

Chengde : City Guide

Hebei Province : Chengde

An 18th century imperial resort in Hebei Province; 255km from Beijing; ideal place to escape from the heat of summer and characterized by the remnants of the largest regal gardens in China.

Location: located between north latitude 4011'-4240' and east longitude 11554' - 11915' in the northeast of the Hebei province, the hinterland of Yanshan Mountain Chain; 435 kilometers away from its provincial capital, Shijiazhuang, 256 kilometers from Beijing

Neighboring Areas: Beijing and Tianjin Municipalities; Shandong, Henan, Shanxi, and Liaoning provinces; Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Physical Feature: consisted of two type of landforms: plateau and hilly area; with the specified three-dimensional land resource; being surrounded by mountains

Population: 3.53 million
Urban Population: 0.20 million
Area: 40,000 sq km

Nationalities: Han, Hui, Manchu, Mongolian and Korean

History: a famous cultural city with about 300 years history; used to be the second political center in the Qing dynasty, with the largest extant royal garden in China; commonly called as "Rehe", for the sake of having the ever flowing and unfrozen spring here; used to be the provincial capital of Rehe province in 1928

Climatic Features: temperate continental monsoon and hilly area climate; four seasons clearly; cold winters without cold current; cool summers without hot period; with enough sunshine of 2000 hours annually and frost-free period of 110-220 days

Average Temperature: 4-13C annually
Rainfall: annual precipitation 800 mm

Mountains: Mt. Luohanshan, Mt. Tianqiaoshan, Mt. Jiguanshan, Mt. Shuangtashan, Mt. Yuanbaoshan, Mt. Wulingshan, the Yanshan Mountain Chain

Rivers: Luanhe River, Beisanhe River, Liaohe River, Dalinghe River, Wuliehe River, Chenghu Lake, Ruyihu Lake, Jinghu Lake

Local Highlights: Hebeibangzi, Pingju Drama