AACC 2010 TRIP TO CHINA—BASIC TRAVEL INFORMATION

A. **Time Zone**—12 hours ahead of East Coast time ([www.timeanddate.com/worldclock](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock))

Time throughout China is set at Beijing time. There is no daylight savings time.

B. **Temperature in October in Farenheit** ([www.travelchinaguide.com/climate](http://www.travelchinaguide.com/climate))

To convert:

- **C to F:** Multiply by 1.8 and add 32
- **F to C:** Subtract 32 and divide by 1.8

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C. **Electricity** ([www.voltagevalet.com/country/lamda](http://www.voltagevalet.com/country/lamda))

220V (*Note that U.S. is 120V*). Bring RJ11 adaptor

D. **Currency** ([www.x-rates.com/calculator.html](http://www.x-rates.com/calculator.html))

- $1 = 6.8 Chinese Yuan (CNY)
- $10 = 68 CNY
- $100 = 678 CNY

.Print out a currency cheat sheet ([www.oanda.com/cgi/convert/cheatsheet](http://www.oanda.com/cgi/convert/cheatsheet))

E. **Exchanging Money**

Money can be exchanged at the airport, designated banks and hotels. Consider exchanging either U.S. dollars or traveler’s check at the airport upon arrival as the exchange rate is usually better than at the hotel. Travel with small bills ($10, $20, $50) as they are easier to change. It is easier to change cash than traveler’s checks. Keep your receipts to convert foreign currency back to U.S. dollars before leaving the country.

Banks are generally open during business hours. ATMs are often in operation 24 hours a day. Major stores, hotels and restaurants accept Visa, Master Charge and AMEX. Smaller establishments and markets often may not accept credit cards.

F. **Tipping**

Hotel, bellmen, tax drivers restaurant and hotel service providers have come to expect tips, especially from U.S. visitors. You can tip in either U.S. or China currency. **Bring a stack of $1 bills for tipping.**

F. **Bargaining**

Bargaining is “expected” at the Silk Market (located a short distance from the hotel) as well street stalls and some small shops. Bargaining is usually not done in larger stores.

G. **Restrooms** For the most part, restrooms are adequate and first-rate.

Nevertheless, **always be prepared** and carry packets of tissue paper with you.