

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

Country:

China (CN)

Sex & Dating

- Casual dating is less common given emphasis on dating as a precursor to marriage.
- PDA is frowned upon in traditional culture, this has changed especially in cities
- Many universities discourage pre-marital sex

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Very social drinking culture
 - It may be perceived as rude to not finish your drink or at least try it when offered.
- All drugs and usage are strictly prohibited

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Same sex relationships and activity is legal but continued censorship, surveillance, and discrimination exists towards LGBTQ people.
- Specific LGBTQ communities and neighborhoods exist in major cities
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 1.4 billion
- Currency: Chinese Yuan (CNY)
- Official Language: Chinese
 - Tradition is a big part of Chinese culture with respect for elders, hierarchy, and norms
 - Communal emphasis on conducting life in a shared manner, actions reflect broader group; humility and humbleness are central

Resources

119 Fire / **110** Police / **120** Ambulance

+86 Country code

- International SOS
 - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
 - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): travel.state.gov



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