Packing Checklist

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Documents & Money

- Passport
- Copies of passport, and itinerary (digital & physical)
- Chinese cash (not necessary, can exchange it at the airport after arrival)
- Credit/debit card (ensure international usage is enabled)

Health & Toiletries

- Prescription medication
 Basic first aid kit (painkillers, band-aids, etc.)
- Travel-size toiletries (some hotels may not provide essentials)
- Hand sanitizer & tissues (some public restrooms may lack supplies)

Tech & Connectivity

- Unlocked phone (for local SIM/eSIM)
- Chinese SIM card with a local phone number (can be purchased on Amazon before your trip).
- Portable power bank
- Universal travel adapter (China uses Type A, C, and I plugs)
- Cellphone charger

Miscellaneous

Download listed apps before the trip:

- -VPN (I suggest Surfshark)
- Translator (Microsoft Translator or Apple Translate)
- -Amap (Must have! Real time navigation)
- -Wechat (link the credit card)
- -Alipay (link the credit card)
- -DiDi (link the credit card)



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Outfit Plan

- Underwear & socks
- Cover-ups Lightweight daywear (shorts, t-shirts, tank tops)
- Evening wear (casual dresses, light shirts) Sandals/flip-flops
- Hat and sunglasses
- Lightweight jacket or sweater for cooler evenings

Skin Care

- Broad-spectrum sunscreen(SPF 30 or higher)
- After-sun lotion or aloe vera gel
- Lip balm with SPF
- Waterproof makeup (optional)
- Face mist to stay hydrated
- Insect repellent

Essentials:

- Towel or blanket
- Reusable water bottle
- Snacks
- Umbrella
- Books or e-reader
- Underwater/waterproof camera or camera protection
- Small backpack for day trip

Packing can feel stressful. but in the end. you really just need three things: your passport, your phone, and credit card.