



Nanjing

## CITY SECURITY GUIDE

### CRIME

Crime is not a major problem, though visitors should take adequate security precautions against pickpockets and other petty criminals. The scale of the problem is not serious enough to warrant more than standard security procedures such as concealing valuables, especially in crowded areas, including markets and transport terminals, and preferably carrying what is required during daily travel, leaving rest of the items such as excess cash at secure facilities like hotel safe.

### TERRORISM

The government considers separatist Uighur Muslims from the north-west Xinjiang province a threat to security and there have been claims of disrupted terrorist attacks outside the far north-west; most notably, the authorities in 2008 arrested several Uighurs in Xinjiang in connection with an alleged plot to carry out attacks at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

The authorities have also linked an October 2013 car incident in Beijing and a March 2014 knife attack in Kunming railway station (Yunnan province) with Xinjiang-based Uighur militancy. If official claims are accurate, these incidents indicate that Uighur militants maintain the intent to conduct attacks outside Xinjiang. However, the security forces' tight surveillance makes it difficult for militant groups to operate beyond remote or stronghold areas. While crude, small-scale attacks by individuals in major cities can never be ruled out, the risk remains low.

### SOCIAL UNREST

Demonstrations triggered by local issues, such as perceived official corruption, occur periodically. Additionally, crowds may gather spontaneously to vent their anger at perceived injustices, often sparked off by apparently minor incidents such as traffic accidents. Protests however typically occur in more isolated areas, are short-lived and swiftly contained by the police.

### TROUBLE SPOTS

Personnel should be alert to pickpockets in areas popular with foreign visitors such as the area around the Fuzi temple and Jiankan road. The outskirts and low-income suburbs of the city should be avoided.

### SEEKING HELP

Police officers deal effectively with most routine problems and generally treat foreigners courteously. For more serious matters, travellers should alert their embassy and also inform the police that they have done so.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire: 119

Police: 110

Ambulance services are not recommended. Contact [International SOS](#) for help with your medical situation.

## CITY TRAVEL GUIDE

### PORT OF ENTRY

Airport code: [NKG](#)

Nanjing Lukou International Airport, situated in Jiangning district, is 27 miles (44km) [south](#) of the city centre. Flights connect to all major Chinese cities and several international destinations. The airport has restaurants, ATMs, banks, shops, a bookstore, a medical centre and an entertainment centre. Airport security is adequate.

### By land

The city can also be reached by train. The three main stations are Nanjing, Nanjing South and Nanjing West. There is a bullet train service that links Nanjing and Shanghai, with the journey taking approximately two hours and 20 minutes. Furthermore, a new bullet train between the two cities has cut the travel time to approximately 75 minutes. Additionally, a 155-mile (250km) bullet train line between the cities of Nanjing and Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province, is under construction and is expected to become operational in June 2013. Long-distance buses link Nanjing to other major cities such as the capital Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou (Guangdong province). Nanjing is connected by several highways to important cities such as Shanghai, Hefei (Anhui province) and Hangzhou (Zhejiang province).

### TO CITY CENTRE

There is a taxi rank outside the Arrivals terminal. The driver will generally add the airport expressway fee to the fare. Personnel should insist that the meter is used and should only pay in full once they arrive at their destination. Shuttle bus services connect Lukou airport to several areas of the city.

## **TAXIS**

Travellers are advised to only use licenced, metered taxis that display a taxi sign. Fares should be negotiated in advance if the meter is not used.

## **CAR HIRE**

Visitors unfamiliar with local conditions are advised against driving in Nanjing; they should hire a car with a driver, which can be easily arranged through a hotel. Traffic drives on the right.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The metro system is generally safe. All other forms of public transport should be avoided in general. Travellers are advised not to use local buses unless they are particularly well acquainted with the city. There is a risk of petty crime, such as pickpocketing and bag-snatching, at transport terminals.

## **WALKING**

Heat and high pollution levels make walking unpleasant in the city.

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## **DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION**

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