

4. Local Information

4.1 Transportation

Airport Transfer in Beijing

Coming out of the terminal gate, you could choose one from the following airport transfer services:

Taking taxi

Following the sign and coming straight to the official taxi area where is the correct and only good place to take a taxi. There is a taxi sign on the roof of official taxis.

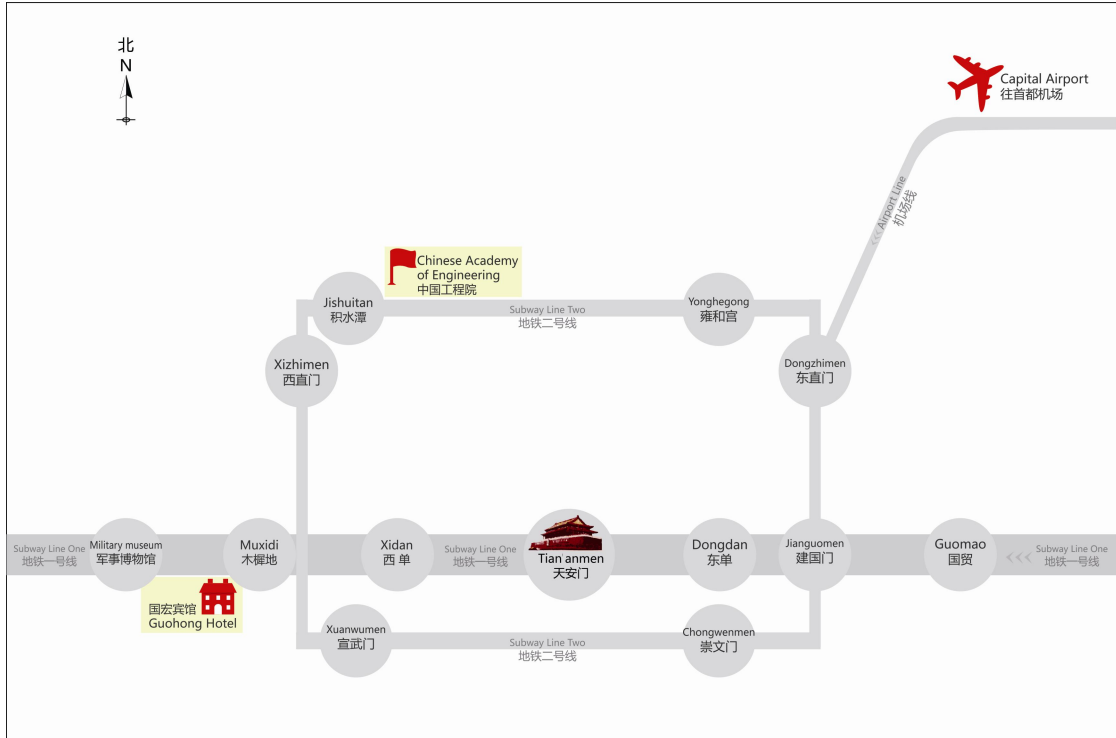
The distance between the airport and the Guohong hotel you are going to stay is 35 kilometers, and it takes about 40 minutes by taxi. The fare is approximately 130 RMB Yuan.

Please be advised to keep the address card of your hotel, preferably written in Chinese, and show it to the taxi driver. Most of the drivers are not able to speak English. Your address in Chinese is very much helpful.

Beijing Capital International Airport Shuttle Bus

Taking shuttle bus, you should go out of the Hall No 5, and then find the Bus Ticket Selling Desk where some coaches will be waiting outside. There are totally 6 bus lines. Please be sure where you are going to and choose the right line. It costs about RMB 16 Yuan (USD2). If you are not quite clear about the distance between your hotel and the bus terminal downtown, it is suggested that shuttle bus to the Aviation Building in the downtown be taken and then followed by taking a taxi to your hotel.

Map of Beijing City

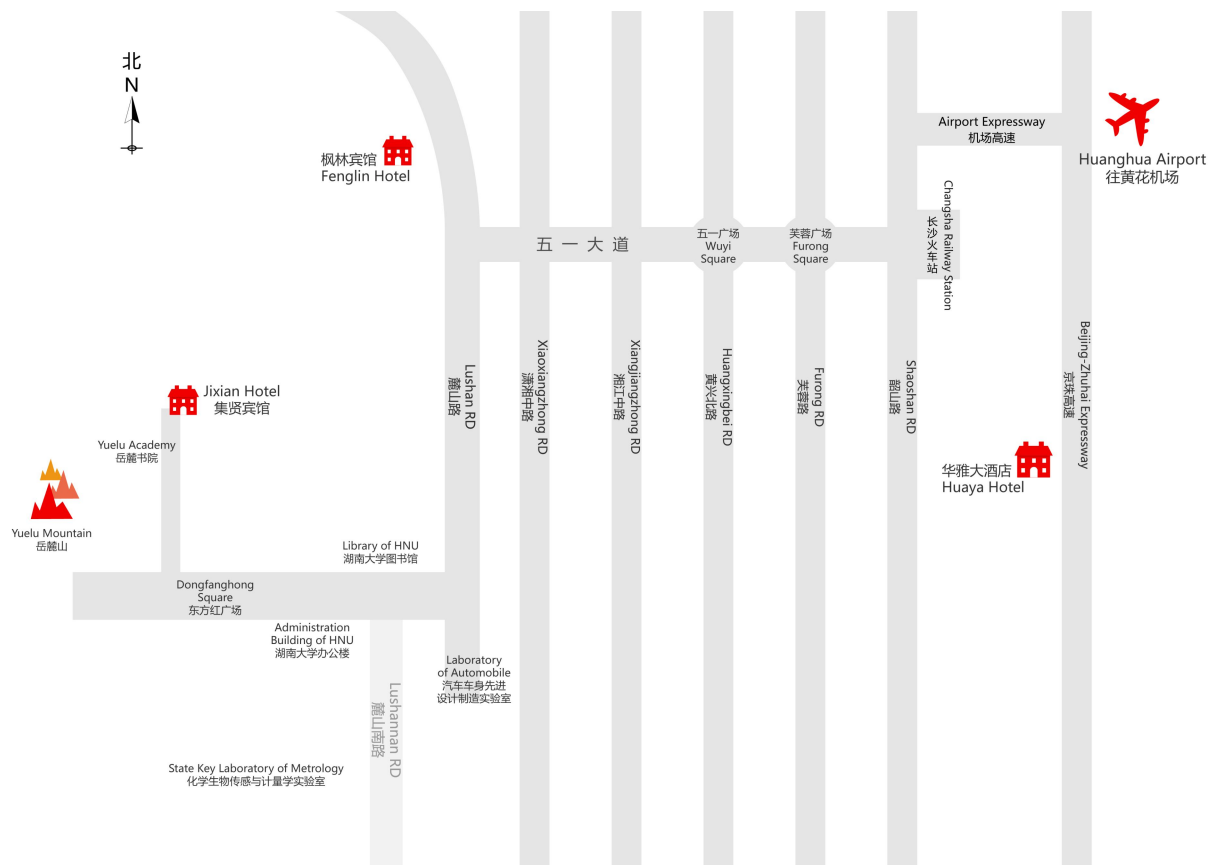


Airport Transfer in Changsha

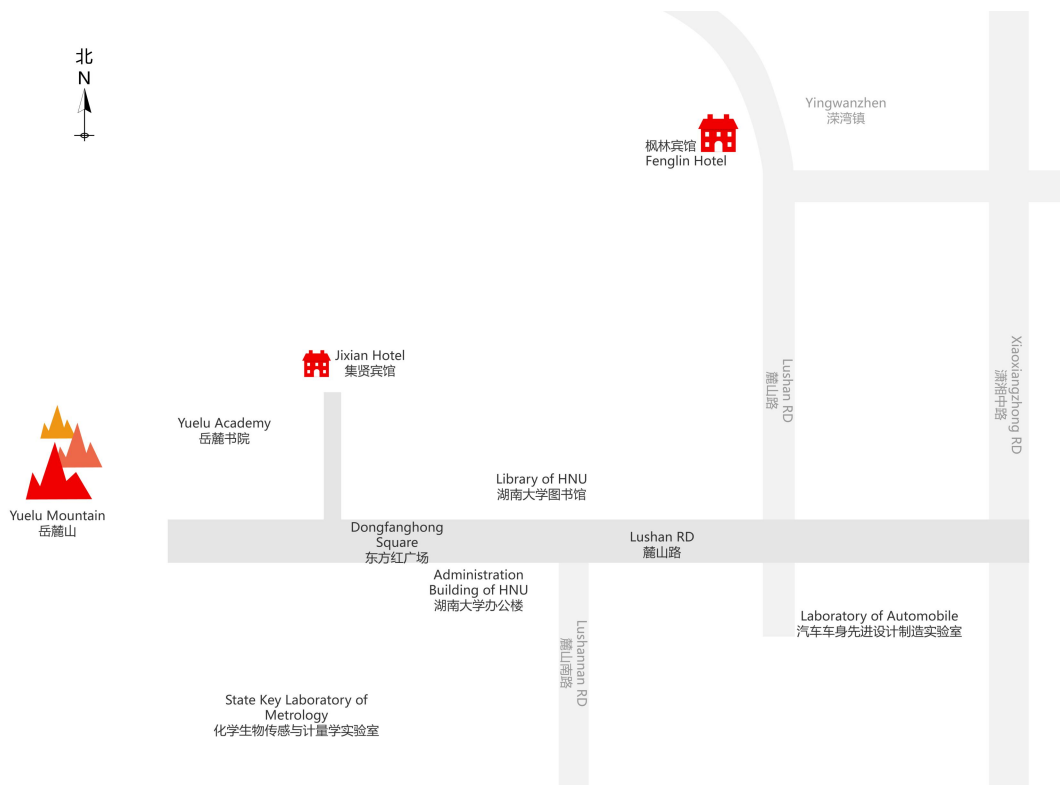
Huanghua International Airport is 24.2 kilometers east to the center of Changsha City. It is the biggest airport with the most complete establishment in Hunan Province.

Airport pick-up service will be offered to those who come to Changsha by CA1349 with the group on Oct. 18.

Map of Changsha City



Map of Hunan University



4.2 Accommodations

4.2.1 In Beijing

Guohong Hotel
A 11, Muxidibeili
Xicheng District
Beijing

4.2.2 In Changsha

Vaya International Hotel
No. 81, 2 Section, Wanjiali Middle Rd.
Changsha, Hunan Province
China

4.3 Venue

Xiaoxiang Hall, 3rd Floor, Building One,
Vaya International Hotel

No. 81, 2 Section, Wanjiali Middle Rd.
Changsha, Hunan Province
China

4.4 **Meal**

Welcome Reception on 17th October, 2009

Headquarters of the Chinese Academy of Engineering
2 Bingjiaokou Hutong, Xicheng District, Beijing 100088
19:00-21:00

Reception on 18th October, 2009

Ginkgo Cantonese Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel
18:30-20:30

Breakfast on 19th October, 2009

Crape Myrtle Hunan Restaurant, or Red Forest Western Restaurant, 1st Floor,
Building One, Vaya International Hotel
07:00-08:00

Lunch on 19th October, 2009

Food Street, 1st Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel
12:30-13:45

Banquet on 19th October, 2009

Hunan Hall, 3rd Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel
18:00-20:30

Breakfast on 20th October, 2009

Crape Myrtle Hunan Restaurant, or Red Forest Western Restaurant, 1st Floor,
Building One, Vaya International Hotel
07:00-08:00

Lunch on 20th October, 2009

Food Street, 1st Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel
12:00-13:00

Dinner on 20th October, 2009

Xihulou Hotel
Golden-horse Food Street,
Hongshan Tourism Region,
Changsha, Hunan Province
19:00-21:00

Breakfast on 21th October, 2009

Crape Myrtle Hunan Restaurant, or Red Forest Western Restaurant, 1st Floor,
Building One, Vaya International Hotel
07:00-08:00

Lunch on 21st October, 2009
Food Street, 1st Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel
12:00-13:00

Dinner on 21st October, 2009
Food Street, 1st Floor, Building One, Vaya International Hotel--TBC
18:00-20:00

Breakfast on 22th October, 2009
Crape Myrtle Hunan Restaurant, or Red Forest Western Restaurant, 1st Floor,
Building One, Vaya International Hotel
07:00-08:00

4.5 General Information of Chinese Currency RMB

Renminbi: Chinese Currency is called Renminbi (RMB or CNY) means “People’s Currency” in Chinese language. It is issued by the People’s Bank of China, the monetary authority of the PRC. The official ISO abbreviation is CNY, although also commonly abbreviated as “RMB”.

Unit: Yuan, Jiao (some times called “Mao”) and Fen. 1 Yuan = 10 Jiao (Mao); 1 Jiao = 10 Fen.

Exchange Rate: Current Exchange Rate with U.S. Dollar: \$1 = ABOUT 6.8308 Yuan RMB (1 September 2009 rate)

Check Current Market Exchange Rate Online: Money Converter

4.6 Weather and Clothing Suggestions

Usually the average temperature in Beijing in October is between 7.3°C -19.0°C and that in Changsha 14.9°C-23.1°C. Shirt with jacket/overcoat will do. A light sweater would be very helpful in case of necessity.

4.7 Time Difference

The time difference between Beijing and Washington DC is 12 hours. Washington DC is 12 hours behind that of Beijing.