

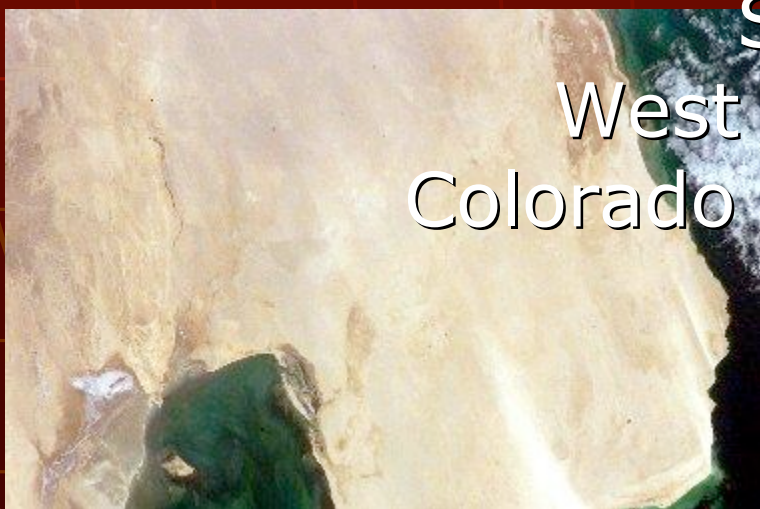


Beijing, China



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Photo Information

- China and the Yellow Sea
- Latitude: 37°N
- Longitude: 122°E
- Location: 7.4 km (4.6 miles) South of Songcun, Shandong, China
- Approx. Altitude: 5 m (16 ft)
- Antipode: 37 South 58 West
- **Country (long form)**
People's Republic of China **Capital**
Beijing
- **Total Area**
3,705,406.97 sq mi
9,596,960.00 sq km
(slightly smaller than the US)
- **Population**
1,261,832,482 (July 2000 est.)
- **Estimated Population in 2050**
1,470,468,924
- **Languages**
Standard Chinese or Mandarin (Putonghua, based on the Beijing dialect), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghaiese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages
- **Literacy**
81.5% total, 89.9% male, 72.7% female (1995 est.)
- **Religions**
Daoist (Taoist), Buddhist, Muslim 2%-3%, Christian 1% (est.) note: officially atheist
- **Life Expectancy**
69.6 male, 73.33 female (2000 est.)
- **Government Type**
Communist state

Population and Weather



- Population-
China-1,306,313,812
Shandong-91,250,000
- Weather-Mostly
Clear

Economy and Industry

- Industry:

- cotton
- wheat
- gold
- diamonds
- sorghum
- maize
- petroleum

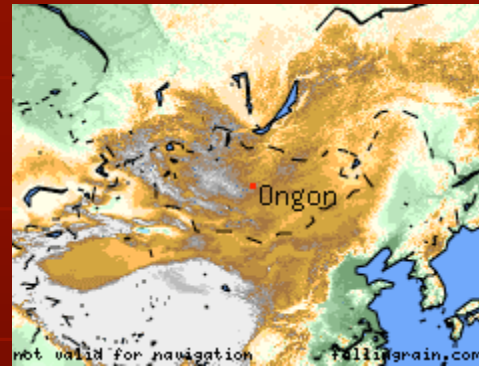
- Economy

Shandong is one of the richer provinces of China, and its economic development focuses on large enterprises with well-known brand names. Shandong has also benefited from South Korean and Japanese investment, due to its geographical proximity to those countries. The richest part of the province is the Shandong Peninsula, where the city of Qingdao is home to two of the most well-known brand names of China: Tsingtao Beer and Haier. In addition, Dongying's oil fields and petroleum industries form an important component of Shandong's economy. On the other hand, the extreme inland west of Shandong is much poorer than the rest of the province

Tourism and Attractions

- Penglai, a town on the north of the Shandong peninsula famed in Daoism.
- Qingdao, beach resort city on the south of the peninsula famous for its Tsingtao beer
 - Laoshan, a scenic area and Daoist centre to the east of Qingdao.
- Qingzhou, an ancient trading and administrative center with some famous archaeological discoveries.
- Weihai, a former British port city important in the second Sino-Japanese War.
- World Heritage Sites:
 - Temple and Cemetery of Confucius, and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu
- Tai Shan, sacred mountain, in Tai'an

Surrounding Areas



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