

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. In the foreground, there is a dense field of large green lotus leaves and some pink flowers. The water reflects the golden light of the setting sun. In the middle ground, a traditional Chinese pavilion with a multi-tiered roof stands on the water. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a sky filled with soft, golden clouds.

# A trip to China July 2025

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# PEK

- A Maze that has zero tolerance for errors



# Beijing to Tianjin

- 90 miles away from each other
- 3 highways (> 2 hours) or
- 20 plus bullet trains daily (30 minutes)



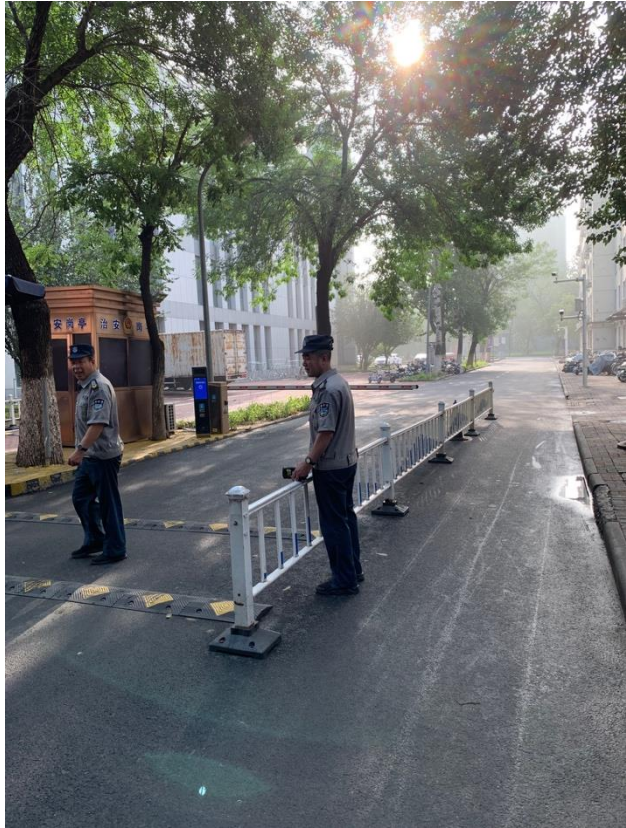
# Bullet train travel



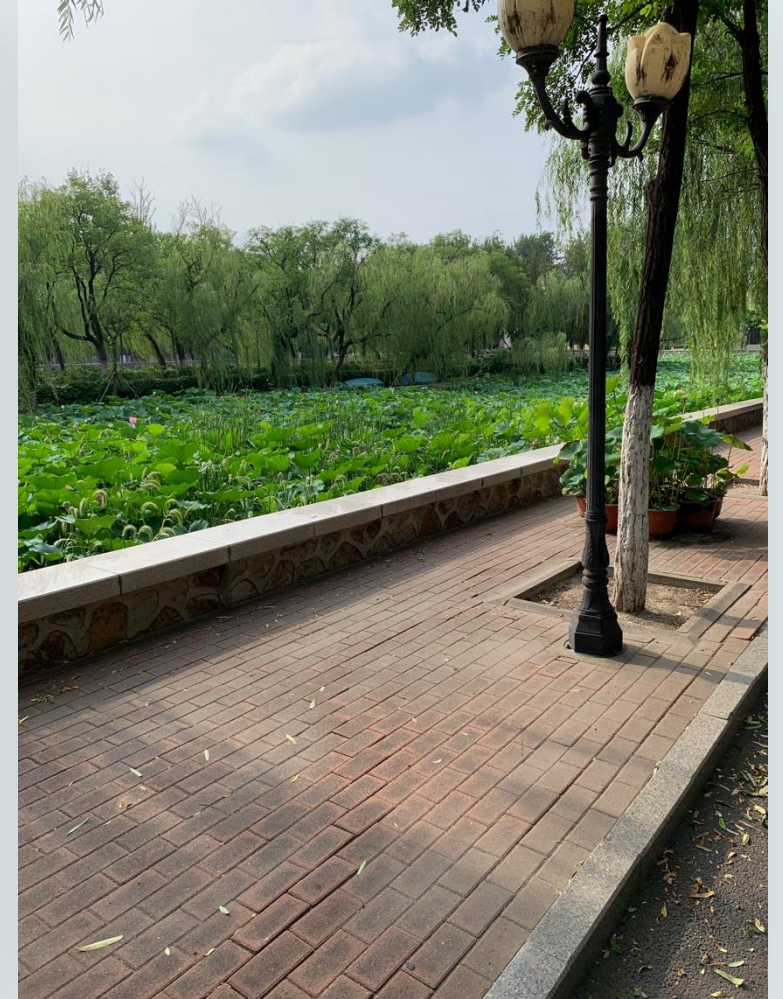
# Let's talk about the food/breakfast



# Back in Tianjin: visiting Nankai University



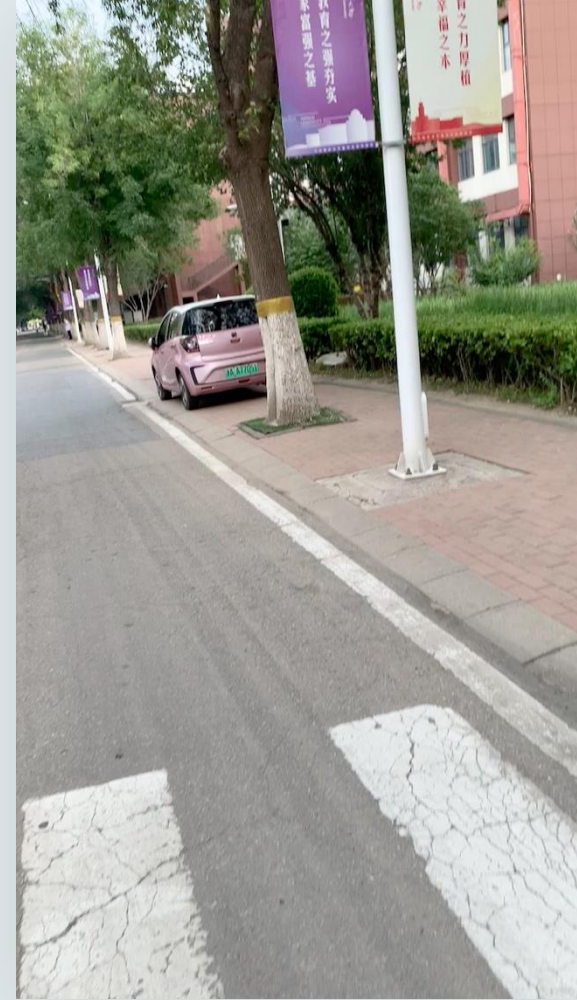
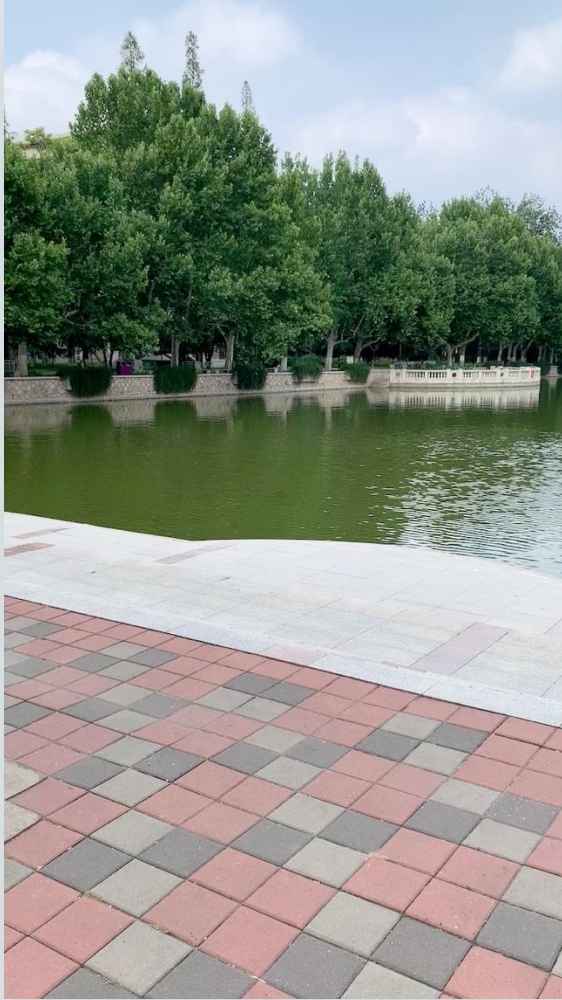
## Campus tranquility



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Tianjin cuisine: 狗不理包子

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Tianjin, China

Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

11 hr 51 min (1,101.9 km) via 京昆高速公路/G5

Directions



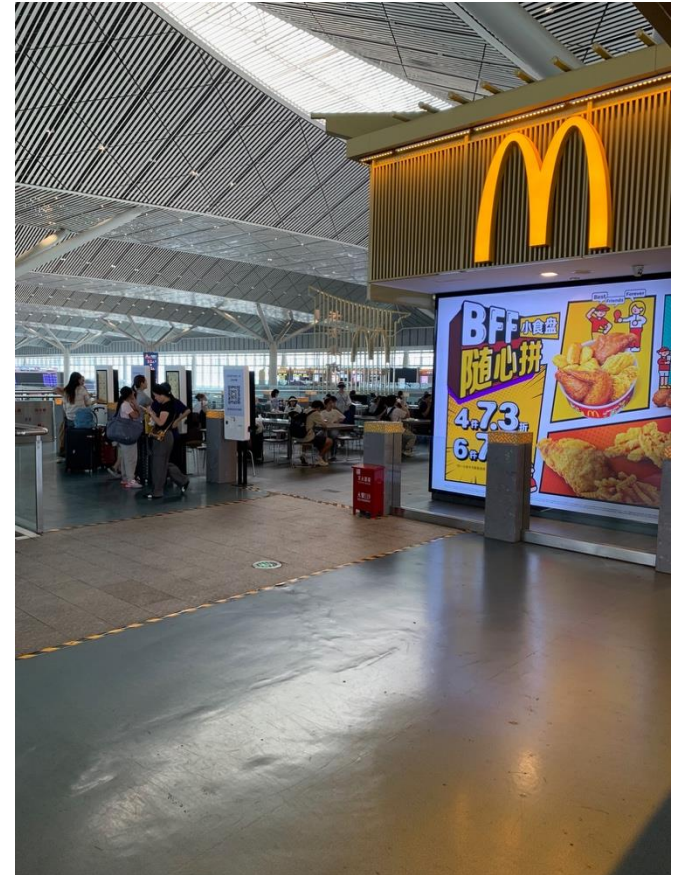
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Mac OS dock with various application icons including Safari, Calendar, Photos, Mail, App Store, and others.



# Journey to the West

# West China is different



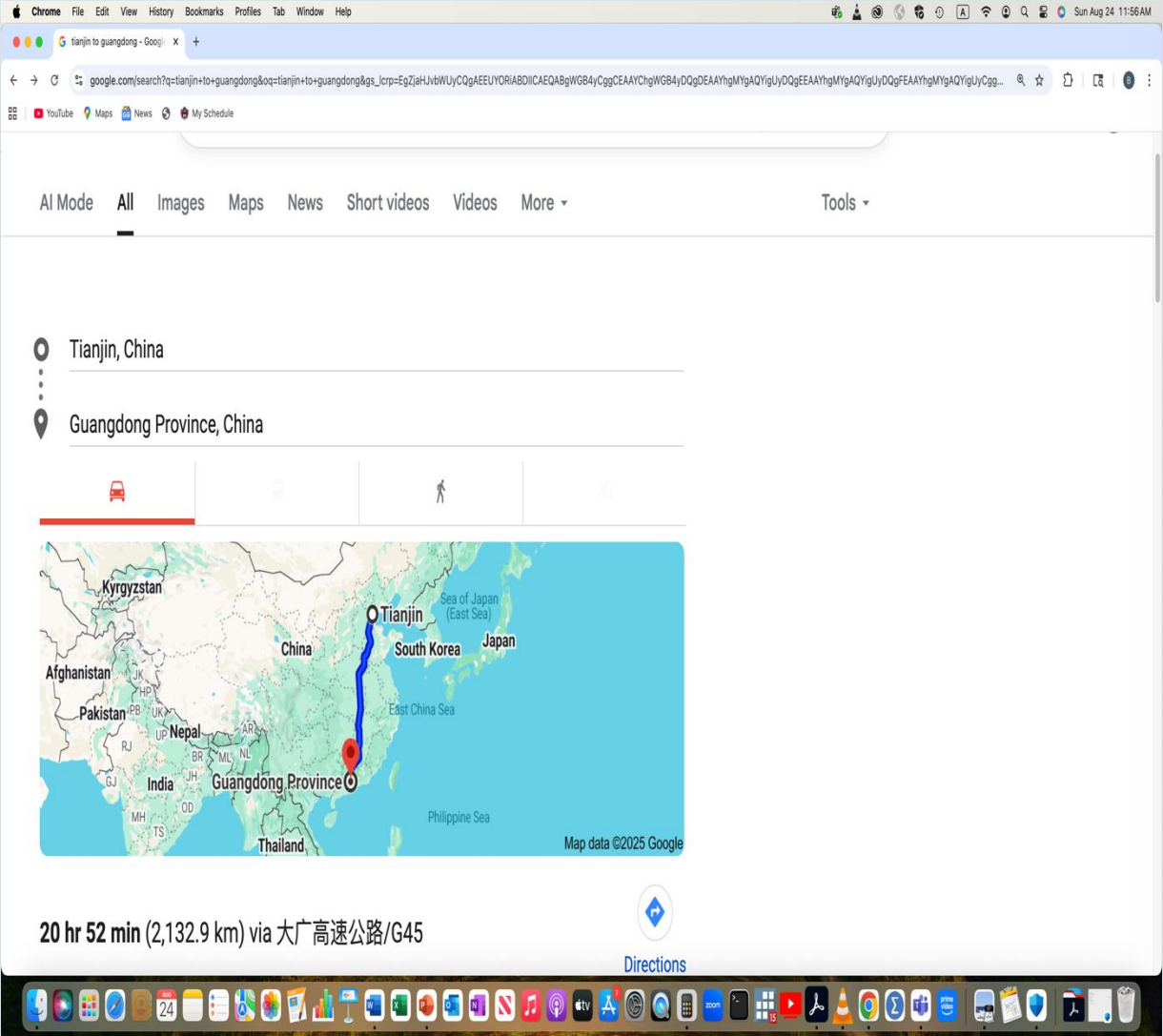
# Bullet train station



# Back in Tianjin: Tianjin University (formerly Beiyang University)



# Visiting Guangdong Province



# Everything through app

Ordering food

Booking hotel

Purchasing airline, bullet train tickets

Renting share bikes

Making friends

Dating

Gaming

banking

# Centrality versus locality

## Centrality

- News media
- Cyber activities
- Language
- Political system
- Military
- Market

## Locality

- Cuisine
- Culture
- Business/firms

# Integration of subway/airport/light rail/bullet train



# Some thoughts

Infrastructures

Manufacturing

Conveniences

Cultural enrichments

Universalism and diversity

# Other thoughts

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General happiness

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Optimistic versus pessimistic

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Materials possession

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Economics success

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Natural environment (soil, air, and water)