

2nd International Convention on Rural Roads

Jinan City, Shandong, China



26-29 October 2010

Travel, visa and health information

Venue

The convention will take place at:

Shandong Hotel

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Location

Shandong Province is situated in the eastern part of China on the lower reaches of the Yellow River. It borders on the Bohai and Huanghai seas in the east, and overlooks the Korean Peninsula and the Japan Archipelago across a vast stretch of sea. The province has a total area of 156,000 square kilometers (about 60,235 square miles) and a total population of over 90 million.

Shandong, with a history of more than 5,000 years, is considered one of the birthplaces of Chinese civilization. Shandong has also been the home of a large number of historical figures, whose important influences are still evident in contemporary China. Confucianism, founded by Confucius, the great thinker, educator and statesman in China is the pillar of traditional Chinese culture and has exerted great influence in the world.

Jinan, Shandong's provincial capital is one of China's most famous historical and cultural cities. It has numerous natural springs, hence its name 'Spring City'. Shandong Province is also considered the birthplace of China's pottery, porcelain and silk. Throughout the province the tourist can find traditional items like the clocks and watches of Yantai, the porcelain of Zibo, the kites of Weifang, the shell-carving and beer of Qingdao.



Jinan is served by **Jinan Yaoqiang International Airport** which is about 33 kilometers (about 20.5 miles) outside of Jinan City. It connects to both the Jiqing (Jinan –Qingdao) and Jingfu (Jingfu – Fuzhou) highways, providing very convenient airport transportation.

- Some **54 domestic and international airlines** have been opened. Flights originating from this airport can reach more than 38 cities both in China as well as abroad.
- **Railway**
 - Jinan is positioned at the intersection of two major railways: The Jinghu Railway that runs from Beijing to Shanghai is the major north-south backbone of the railway system in eastern China.
- **Airport Transfers**
 - Shuttle Bus:
 1. From the downtown Jinan to the airport: You can take the bus in front of Yuquan Simpson Hotel and Bus Station in Railway Station Square The bus runs every an hour from 6:00 to 19:00.
 2. From the airport to the downtown Jinan: Exit Gate 3, 4, 1/F, Arrival Hall
First Flight arrival till 18:00: airport bus run to Jinan Railway Station
After 18:00: the bus run to Yuquan Simpson Hotel

The bus fare is CNY20 and the whole journey takes about an hour.

It cost over CNY100 to take a taxi from the airport to the city center, Quancheng Square, or the Sofitel Silver Plaza in the downtown Jinan.

Apart from airport buses between downtown Jinan and the Airport, there are also direct buses running between Jinan airport to other cities in Shandong Province.

- By Train:

There are two railway stations in Jinan, Jinan Railway Station and Jinan East Railway Station.

Jinan Railway Station is the largest in Shandong Province. Railway lines Beijing-Shanghai and Qingdao-Jinan pass and stop at Jinan City. It also connects Jinan with other large cities, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Lianyungang, Xian, Urumqi and Hangzhou, etc.

A ticket office is located on the west side on Floor 1 of Jinan Railway Station. Tickets can be purchased one week in advance and it also deals with the return of tickets. A word of warning: it is a common phenomenon that during the May Day and National Day Holidays, either air tickets or the train tickets are in short supply due to huge demand. To ensure your trip for the next destination or returning home, make a reservation as you enter Jinan.

Jinan East Railway Station is the stopover from trains operating between Qingdao-Dandong, Qingdao-Taiyuan and Beijing-Weihai. There is a direct train (Train 2523) starting from Jinan East Railway Station to Luoyang. The journey takes about 12 hours.

Railway Station Inquiry Numbers: 0531-86012520, 86943693, 95001818, 96519

- **Travel arrangements**
 - Since Jinan is the main hub for tourism and in addition, hosts many international conferences and workshops, **you are advised to book flights well in advance.**

Information on Visa Requirements

The Visa fee for all countries varies. Please check with the nearest Chinese Embassy in your country for further information.

- Visa is required for *British, Australian, Canadian, USA, Other EU*
- Passports required by all nationals referred to in the list above. Passports must be valid for at least one month from your fixed departure date from Hong Kong for a single entry, 12 months for a double entry or six month multiple entry and 18 months for a 12 month multiple entry visa.
- Required by all nationals referred to in the list above except:
 - (a) **1.** Nationals of the UK travelling to Hong Kong only for stays of up to 180 days;
 - (b) **2.** all nationals referred to in the chart above travelling only to Macao for stays of up to 90 days (except nationals of the USA for stays up to 30 days; and nationals of the UK for stays up to six months);
 - (c) transit passengers continuing their journey by the same or first connecting plane to another country within 24 hours who hold valid onward documentation and do not leave the airport;
 - (d) some passengers (not including nationals of the USA or UK) who transit through Pudong or Hongqiao airports only, with all necessary documentation, within 48 hours
- **Visa Note** (a) Journalists need to apply for accreditation from the press department of the Chinese embassy before applying for a visa.
(b) Business travellers are required to provide an official invitation from the company or institution in China when applying for a visa.
(c) Nationals not referred to in the chart above are advised to contact the embassy to check visa requirements (see *Contact Addresses*).
- **Note:** Those wishing to visit Tibet are strongly advised to join a travel group. Individual travellers need an Alien's Travel Permit issued by the Tibet Tourism Bureau (see *Contact Addresses*). Applicants will need to show their Chinese Visa also.
- **Working Days Required**
Applications should be made with time and we suggest one month in advance.
- The local Organizing Committee will facilitate your **entry visas** into China through an invitation letter from the local host, China Highway and Transportation Society (CHTS). If you need assistance, please send your request by email to the Convention Administrator (*see contact details below*).
- Information: http://www.worldtravelguide.net/country/58/passport_visa/Far-East-Asia/China.html#ixzz0rZlxceMZ

Health information

Medical assistance

Medical assistance (First Aid) will be available at the Conference Venue. The Secretariat will liaise with the nearest hospital for any emergencies during the Convention. However, the organizers will not cover any medical treatment costs of participants.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations that might be considered before you travel to China include diphtheria, hepatitis A, rabies, tetanus, and typhoid. Depending where you are going in China you will need to find out if you need malaria pills. Travellers from yellow fever infected areas will most likely be asked to produce a yellow fever vaccination certificate.
- Read more: <http://www.worldtravelguide.net/country/58/health/Far-East-Asia/China.html#ixzz0rZboMrIM>

Travel insurance

Every participant is advised to have his/her own insurance of health and accidental issues. The organisers will not provide insurance to the participants.

Other General Information

Electricity; Voltage

The voltage is 220V and Frequency 50Hz, with the following plug types:



Time Zone

China Standard Time (UTC+8)

Telephone Services

Land line service is widely available, while mobile service operators are China Telecom, China Unicom and China Mobile. The internal dialling code is 0531 while international telephone calling code is +0086-531, Jinan: internal dialling code 0106 international calling code +0086-106.

Internet

Internet will be available in the Business Centre at the venue. Participants who bring their own notebooks have however the possibility to use Wireless-LAN in the foyer.

Weather in October

Jinan has four distinct seasons due to its location at warm temperate continental monsoon zone. The city is dry and warm in spring, rainy and hot in summer, cool and clear in autumn, dry and cold in winter. The best time to visit Jinan is autumn, from September till November. The average annual temperature of Jinan is 14 C (57 F), with January being the coldest and driest month and July the hottest and wettest one. From October to November the average temperature varies between 21.67 C and 13.33 C.

Local Currency and Exchange

The unit of currency is Yuan (Renminbi). The exchange rate at the time of posting this information is about CNY 6.81 to 1 US\$.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at the airports. Exchange booths are available in Jinan, as well as ATM machines for Visa and Master Cards. NB: You can pay your private expenditures either in CNY, Euro (€), US\$ or by credit card.

Language

The official language in Jinan, China traditionally is a Jinan dialect of Mandarin. However, the younger generation are more likely to speak Mandarin.

For further information about Jinan please visit: <http://www.chinatouronline.com/china-travel/jinan/jinan-facts/index.html>

Contact

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