Transportation

-Airport and airlines

Tianjin Binhai International Airport

tiān jīn bīn hǎi guó jì jī chǎng 天津滨海国际机场 Add: No. 1, Jichang Dadao, Dongli Dist.

dōng lì qū jī chǎng dà dào 1 hào 东丽区机场大道1号

Tel: 96777

<u>% Tianjin Binhai International Airport Lost and Found Center</u></u>

tiān jīn bīn hǎi guó jì jī chǎng shī wù zhāo lǐng chù 天津滨海国际机场失物招领处 Tel: 24906385

This is the only civil airport in Tianjin, with two terminals: T1 for international flights and T2 for domestic flights.

There are direct airlines between Tianjin and the following cities:

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Singapore	新加坡	Масао	澳门

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bái shān	白山	nán chāng	南昌
bão tóu	包头	nán tōng	南通
cháng chūn	长春	níng bō	宁波
cháng dé	常德	qīng dǎo	青岛
cháng shā	长沙	qí qí hā ěr	齐齐哈尔
cháng zhì	长治	quán zhōu	泉州
chéng dū	成都	sān yà	三亚
chì fēng	赤峰	shàng hăi	上海
chí zhōu	池州	shēn zhèn	深圳
chóng qìng	重庆	shí jiā zhuāng	石家庄
dà lĭ	大理	shí yàn	十堰
dà lián	大连	tài yuán	太原
dà qìng	大庆	tiān shuĭ	天水
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ēn shī	恩施	tōng liáo	通辽
fú zhōu	福州	tóng rén	铜仁
guăng zhōu	广州	Ulanqab	乌兰察布
guì lín	桂林	wàn zhōu	万州
guì yáng	贵阳	wēi hăi	威海
gù yuán	固原	wēn zhōu	温州
hā ěr bīn	哈尔滨	wŭ hàn	武汉

hăi kŏu	海口	wū lǔ mù qí	乌鲁木齐
hăi lā ĕr	海拉尔	xià mén	厦门
háng zhōu	杭州	xī ān	西安
huái ān	淮安	xī níng	西宁
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jiē yáng	揭阳	yān tái	烟台
jìn jiāng	晋江	yí chāng	宜昌
kūn míng	昆明	yín chuān	银川
lán zhōu	兰州	zhèng zhōu	郑州
lì jiāng	丽江	zhōu shān	舟山
lǚ liáng	吕梁	zhū hǎi	珠海

Beijing Capital International Airport

běi jīng shǒu dū guó jì jī chǎng 北京首都国际机场

Add: Jichang Xi Lu, Shunyi Dist., Beijing

běi jīng shì shùn yì qū jī chǎng xī lù 北京市顺义区机场西路

Beijing Daxing International Airport

běi jīng dà xīng guó jì jī chǎng 北京大兴国际机场

Add: At the border of Daxing Dist., Beijing and Guangyang Dist., Langfang, Hebei Province

běi jīng shì dà xīng qū jí hé běi shěng láng fáng shì guǎng yáng qū jiāo jiè chù 北京市大兴区及河北省廊坊市广阳区交界处

-Airport shuttle bus service



市区交通 董格尔

Painting by Dong Ge'er (董格尔)

Tianjin West Railway Station → Beijing Capital International Airport (T1, T2, T3)

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Tianjin West Railway Station Long-distance Bus Station

tiān jīn xī zhàn cháng tú kè yùn zhàn 天津西站长途客运站 Add: No. 2, Xiqing Dao, Hongqiao Dist.

hóng qiáo qū xī qīng dào 2 hào

红桥区西青道2号

Tel: 27320688

Schedule: The bus line is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Opening time to be noticed. Ticket: RMB82/person with a maximum of one piece of luggage and a handbag. Time cost: 2.5-3 hours

Tickets can be purchased 15 days in advance, and your original passport is requested.

Beijing Capital International Airport→ Tianjin West Railway Station

(1) Gate 15, Terminal 2

2 hào háng zhàn lóu chū gǎng dà tīng 15 hào mén 2 号航站楼出港大厅 15 号门

(2) Gate 1, Terminal 3

3 hào háng zhàn lóu chū găng dà tīng 1 hào mén 3 号航站楼出港大厅1号门

Schedule: The bus line is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Opening time to be noticed.

Tel: 010-96158

Tianjin Airport ightarrow Bawangfen (bā wáng fén 八王女) Coach Station, Beijing

Schedule: The bus line is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Opening time to be noticed. Ticket: RMB60/person Time cost: 2 hours

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-Bicycle and bike-sharing.

Tianjin has one of the largest bicycle populations in China. Bicycles have a zero carbon footprint and a convenient way to get around. Most main roads have bicycle lanes, usually you can find bicycle parking areas in major transport and shopping areas. All types of cycles, including mountain and electric bikes can easily be purchased at department stores, supermarkets and specialised stores.

Always remember to secure your bicycle, as bicycle theft is a common occurrence.

Ms. Sophie Olive-Kuipers wrote:

"Bike-sharing in China is quite popular and of course in Tianjin, no exceptions! Those bicycles are the best options for commuting short ways such as from home to the next subway station, to the supermarket down the road. The question is: which bicycle sharing brand or App should it be? Well, the choice needs a little reflection if you do not want to sign with each of them. Just be aware of some criteria. Make sure you choose a brand that offer an adjustable high of the saddle, a brand that can be easily found in your living/working/commuting areas and be aware that some brands offer newer and more comfortable rides than others. "

E-SMART can help you with bike-sharing registration and here are our two recommendations:



Accepts payments via both Alipay and WeChat.

Mobike



Only accepts Alipay.

Hello



-Bus

Bus is the most common mode of public transport. The fare is RMB2/per person. Please prepare the exact change before getting on the bus as there is no conductor.

-Coach

Tianjin City→Jizhou Dist. (jì zhōu qū*蓟州区*)

<u>Tianjin Tongsha Center Bus Station</u> tiān jīn tōng shā zhōng xīn zhàn 天津通莎中心站 Add: North of Tianjin Railway Station, Xinzhao Lu, Hedong Dist. hé dōng qū xīn zhào lù tiān jīn zhàn běi guǎng chǎng 河东区新兆路天津站北广场 Tel: 24426616 Schedule: 06:30-17:30 at 30-40min intervals Tickets: RMB35/person Time costs: 2-3 hours

Tianjin City→Huangyaguan (huáng yá guān 黄崖关) Great Wall

Tianjin Tongsha Center Bus Station

Schedule: 07:00, 10:00, 14:00, 15:00 Tickets: RMB48/person Time costs: 2.5-3 hours

On your way back from Huangyaguan Great Wall, if no coach seat available, you can hire a

taxi at around RMB100 to Jizhou Coach Station (*蓟州汽车站*) where coaches to Tianjin are at 10min intervals.

-Subway

Tianjin Subway

tiān jīn dì tiě 天津地铁 Tel: 60286888 Hours: Mon-Sun: 06:00-23:00, at 5-8min intervals Ticket: RMB2-11/person

Metro	Key stations (destination can be reached with walk-distance)					
Line 1	Xizhan (West Railway Station) Xibeijiao (Wellington Intl. College)		Yingkou Dao (Isetan)			
Line 2	Gulou (Joy City)	Tianjinzhan (Tianjin Railway Station)	Binhai International Airport			
Line 3	Tianjinzhan (Tianjin Railway Station)	Tianta (Water Park and Conrad Hotel)	Nanzhan (South Railway Station)			
Line 5	Wenhuazhongxin (Galaxy mall)	Tianjinbinguan (Marriott Executive Apartments)	Tiyuzhongxin (Water Park)			
Line 6	Xizhan (West Railway Station)	Zhongliuyiyan (E-SMART Office)	Meijianghuizhanzhongxin (Sam's Club)			
Line 9	Tianjinzhan (East Railway Station)	TEDA (TEDA Marriott)	Shiminguangchang (Fraser Place Binhai)			

There are two types of subway cards:

City Card: valid for taking the metro and buses in Tianjin, Beijing, and Hebei province, with no expiry time. The purchasing price of RMB18 is refundable when returning the card at any metro station or bus office. To activate the card a minimum deposit of RMB30 is required. The discount price of actual usage is 5%-10%. Service Hotline: 400-611-7555



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Tianjin Metro Card: only for use on the metro in Tianjin (including Line 9). The purchasing price of RMB10 is refundable when returning the card. To activate the card a minimum deposit of RMB30 is required. The discount price of actual usage is 19%. The card is valid for one year. To return the card, the balance in the card should be less than RMB2.

Service Hotline: 60286888



How to use Tianjin subway APP

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Download

Input "Tianjin di tie" (天津地铁 tiān jīn dì tiě) in your App store or MyApp to download the APP.

Registration

In order to use "Tianjin di tie", you must register it, the following steps will show you how to register,

- Open Tianjin Subway App (as in picture 1).
- Click the "little guy icon" (as in picture 2).
- Click the "little guy icon" (as in picture 3) to login
- Click "免费注册" (as in picture 4) to register for free.
- Input your mobile phone number and then touch the red button to receive a 4-digit verification code. On the third and fourth lines, input your password (At least 8 numbers or letters). (as in picture 5)
- Input your mobile phone number and password to login. (as in picture 6)

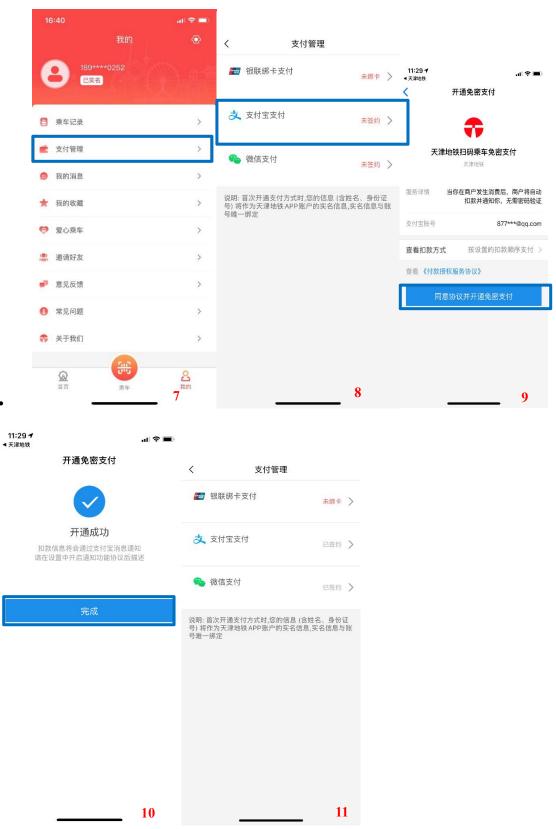
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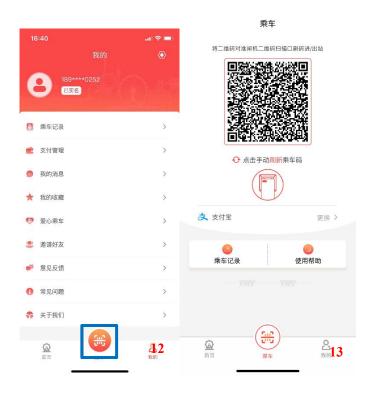
Payment set up – Attaching WeChat/Alipay/bank card

- Open Tianjin Subway App (as in picture 1).
- Click "支付管理" (as in picture 7) to set up your payment.
- The first one is paying with your bank card, the second one is Alipay, the third one is WeChat. (attaching any one of them will work) To make it easier, we recommend WeChat or Alipay. Then the setup is done. (as in picture 8)

• For example, click the Alipay (as in picture 8), then click "同意协议并开通免密支付" to agree to the agreement and the payment with no need password. (as in picture 9) and click "完成" to finish. (as in picture 10) When your mobile shows picture 11, it means it's successful.



- Click "乘车" (as in picture 12) to show your QR Code.
- Let your mobile keep this interface (as in picture 13) and show your QR Code to the subway gate machine. You will hear a sound of "Di" when the machine recognizes the QR Code. And then you can pass. When you get off, you also need to show the QR Code again to pass.



-Taxi

Accredited taxis in Tianjin have license number plates starting with an	"E "	and 5 digits.
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If the driving speed is lower than 12km/hr, an additional charge per km will be added for every 3 minutes of the distance travelled at a rate of RMB2.2 for vehicles with engine size 1.6L or smaller and RMB2.5 for bigger engines

<u>Use</u>

Limousine services can be hired on a daily, monthly or annual basis from taxi companies or hotels. The available car brands are: Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Buick, VW Passat, etc.

Tianjin Hongcheng Vehicle Rental Co., Ltd.

tiān jīn hóng chéng qì chē zū lìn yǒu xiàn gōng sī 天津弘程汽车租赁有限公司 Add: Rm. 1208, Building 8, Dongshezhai, Xiangjiang Dao, Hexi Dist. hé xī qū xiāng jiāng dào dōng shě zhái 8 hào lóu 1208 shì 河西区湘江道东舍宅 8 号楼 1208 室 Tel: 28268689, 13820459046 (Ms. Stella Zhang) Hours: Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:30

Yilong Passenger Transportation Co., Ltd.

yì lóng kè yùn yǒu xiàn gōng sī 翊龙客运有限公司 Add: No. 7, Tingjiang Lu, Beichen Dist. běi chén qū tīng jiāng lù 7 hào 北辰区汀江路 7 号 Tel: 26578986, 400-000-0676 Hours: Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00

How to download and use Taxi "DiDi"



"DiDi" is a popular App for hiring taxis and private cars. There is an English version for Tianjin City.

-To download, input "DiDi" or "didi"(滴滴 dī dī) on your App Store or Myapp. (as in picture 1)

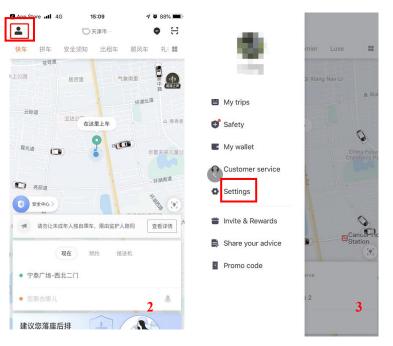
If your foreign account does not support you to download, please temporarily use a local account to download.



-To get English version, click the "little guy icon" (as in picture 2) on left top of the screen, and then go four steps to set it up.

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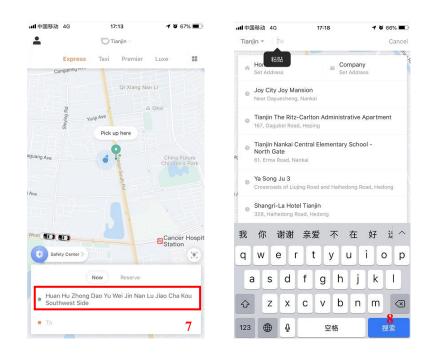
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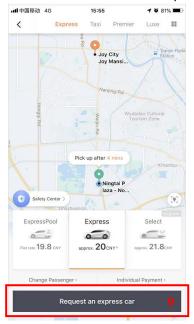
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-To hire a DiDi taxi, firstly you need to pin your address of pick-up on the map (as in picture 7). To make it easier, always choose two roads crossing.



-Then input your destination. Copy paste Chinese name of your frequent places can be a good idea (as in picture 8).

-In Tianjin, you can select Express private car, Taxi or Premier private car. Express car is default and there are three prices options: Express pool, Express and Select (as in picture 9).



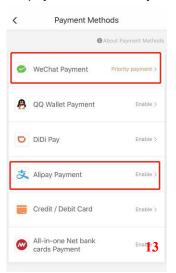
-For pick-up, the phone screen shows the driver's surname, the car's license number and color, as well as options of interaction (as in picture 10).

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-Most drivers cannot speak English. So you can choose the sentences in "Message" to communicate instead of phone call talks (as in picture 11 and 12).

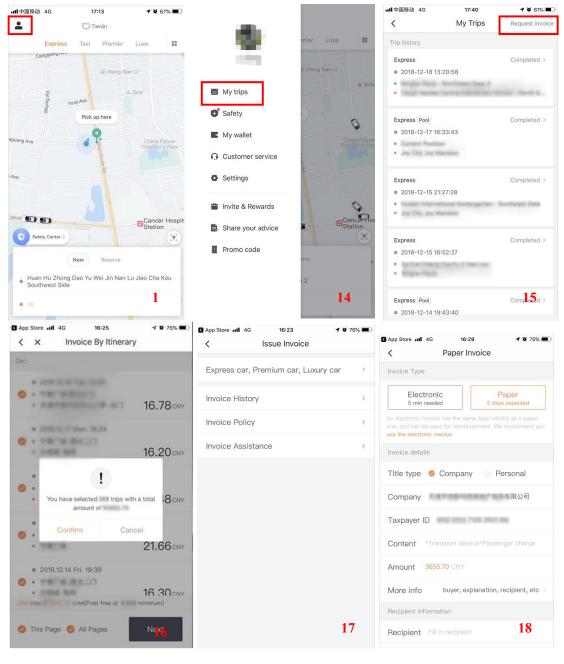


-To pay the bill, although Visa card is an option, we still recommend you to use WeChat or Alipay connected with your local bank account (as in picture 13).



-To get the invoice, click the "little guy icon" (as in picture 1) on left top of the screen, then go five steps to get it (as in picture 14-18).

My trips \rightarrow Request invoice \rightarrow Issue Invoice \rightarrow Invoice By Itinerary \rightarrow E-invoice or paper invoice



-Train

There are train connection services between Tianjin and all the major Chinese cities/towns.

There are four passenger railway stations in Tianjin, and their service hotline is: 010-12306, 95105105

Tianjin North Railway Station

tiān jīn běi zhàn 天津北站 Add: Zhongshan Lu, Hebei Dist. hé běi qū zhōng shān lù 河北区中山路 Tel: 26181162 Distance from Ao Cheng: 21km; from Meijiang: 20km; from Ritz-Carlton: 7km. 280 meters from Exit A, Beizhan Station, Subway Line 3 and 6. Tianjin Railway Station / East Station (main station)

tiān jīn zhàn/dōng zhàn

天津站/东站

Add: No. 1, Xinwei Lu, Hebei Dist. hé běi qū xīn wěi lù 1 hào 河北区新纬路1号

Tel: 26193702 Distance from Ao Cheng: 11km; from Meijiang: 14km;

from Ritz-Carlton: 3km.

300 meters from Exit 6, Tianjinzhan Station, Subway Line 2, 3 and 9.

Tianjin South Railway Station

tiān jīn nán zhàn 天津南站 Add: Fengze Dao, Zhangjiawo Town, Xiqing Dist. xī qīng qū zhāng jiā wō zhèn fēng zé dào 西青区张家窝镇丰泽道 Tel: 18002065615 Distance from Ao Cheng: 16km; from Meijiang: 22km; from Ritz-Carlton: 20km. 480 meters from Exit C, Nanzhan Station, Subway Line 3.

Tianjin West Railway Station

tiān jīn xī zhàn 天津西站 Add: Between Ziya River and South Canal, Hongqiao Dist. hóng qiáo qū zǐ yá hé yǔ nán yùn hé zhī jiān 红桥区子牙河与南运河之间

Tel: 18002065616

Distance from Ao Cheng: 17km;

from Meijiang: 23km;

from Ritz-Carlton: 9km.

410 meters from Exit D, Xizhan Station, Subway Line 1, 5 and 6.

The first intercity train between Beijing South Railway Station and Tianjin Railway Station started on August 1, 2008 and it shortened the 120km journey to about 30 mins.

TIANJIN→BEIJING						
Train No.	Departure	Train No.	Departure			
C2608	05:50	C2646	14:59			
C2002	06:05	C2048	15:13			
C2610	06:09	C2648	15:19			
C2202	06:16	C2578	15:28			
C2614	06:31	C2220	15:33			
C2004	06:38	C2050	15:45			
C2204	06:43	C2052	16:07			
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C2552	07:04	C2056	16:17			
C2618	07:14	C2058	16:22			
C2206	07:20	C2650	16:26			
C2008	07:48	C2060	16:38			
C2554	07:53	C2652	16:46			
C2622	07:58	C2222	17:10			
C2010	08:05	C2580	17:22			
C2208	08:23	C2658	17:26			
C2624	08:34	C2582	17:35			
C2556	08:42	C2660	17:41			
C2014	08:47	C2224	17:59			
C2558	08:57	C2226	18:10			
C2016	09:09	C2662	18:20			
C2018	09:14	C2062	18:32			
C2626	09:19	C2584	18:43			
C2628	09:27	C2064	18:55			
C2020	09:36	C2586	19:00			
C2022	09:46	C2066	19:09			
C2560	09:55	C2068	19:16			
C2630	10:05	C2664	19:22			
C2210	10:12	C2666	19:32			
C2024	10:30	C2588	19:40			

Here is the Train Schedule between Tianjin and Beijing:

C2562	10:35	C2070	19:49
C2026	10:50	C2590	19:55
C2564	10:56	C2668	20:00
C2028	11:02	C2670	20:05
C2030	11:08	C2072	20:13
C2212	11:13	C2074	20:18
C2634	11:51	C2076	20:33
C2032	11:58	C2592	20:38
C2034	12:03	C2228	20:43
C2036	12:08	C2078	21:00
C2638	12:19	C2080	21:05
C2038	12:33	C2594	21:10
C2568	12:38	C2672	21:20
C2214	12:49	C2674	21:25
C2570	13.02	C2678	21:30
C2216	13:07	C2230	21:36
C2572	13:19	C2082	21:48
C2640	13:38	C2084	21:53
C2040	13:45	C2596	21:58
C2218	13:51	C2086	22:29
C2642	14:02	C2088	22:34
C2042	14:09	C2090	22:39
C2044	14:14		
C2574	14:19		
C2576	14:24		
C2644	14:35		
C2046	14:51		

BEIJING→TIANJIN			
Train No.	Departure	Train No.	Departure
C2551	06:02	C2631	15:30
C2553	06:07	C2629	15:35
C2201	06:22	C2215	15:43
C2555	06:48	C2057	16:00
C2003	06:53	C2633	16:05
C2005	06:58	C2635	16:10
C2557	07:10	C2583	16:17
C2009	07:27	C2585	16:32
C2605	07:37	C2637	16:49
C2203	07:43	C2059	17:10

C2559	08:10	C2587	17:15
C2011	08:20	C2061	17:20
C2013	08:25	C2639	17:31
C2561	08:42	C2217	17:37
C2015	08:47	C2641	17:49
C2205	08:52	C2063	18:00
C2563	09:04	C2589	18:05
C2017	09:23	C2065	18:17
C2019	09:28	C2067	18:22
C2565	09:36	C2643	18:27
C2567	09:46	C2645	18:32
C2207	09:51	C2219	18:37
C2021	10:08	C2647	18:49
C2023	10:13	C2649	18:54
C2025	10:18	C2591	19:07
C2613	10:23	C2069	19:12
C2569	10:29	C2221	19:22
C2571	10:39	C2071	19:37
C2615	10:51	C2593	19:51
C2209	10:56	C2073	19:56
C2027	11:08	C2075	20:06
C2029	11:21	C2223	20:11
C2617	11:26	C2651	20:23
C2573	11:40	C2653	20:28
C2031	11:45	C2655	20:33
C2575	11:50	C2077	20:50
C2033	12:02	C2079	20:55
C2211	12:10	C2081	21:00
C2619	12:26	C2657	21:10

C2035	12:40	C2659	21:15
C2037	12:45	C2671	21:22
C2577	12:50	C2595	21:27
C2621	13:10	C2597	21:39
C2039	13:17	C2083	21:44
C2041	13:22	C2085	21:49
C2623	13:41	C2087	21:54
C2579	13:47	C2661	22:04
C2043	14:02	C2663	22:09
C2625	14:07	C2089	22:20
C2045	14:17	C2091	22:26
C2627	14:22	C2093	22:31

C2047	14:42	C2665	22:36
C2581	14:51	C2667	22:41
C2049	14:56	C2669	22:46
C2051	15:03		
C2053	15:08		
C2213	15:13		
C2055	15:25		

Note:

- ☆ Ticket price: RMB93.5 (Business class), RMB65.5 (1st class), RMB54.5 (2nd class)
- ☆ The intercity high-speed train runs between 05:50-22:46 from Tianjin to Beijing South Railway Station and 06:01-23:05 from Beijing South Railway Station to Tianjin.
- The train number starting with "C" means "City" and it arrives at the Tianjin Railway Station. The train number starting with "G" means "Gao Tie" (high-speed rail) and it usually arrives at the Tianjin West Railway Station or Tianjin South Railway Station.
- ☆ If booking a train ticket on line (C-trip), please go to the special window with the sign "PICK UP TICKET" for collection, and do not line up in other queues.
- "CRBE card (China Railway and Banking Express pay)" is available for frequent-commuters since mid of 2012. This card can be bought at Tianjin Railway Station and Tianjin West Railway Station. Service Hotline: 400-836-8368.
- ☆ If you do not need a paper ticket, you may book a ticket on the APP of "12306" (official APP of China Railway, both in Chinese and English) and get a QR cord for scanning and boarding.
- \Rightarrow Passport or an ID card must be presented when boarding.
- ☆ Boarding announcements are broadcasted in both Chinese and English and Accessible Elevator (barrier-free passage) are available.
- \Rightarrow The schedule listed above are subject to changes made by the railway company.



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12306, official APP of China Railway

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The Official English site:

https://www.12306.cn/en/index.html

It offers services including purchase, endorsement, refund of tickets and change of destination for tickets.

Services are provided on 12306.cn from 06:00 to 23:30 every day.

Tickets are displayed and transacted at RMB prices. Domestic payment can be made through major banks' UnionPay, Alipay and WeChat. International card payments (VISA、 MasterCard、 JCB、 Diners) are completed through the Bank of China.

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Our First Trip to Beijing from Tianjin by Train

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It was a great and very uncomplicated experience. I would therefore like to describe it briefly. We started with the Didi and led directly to the main station. There we were checked at the beginning and our luggage was checked like at an airport. So a little tip, inquire what you are allowed to take with you or not. After that we went to the ticket counter and got our pre-booked tickets with our passports. It worked great with the help of the mobile phone translator.

Afterwards we went through another check and were able to start the way to the railway tracks. Since we do not have a Chinese ID card, we used the outer row to show the passport and ticket to get to the tracks. It is very well signposted. We were quickly in place and waited less than 10 minutes then a green lamp lit up at the entrance to the track and a friendly lady showed us to come to her with a hand signal and checked our the passports and tickets. Then we followed the other people to the track found our compartment very simple and stowed the luggage and took a seat. The ladies of the staff checked the luggage to see if it was stored well and safely and that everyone was sitting safely. Then after a short time we started. It took barely 30 minutes and it was a very comfortable ride.

Arriving in Beijing at the South Train Station, we got off and went to the Subway Station. Because you can continue directly from there with the subway. That worked well, too. We found overview plans and if we had a question we could get help with the phone translator. The people were helpful and very polite. We enjoyed our days in Beijing and became more and more confident in the use of the subway.

The return journey by train to Tianjin worked just as well. We had pre-booked tickets, but wanted to go back earlier, which is no problem at all, as a train returns every 25 minutes. We went to the counter and a helpful guy changed our tickets to the earlier time. We got new tickets and didn't have to pay more! No problem arriving in Tianjin. We found that it was very easy to use these means of transport.

We are happy for the experience. We will do that again.