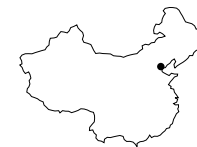


Tiānjīn 天津



Like Běijīng, Shànghǎi and Chóngqìng, Tiānjīn belongs to no province – it's a special municipality, with considerable autonomy. Its history as a foreign concession, large port and European architecture suggest muted echoes of Shànghǎi, but Tiānjīn is often overlooked by travellers charging to Běijīng.

Tiānjīn is proud of its impressive concession-era architecture, which lends the city a kind of shabby nobility. In the run-up to the 2008 Olympics, the city is sprucing itself up and many notable buildings have plaques detailing their histories.

Not to be upstaged by big brother Běijīng, Tiānjīn has joined in the frenzied sport of demolition and road-widening, levelling huge swathes of the city. Its modest subway system has been modernised and extended; dramatic new bridges span the Hai River; and modern architecture pokes into the stark skies. But the city still exemplifies the disparities of modern China, with smart office complexes overlooking dilapidated courtyards from which spill chickens and geese.

This coincides with a drought that surpasses even Běijīng's famed thirst; Tiānjīn's per capita water supplies are reportedly worse than Saudi Arabia's. As a result, dust invades every nook and cranny and shiny new buildings are rapidly coated in a sprinkling of dirt.

Tiānjīn remains a long way from cosmopolitanism: clutching throngs of taxi drivers mill around the train station exit and locals sit around, waiting for something to happen. Accommodation tends to be expensive, but you can travel down from Běijīng in less than 1½ hours so a day-trip could suffice.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take stock of central Tiānjīn's grand **treaty port architecture** (p179)
- Explore **Ancient Culture Street** (p181) and delve into the Tianhou Temple
- Rummage for knick-knacks in Tiānjīn's **Antique Market** (p181)
- Join worshippers seeking guidance at the **Monastery of Deep Compassion** (p181), Tiānjīn's leading Buddhist shrine
- Trek out of town to the historic **Shi Family Courtyard** (p184)



■ AREA CODE: ☎ 022

■ POPULATION: 42.1 MILLION

HISTORY

Historically, Tiānjīn's fortunes have always been linked to those of Běijīng. When the Mongols established Běijīng as the capital in the 13th century, Tiānjīn rose to prominence as a grain-storage point. With the Grand Canal fully functional as far as Běijīng, Tiānjīn was at the intersection of both inland and port navigation routes. By the 15th century, the town had become a walled garrison.

The British and French settled in, and were joined by the Japanese, Germans, Austro-Hungarians, Italians and Belgians between 1895 and 1900. Each concession was a self-contained world with its own prison, school, barracks and hospital.

This life was disrupted only in 1870 when locals attacked a French-run orphanage and killed, among others, 10 nuns – the Chinese thought the children were being kidnapped to be eaten (confusion over the meaning of the sacrament and the consumption of the body and blood of Christ). Thirty years later, during the Boxer Rebellion, the foreign powers levelled the walls of the old Chinese city.

The notorious Tángshān earthquake of 28 July 1976 registered 8.2 on the Richter scale and killed nearly 24,000 people in the Tiānjīn area in the same year that Mao also shook China by dying (a synchronicity of events hardly lost on the Chinese). The city was badly rocked, but escaped the devastation

that virtually obliterated nearby Tángshān, where an estimated 240,000 residents died.

ORIENTATION

Tiānjīn is a large municipality, most of which is rural. Sights and hotels are largely dispersed around Tiānjīn, making navigation tiring, although the central district is compact. The main train station is north of the Hai River, which divides central Tiānjīn into two. South of the station were the foreign concessions, across Jiefang Bridge, and on and around Jiefang Lu.

Maps

Maps of Tiānjīn can be bought from map sellers around the train station.

INFORMATION

Bookshops

Xinhua Bookshop (127 Binjiang Dao)

Internet Access 网吧

Internet cafés in Tiānjīn operate inconveniently on the fringes of society.

Yadu Internet Café (Yàdū Wǎngbā; Yanhe Lu; per hr ¥2; ☎ 24hr) Thirty metres north of the Rainbow Bar, over the river just east of Zijinshan Lu.

Medical Services

Zhongxin Pharmacy (Zhōngxīn Yàoyè; 181 Binjiang Dao; ☎ 24hr)

Money

ATMs (accepting Cirrus, Visa, MasterCard and Plus) can be found in the New World Astor Hotel, Tianjin Holiday Inn, Sheraton Hotel and around town.

Bank of China (Zhōngguó Yínháng; 80-82 Jiefang Beilu)

ATM accepting MasterCard, Visa, Cirrus and Plus.

HSBC (Huifēng Yínháng; Ocean Hotel, 5 Yuanyang Guangchang)

International Building (Guóji Dàshà; 75 Nanjing Lu)

ATM accepting Cirrus, Plus, MasterCard and Visa cards on the ground floor.

Post

Dongzhan post office (Dōngzhàn yóujú; ☎ 8.30am-6.30pm) Has Express Mail Service and poste restante; next to the main train station.

Post office (yóujú; 153 Jiefang Beilu)

Public Security Bureau

PSB/Exit-Entry Administration Bureau (Gōngānjú/Chūrùjīng Guǎnlǐjú; ☎ 2445 8825; 19 Shouan Jie)

Tourist Information & Travel Agencies

China International Travel Service (CITS; Zhōngguó Guóji Lǚxíngshè; ☎ 2810 9988; www.tj-cits.com; 22 Youyi Lu; ☎ 8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Tianjin Tourism Bureau (☎ 2835 4860; fax 2835 2324; 22 Youyi Lu; ☎ 8.30am-5pm) Next door to CITS.

SIGHTS

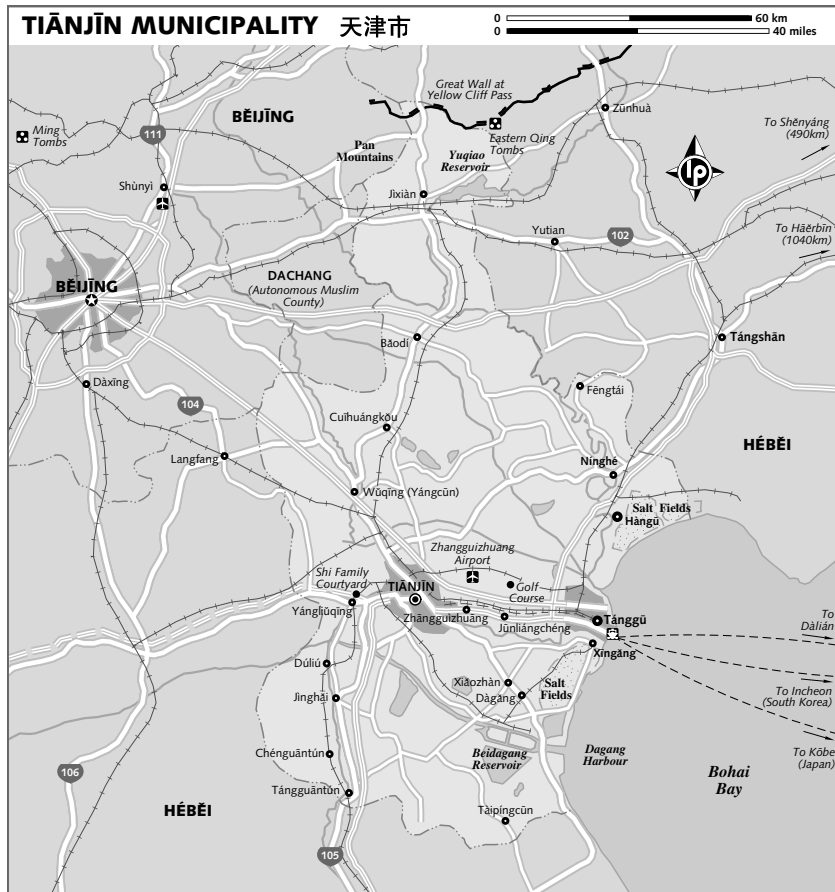
Treaty Port Architecture

公约港建筑

Central Tiānjīn is a museum of European architecture from the turn of the 20th century, stuffed with concession-era details: stately banks, churches, old warehouses and buildings with lobbies revealing old wooden staircases leading up into dark European interiors.

Walking north along **Jiefang Beilu**, at No 108 is the decaying nobility and wrought-iron balconies of the former **Kincheng Bank** (Jinchéng Yínháng; built in 1937). Standing a little bit further north on the corner is the old former site of the **Huabi Bank**, dating from the 1920s. On the other side of Jiefang Beilu, at No 157, is the former address of **Jardine Matheson & Co** (Yíhè Yángháng), decorated with huge pillars. North on the next corner at No 153 is the former **Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China** (Mǎijiǎli Yínháng), a colossal and overblown edifice with vast pillars, now serving as a post office. The grandiose and huge former **Citibank Building** (First National City Bank of New York; Huàqí Yínháng) across the road at No 90 dates from 1918; now it's the Agricultural Bank of China. Pop in and have a peek at the interior during banking hours. The former **Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building** (Huifēng Yínháng), a pompous creation further along at No 82 now houses the Bank of China, opposite the old address of the **Sino-Russian Bank** (Huàè Dàoshèng Yínháng) dating from 1895. Next door to No 82 is the former **Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd** (Héngbīn Zhèngjīn Yínháng) dating from 1926 and now also a Bank of China. Across the way on the corner is the old address of the monumental **Sino-French Industrial and Commercial Bank** (Zhōngfǎ Gōngshāng Yínháng), dating from 1932. The **Former Tientsin (Tianjin) Post Office** can be found across the way, while around the corner on Chengde Dao is the former **French Municipal Administration Council Building** (built in 1924), now a library.

Erected by the French in 1917, the **Catholic church** (Xíkǎi Tiānzhū Jiàotáng; Binjiang Dao; ☎ 5.30am-4.30pm) is the largest church in Tiānjīn.





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The area called **Wūdàdào** (五大道; Five Large Roads) is rich in European-style villas and the former residences of the well-to-do of the early 20th century. Consisting of five roads in the south of the city – Machang Dao, Changde Dao, Munan Dao, Dali Dao and Chengdu Dao – the streetscapes are European, lined with charming houses dating from the 1930s.

Antique Market 古玩市场

Vendors sprawl in every direction along the *hútòng* (narrow alleys) of the **Antique Market** (Gǔwán Shìchǎng; nr Jinzhou Dao & Shandong Lu; ☎ 7.30am-3pm Sat & Sun). Sift through its stamps, silverware, porcelain, clocks, Mao iconography and Cultural Revolution memorabilia. The market is best on Sundays, but die-hard vendors set up shop during the week.

Ancient Culture Street 古文化街

Recently expanded, spruced up and its stallholders housed inside reconstructed, faux *ye olde* Tianjin buildings, **Ancient Culture Street** (Gǔwénhuà Jiē) is stuffed with vendors flogging Chinese calligraphy, paintings, tea sets, paper cuts, clay figurines and chops. It's now a full-on commercial tourist bonanza with fake *hútòng* styling and goods from all over China. A **tourist centre** (shut at the time of writing) can be found in the old **theatre** (戏楼; *xilóu*).

On the western side of the street is the fascinating **Tianhou Temple** (Tiānhòu Gōng; admission Y3; ☎ 8.30am-4.30pm). Tianhou (Heaven Queen), goddess of the sea, is also known as Mazu and Niangniang. The main hall is the Niangniang Palace, with its effigy of Tianhou in a glass case, flanked by ferocious-looking weapons and attendant monsters. Also incorporated into the street is the **Jade Emperor Pavilion** (玉皇阁; Yùhuáng Gé), an ancient solitary twin-eaved hall.

Monastery of Deep Compassion 大悲禅院

The **Monastery of Deep Compassion** (Dàbēichán Yuàn; ☎ 2626 1769; 40 Tianwei Lu; admission Y4; ☎ 9am-4.30pm) is Tianjin's most important Buddhist temple. Worshippers congregate outside the **Shijiabao Hall** (Shìjiābǎo Diàn), which houses a large, central statue of Sakyamuni (Buddha) flanked by 18 *luòhàn* (Buddhist monks). The next large hall contains a huge and golden multi-armed statue of Guanyin, whose eyes follow you around the hall. The road leading up to the temple is an extraordinary market of religious paraphernalia, including prayer mats, books, Buddhist rosaries, talismans, statues, incense and gifts for Buddha.

Old Town 老城区

Originally enclosed by a wall, the old town is easily identified as a rectangle whose

boundaries are roughly Beima Lu (North Horse), Nanma Lu (South Horse), Xima Lu (West Horse) and Dongma Lu (East Horse). At the old town's centre rises the restored **Drum Tower** (Gǔ Lóu; Chengxiang Zhonglu; admission Y10; ☎ 9am-4.30pm). Decorated with *páilou* (decorative archways), the pedestrianised shopping street north of the Drum Tower is excellent for calligraphy brushes, snuff bottles, fans, silk, ceramics, jade, taichi swords, chops and jewellery. Near the Drum Tower is the **Guangdong Guild Hall** (Guǎngdōng Hùì Guǎn; ☎ 2727 3443; 31 Nanmenli Dajie; ☎ 9am-4pm Tue-Sun), built in 1907 and also known as the Museum of Opera. A Ming dynasty relic, it's worth poking around the **Confucius Temple** (Wén Miào; ☎ 2727 2812; 1 Dongmennei Dajie; admission Y8; ☎ 9am-4.30pm Tue-Sun) for its daily antiques market (Wénniào Gǔwán Chéng) selling piles of books, propaganda posters and pamphlets from the Cultural Revolution (general posters cost between Y30 and Y100) – weekends are busiest.

Mosque 清真寺

Chinese in style, this large **mosque** (Qingzhēnsī; 6 Dasi Qian) is an active place of worship. Not officially open to the public unless you're Muslim, you may not be allowed in (although ensure you're suitably attired). The area surrounding the mosque is an intriguing maze of *hùtòng*.

Zhou Enlai Memorial Hall

周恩来纪念馆

Former Chinese premier Zhou Enlai grew up in Shàoxīng (p325), Zhèjiāng province, but attended school in Tianjin, so his classroom desk and schoolbooks are enshrined at this **memorial hall** (Zhōu Ēnlái Jìniànguǎn; ☎ 2352 9257; 1 Shuishang Gongyuan Beilu; admission Y10; ☎ 8.30am-5pm) near Shuishang Park (Shuǐshàng Gōngyuán).

SLEEPING

A largely unappealing choice of accommodation heightens temptations to make Tianjin a day trip from Beijing. Expect discounts in all but the cheapest hotels, but prepare for an additional 15% service charge for hotels in the midrange and up bracket.

Budget

Xinlong Hotel (Xīnlóng Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 6053 2888; fax 6053 2999; Longmen Dasha, Tianjin Zhan; 天津站龙门大厦内; d Y168-198; ☎) Rooms at this hotel right by the train station are pleasantly decorated, comfort-

able and commodious, with kettle, mini-bar and an overall sense of being well-tended.

Home Inn (Rújiā; ☎ 5899 6888; 32 Binjiang Dao; 滨江道32号; d Y179-199; ☎) Friendly staff and a modern attitude make this new hotel a great choice on the south side of Jiefang Bridge. Rooms are decked out with plastic wood flooring, water cooler, generic artwork and sharp colours, and have bright, well-scrubbed shower rooms. Free broadband; ground floor restaurant.

Midrange

Tianjin First Hotel (Tiānjīn Dìyī Fāndiàn; ☎ 2330 9988; fax 2312 3000; 158 Jiefang Beilu; 解放北路158号; r/ste Y664/913; ☎) There's more than a whiff of under-investment about this historic place and the noisy water feature and loud pine-wood panelling in the lobby jar with its attempts at Old-World charm. Good discounts.

Top End

Renaissance Tianjin Hotel (Bīnjiāng Wǎnlì Jiǔdiàn; ☎ 2302 6888; www.renaissancehotels.com; 105 Jianshe Lu; 建设路105号; d Y805; ☎) Despite the weird-looking portico with overblown white pillars, this is an elegant hotel with smartly furnished, broadband-equipped and fresh rooms (with smallish bathrooms), 24-hour pool plus an excellent and crisp fitness centre.

Hyatt Regency (Kǎiyuè Fāndiàn; ☎ 2330 1234; www.hyatt.com; 219 Jiefang Beilu; 解放北路219号; d Y980; ☎) The four-star Hyatt is a relaxed and smart hotel with substantial gloss and a great location. Lift attendants are dapper, staff is polite, but standard rooms have rather scuffed furniture and bathtubs are cramped.

Sheraton Hotel (Xīlādēng Dǎijiǔdiàn; ☎ 2334 3388; www.sheraton.com; Zijinshan Lu; 紫金山路; d incl breakfast Y1298; ☎) An excellent hotel with monthly promotions that make a stay here affordable even to those on a modest budget.

EATING

Gǒubùlǐ (☎ 2730 2540; 77 Shandong Lu; set menu Y13-18) Located between Changchun Dao and Binjiang Dao, this is the king of dumpling shops with a century-old history. The house speciality is *bāozǐ* (steamed dough bun), filled with high-grade pork, spices and gravy. There are numerous branches around town.

Little Sheep (Xiǎo Féiyáng; ☎ 2730 8318; Rongye Dajie; meals Y50) Perfect for expelling the miserable cold of a Tianjin winter and bringing colour to your cheeks, herd around a steaming Sichuan or Mongolian hotpot and order up hearty

plates of lamb (羊肉片; *yángroupiàn*), slabs of chilly bean curd (豆腐; *dòufu*), crispy clumps of bean shoots (豆苗; *dòumiáo*), Chinese cabbage (白菜; *báicài*) and lashings of beer. Four branches in town.

T.G.I. Friday's (Xīngqīwǔ Cǎntīng; ☎ 2300 5555/5656; Tàidà Guójī Huìguān Bldg, 7 Fukang Lu; meals from Y100) With all the usual props, salads, burgers, pasta, steaks, chicken and seafood dishes, T.G.I.'s is a handy expat bolthole.

ENTERTAINMENT

Besides the following recommendations, try to score a copy of the magazine *Jin*, which has listings of restaurants, bars and cultural events in town. A useful expat community website is www.tianjinexpats.net.

Alibaba (Ālibābā; ☎ 2351 3976; Tongan Dao, Weihuali Xiaogu, 4 Tongan Nanli; bottle of Qingdao Y8; ☎ 11am-1pm) A loyal student crowd packs onto the sofas of easy-going and scruffy Alibaba's, tucked away behind an anonymous wooden door south off Tongan Dao. Walk down Tongan Nanli (同安南里) and it's around four buildings down on the right.

Upper Deck (Ènlóu Jiǔbā; ☎ 8836 9177; 107 Meijiang Dao; draught beer Y25, brunch adult/child Y65/35; ☎ 11am-11pm) Loud, brash and popular with the American expat crowd hungry for burgers and draught *pījiǔ*, this hospitable sports bar runs enthusiastically to table-football, a kiddies' play area, a pool, a library, good Sunday brunches, jam nights and live blues, jazz and rock.

Making a neon splash in the centre of town, the Youyilu Bar Street (友谊路风情酒吧街; Yóuyǐlù Fēngqíng Jiǔbǎjiē) is dotted with karaoke parlours and bars, including **Western Heaven** (Xībù Tiāntáng; ☎ 2837 1533; ☎ 7pm-2am), where you can hide away in the dark corners of its all-wood interior, play darts or nod off to tame sounds from live music acts.

GETTING THERE & AWAY

Air

Tianjin's Binhai International Airport (Tiānjīn Bīnhǎi Guójī Jīchǎng; ☎ 2490 2950) is 15km east of the city centre.

Tickets can be bought from CITS and at the following.

All Nippon Airways (Quánrì Kōng; ☎ 2339 6688; 1st fl, Hyatt Regency, 219 Jiefang Beilu)

CAAC (☎ 2330 1543, 8331 1666; 103 Nanjing Lu)

JAL (☎ 2313 9766; International Bldg, 75 Nanjing Lu)

Korean Air (Dàhàn Hángkōng; ☎ 2399 0088; International Bldg, 75 Nanjing Lu)

Tianjin Air-Sales Agency (☎ 2330 3480; Room 101, International Bldg, 75 Nanjing Lu) Can book flights on most airlines.

Boat

Tianjin's harbour is Tánggū, 50km (30 minutes by train or one hour by bus) from Tianjin. See p184 for details of arriving and departing by boat.

Bus

Convenient express buses to Běijīng (Y20, 1½ hours, 6am to 6pm) depart hourly from Tianjin's main train station. Scads of other buses depart from here to other destinations around China, including Dàlián (Y150, sleeper) and Qīngdǎo (Y150). A shared taxi to Běijīng from the main train station will cost around Y50 per person. Regular buses to Zhaogongkou bus station in Běijīng (p159; Y30, 6.30am to 6.30pm) also run from the **Liyisan Lu bus station** (☎ 2311 2278; Liüyísān Lù Qīchēzhàn) off Nanjing Lu. In Běijīng, Tianjin-bound buses (Y30, 1½ hours, every 30 minutes) run from the Zhaogongkou bus station (p159), the Sihui bus station (p159; Y23, every hour) or the Bawangfen bus station (p159; Y31, regularly).

Train

Tianjin has three train stations: main, north and west. Most trains leave from the **main train station** (Tiānjīn Zhàn; ☎ 6053 6053). If you have to alight at the **west train station** (☎ 2618 2662), bus 24, which runs 24 hours, will take you to the main train station.

A major north-south train junction, Tianjin has frequent trains to Běijīng (Y25 to Y35), extensive links with the northeastern provinces, and lines southwards to Anyang (hard seat/sleeper Y92/170), Jī'nán (hard seat/sleeper Y40/Y88), Nánjīng (hard seat/sleeper Y137/249), Qīngdǎo (hard seat/sleeper Y78/156), Shànghǎi (hard sleeper Y301), Shíjiāzhuāng (hard seat/sleeper Y55/139), Zhèngzhōu (hard seat/sleeper Y98/184) and other cities.

GETTING AROUND To/From the Airport

Taxis ask for Y40 to Y50 to the airport from the city centre. Minibuses for Běijīng's Capital Airport leave from the CAAC ticket office every 30 minutes from 4am to 5.30pm (Y70, 2½ hours); from Běijīng Capital Airport to Tianjin, buses run from 7am to 10.30pm.

Bus

Key local transport junctions are the areas around the three train stations. Bus 24 runs between the main and west stations 24 hours a day. Bus 8 starts at the main train station then zigzags down to the southwest of town. With the exception of bus 24, buses run from 5am to 11pm.

Subway

After extensions and upgrades, including an extension of Line 1, the subway (*ditiē*) has reopened. There are several other lines in the planning stages, with an ambitious plan to have seven lines in operation by 2010. A light rail (Metro Line 9) connects Tiānjīn with the port of Tánggū (right).

Taxi

A pestilence of *xiali* taxis and *sānlúnchē* (motor tricycles) swarms along Tiānjīn's streets. For standard taxis, flag fall is Y8 for the first 3km, then Y1.50 per kilometre thereafter.

AROUND TIĀNJĪN

SHI FAMILY COURTYARD

石家大院

In Yángliǔqīng in the western suburbs of Tiānjīn is the marvellous **Shi Family residence** (Shi Jiā Dàyuàn; admission Y20; ☎ 9am-4.30pm), composed of several courtyards. Belonging to a prosperous merchant family, the residence contains a theatre and 278 rooms, some of which are furnished. From Tiānjīn, take bus 153 from the west train station or bus 672 from the Tianjin Department Store to Yángliǔqīng. A taxi will cost Y70 return.

TÁNGGŪ 塘沽

About 50km from Tiānjīn, Tánggū is one of China's major international seaports. There's little of interest in Tánggū and most travellers visit to catch ferries to Dàlián (north-east China), Kōbe (Japan) or Incheon (South Korea).

Dagu Fort (大沽炮台; Dàgū Pàotái; Paotai Lu; admission Y10; ☎ 8am-6pm) This fort on the southern bank of the Hai River dates from the 16th century. There is a small museum chronicling the various invasions by foreign imperialists and a collection of large iron cannons. Bus 110 from Tánggū train station drops you at the end of the road; from there it's a five- or 10-minute walk to the fort.

Getting There & Away

Frequent minibuses and buses to Tánggū (Y5) leave from the main train station, including bus 835 (Y4). In Tánggū, minibuses to Tiānjīn run from outside the train station. A light rail system runs between Zhongshanmen station in southeast Tiānjīn and Donghailu station in Tánggū (50 minutes, roughly every 15 minutes, first/last train 7am/7pm).

If travelling by sea, there are daily boats to Dàlián (Y167 to Y697, 13 to 16 hours), and a weekly ferry to Kōbe (from Y1875, 48 hours) and Incheon (Y888 to Y1590, 28 hours). Check in two hours before departure for international sailings.

Tickets can be purchased at the **Passenger Ferry Terminal** (Tiānjīngǎng Kéyúnzhàn; ☎ 2570 6728), but if you are in Tiānjīn buy in advance from the **ticket office** (shòupiàochù; ☎ 2339 2455; 1 Pukou Dao); for tickets to Incheon, go to **Tianjin-Inchon International Passenger Co Ltd** (☎ 2311 2843; 56 Changde Dao; ☎ 8.30am-5.30pm).