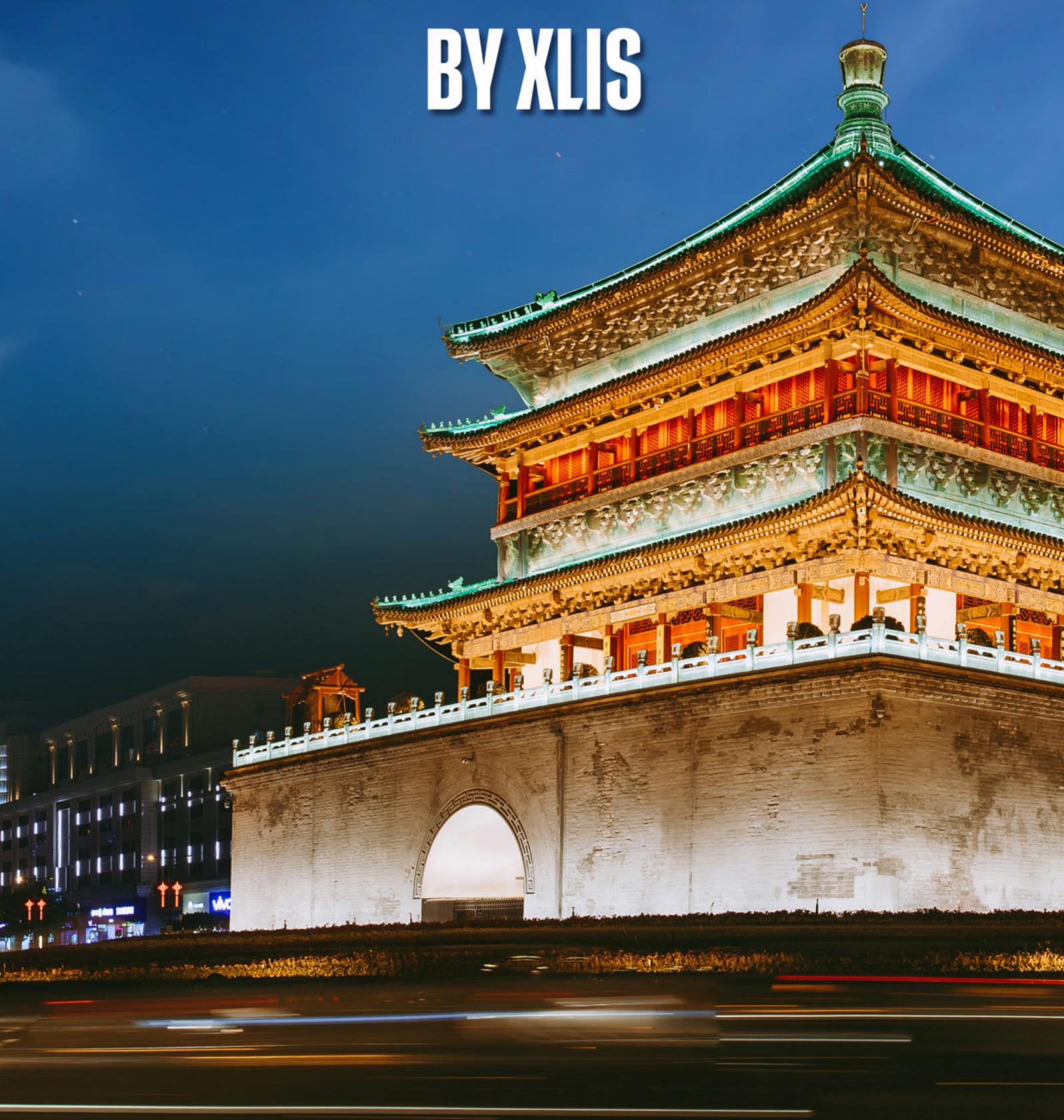




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XLIS XI'AN LIANGJIATAN
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YOUR WELCOME GUIDE TO XI'AN BY XLIS



Welcome

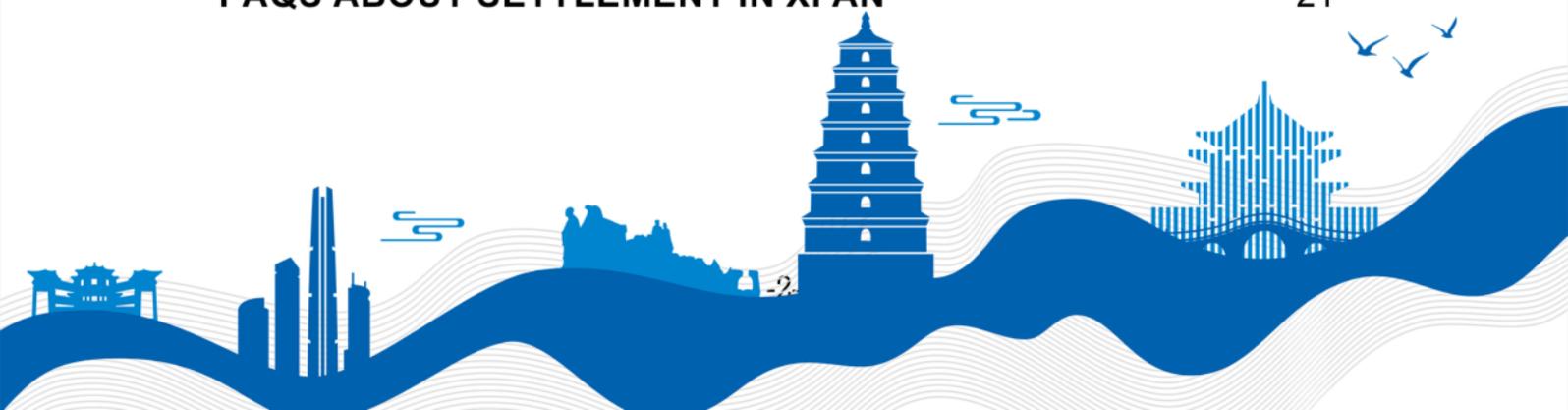
Welcome to Xi'an and Xi'an Liangjiatan International School (XLIS). We understand that transitioning to a new environment can be both exciting and challenging. This welcome brochure aims to provide you with valuable insights and practical advice that will enable you to adapt with the challenges of living in Xi'an.

This brochure has been compiled by considering the experiences and feedback shared by locals and members of the XLIS community. In the following pages you will find useful information about the accommodation, transportations, shopping, and cuisine etc. Hope this guide can provide you with assistance and support.



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OVERVIEW OF XI'AN



Location

Xi'an is the capital city of Shaanxi Province in China and is known for its rich history and cultural heritage. Located in central China at coordinates 34°16' N, 108°56' E, Xi'an sits at an elevation of approximately 405 meters above sea level, along the banks of the Wei River.

Population

The population of Xi'an is about 13 million.

History

Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in China, with a history that spans over 3,000 years. Living in Xi'an provides an opportunity to immerse yourself in a city with a rich cultural heritage, historical sites, and landmarks such as the Terracotta Army, the City Wall, and the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

Weather

Xi'an experiences a temperate continental climate with distinct four seasons. Spring in Xi'an is mild and gradually warms up. Days are warm and nights are cool. There is relatively more rainfall during this season, so it's advisable to carry an umbrella or raincoat. Summers in Xi'an are hot, with temperatures often exceeding 30 degrees. It is also the rainy season, so be prepared for occasional showers and thunderstorms. Stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun. Autumn is one of the most pleasant seasons in Xi'an, with comfortable temperatures during the day and cool nights. It's a great time for outdoor activities and sightseeing. Winter in Xi'an is cold and dry, with temperatures often dropping below freezing. It's important to wear warm clothing during this season.

Living Cost

Compared to other major cities in China like Beijing and Shanghai, Xi'an has a relatively lower cost of living. housing, transportation, and daily expenses tend to be more affordable, making it an attractive option for both locals and expatriates.

Safe City

When people cross the road, vehicles actively stop and yield to pedestrians. Xi'an has a relatively low crime rate. Also, Xi'an has emergency services available, including police, fire, and medical services.



CULTURE AND LANGUAGE



CHINESE CULTURAL TIPS

In Chinese culture, there are certain customs, traditions, and etiquette that are important to observe. Here are some general DOs and DON'Ts to keep in mind:

✓ DOs:

1. Do show respect to elders and people in positions of authority. Age and seniority are highly valued in Chinese culture.
2. Do address people by their formal titles and use proper forms of address, such as "Mr.," "Mrs.," or professional titles, until invited to use given names.
3. Do show modesty and humility.
4. You can address your driver as "shifu," which translates to "master." This title shows respect and can also be used for addressing skilled workers.
5. Do abide by the laws and regulations of China when writing comments on social media in China.
6. Do wait for the host or the eldest person to start eating before beginning your meal.
7. Do greet others with a slight nod or handshake, particularly in formal or professional settings.

✗ DON'Ts:

1. Don't point directly at someone with your finger, as it is considered impolite. Instead, use an open hand or gesture with your whole hand.
2. Don't discuss sensitive topics such as politics, Taiwan, Tibet or Hong Kong as separate from China as they are part of the People's Republic of China.
3. Don't stick your chopsticks upright in a bowl of rice. This resembles the ritual of incense burning at funerals and is considered inauspicious.
4. Don't wear revealing or provocative clothing when visiting temples or other religious sites.
5. Don't discuss personal financial matters or ask about someone's income. Such topics are considered private and impolite.
6. Don't give certain gifts with symbolic meanings that may be interpreted negatively. For instance, it is best to refrain from giving clocks, knives, or pears as gifts to Chinese friends. Clocks symbolize the end of someone's time, which can be associated with death or ill fortune. Knives are linked to the idea of severing or ending a relationship, while pears sound similar to the Chinese word for "separate."
7. Don't photograph military installations, including buildings, sites, and facilities directly used by China for military purposes.

EMBRACING CULTURE SHOCK

Relocating to a new country can be challenging. Culture shock occurs as you adjust to a different language and cultural environment. One of the most effective ways to overcome culture shock is to embrace the new culture around you. Here are some suggestions to help you settle in and feel more comfortable in Xi'an:

Learning the Language

Basic Mandarin: Mastering some daily phrases can help you communicate better with locals.

Language Exchange: Find a language partner to learn from each other.

Exploring Local Culture

Participate in Activities: Join local festivals, markets, and cultural events to understand customs.

Visit Historical Sites: Go to museums and historical sites to gain a deeper understanding of the city's cultural background.

Making Friends

Join Social Groups: Participate in interest groups or social activities to meet like-minded people.

Connect with Locals: Meet locals through friends or social media to expand your social circle.

Trying Local Cuisine

Visit Markets: Explore local markets to try different foods and learn about the food culture.

Learn to Cook: Take cooking classes to learn how to make local specialties.

Understanding Transportation

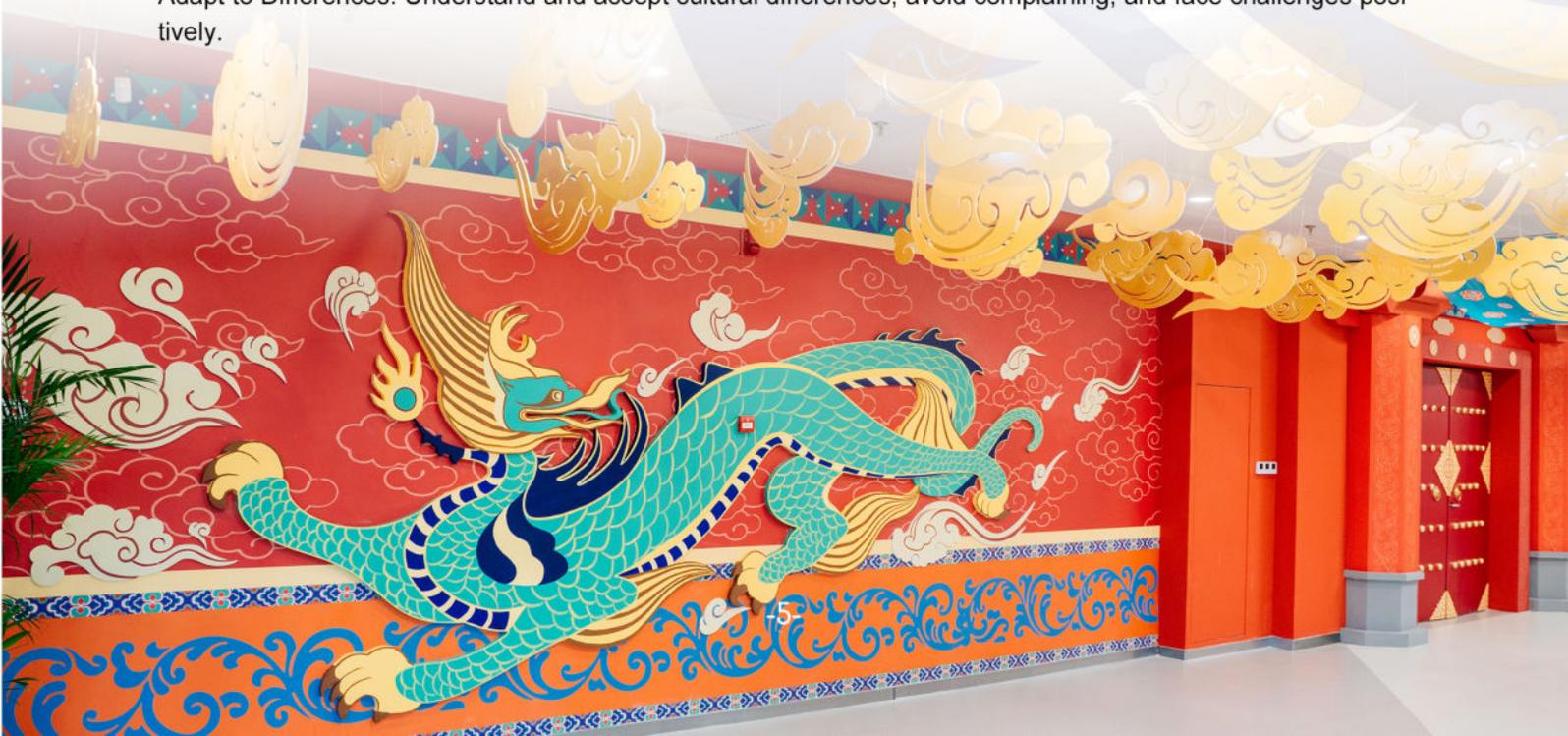
Familiarize Yourself with Public Transport: Learn the routes and schedules of buses and subways for convenient travel.

Bike or Walk: Whenever possible, choose to bike or walk to feel the pulse of the city.

Keeping An Open Mind

Embrace New Things: Maintain an open attitude towards the new environment and culture and be willing to try new experiences.

Adapt to Differences: Understand and accept cultural differences, avoid complaining, and face challenges positively.



LEARNING CHINESE MANDARIN

The official language in China is Mandarin, known as “Pu Tong Hua” in Chinese. Learning some basic Mandarin can enhance your connection to your new environment. Here are some common Chinese words and phrases:

Greetings and Basic Communication

你好 (Nǐ hǎo) - Hello	再见 (Zàijiàn) - Goodbye
谢谢 (Xièxiè) - Thank you	不客气 (Bù kèqì) - You're welcome
对不起 (Duìbùqǐ) - Sorry	请问 (Qǐngwèn) - Excuse me / May I ask
没关系 (Méi guānxi) - It's okay / No problem	

Asking for Information

这个多少钱? (Zhège duōshǎo qián?) - How much is this?
 哪里有厕所? (Nǎlǐ yǒu cè suǒ?) - Where is the restroom?
 请问最近的地铁站在哪里? (Qǐngwèn zuìjìn de dìtiě zhàn zài nǎlǐ?)
 - Where is the nearest subway station?

Directions and Transportation

左转 (Zuǒ zhuǎn) - Turn left	坐这个车吗? (Zuò zhège chē ma?) - Is this the right bus?
右转 (Yòu zhuǎn) - Turn right	什么时候到? (Shénme shíhòu dào?) - When will it arrive?
直走 (Zhí zǒu) - Go straight	

Expressing Feelings

我喜欢 (Wǒ xǐhuān) - I like it
 我不喜欢 (Wǒ bù xǐhuān) - I don't like it
 很好 (Hěn hǎo) - Very good
 非常感谢 (Fēicháng gǎnxiè) - Thank you very much

Emergency Situations

帮助我! (Bāngzhù wǒ!) - Help me!
 我需要医生 (Wǒ xūyào yīshēng) - I need a doctor
 有人受伤了 (Yǒu rén shòushāng le) - Someone is injured

SETTLING IN



THE FOREIGN TEACHER LIFE ASSISTANT

XLIS offers a life assistant service specifically designed to support foreign teachers in their daily lives.

Foreign Teacher Life Assistant:

Mr. Jun Liang



Job Responsibilities Include:

1. Apartment renting & flight pick-up.
2. Assistance with Chinese SIM card and internet service in the apartment.
3. Communications with Chinese landlords about rent payment, facility maintenance and help with the electricity, heating fees and service fees in property management centers.
4. Translation help for the teachers about daily life matters.
5. Coordination and arrangement of mailing, receiving and storage of the luggage.
6. The tour to IKEA and Metro supermarket arranged by school for the new foreign staff relocating in Xi'an for the first time.

Contact Information:

1. Email Address: jun.liang@xalis.com
2. WeChat Account: junleung24
3. Phone Number: +86-15229306900

You can add WeChat account by scanning this QR code.



WeChat app is a widely used messaging app that allows us to send messages, make voice and video calls, and share photos and videos. You can try to download and use it.

Here are the steps of downloading and setting up:

1. Search for WeChat on the App Store (for iOS) or Google Play Store (for Android) on your mobile device.
Or search this website on your phone <https://weixin.qq.com/>.
2. Once the download is complete, open the app and follow the instructions to create an account.
3. You can choose to sign up with your phone number, and then set up your profile.

HOUSING

Leasing Condition

Apartments can be rented either with or without furniture. Furnished apartments include the basic furniture like beds, sofa, wardrobes, coffee table, TV stand, dining room table and chairs, AC, fridge, TV, washing machine. Most of apartments may not have an oven, microwave, water dispenser and clothes dryer, but these can be purchased at appliance store or on Taobao.

Tenancy Agreement

Usually, the tenancy agreement is one year with payments made either bi-annually or annually. You are required to notify the landlord about your decision to renew the agreement at least one month prior to its expiration.

Security Deposit

Apart from the rent, a security deposit is also typically paid to the landlord. The amount is generally equivalent to one month's rent. This deposit can be refunded when you move out, provided that the apartment is well maintained.

Clean Service

The cleaning lady in China is called an Ayi, literally "aunty" in Chinese. The clean service is charged per hour and price range is from 35-50 per hour.

Bottled Water

Tap water is not drinkable, you can order 5-gallon drinking water in bottle delivered on an official account on WeChat. You will need to pay a 50 RMB deposit for the bottle the first time.

Heating Fee

Most of the apartments have floor heating system ($>18^{\circ}\text{C}$ 11/15~3/15). You need to pre-pay for it by yourself in the property service office. The heating fee is 5.8 yuan * the size of your apartment * 4 months. It is regulated to pay 30% of the fee even if you do not use the heating.

Property Management Service Fee

The price is generally RMB 1.6~2.2/m² for each month, including the complex security, garbage clearance, elevator running, public area power supply, cleaning and maintenance, etc.

It is important to keep your utility cards topped up on a timely basis. Regularly monitor your meters to avoid unpleasant surprises such as a sudden lack of hot water, or electricity.

Agency Fee

Agency fee is required if you hire an agent to locate the apartment and manage the rental process from the beginning of the lease until its conclusion. The agency fee is usually equivalent to half of the month's rent.



SIM Card

There are three primary cell phone service providers: China Mobile, China Unicom, and China Telecom. Foreign teacher life assistant can help you get a package from these providers including SIM card and internet.

Internet Service

Once you choose the service provider, the engineer will come to your apartment to have the internet installed. It typically takes about 1-2 days.

BANKING

The renminbi (RMB) is the official currency of China, often referred to as "the people's money." Informally, people also use the terms "yuan" or "kuai" to refer to the currency. Paper money is available in denominations of 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1, 0.5 and 0.1 yuan. There are also coins for 1 yuan and 0.5 yuan. To summarize, 1 RMB is equivalent to 1 "yuan" or "kuai," 10 "jiao" or "mao".

WeChat pay and Alipay are the most popular payment methods in China but the cash is still generally accepted. RMB cash services can be obtained through the following four channels.

Bank Outlets

Bank outlets displaying "Currency Exchange" sign can provide you with currency exchange, RMB cash change, and exchange rate query services. A valid ID is often required.

Self-Service Machines (ATM)

You can withdraw RMB cash by inserting your overseas bank cards in ATM, CRS and other self-service machines marked with logos of the corresponding bank card organizations. The upper limit of a single withdrawal is RMB 3,000, which is also subject to the limit of your bank cards.

Foreign Currency Exchange Agencies

You can exchange foreign currency cash for RMB cash at foreign currency exchange agencies, usually located at airport or hotels. Daily limit is the equivalent of RMB 10,000 for each card holder, and annual cumulative limit is the equivalent of RMB 50,000.

Self-Service Currency Exchange Machines

You can exchange foreign currency cash for RMB cash on a self-service currency exchange machine with a valid ID. Daily limit is the equivalent of RMB 5000 for each card holder.

Overseas Remittance Service

School can support you in making overseas money transfers. For more information, you are welcomed to contact school finance department. finance_dept@xalis.com





HEALTH CARE

There are many hospitals and clinics in Xi'an, and you can find them near your compound which is very convenient. Also, Xi'an has a growing number of international medical centers that serve specifically to expatriates and foreigners, here is the list as below:

Xi'an Gaoxin Hospital 西安高新医院

Address: No. 16, Tuanjie Road, Hi tech Zone, Xi'an 西安市团结南路16号

Xi'an International Medical Center Hospital 西安国际医学中心医院

Address: No. 777, Xitai Road, High-tech Zone, Xi'an City 西安高新区西太路777号

Global Doctor 环球医生

Address: Yongli International Financial Center, 8F, JinYe 1st Road, Hi-tech Zone 西安高新锦业一路
永利国际金融中心8层

Before visiting hospitals, it is necessary to contact school Dr. Shanshan. shanshan.chen@xalis.com

And it is important to keep the medical report and invoices.



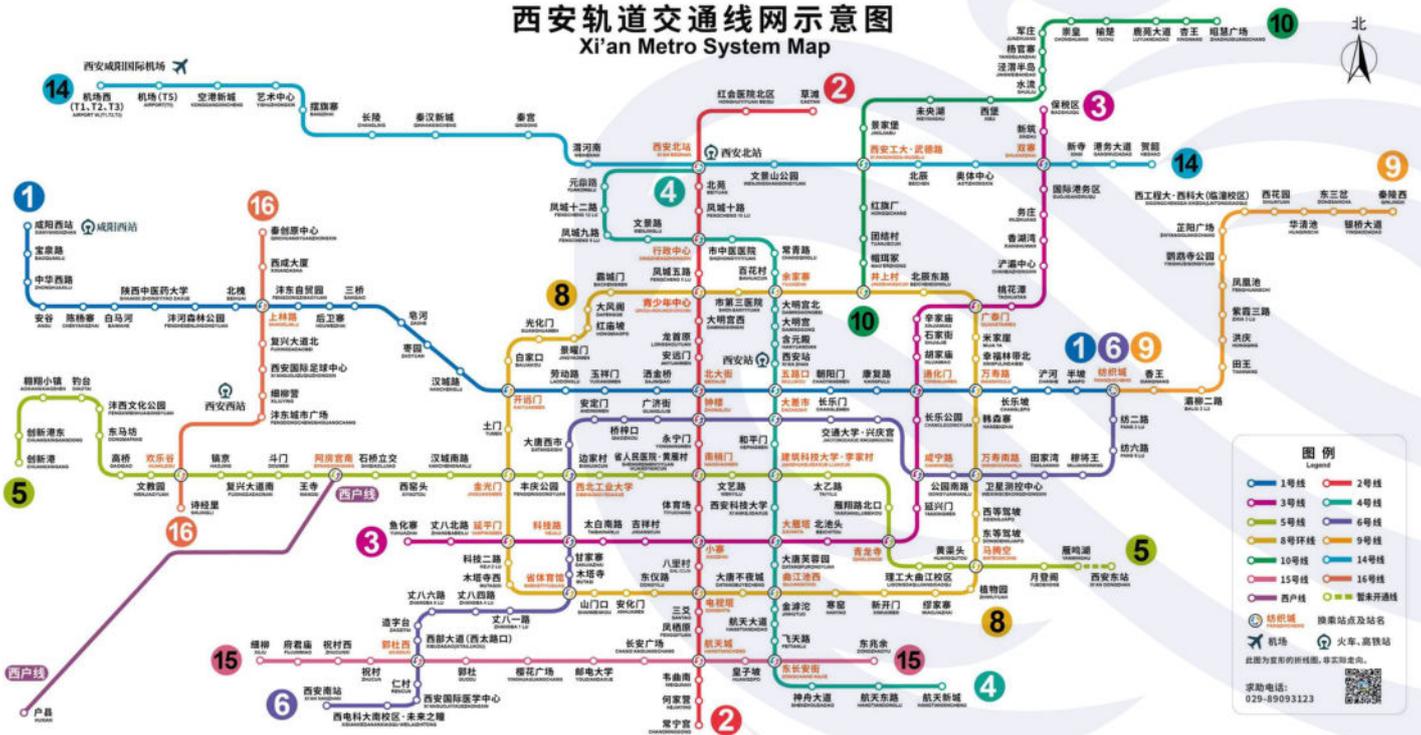
TRANSPORTATION

Metro in Xi'an

Ticket **LINES:** Nowadays, Xi'an metro Line 1, Line 2, Line 3, Line 4, Line 5, Line 6, Line 8, Line 9, Line 10, Line 14 (Airport Line), Line 15 and Line 16 are in service, and the rest lines are still under construction. Signs are in Mandarin and English.

TICKET: Single journey ticket: CNY 2 for the first 6km; CNY 3 for 6-10km; CNY 4 for 10-14km; CNY 5 for 14-20km; CNY 6 for 20-26km. For the distance beyond 26km, extra CNY is needed for every 8km.

西安轨道交通线网示意图
Xi'an Metro System Map



Map of Xi'an Metro

Taxi in Xi'an ▶

Fee: Taxis are a common form of transportation due to their affordable price and ease of use. Minimum fare is 8.5 RMB for the first 2 km and then about 2 RMB per km. At night the minimum fare is slightly higher. Cash and WeChat Wallet can be used to pay for taxis.



Didi in Xi'an ▶

Didi is Chinese version of Uber. You will need to download it to use it and it's also helpful for calling taxi, especially in rainy days.



▶ Bus in Xi'an

There are many buses running a wide variety of routes. Most of the buses' price is 2 RMB. You can also have a 50% discount if you use Metro Card.

Bicycle in Xi'an ▶

Xi'an is a biking-friendly city. There are a lot of colorful shared bicycles that line the streets on either side. You can use Alipay or WeChat to scan the bike to unlock it and then lock it up whenever you reach your destination.



Meituan Shared Bike



Alipay Shared Bike

Driver's License ▶

If you're planning to drive in Xi'an, it's important to note that China does not recognize driver's licenses issued overseas. This means that even if you have a valid driver's license from your home country, you'll still need to take a written test to obtain a Chinese driver's license. Fortunately, you won't need to take a practical driving test. To prepare for the written test, you'll need to undergo a medical checkup and ensure that your driver's license and passport (information page) are properly translated. Additionally, downloading the Laowai Drive Test app can be helpful. The exam (available in many languages) is conducted on a computer system that randomly selects 100 questions, and you'll need to score at least 90 points to pass. If you need assistance navigating this process, you can ask your foreign life assistant for help.



FOOD

Xi'an Cuisine is the representative culinary achievement in northwest China. Because of the abundant use of salt, vinegar, capsicum and garlic, Xi'an dining is in general sour and spicy. There are also some delicious western style restaurants like Italian, French, Indian and Spanish restaurants.



CRUMBLED FLATBREAD IN MUTTON STEW

It is a soup dish that involves torn wheat flour flatbread, mutton, and bean vermicelli.



ROU JIA MO

A kind of Chinese-style hamburger made of flatbread and chopped stewed meat.



LIANGPI

A kind of noodle-like cold dish made of wheat or rice flour. It has various seasonings including special red pepper oil, salt, vinegar, mashed garlic cucumber chips, and bean sprouts.



BIANG BIANG NOODLES

A local traditional dish. The name "biang" mimics the sound made when the thick noodles are slapped against the cooking surface.



SHOPPING

For daily shopping, there are many convenience stores and grocery shops in your neighborhood that can meet your everyday needs. You'll find fresh fruit shops, dairy stores, bakeries, and vegetable shops. Convenience stores usually operate from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM, but some are open 24 hours. Large supermarkets typically open from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

Convenience Stores

7-Eleven is a popular convenience store chain known for its wide variety of snacks, beverages, and ready-to-eat meals. Open 24 hours, it's perfect for quick stops to grab essentials or late-night cravings.

Everyday is a local convenience store that offers a selection of daily necessities, snacks, and fresh items.

Tang Jiu offers a variety of products, including instant meals and beverages, making it a go-to place for quick meals and everyday shopping needs.

Large Supermarkets

YH(Yonghui) is known for its commitment to fresh produce and high-quality food items.

Vanguard provides a diverse range of products, from fresh groceries to household items.

Metro offers a wide range of quality products, including groceries, electronics, and household goods, at competitive prices.

Ole is a premium supermarket chain that emphasizes high-quality and imported goods.

Freshippo offers a wide selection of fresh produce, seafood, meat, and ready-to-eat meals. Customers can shop in-store or order through the Freshippo app for fast delivery.

Appliances And Electronics

Suning is a solid choice for everything from small appliances to larger electronics.

JD Mall is the offline extension of JD.com, offers a wide range of electronic products, home appliances, and lifestyle goods.

Online Shopping

JD.com is known for fast delivery and genuine products, suitable for purchasing electronics and everyday items. Their logistics are very efficient, often offering next-day delivery.

Taobao: A vast marketplace where you can find almost anything you need, ideal for sourcing cost-effective products.





ART

Xi'an boasts a rich artistic scene and art its deeply influenced by its rich historical and cultural heritage. These historical relics not only showcase the city's profound historical roots but also provide a wealth of inspiration for modern artistic creation. Here's a list of places where you can explore the artistic offerings of Xi'an.

Xi'an Art Museum

The Xi'an Art Museum is known for its collection of traditional and contemporary Chinese art. It hosts a variety of exhibitions showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Shaanxi Province Art Museum

The museum focuses on collecting modern and contemporary fine arts and literature from Shaanxi and the western regions of China. It has preliminarily established a comprehensive collection system that includes Chinese painting, oil painting, printmaking, sculpture, calligraphy, and folk art.

Cai Jia Po Art Village

An artistic community situated at the foot of the Qinling Mountains in Xi'an. It has been developed into a cultural hub that blends art with rural revitalization.

Silk Road International Art Festival

An international art festival aimed at promoting exchanges and collaboration among artists from different countries and regions. It attracts artists from around the world to participate, highlighting the charm of multiculturalism and artistic innovation.





EMERGENCY NUMBERS



POLICE: 110

For reporting crimes, suspicious activities, or emergencies requiring police assistance.



FIRE: 119

To report fires or request fire department assistance.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY: 120

For medical emergencies requiring an ambulance or urgent medical help.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: 122

To report traffic accidents or issues on the road.



HELPFUL APPS AND WEBSITES



WeChat-Texting, calling, and video chats via the internet, used by over 1 billion in China, similar to WhatsApp. Many people also use WeChat Pay to manage payments with mobile phone.



Baidu Maps-Copy the address of your destination and paste it to the destinations, and away you go. Within moments you will know how to get to your desired location by metro, taxi, bicycle or foot.



Baidu Translator-A popular Chinese language translation app, users can translate text, voice, and even images.



Didi-The most popular Chinese taxi hailing app. Easy to use, like Uber.



Taobao-The biggest online shopping app where you can buy almost everything you need in your daily life, even the imported goods, like eBay.



Xianease-An English website that you can find restaurants, bars, hotels, and events of interests for your leisure life in Xi'an. <http://www.xianease.com/>.



Qunar-A travel APP to help you book your tickets for flight, train, and hotels.



Alipay-A useful payment APP, especially if you want to buy things on Taobao.



Dianping-Similar to Yelp to help find new restaurants, hundreds of restaurant reviews, including features like showing highly rated restaurants near you.



UU Errand-An online errands and delivery platform for consumers in China.



Meituan-A shopping platform for locally found consumer products and retail services including entertainment, dining, delivery, and other service.



Ctrip-A leading provider of travel services including accommodation reservation, transportation ticketing, packaged tours and corporate travel management.



Baidu-The leading search engine in China. It is known as the Chinese Google.



WeChat Official Account -There are a lot of WeChat official accounts about the life in Xi'an, which will be recommended by Mr. Jun Liang.



STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

There are a lot of interesting places to explore in Xi'an. The staff at XLIS have shared some recommendations based on their extensive experience.

Recommendation-Wholesale Markets

1. Qinggong Wholesale Market 轻工批发市场
2. Yiwu Small Commodities Shopping Market 义乌小商品商城
3. Zhuque agricultural products Wholesale Market 朱雀农产品批发市场
4. Shuyuan Gate cultural street 书院门
5. Jing Kang Tea Cultural Street 金康路茶文化街

Recommendation-Malls

1. Sunshine Mall 阳光天地
2. Capital Outlets 首创奥特莱斯
3. SAGA International Shopping Mall 赛格国际购物中心
4. Joy City Shopping Mall 大悦城
5. Wanda Gaoxin Plaza 高新万达
6. Yitian Holiday Village 益田假日天地高新
7. Zhongda International Shopping Mall 中大国际
8. IKEA 宜家
9. Livat 宜家荟聚

Recommendation-Hiking Places

1. Cuihua Mountain 翠华山
2. South Wutai Mountain 南五台山
3. Lou Guan Tai East 东楼观台

It is essential to note that the area in the South of Huanshan Road (the name of a road) is not accessible to foreigners due to the local police regulations. If you have any concerns or questions about visiting scenic spots in the Qinling Mountains, you are always welcomed to contact School Senior Leader Team or your Life Assistant Jun as well.



Recommendation-Cycling Places

1. Xi'an City Wall 西安城墙
2. Chanba Ecological District Cycling Lane 浐灞生态区绿道
3. Xi'an Greenway 西安绿道

Recommendation-Skiing Resorts

1. Zhaojin International Ski Resort 照金国际滑雪场
2. Bailuyuan Ski Resort 白鹿原滑雪场
3. Cuihua Mountain Ski Resort 翠华山滑雪场
4. Xi'an Bonski Indoor Ski Center 热雪奇迹室内滑雪场

Recommendation -Hot springs spots

1. Lintong Angsana Spa Hot Springs 临潼悦椿温泉
2. Huaqing Aegean Hot Springs 华清爱琴海温泉
3. Taibai Mountain Hot Springs 太白山温泉

Recommendation-Family-friendly

1. Lewa City-Lewa Adventure 乐华城
2. Xi'an Resort of Huaxia cultural Tourism 华夏文旅
3. Qujiang Polar Ocean Park 曲江海洋馆
4. Qingling Four Rare Animals Science Park 秦岭四宝科学公园

Recommendation-Cultural Creative Blocks

1. Old Market Folk Cultural Block 老菜场文化创意街区
2. 3511 Cultural Block 3511文化创意产业园
3. Dahua 1935 - a block in industrial style 大华1935



Fun In Xi'an

1. Enjoy the night view of the Bell Tower.
2. Have a look at the Asia's largest musical fountain at the Dayan Pagoda.
3. Enjoy night view of the Dayan Pagoda on the rooftop of Joy City shopping center.
4. See the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum of Qinshihuang's Mausoleum.
5. Ride on the Xi'an City Wall.
6. Feel the past of Xi'an at Shaanxi History Museum.
7. Admire Chinese calligraphy at Xi'an Beilin Museum.
8. Visit Hanyang Mausoleum and see the sea of ginkgo.
9. Pick cherries in Bailuyuan Highland.
10. Enjoy cherry blossoms at Qinglong Temple.
11. Take a hot spring bath at Huaqing Palace.
12. Enjoy the lotus in the Tang Paradise, an ancient royal garden.
13. Feel the charm of the four treasures of the study at Shuyuan Gate.
14. Visit the Xingqing Park.
15. Hike to the Mountain Huashan.
16. Enjoy cloud sea at Nanwutai Mountain.
17. Have a look at the ginkgo tree planted by emperor Li Shiming at Guanyin Temple.
18. Feel the rich artistic atmosphere at Xi'an Film Studio.
19. Watch shadow puppet play at Gao Family Courtyard.
20. Feel the artistic charm at Shaanxi Province Art Museum.
21. Go to Meibei Lake to admire the picturesque scenery.
22. Take a picture at red wall of Guang'ren Temple.
23. Search for treasures in wholesale market on Kangfu Road.
24. Explore the most beautiful round-the-mountain highway in Lishan Mountain.
25. Take a walk in Chang'an Park.
26. Visit the popular Kuming Lake.
27. Go to Xicang Market.
28. Ride a horse at Guanshan Grassland.
29. Visit Dahua 1935, a block in industrial style.





FAQS ABOUT SETTLEMENT IN XI'AN

How to transport pets to Xi'an?

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Here is a general outline of the process:

a. 60 days before departure,

implant a pet microchip (international standard) and administer the first dose of rabies vaccine at a veterinary hospital.

b. 39 days before departure,

administer the second dose of rabies vaccine and rabies antibody titer test.

c. 1 month before departure,

after obtaining rabies antibody titer test report, apply for a pet health certificate.

d. 3 weeks before departure,

contact the airline to confirm if there are flights that allow pets and if there are available pet spaces.

e. 3-5 days before departure,

obtain an export permit for the pet.

f. 1-2 days before departure,

complete customs declaration and provide pet information.

g. 3-4 hours before departure,

bring the pet to the airport for check-in and complete the necessary procedures for transporting the pet.

Note:

a. Microchip: All pets must have a microchip compatible with international standards.

b. Rabies Vaccinations: Pets must have a rabies vaccination within a year of departure (older than 30 days at the time of travel) and a second rabies vaccine.

c. Rabies Titer Test: A rabies titer test is required for pets from non-approved countries.

d. One Pet per Passport: A strict one pet per passport rule applies if entering China directly.

What kind of power adapter need to bring with?

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Officially, China's electricity supply runs at 220 V and uses angled two- or three-pin plugs. So, make sure you buy or pack an international travel power adapter/converter.

? How to ship the personal packages to Xi'an?

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According to China's relevant policies and regulations, personal packages mailed to China will be sampled by customs randomly. Once the package is selected, the customs will open the package for inspection, the customs will check the contents of the package and estimate the value. If it is less than 1000 yuan, the package will be released normally. If it exceeds 1,000 RMB, you need to declare separately and passport required. If it's not followed, the package will be returned. DHL, EMS, FedEx and Sevenses are highly recommended. Professional shipping company like Sevenses has experience and knowledge of the specific requirements for shipping and will assist you with the entire process including customs clearance.

? What to do if unlike the chosen apartment and want to move out?

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If you need to move out when you arrive but the lease signed, the foreign life assistant will can help you communicate with the landlord to discharge the lease and find another apartment for you, but you will need to pay the default fee and renting agency fee by yourself. While searching for a new accommodation, you have the option to temporarily stay in the school dorm or a hotel.

? How to open a bank account in Xi'an?

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Once you receive the work permit visa, the school finance department will send the copy of your passport and work permit visa to the bank of China for preliminary reviewing. If your application is approved, you will need to visit the bank of China in person with your passport, work visa, foreign experts certificate card, proof of residence, and work contract.

? What are the local customs and etiquette I should be aware of?

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Local people are warm and welcoming but inevitably, moving to the new environment requires a settling period and adjustment to local norms. It's our obligations to follow the local laws and regulations as well as respecting the moral rules and local customs in China.

Being open-minded, patient, polite and modest are highly valued virtues when maintaining positive relationships with the students, colleagues, and wider community. You are always welcomed to contact School Senior Leader Team or your Life Assistant Jun as well for any concerns or questions.



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