


# Must-Have Apps



## Amazon



- Search "CHINA SIM CARD" on Amazon
- Get a Chinese phone number for local services to call hotels and taxi drivers, etc.
- Not an app. but a must-have to be able to use the apps below in China.



## Surfshark

- Unlimited devices per account
- Great for beginners: clean interface
- Includes ad blocker & rotating IP
- Works well in restrictive regions like China



## Microsoft Translator

- Works offline with downloaded language packs (Android only).
- Supports text, voice, and image translation (camera scan).
- Clean app design, integrates with Microsoft apps (Word, Teams)



## Amap

- Newly released English version in January 2025!
- Excellent for navigating China
- Real-time data for public transport, traffic, ride-hailing, biking
- Super accurate for local restaurants, small shops



## DiDi

- Equivalent of uber. Great for tourists who don't speak Chinese.
- Transparent Pricing & can link with US credit card
- Works in major cities like Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an

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## Alipay

- You don't need to go through identity check.
- Just need your US phone number to register.

### Download & Set Up Alipay

- Download Alipay from App Store.
- Open & select "Sign Up".
- Choose "International Version" if prompted.
- Enter your phone number (U.S. or any international number).
- Verify your number via the SMS code.

### Access Alipay Pay

- Go to "Me" at bottom right corner
- Click "Bank card"
- Add credit card information

### How to use

- Simply scan the QR code to pay in China.
- Use the credit card with no foreign transaction fees.
- **No identity verification** needed if you spend < \$2,000 total.
- If verification is required, you just upload a photo of your passport.

## Wechat



- China's most popular messaging app with over 1.3 billion users!
- Just need your US phone number to register.

### Download & Set Up WeChat

- Download WeChat App
- Sign up with your phone number and verify your account.

### Access WeChat Pay

- Go to "Me" (bottom right corner of the WeChat app).
- Tap "Services" (or "Wallet") – If you don't see it, change your region to China in WeChat settings.

### Link a Payment

- Go to Me > Services (or Wallet) > Cards
- Tap "Add a Card"
- Enter your card details and billing information

### Verify Your Identity

- WeChat may ask for passport information for security purposes.

### Tips of using the apps:

Scan QR codes to pay. It works EVERYWHERE! Public transportation, local street food, hotels, shopping, taxi, you name it!