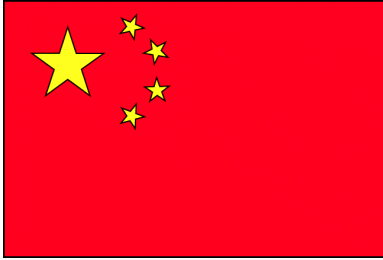




CHINA



Map of China



Chinese Flag

FAST FACTS

OFFICIAL NAME: People's Republic of China
 FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Communist state
 CAPITAL: Beijing (Peking)
 POPULATION: 1,355,692,576
 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: Standard Chinese, Mandarin
 MONEY: Yuan (or renminbi)
 AREA: 9,596,960 square kilometers
 MAJOR MOUNTAIN RANGES: Himalaya
 MAJOR RIVERS: Yangtze, Yellow

GEOGRAPHY

China is a large country of the continent of Asia. It has **mountains, plateaus, deserts, and forests**. The tallest mountain on Earth, Mount Everest, is in China and Nepal. China has thousands of **rivers**. The Yangtze and the Yellow Rivers are the most important.

mountains – montañas
plateaus – mesetas
deserts – desiertos
forests – bosques
rivers – ríos



NATURE













China has many climates that are home to hundreds of animals and plants.

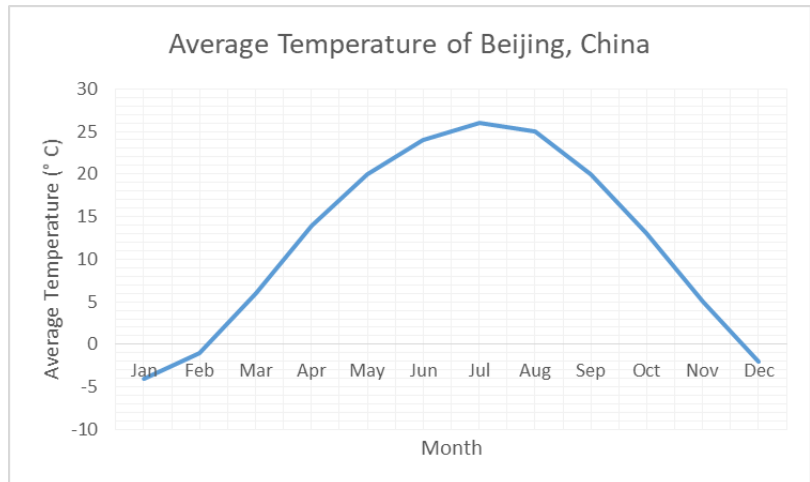
China's wildlife is threatened by clear-cutting, and growing deserts. The Chinese government has created more than 1,200 nature parks to protect plant and animal species.

The [giant panda](#) lives in the misty mountains of southwest China.

threatened – amenazado
clear-cutting – cortar a hecho
Growing – creciente
Created – creado
Protect – proteger

Lives – vive
Misty – brumoso

Month	Average Temperature (° C)	Weather
Jan	-4	
Feb	-1	
Mar	6	
Apr	14	
May	20	
Jun	24	
Jul	26	
Aug	25	
Sep	20	
Oct	13	
Nov	5	
Dec	-2	



PEOPLE & CULTURE

With a population of 1.3 billion, China has **more** people than **any** country on Earth.

Arts and crafts have a long history in China. Thousands of years ago the Chinese were some of the first people to use **silk**, jade, **bronze**, and **paper** to make art.

HISTORY

China is one of the world's **oldest civilizations**. Chinese history is in **dynasties**, each is ruled by an **emperor** family. The first **empire** was the Qin dynasty and began in 221 B.C.

Ancient China was a land of **invention**. The Chinese **invented** paper, the **magnetic compass**, **porcelain**, and **gunpowder**, among other things.

*more – más
any – alguna*

*arts and crafts –
artes y manualidades*

*silk – seda
bronze – bronce
paper – papel*

*oldest – más antiguo
civilizations – civilizaciones
dynasties – dinastías
emperor – emperador
empire – imperio*

*ancient – antiguo
invention – invención
invented – inventado
magnetic compass – brújula
porcelain – porcelana
gunpowder – pólvora*

