

People's Republic of China



The Flag

The People's Republic of China flag design features one large star, with four smaller stars in a semicircle. The red represents the Chinese Communist Revolution; the five stars represent the unity of the Chinese people under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC).



Big Mac Index

(NZ\$) As of Jan 2017

How much for a Big Mac?

New Zealand	China
\$ 6.00	\$ 4.07

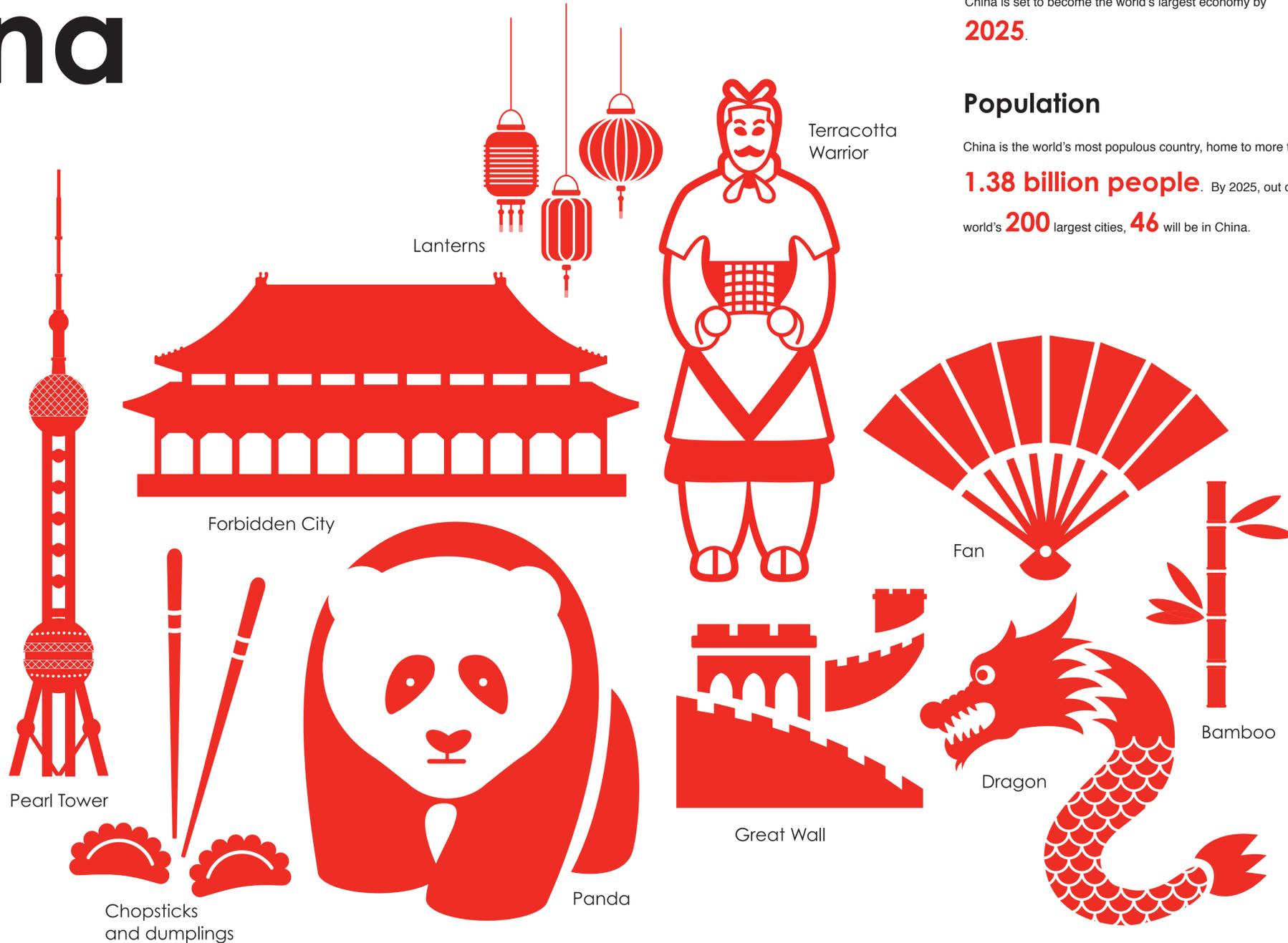
Lantern Festival

The Lantern festival has been part of Chinese New Year celebrations since the Han Dynasty (206 BC- 221 AD). Usually held on the 15th day of the first month of the lunar calendar, it marks the end of New Year festivities.



People hang lanterns outside their homes and many cities hold big Lantern festivals. The lanterns come in all sizes and shapes, including animals, insects, flowers, and mythical figures. A favourite subject is the zodiac animal of the year, which according to the Chinese calendar will be the Dog in 2018 and the Pig in 2019.

Today, Lantern festivals are held in many countries around the world, including New Zealand.



Greetings

English	Mandarin	Pronunciation
Hello	Nǐhǎo	Nee - how
Good bye	Zàijiàn	Z-eye gee-in
How are you?	Nǐ hǎo ma?	Nee how mah?
Fine and you?	Hǎo. Nǐ ne?	How. Nee nah?
Thank you	Xièxie	S-yeah s-yeah

Numbers

English	Mandarin	English	Mandarin
1	一 yī	6	六 liu
2	二 èr	7	七 qī
3	三 sān	8	八 bā
4	四 sì	9	九 jiǔ
5	五 wǔ	10	十 shí

Trade

The New Zealand-China Free Trade Agreement was signed in 2008 allowing goods, services, investments and intellectual property to be traded more easily between the two countries.

The majority of New Zealand exports to China are dairy, wood products and meat.

New Zealand's main imports from China are machinery, clothing and apparel.

China is set to become the world's largest economy by **2025**.

Population

China is the world's most populous country, home to more than **1.38 billion people**. By 2025, out of the world's **200** largest cities, **46** will be in China.



Cuisine

- Steamed buns
- Congee (rice porridge)
- Dim sum (assorted dumplings and bite-sized snacks to "touch the heart")
- Kung Pao chicken
- Fried rice
- Xiao long bao (Shanghai soup dumplings)
- Peking duck
- (crispy duck wrapped in pancakes)

汉语

Language

Each syllable of every word in Mandarin has an accompanying tone. There are four main tones (high, rising, falling-rising, and falling) and a fifth neutral tone. The tones help people tell between words that would otherwise sound the same.

Chinese characters are the oldest continually used system of writing in the world. There are tens of thousands of characters – though to read a newspaper, for instance, you only need to know about 2000-3000.

On the Map

