

## The World Forum for FDI Need to Know

### Time Zone:

The time in China, including Shanghai, follows a single standard time offset of UTC+08:00, which is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

### Climate:

Shanghai weather in May is generally warm. Daytime and nighttime temperatures can vary greatly, the average temperatures are a high of 23 °C (73 °F) and a low of 16 °C (60 °F).

### Language:

Mandarin (now called "Traditional Chinese") is the official language in Shanghai and throughout Mainland China. Regional dialects are spoken in different areas across China, and in Shanghai, you'll hear people speaking Shanghainese.

In Shanghai, street signs are in Simplified Chinese characters and in English. Shanghai is a big, cosmopolitan city, but most people you see on the street do not speak English.

### Health & Vaccinations:

Vaccinations are not required for a trip to China.

Prior to travel, please double check the requirements with your doctor. A Yellow Fever certificate is required if arriving from infected areas.

Purified bottled water is widely available. You should avoid drinking water from the taps in China.

### Visa & Passport Requirements:

Passports should be valid for at least six (6) months from date of entry. A visa is required for most nationalities and needs to be arranged in advance through your local Chinese embassy. We have partnered with CIBTvisas to offer discounted visas. Please visit <http://cibtvisas.com/conway> for more information or to start the visa process.

### Currency in China:

The official currency in China is the Renminbi (RMB or CNY) or in Chinese "Ren-min-bi". The basic unit is the yuan (¥).

The Royal Meridien Shanghai has a currency convertor in the lobby of the hotel.

### Electricity in China:

The electricity in China is generally 220V, 50HZ, AC.

When you travel to China and wish to bring electric devices for use during your stay, a transformer is needed, which can be bought inexpensively in your home country or in China. Our Host Hotel, the Le Royal Meridien, has both 110V and 220V electrical outlets next to the desks in the rooms and in the bathrooms.

### Chinese standard socket



### Transportation / Taxi:

You will want to carry small bills when riding in a taxi. We also recommend getting a "hotel card" from the concierge before leaving the hotel on your own, as most drivers do not speak English. The hotel card should contain the address of your destination and your hotel in both English and Chinese, and can be handed to your taxi driver when you wish to return to the hotel. Someone from the hotel will assist in translating your destination for your driver when you leave.

### Shanghai Airports:

Pudong International Airport (airport code: PVG) S1 Yingbin Expy, Pudong Xinqu, Shanghai Shi, China, 201202	Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport (airport code: SHA) China, Shanghai, Changning Qu, 虹桥路2550号 邮政编码: 200335
Travel Distance to Host Hotel: Approximately 47 km/29 miles	Travel Distance to Host Hotel: Approximately 20.0 km/12 miles

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### SkyTeam:

SkyTeam, a global alliance of 20 world-class carriers, is our preferred airline partner. Please book your flight directly according to the information below in order to receive an exclusive discount of up to 15% off.

Directly: <http://res.skyteam.com/Search/promoDefault.aspx?vendor=sky&promocode=3538S>

Or by entering our Event Code which is **3538S** in the "Attend a Global Meeting" field at [www.skyteam.com/globalmeetings](http://www.skyteam.com/globalmeetings)

### Airport Transfer Information:

If you wish to book a private car service for airport transfer, you can do so directly with the Royal Meridien Shanghai via email or by calling them directly.

You can also take a taxi directly from the airport upon arrival. There should be an English-speaking representative at the airport taxi queue to assist, but we do advise that you print your hotel information (in Mandarin Chinese and English) prior to your flight to Shanghai.

The address of the host hotel (Le Royal Meridien Shanghai) in Mandarin Chinese is: **中国, 上海, 上海, 南京东路 789 号, 邮政编码 200001**

### Hotel Information:

Le Royal Méridien Shanghai  
789 Nanjing Road East Shanghai  
Shanghai 200001 China  
Phone: (86)(21) 3318 9999

Check in time: 2:00 PM

Check out time: 12:00 PM

Please use the following link to book your room at a discounted rate of ¥1,300.00 (US\$195.00) per night:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1701204834&key=DE44900>

### Hotel Parking:

The hotel provides self-parking for a fee while valet-parking service is included in the nightly room rate. A height restriction of 2 metres applies. Day guests can enjoy hourly parking rates of 20 CNY.

### Gratuities:

In Mainland China, tipping or gratuities are not common practice in most sectors of life, although it has become standard to tip tour guides, drivers and hotel bellboy in recognition of their good service.

### Emergency Numbers in China:

- Dial 110 to call the police
- Dial 120 to call the ambulance