

## WHO TRAVEL ADVISORY CHINA

**Capital:** Beijing

**Altitude:** 60 m

**Yellow fever:** A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers coming from infected areas.

**Malaria:** Malaria risk—including *P. falciparum* malaria—occurs in Hainan and Yunnan.

Multidrug-resistant *P. falciparum* has been reported. Risk of *P. vivax* malaria exists in Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, Sichuan, Xizang (only along the valley of the Zangbo river in the extreme south-east) and Yunnan. Very low malaria risk (*P. vivax* only) exists in Anhui, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi and Shandong. The risk may be higher in areas of focal outbreaks.

Where transmission exists, it occurs only in remote rural communities below 1500 m: from July to November north of latitude 33°N, from May to December between 33°N and 25°N, and throughout the year south of 25°N. There is no malaria risk in urban areas nor in the densely populated plain areas.

In general, tourists do not need to take malaria prophylaxis unless they plan to stay in remote rural areas in the provinces listed above.

Recommended prophylaxis in risk areas:  
chloroquine; in Hainan and Yunnan, mefloquine.