

## **BUS**

The opening of the Beijing-Tianjin Expressway has made bus travel a good alternative to taking the train. Buses to Beijing depart from in front of Tianjin's main train station(RMB30;1.5hours). In Beijing, catch the bus to Tianjin from the Zhaogongkou bus station on the southern side of town,but be careful you get a bus to Tianjin train station(Tianjin huochē zhan) and not to the outlying districts of Kaifa or Tanggu(unless you want to go to Tanggu). Buses run roughly every half hour throughout the day.

There are four long-distance bus stations,with buses running to places that the average foreign traveller may have little interest in. Bus station No.1 (Yilu qiche zhan) is opposite the Bohai Hotel and is the place to get buses to Tanggu. Other bus stations are usually located at intervals along the direction of travel. The south bus station(Balитай fache zhan)is on the north-eastern edge of Shuishang Gongyuan, which is south-west of the city centre-this is where you get buses to points south. The west bus station(Xizhan fache zhan) is at 2 Xiqing Dao, near Tianjin's west train station. Of possible interest to travellers is the north-east bus station (Dongbeijiao fache zhan), which has the most destinations and the largest ticket office. It's very close to the Gu Wenhua Jie, just west of the Hai He in the north of Tianjin. Bus No.24 from the city centre will land you in the general

vicinity. From the north-east bus station you can get buses to Jixian.

If you're the sort of person who likes to see everything along the way,

a road route worth considering is from Tianjin to Beijing via Jixian.

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