

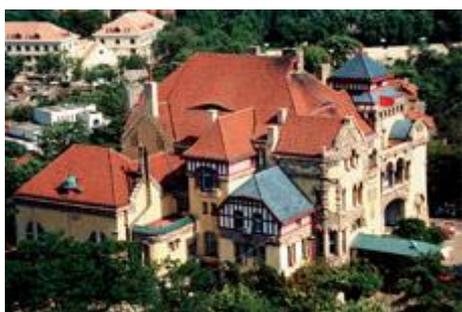
The Beautiful City of Qingdao

Qingdao, a beautiful seaside city, is located on the west coast of the Pacific Ocean and at the southern tip of the Shandong Peninsula, China. The city is bordered on the south and east by the Yellow Sea and on the north and west by the inland.



Qingdao has rich historic and cultural heritage. It is one of the cradles of Chinese Taoism. Human settlement dates back to 5,000—6,000 years ago, which has left us with the rich and colourful Neolithic culture. There' re two national historical streets and 144 cultural heritage sites under national, provincial or municipal protection in the city. It has been awarded Cultural City of East Asia. The China International Children' s Film Festival,

China International Violin Competition and China Film Society of Performing Art Award Ceremony are held in Qingdao and the Oriental Movie Metropolis of Wanda Group is also being built here. Therefore, Qingdao is reputed as the "City of Film & TV" and "Island of Music" .



The red roofs, green trees, blue sea, and azure sky form a bright and colorful picture of Qingdao. The city is sometimes known as the Switzerland of the Orient.

Surrounded by the sea on three sides, Qingdao attracts many tourists with its charming seascape. Sights like the Eight Passes Villas, the Zhan Bridge, Wusi Square, Mt. Laoshan, will help you remember Qingdao. Just walking on the sand and listening to the surf breaking on the beach becomes enjoyable.

Qingdao offers food with distinctive flavors--especially seafood. So take this chance to enjoy the delicious seafood of Qingdao. Also, Qingdao is the home of the famous Qingdao (Tsingtao) Beer.

Have a bottle of pure Qingdao Beer right here in Qingdao!



Qingdao is an important Olympic city and China' s Sailing City. The city hosted the sailing events for the 29th Beijing Olympic Games and the 13th Paralympic Games in 2008. Afterwards, the Volvo Ocean Race, Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and ISAF Sailing World Cup were also held here in succession. Meanwhile, the International Sailing Week is an annual event in August.