



## China Quick Fact Sheet



Ice cream was invented in China around 2000BC when the Chinese packed a soft milk and rice mixture in the snow.

China is the 4th largest country in the world (after Russia, Canada and the United States).

14 countries and 4 seas border China. China is bordered by Korea to the east; Mongolia to the north; Russia to the northeast; Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the northwest; Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan to the west and southwest; and Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam to the south. Across the seas to the east and southeast are the Republic of Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia.

China is the most populated country on Earth, and has a population of over 1,300,000,000 people.

The capital of China is Beijing.

The Chinese year is focused around the patterns of the moon. This is called a lunar schedule. A complete cycle of the Chinese calendar takes 60 years. The Chinese calendar dates back to 2600 B.C. It is the oldest known calendar. Each year is represented by an animal.

Red is considered to be a lucky color in China.

“Ni Hao” means “hello” in Chinese.

China grows more food than any other country.

Acupuncture originated in China over 5,000 years ago.

The **Great Wall of China** is also known as the “Ten Thousand Li Wall”, one Li is equal to 500 meters. The wall is over 1500 miles in length.

China is subject to all the following natural disasters: typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, and droughts.

The air pollution in China is severe due to the production of greenhouse gases and



also because of water pollution from untreated waste.

China has more than 6,266 species of vertebrates, 10 percent of the world's total. Among them 2,404 are land animals and 3,862 are types of fish. More than 100 species of wild animals can be found only in China, including the giant panda, the snub-nosed monkey, the golden-haired monkey, the black leaf monkey, the South China tiger, the brown-eared pheasant, the red-crowned crane, the red ibis, the white-flag dolphin and the Chinese alligator.

The giant panda has become the symbol of the World Wildlife Fund, and therefore a symbol of all endangered and protected wild animals. Depending on which organization you trust for accurate figures, there are just over 1,000 giant pandas still in existence.

To help save endangered wildlife, 250 wildlife breeding centers have been established throughout China. Special projects have been carried out to protect seven species, including giant pandas and red ibises.

Trade in endangered species is also an issue in China as many endangered species have traits that are highly valued in traditional Chinese medicines and food delicacies.

**NB: The above facts were sourced from websites that include [www.tooter4kids.com](http://www.tooter4kids.com), [www.wikitavel.org](http://www.wikitavel.org) and [www.people.com.cn](http://www.people.com.cn)**