五 | wǔ (woo) |
| Six | 六 | liù (lyoh) |
| Seven | 七 | qī (chee) |
| Eight | 八 | bā (bah) |
| Nine | 九 | jiǔ (jyoh) |
| Ten | 十 | shí (shir) |
| Twenty | 二十 | èr shí (are shir) |
| Thirty | 三十 | sān shí (san shir) |
| Forty | 四十 | sì shí (suh shir) |
| Fifty | 五十 | wǔ shí (woo shir) |
| Sixty | 六十 | liù shí (lyoh shir) |
| Seventy | 七十 | qī shí (chee shir) |
| Eighty | 八十 | bā shí (bah shir) |
| Ninety | 九十 | jiǔ shí (jyoh shir) |
| One hundred | 一百 | yī bǎi (ee bye) |
| How much does this cost? | 这个多少钱？ | zhège duōshǎo qián? (jer-guh dwor-shaow chyen) |
| Can I pay with card? | 可以刷卡吗？ | kěyǐ shuākǎ ma? (kuh-yee shwah-kah ma) |
| Do you accept cash? | 收现金吗？ | shōu xiànjīn ma? (show syen-jeen ma) |

# Time & Dates

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Today | 今天 | jīntiān (jeen-tyen) |
| Tomorrow | 明天 | míngtiān (ming-tyen) |
| Yesterday | 昨天 | zuótiān (dzwor-tyen) |
| Morning | 早上 | zǎoshàng (dzow-shahng) |
| Afternoon | 下午 | xiàwǔ (shyah-woo) |
| Evening | 晚上 | wǎnshàng (wan-shahng) |
| Night | 夜里 | yè lǐ (yeah lee) |
| Monday | 星期一 | xīngqī yī (shing-chee ee) |
| Friday | 星期五 | xīngqī wǔ (shing-chee woo) |
| What time is it? | 现在几点？ | xiànzài jǐ diǎn? (syen-dzai jee-dyen) |

# Quick Reference

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| Please / Thank you | 请 / 谢谢 | qǐng / xièxiè (ching / shieh-shieh) |
| Where is the bathroom? | 洗手间在哪里？ | xǐ shǒu jiān zài nǎ lǐ (shee show jyen dzai NAH-lee) |
| How much does this cost? | 这个多少钱？ | zhège duōshǎo qián? (jer-guh dwor-shaow chyen) |
| I need help! | 救命！ | jiù mìng! (jyoh ming) |
| Call the police! | 请报警！ | qǐng bào jǐng! (ching baow jeeng) |
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# Personal Emergency Info

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| English Phrase | Mandarin Translation | Pronunciation (Pinyin + English) |
| Name | 名字 | míngzi (ming-dzuh) |
| Blood Type | 血型 | xuèxíng (shweh-shing) |
| Allergies | 过敏 | guòmǐn (gwor-meen) |
| Emergency Contact | 紧急联系人 | jǐnjí liánxìrén (jeen-jee lyan-shee-ren) |
| Hotel Name & Address | 酒店名字和地址 | jiǔdiàn míngzi hé dìzhǐ (jyoh-dyan ming-dzuh huh dee-jrr) |
| Local Emergency Number | 本地急救号码 | běndì jíjiù hàomǎ (ben-dee jee-jyo how-mah) |