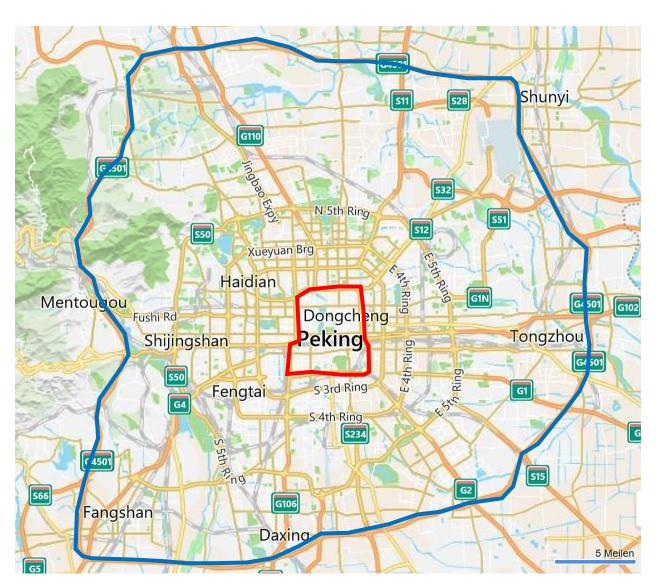


City of Beijing and NCEPU – North China Electric Power University

City of Beijing





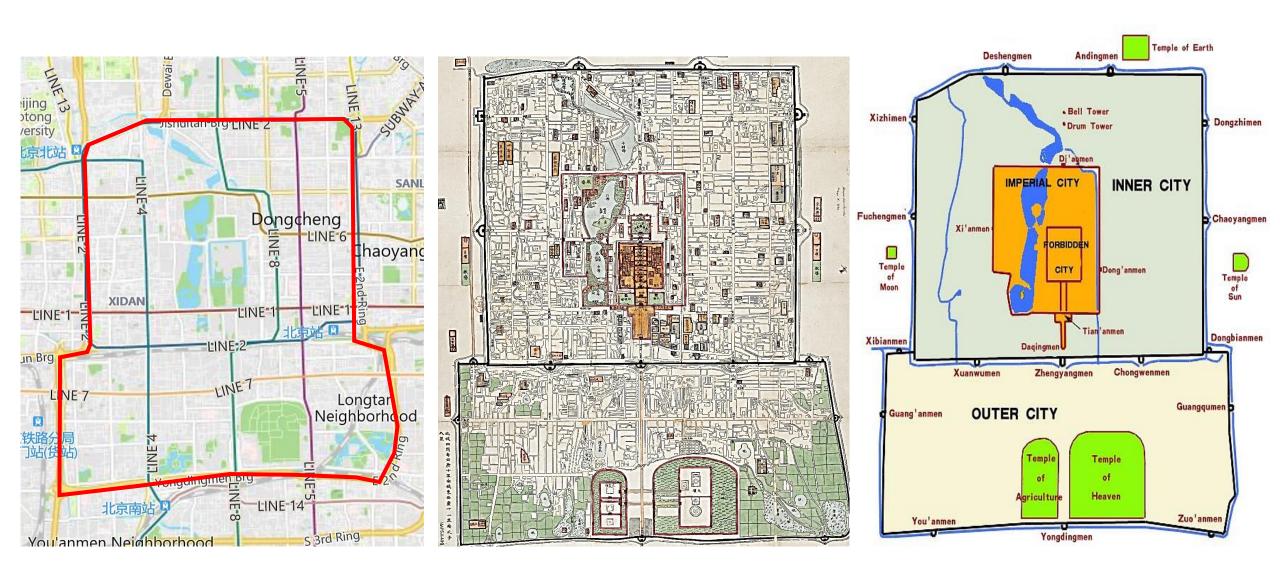
Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China. It is the world's most populous national capital city, with over 21 million residents within an administrative area of 16,410.5 km2. It is located in Northern China, and is governed as a municipality under the direct administration of the State Council with 16 urban, suburban, and rural districts. Beijing is mostly surrounded by Hebei Province with the exception of neighboring Tianjin to the southeast.

Taken from Wikipedia

Nowadays Beijing is surrounded by the 6th ring (in the map indicated in BLUE) with a diameter of about 70-80 km. Only about 100 years ago, Beijing was concentrated in the RED marked area, which shows the former inner and outer city, surrounded by the city walls of Beijing. Today the space in front of the former city walls is used for the 2nd ring.

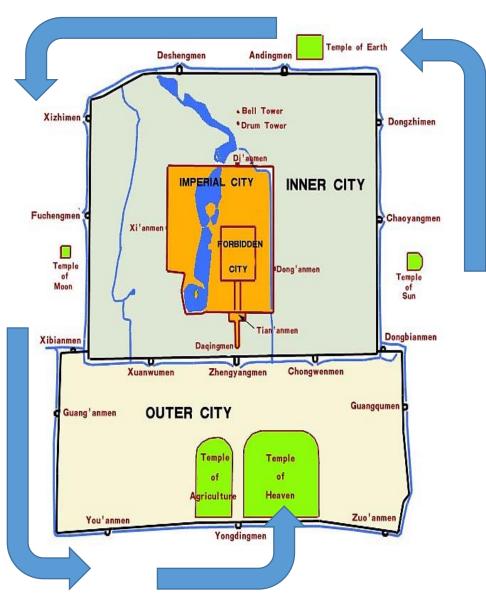
City of Beijing – the historical part inside the today's 2nd ring





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So let's start our tour through the history of Beijing with a trip outside the city walls to see the temples

- in the East (RiTan Temple of Sun),
- in the North (DiTan Temple of Earth),
- in the West (instead of the Temple of the Moon, we will visit the nearby Baiyun Guan –Temple of the White Cloud)
- and in the south the world wide well known TianTan Temple of Heaven

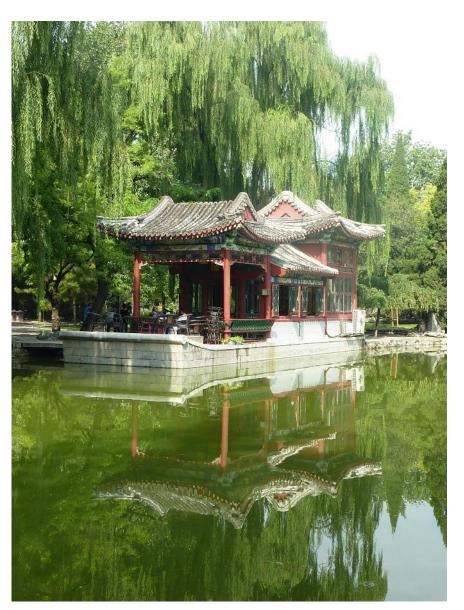
You will see some remains of the old city wall surrounding the outer and the inner city and the see the "must have seen places" in the imperial and forbidden city and some "hidden places" inside and also outside the Inner City.

Ritan – The Temple of the Sun









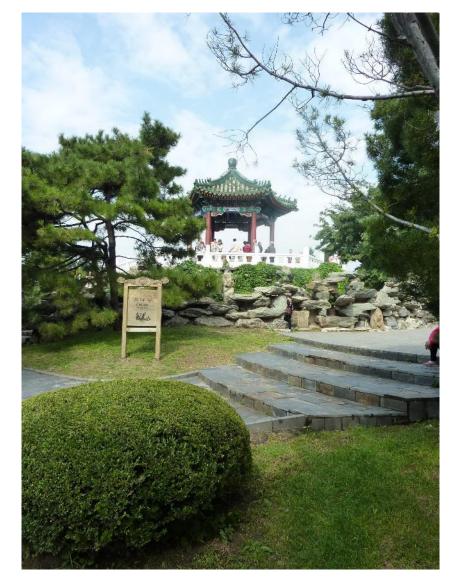




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Ritan – The Temple of the Sun











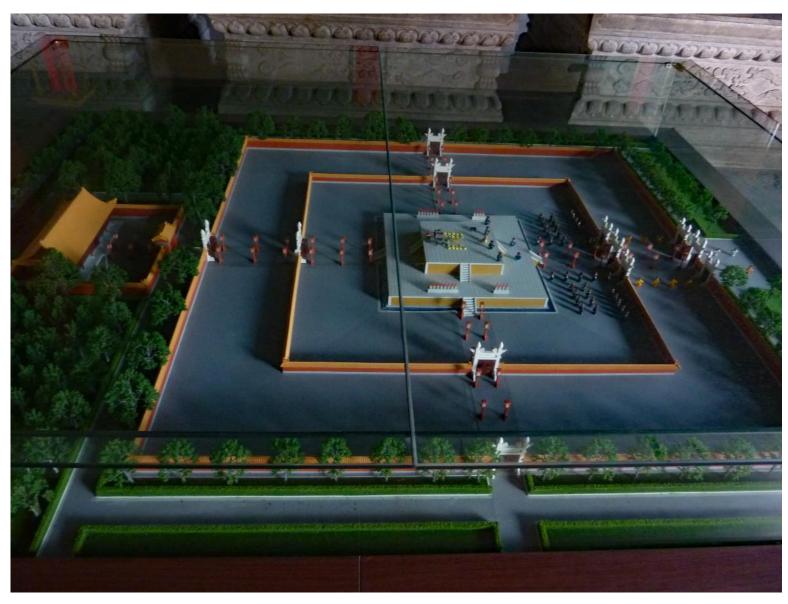
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Ditan – The Temple of the Earth











Baiyun Guan – The Temple of the White Clouds















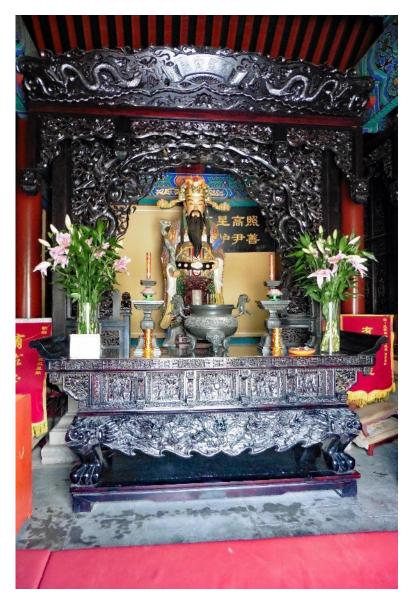
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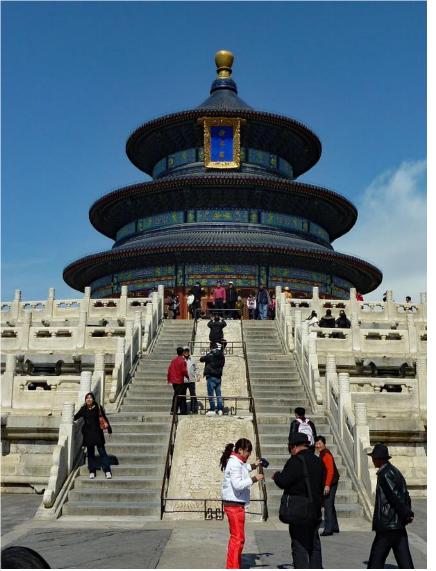










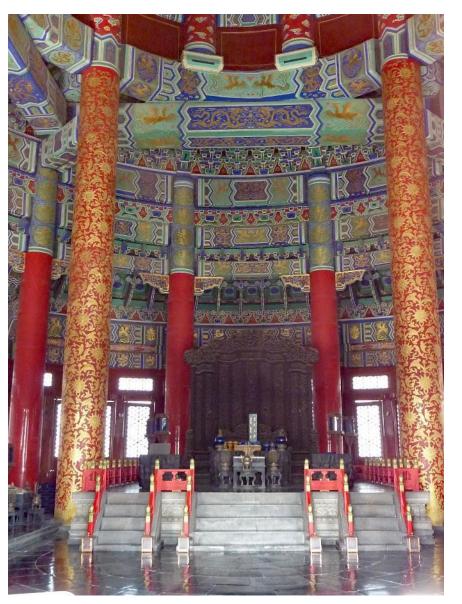










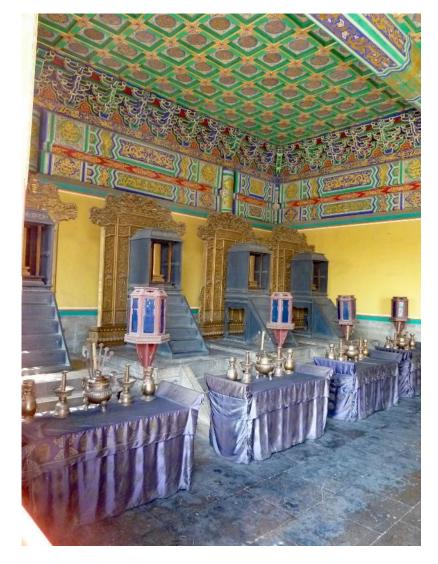




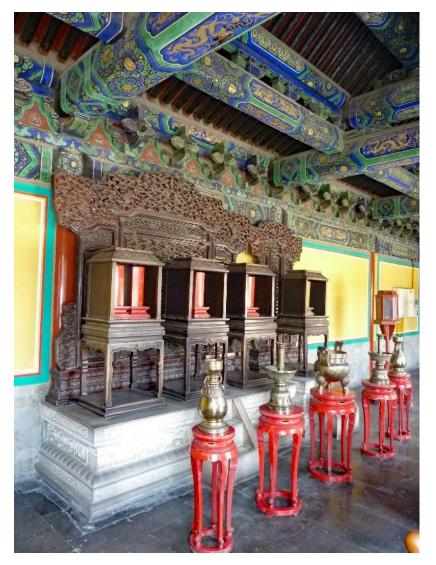


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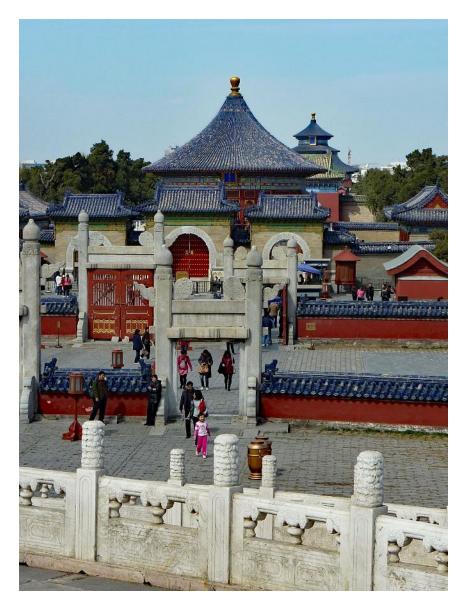










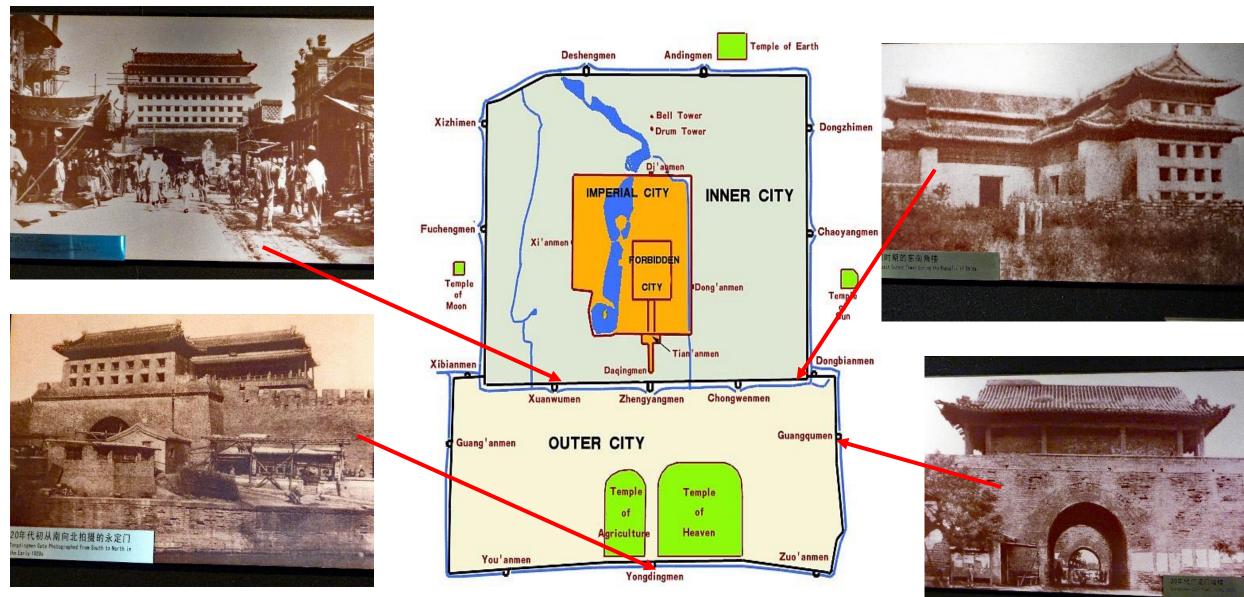






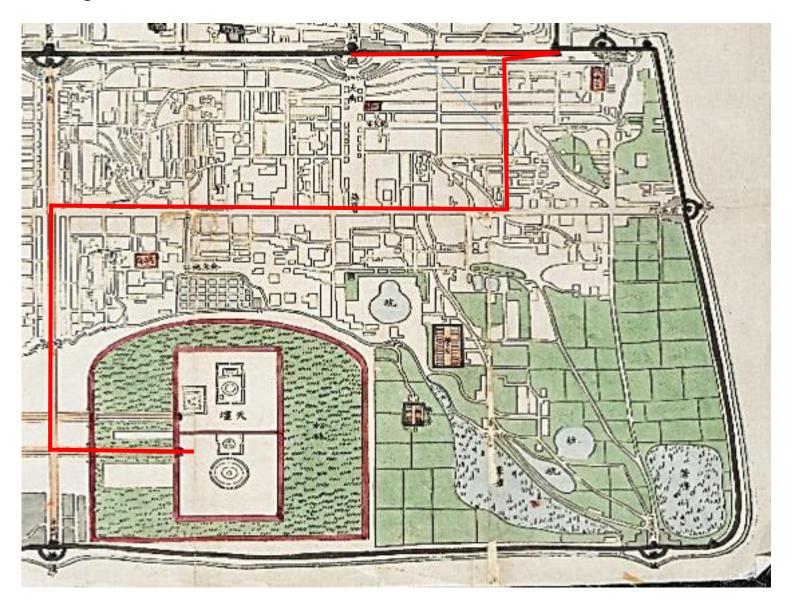
The City Gates of the Outer City in the 1920's





From Tian Tan to the South East Corner Tower of the Inner City and along the City Wall to Chongwenmen









The South East Corner Tower of the Inner City







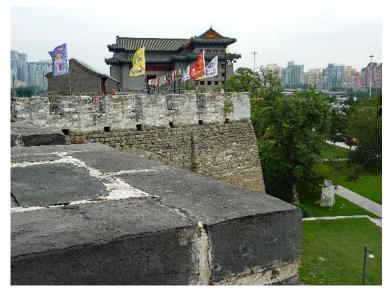
The South East Corner Tower of the Inner City – going behind the Wall













The South East Corner Tower of the Inner City – having a look inside the tower









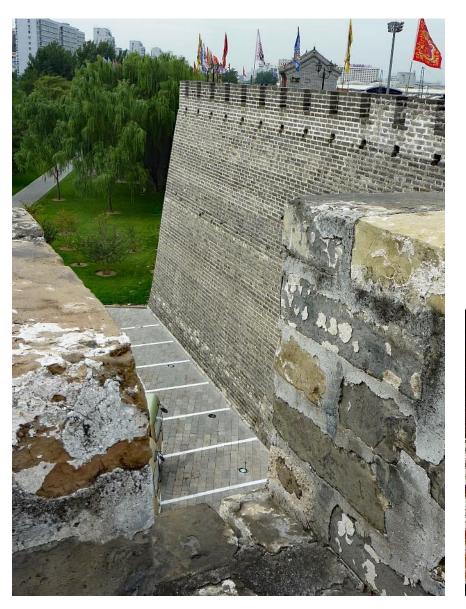


From the South East Corner Tower towards ChongWenMen – today and 100 years ago









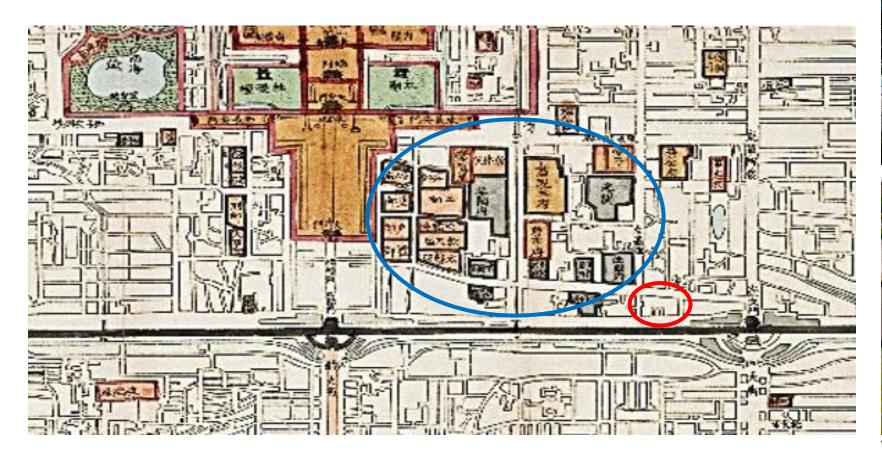




The NOVOTEL XinQiao – a Quite Historical Place directly at the Entrance to the former Legation Quarter, where the Boxer Rebellion focussed its activities against foreigner in 1900



RED – Hotel XinQiao BLUE – Former Legacy Quarter



Today view





View in 1950th without the large building on street side

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Hotel XinQiao today and the view to the former legation Quarter





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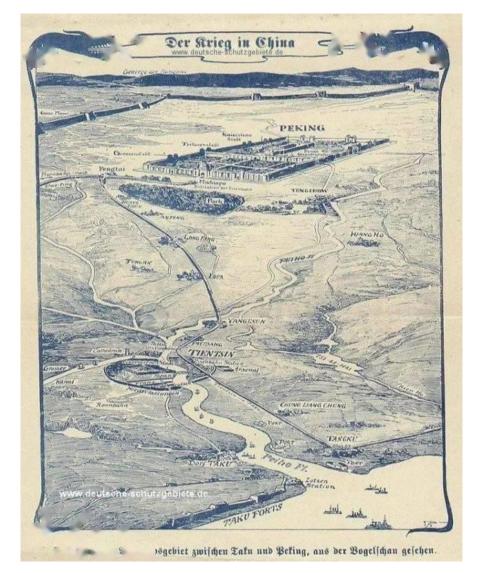


The Boxer Rebellion, Boxer Uprising, was an armed and violent xenophobic, anti-Christian, and antiimperialist insurrection in China between 1899 and 1901, towards the end of the Qing dynasty. It was initiated by the Militia United in Righteousness, known in English as the Boxers because many of their members had practiced Chinese martial arts, also referred to in the Western world at the time as Chinese Boxing. Villagers in North China had been building resentment against Christian missionaries and the growth of foreign spheres of influence after the Sino-Japanese War of 1895. In a severe drought, violence and murder spread across Shandong and the North China Plain, targeting foreign property, Christian missionaries, and Chinese Christians. In June 1900, Boxer fighters, convinced they were invulnerable to foreign weapons, converged on Beijing with the slogan "Support the Qing government and exterminate the foreigners." Foreigners and Chinese Christians sought refuge in the Legation Quarter.



Taken from Wikipedia











Due to the siege of the legation quarter by the boxer and some parts of the Chinese army, 8 nations built up an intervention force and moved up from the yellow sea into Hai He upstream towards Daku Forts, destroyed them and proceed towards Beijing. Germany participated with the Gun Boat Iltis





Troop assembly of the 8 nations in the forbidden city in Nov 1900

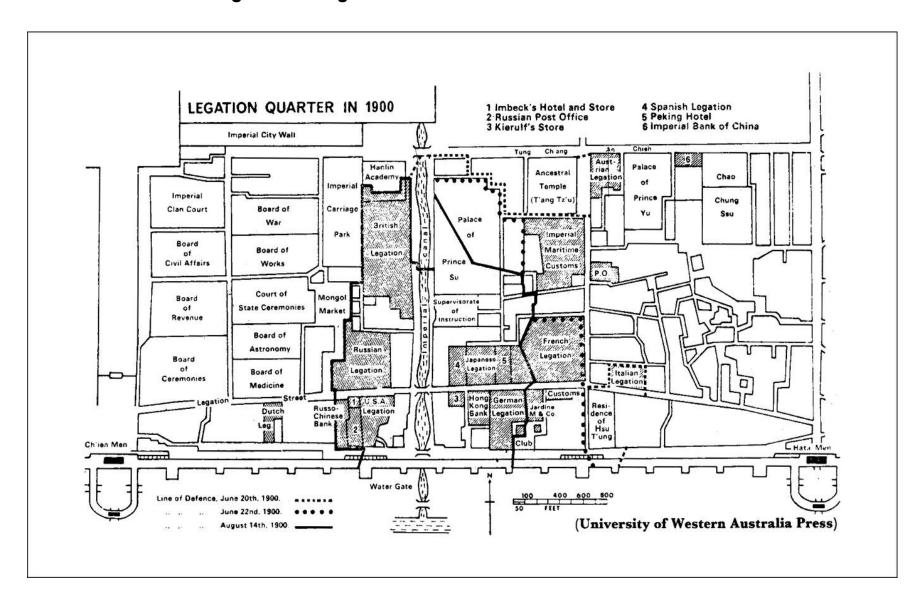
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Showing the massacre on the boxer after the rebellion was fought down

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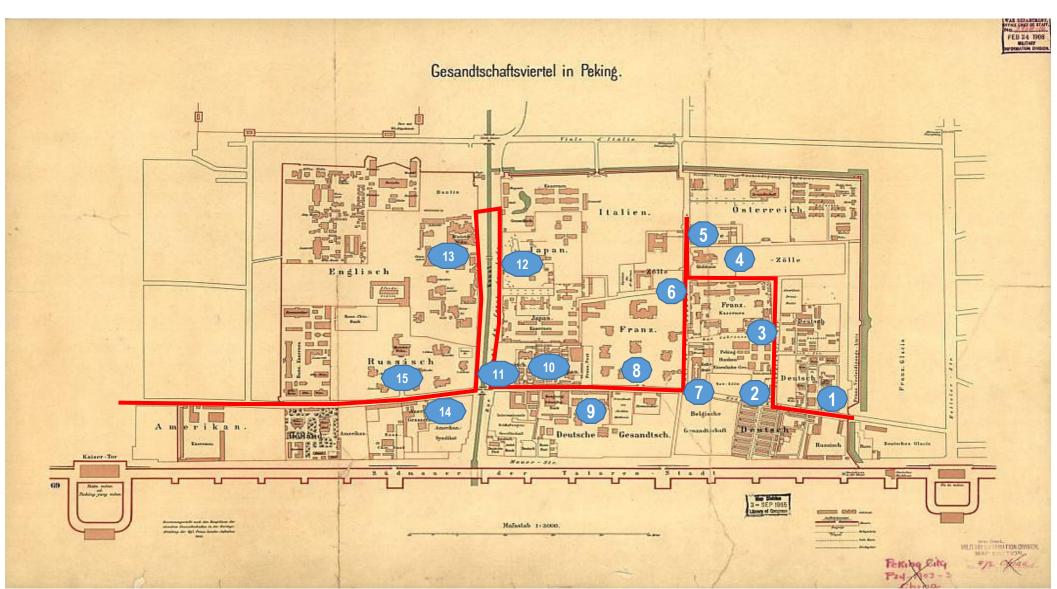




This map shows the Legation Quarter in 1900 and the lines of defence on June 20th, 1900 resp. June 22nd, 1900 and on August 14th after the siege of more than 50 days.

After the boxer rebellion was fought down, the eight nations expanded their legation areas, as you can see it in the following map





The number will be indicated on the following pictures, so that you get a feeling how the old legation quarter looked like.

As the map from 1908 shows, most of the embassies enlarged their areas after the rebellion.

Meanwhile all the embassies moved to other places in Beijing and this area is used by Chinese governmental buildings











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5 - Parts of former Austrian Embassy



6 - Parts of former Italien Embassy



7 – Catholic St. Michael's Church



8 - Parts of former French Embassy



9 - Parts of former German Embassy



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10 - Parts of former Japanese Embassy





12 - Parts of former Japanese Embassy



13 - Parts of former British Embassy



15 - Parts of former Russian Embassy



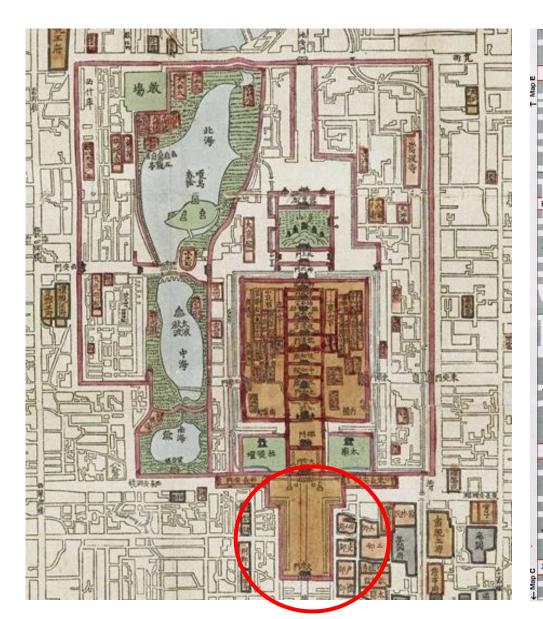


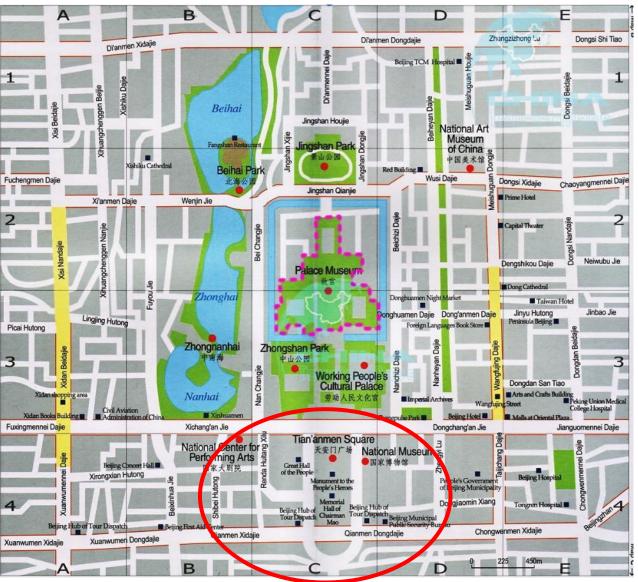
Now we reach on our tour TianAnMen Square close to QianMen

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TianAnMen Square – in 1900 and today



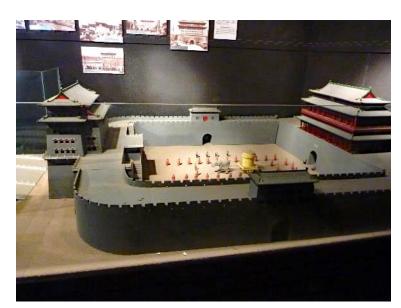




TianAnMen Square – the actual remains of QianMen (right) and the construction of the original gate (left)















TianAnMen Square – the main Building around the Square

Old Beijing Railway Station



Mao Zedong Memorial



Grand Hall of the People

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University of Technology
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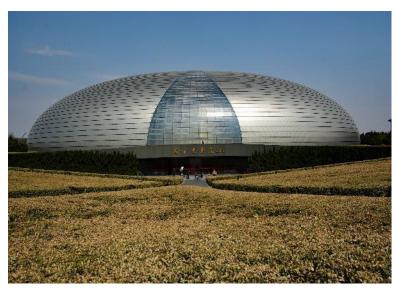




TianAnMen – the entrance to the forbidden city



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TianAnMen Square – completely overcrowded with people celebrating the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Peoples Republic of China













TianAnMen Square – ChangAn Road connecting the Square to the West and the East













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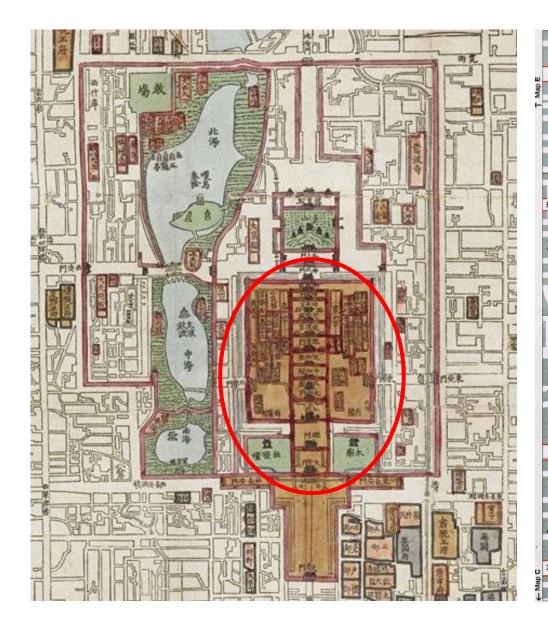


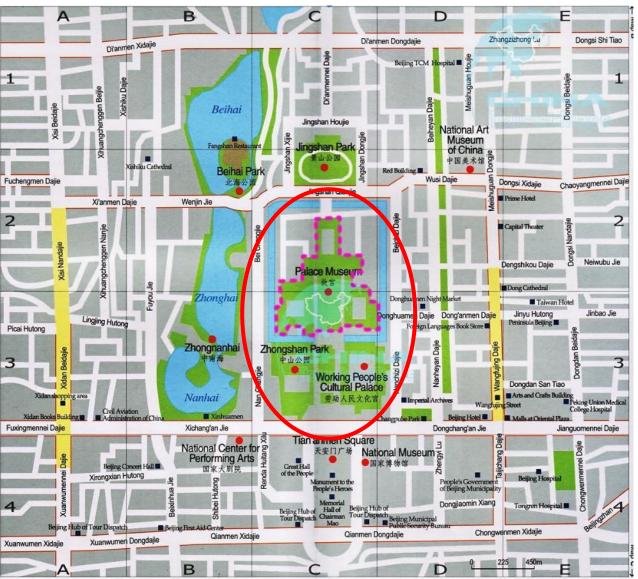




The Forbidden City – in 1900 and today



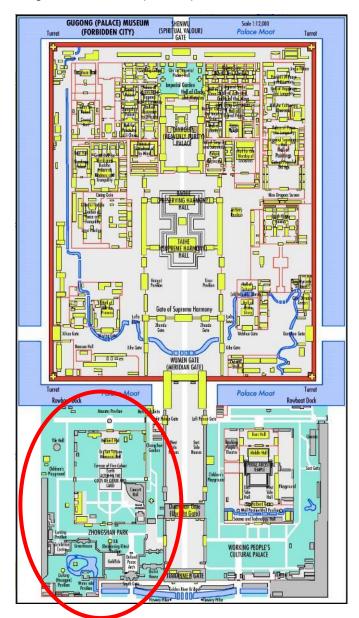




The Forbidden City – ZhongShan Park on the left side of TianAnMen

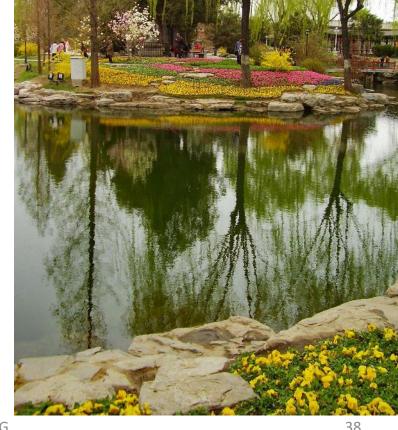


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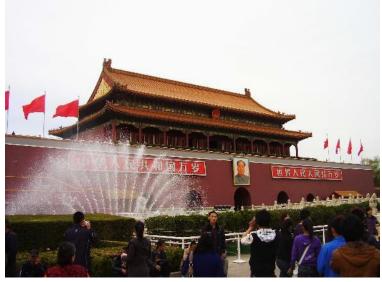




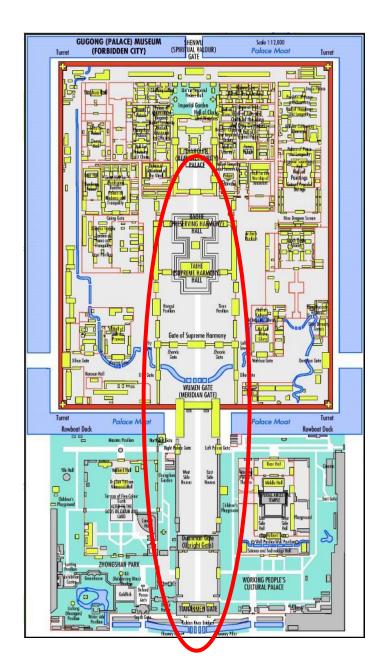


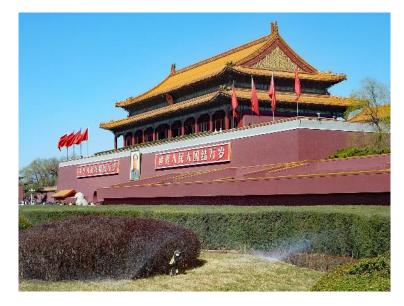


































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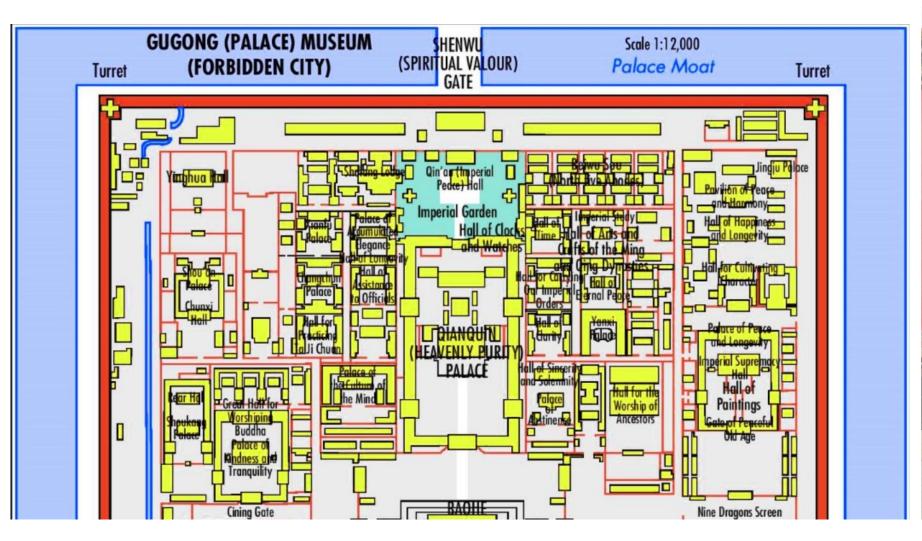


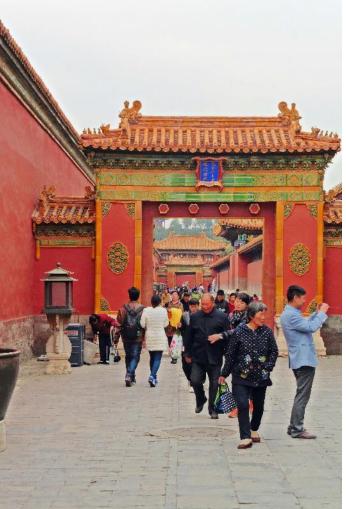
























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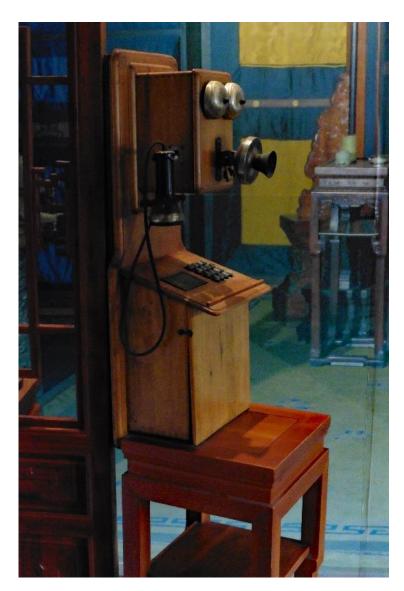












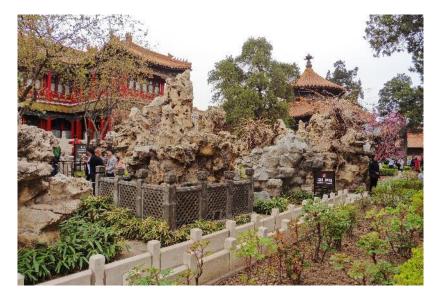




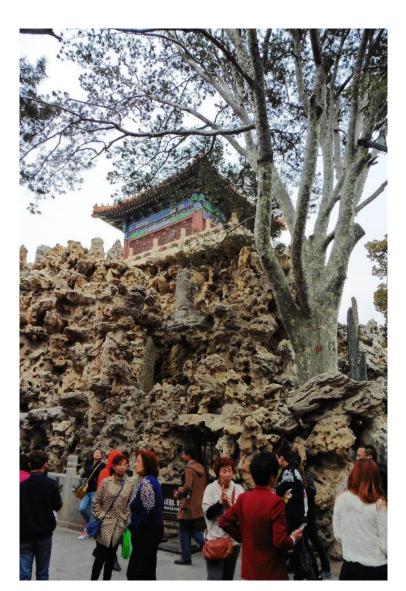
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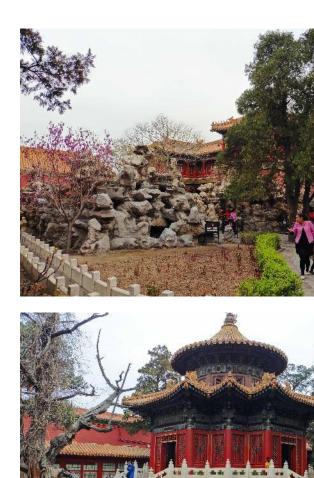
The Forbidden City – The Imperial Garden near the North Exit









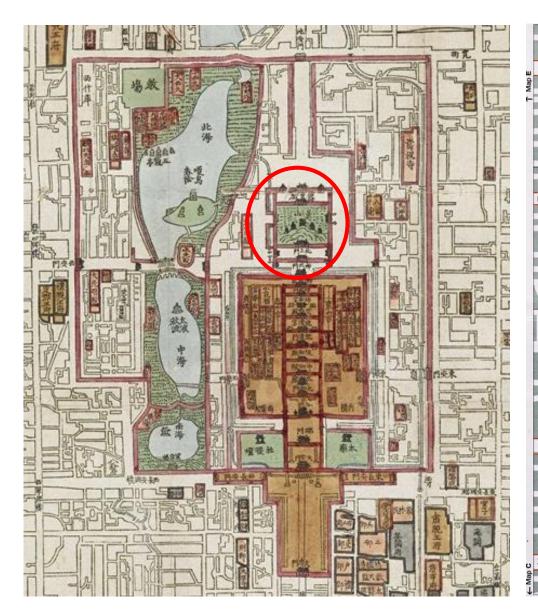


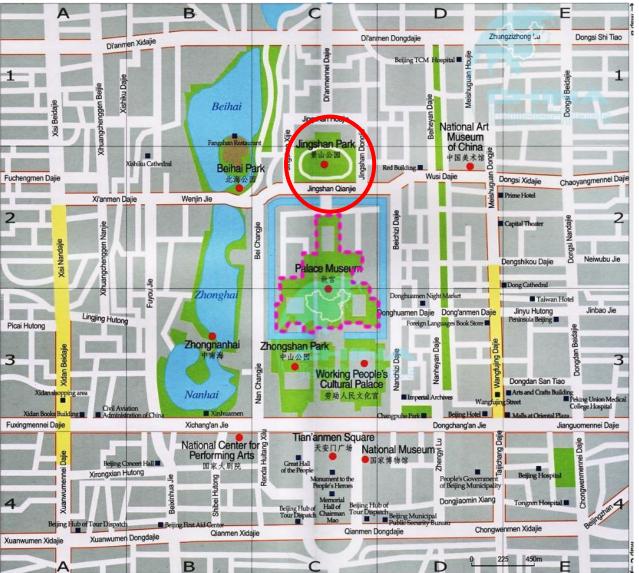


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The JingShan Park – in 1900 as part of the Imperial City and today







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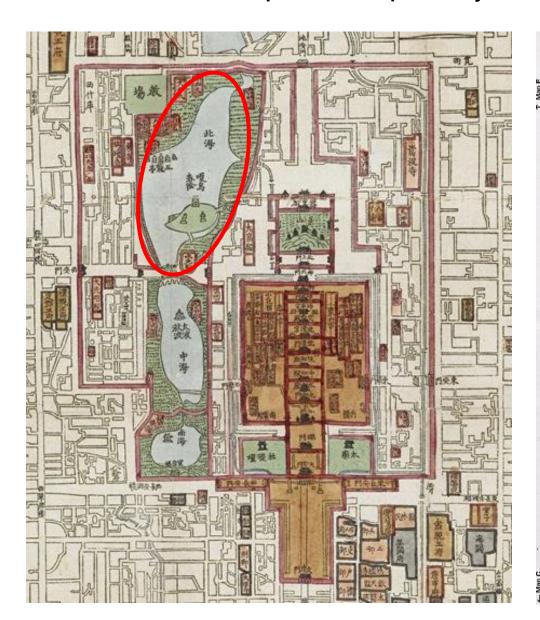
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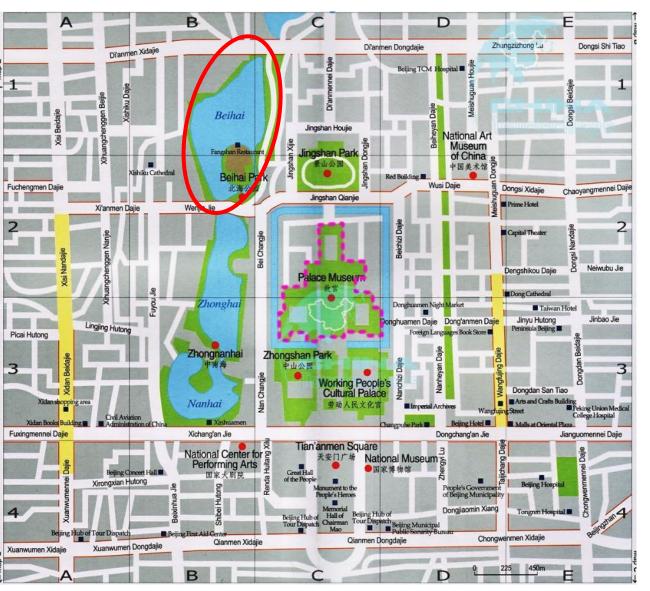




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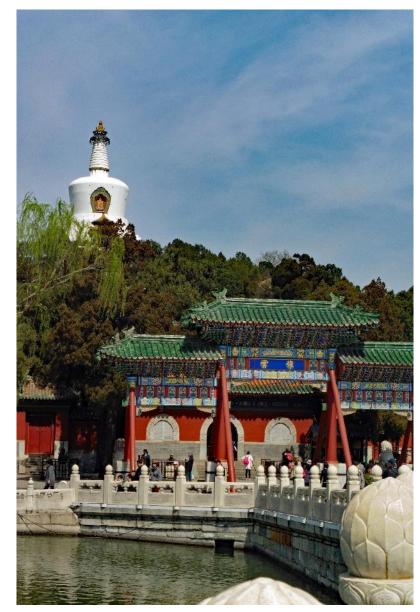




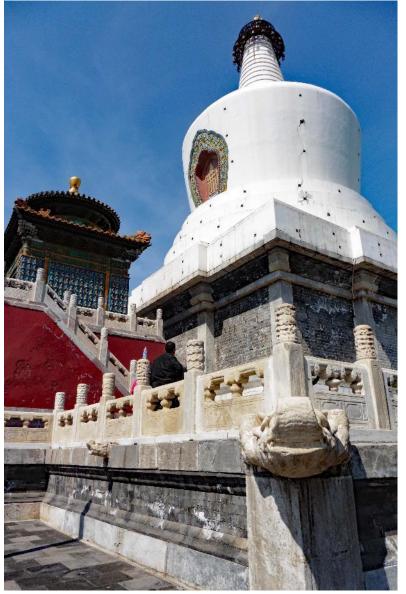


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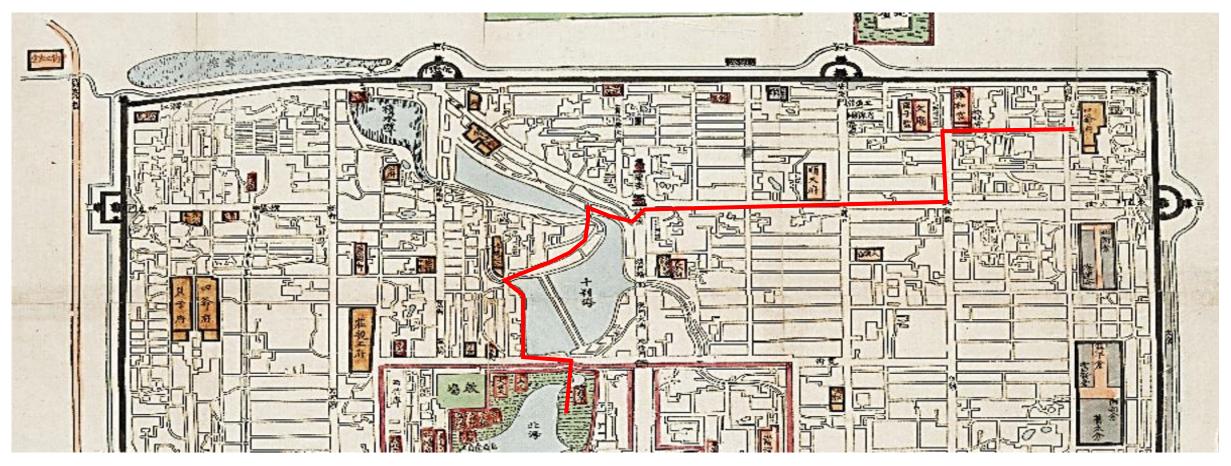






From BeiHai-Park through an old HuTong Area to the Imperial College and the Lama Temple





After leaving BeiHai Park, we also left the former Imperial City. While the street surrounding the former Inner and Outer City today is called the 2nd ring, some people called the streets surrounding the former Imperial City today the 1st ring. Following the way shown in the map, we first walk along some lakes and then move into an old housing area, in China called HuTong, to reach the Imperial Academy and the Lama Temple at the north east corner of the Inner City. The pass ways in the Hutongs are extremely narrow so that you always get the feeling, you are walking directly through the people's living rooms. With respect to the people living there I have not taken own photos, not to give them the feeling they are living in an outdoor museum. So the pictures in the next slide are taken from the internet to give you a first impression on how the Hutongs look like.

From BeiHai-Park through an old HuTong Area to the Imperial College and the Lama Temple











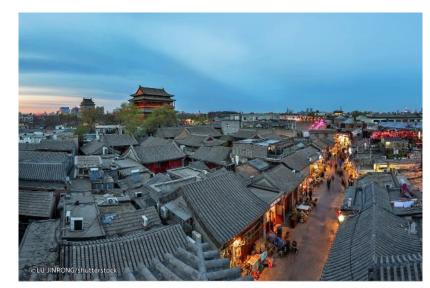




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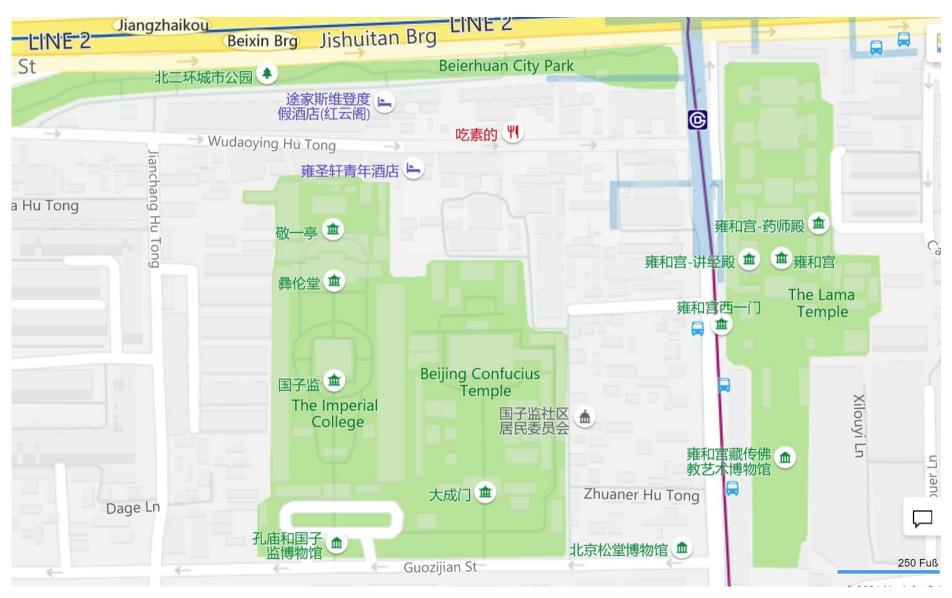






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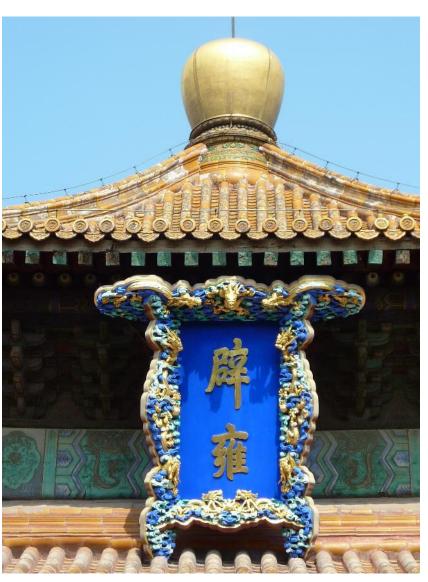












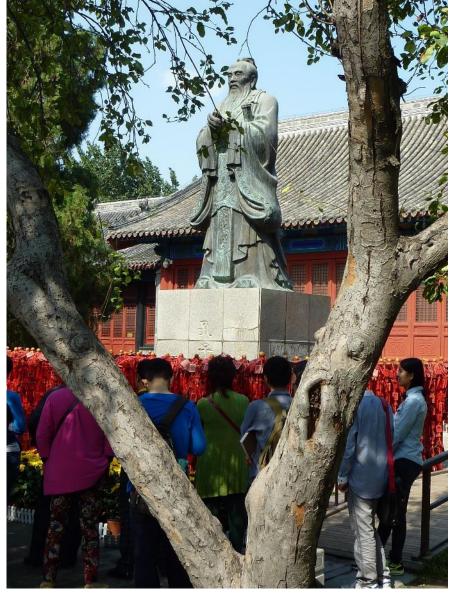




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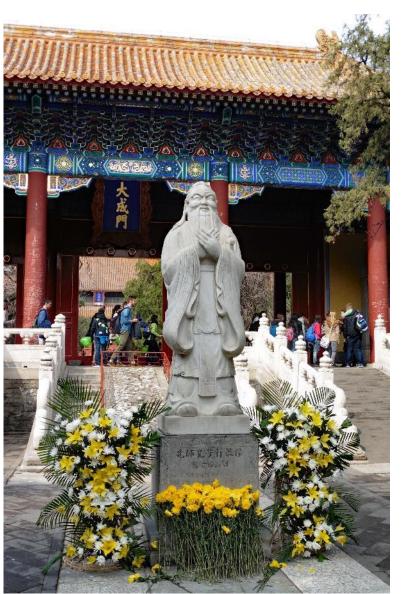


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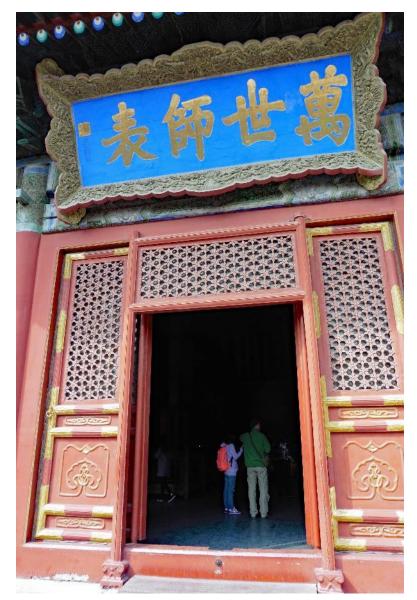






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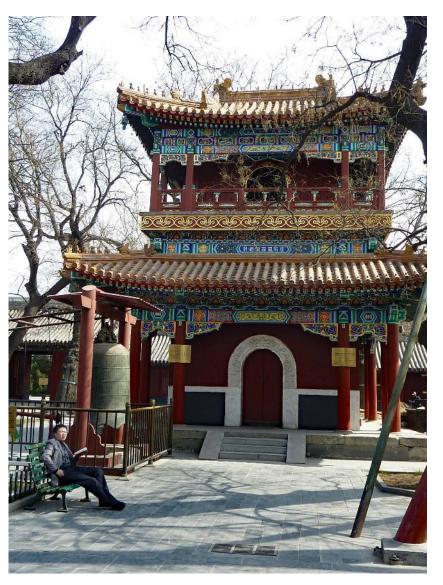


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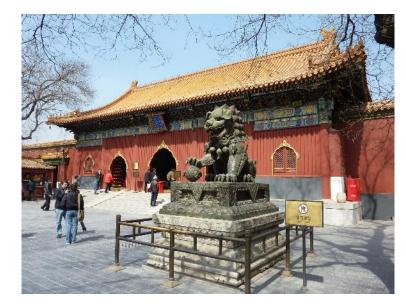












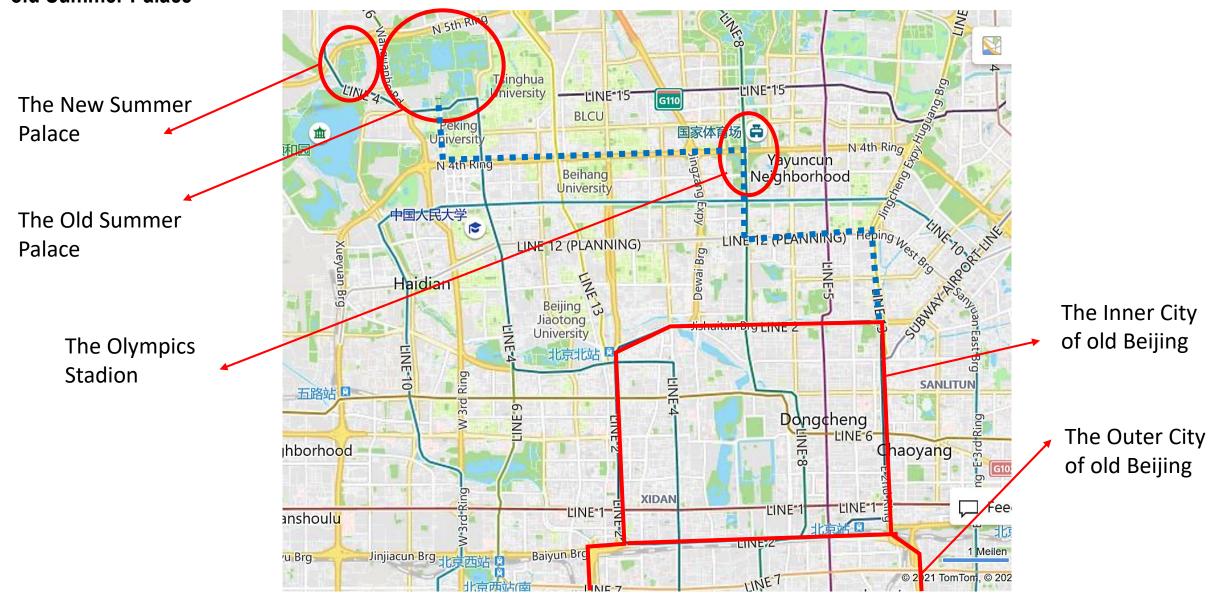


















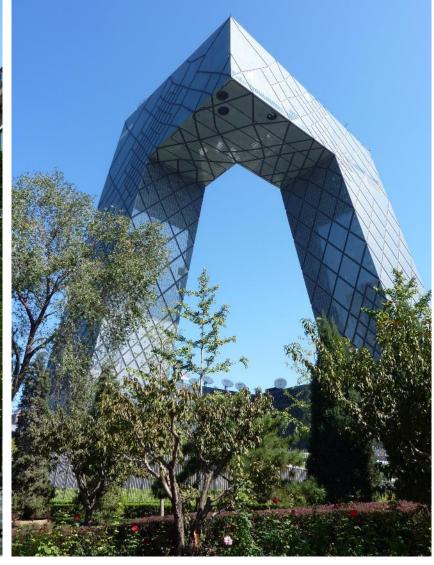


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Please note that some of these buildings are located 3rd ring east





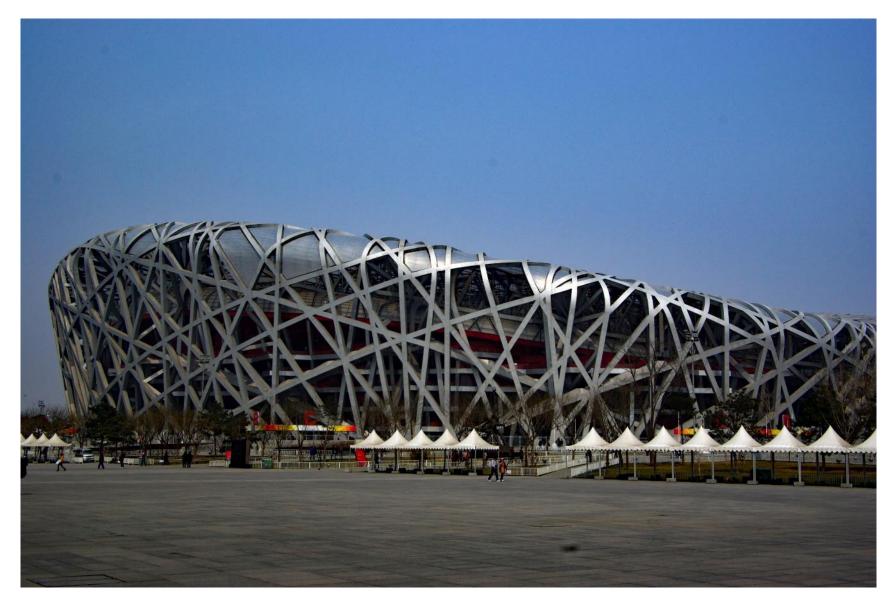










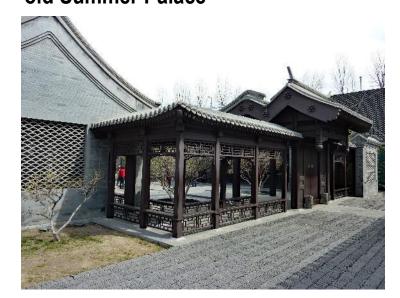




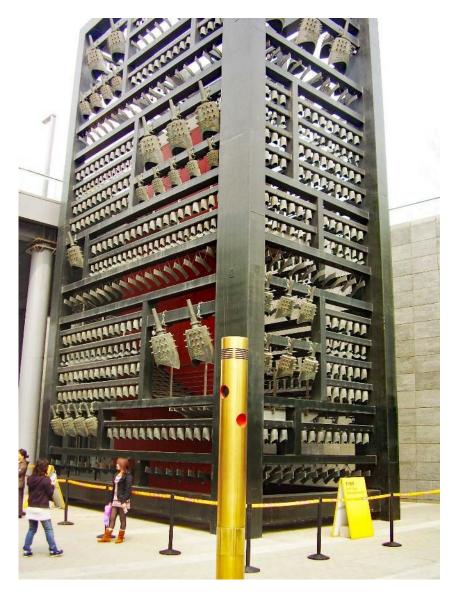


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The Old Summer Palace –Yuanming Yuan





The Old Summer Palace, known in Chinese as Yuanming Yuan was a complex of palaces and gardens. It is 8 kilometres northwest of the walls of the former Imperial City of Beijing. Widely perceived as the pinnacle work of Chinese imperial garden and palace design, the Old Summer Palace was known for its extensive collection of gardens, its building architecture and numerous art and historical treasures. Constructed throughout the 18th and early 19th centuries, the Old Summer Palace was the main imperial residence of Qianlong Emperor of the Qing dynasty and his successors, and where they handled state affairs; the Forbidden City was used for formal ceremonies.

In 1860, during the Second Opium War, as the Anglo-French expedition force steadily approached Beijing, two British envoys, a journalist for The Times and a small escort of British and Indian troopers were sent to meet Prince Yi under a flag of truce to negotiate a Qing surrender. Meanwhile, the French and British troops reached the palace. As news emerged that the negotiation delegation had been imprisoned and tortured, resulting in 20 deaths, the British High Commissioner to China, James Bruce, retaliated by ordering the complete destruction of the palace, which was then carried out by British troops. The palace was so large – covering more than 3.5 square kilometres – that it took 4,000 men 3 days of burning to destroy it.

The remains of Old Summer Palace –Yuan Ming Yuan

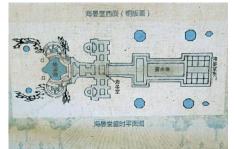


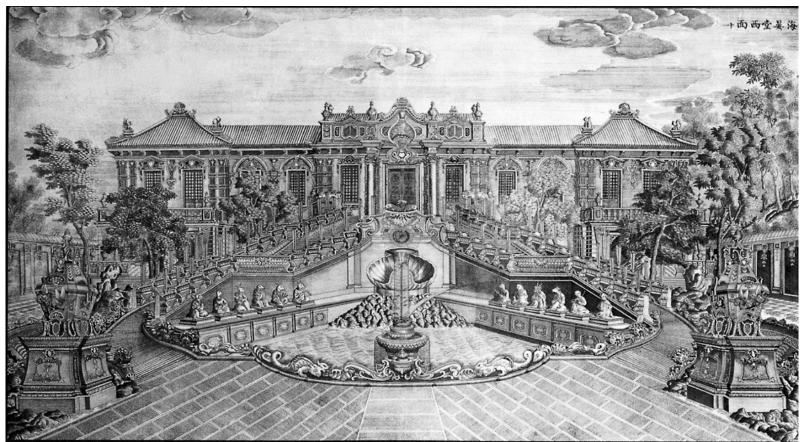






































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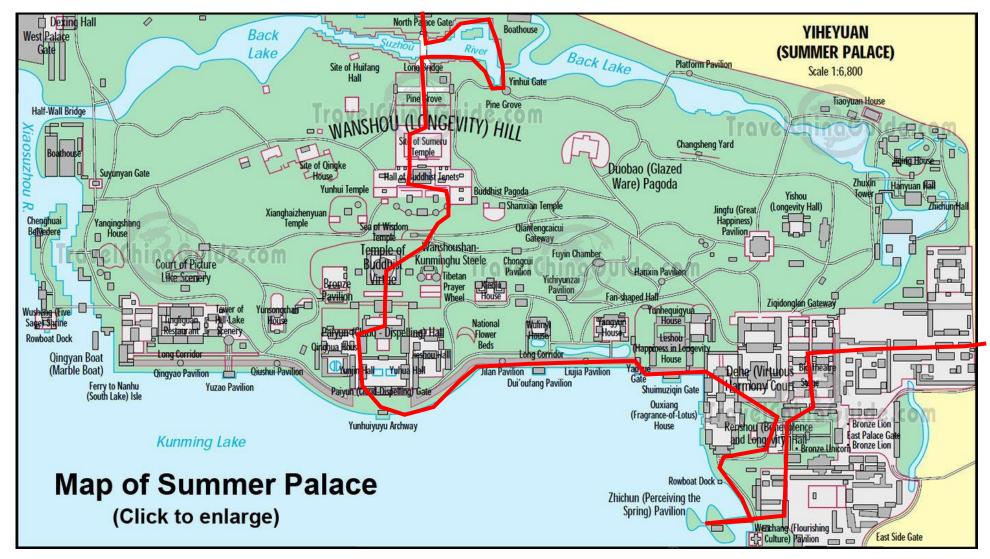






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On October 18, 1860 the British nearby Old burned down the Summer Palace The destruction of large parts of the Summer Palace still evokes anger in China. Between 1884-95, Empress Dowager Cixi ordered 22 million silver taels. originally designated for upgrading the Qing navy, to used for be reconstructing and enlarging Summer Palace to celebrate her 60th birthday. As the funds were limited, the construction works were concentrated on the buildings in front of Longevity Hill and the dams around Kunming Lake. In 1900, towards the end of the Rebellion, the Summer suffered damage again when the forces of the Eight-Nation Alliance destroyed the imperial gardens and seized many artefacts stored in the palace. The palace was restored two years later.

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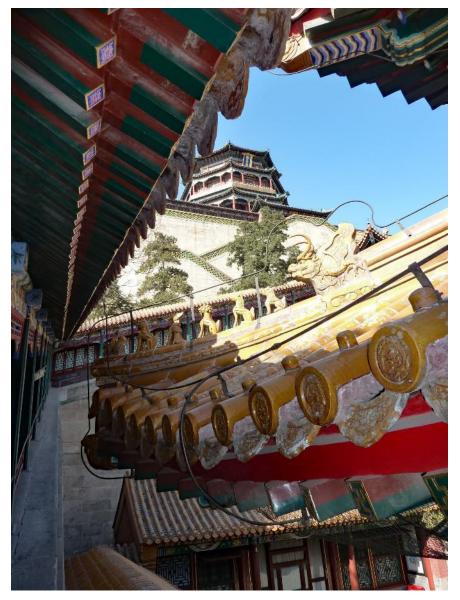
















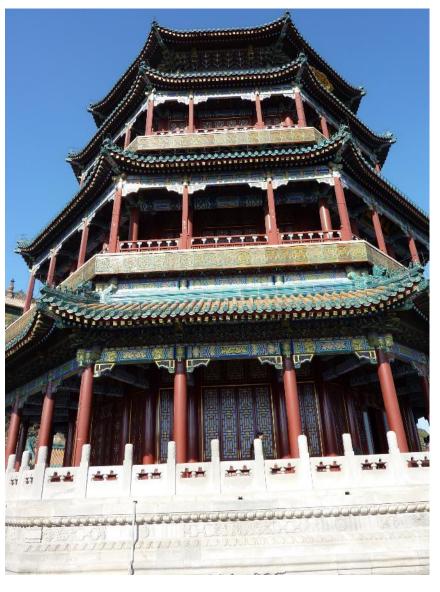
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If you are very, very lucky, you have fine weather and can see Beijing and the mountains, if not you see......













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