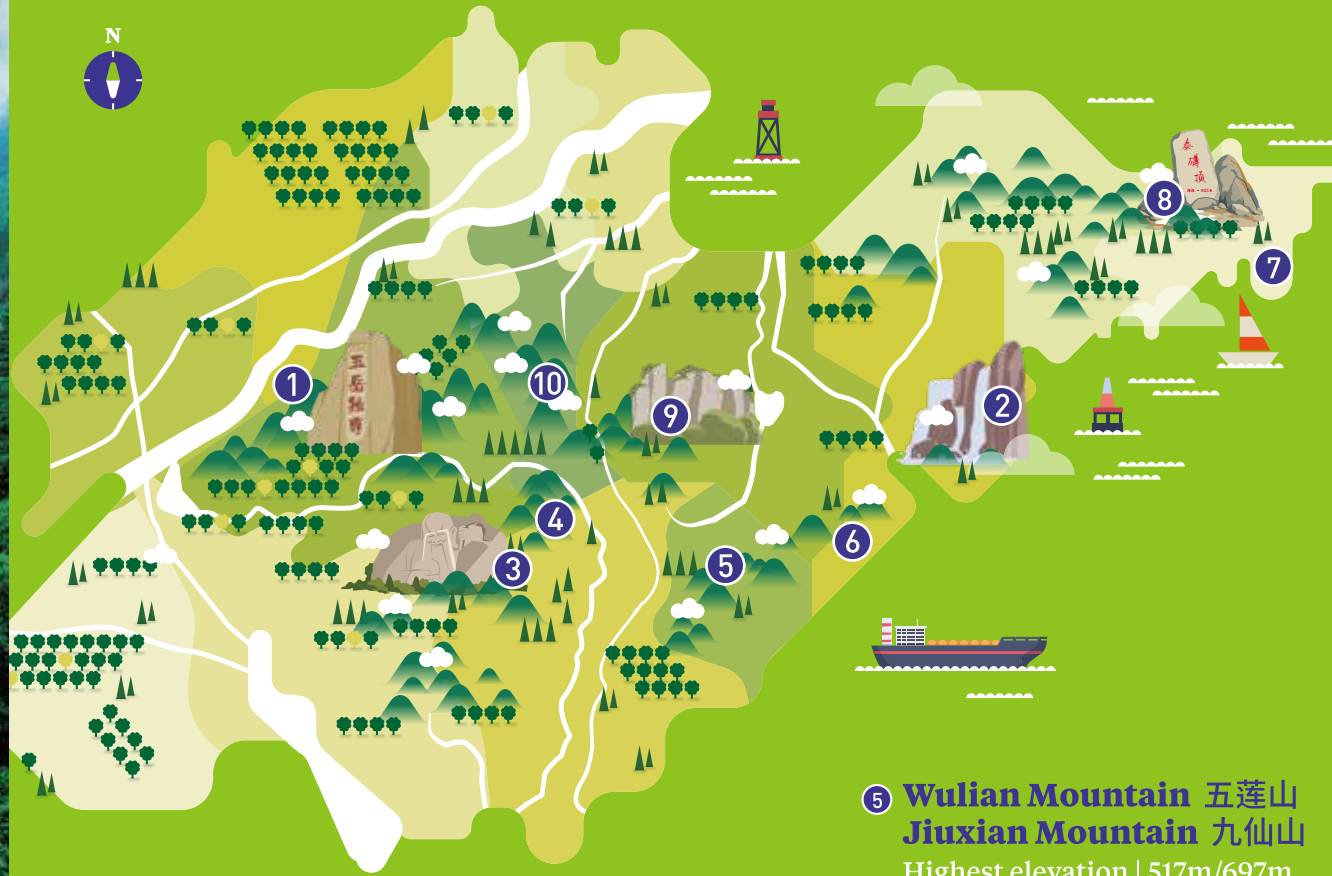




Stretching between the Bohai and Yellow Seas, Shandong has long linked East Asia's great civilisations. But it's the mountains that steal the show. From sacred summits to misty forests and craggy coastlines, each trail leads somewhere unforgettable. Lace up. Let's climb.

ENTER THE KINGDOM OF PEAKS
TREK SHANDONG'S MOUNTAIN WONDERS: SPIRITUAL, SURREAL AND SPECTACULAR



- 1 **Mount Tai 泰山**
Highest elevation | 1,545m
- 2 **Laoshan Mountain 崂山**
Highest elevation | 1,132.7m

- 3 **Mengshan Mountains 蒙山**
Highest elevation | 1,156m
- 4 **Daigu Mountain Range 岱崮群山**

- 5 **Wulian Mountain 五莲山**
Jiuxian Mountain 九仙山
Highest elevation | 517m/697m
- 6 **Dazhu Mountain 大珠山**
Highest elevation | 486.4m

- 7 **Chishan Mountain 赤山**
Highest elevation | 371m
- 8 **Kunyu Mountain 昆嵛山**
Highest elevation | 923m
- 9 **Yishan Mountain 沂山**
Highest elevation | 1,032m
- 10 **Tanxi Mountain 潭溪山**
Highest elevation | 607m

MOUNT TAI

THE SACRED CLIMB MOUNT TAI 泰山 Highest elevation 1,545m

For over 2,000 years, Mount Tai has stood as China's ultimate symbol of spiritual ascent. From dynastic rituals to UNESCO fame, every route to the top offers its own mix of history, meaning and jaw-dropping views — whether you're here for the soul or for the 'gram.

- **Choose your adventure**
Cultural Classic | Central Route 中路
Red Gate 红门 → Sutra Rock Valley 经石峪 → Midway Gate to Heaven 中天门 → Path of 18 Bends 十八盘 → South Gate to Heaven 南天门 → Bixia Temple 碧霞祠 → Jade Emperor Peak 玉皇顶

Steep, ceremonial, and soaked in history, with the best chance to catch the majestic sunrise over the South Gate to Heaven and a sea of clouds swirling below.
Red Gate Entrance, 126 Hongmen Road, Taishan District, Tai'an. Open 5am-midnight daily. From 115RMB.

- **Fast track | West Route 西路**
Tianwaicun 天外村 → Midway Gate to Heaven → cable car to South Gate to Heaven → Jade Emperor Peak
A fast track to the summit's best views, ideal during peak sunrise months (Mar-May, Sep-Nov).
51 Huanshan Road, Taishan District, Tai'an. Open 7am-9pm daily. From 155RMB (includes admission and shuttlebus).



- **Scenic Route | Peach Blossom Valley Route 桃花峪秘境线**
Bus to Peach Blossom Park 桃花源 → cable car to South Gate to Heaven → Jade Emperor Peak
Best in spring when the valley is bursting with colour. Misty mornings after rain offer magical sea-of-cloud photo ops.
54 Hongmen Road, Daiyue District, Tai'an. Open 7am-5pm daily. From 155RMB (includes admission and shuttlebus).

- **DON'T MISS**
SUTRA ROCK VALLEY 经石峪
This is China's largest surviving Buddhist scripture cliff carving, etched into a single massive rock. Also known as the "Ancestor of Large Characters" 大字鼻祖, it's a monumental tribute to faith and form.
On route to Midway Gate to Heaven.

PATH OF 18 BENDS 十八盘
A legendary stone staircase of sharp, zigzagging switchbacks. Steep, scenic, and not for the faint of thigh.
After Midway Gate to Heaven on Central Route.

- **SKIP THE STRAIN**
Strap on a 1.8kg exoskeleton and let the tech take the strain. This wearable support eases pressure on your knees — making the climb easier, and way cooler.
Currently available for trial rental between Red Gate and South Gate to Heaven.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
Call the Mount Tai tourist line (+86 538 9600 8888) for the most updated information.

LAOSHAN MOUNTAIN

THE COASTAL GIANT LAOSHAN MOUNTAIN 崂山 Highest elevation 1,132.7m

Laoshan Mountain is China's tallest coastal mountain and a sacred Daoist site, home to Taiqing Palace 太清宫, one of the country's oldest Daoist temples. With misty peaks and ocean views, it rewards slow travel, and a charged camera.

- **Choose your adventure**
Ocean & Spirit: Taiqing Route 太清景区
Eight Springs River 八水河 → Dragon Pool Waterfall 龙潭瀑 → Shangqing Palace 上清宫 → Mingxia Cave 明霞洞 → Sea View Cliff 崂山观海 → Jade Pond 瑶池 → Yakou Pass 垭口 → Taiqing Palace 太清宫
A balanced route of coastal views, forest trails and sacred Daoist sites. Perfect for seekers of both scenery and serenity.

- **Family Fun: Yangkou Route 仰口景区**
Yangkou Visitor Centre 仰口游客服务中心 → Taiping Palace 太平宫 → Sheep Rock 绵羊石 → Lion Peak 狮子峰 → Longevity Peak 寿字峰 → Seeking Sky Cave 觅天洞 → Heavenly Garden 天苑
Fun, photogenic and beginner-friendly, with quirky rock formations and wide ocean views.



- **DON'T MISS**
TAIQING PALACE 太清宫
One of Daoism's oldest temples, tucked between cliffs and sea. A quiet, spiritual start to your hike.
● *Taiqing Scenic Area, Laoshan Mountain*
● *Open 7am-5.30pm daily*
● *From 27RMB*

- **SEA VIEW CLIFF 崂山观海**
Laoshan Mountain's signature lookout: misty, moody, and totally worth the climb.
● *On Taiqing Route*
● *Free with entry*

- **BE A LAOSHAN MOUNTAIN TEA FARMER 崂山茶农体验**
Skip the summit — pick tea instead. At Laoshan, you can suit up like a local farmer and harvest leaves from sea-facing slopes. Some tours even let you roast the leaves and sip your handiwork on the spot.
● *Tours can be booked with local tourist agencies. Reserve in advance. Usually during spring-early summer*

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
● *Open 7am-5.30pm daily (last entry 5pm)*
● *Call (+86 532 96616/8889 9000) for the most updated information*

- **Ocean & Spirit: Taiqing Route 太清景区**
● *Open 7am-5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily*
● *Laoshan Scenic Area, Laoshan District, Qingdao*
● *From 90RMB*
● **Family Fun: Yangkou Route 仰口景区**
● *Open 7am-5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily*
● *Wanggezhuang Street, Laoshan District, Qingdao*
● *From 90RMB*

DAZHU MOUNTAIN



AZALEA KINGDOM DAZHU MOUNTAIN 大珠山 Highest elevation 486.4m

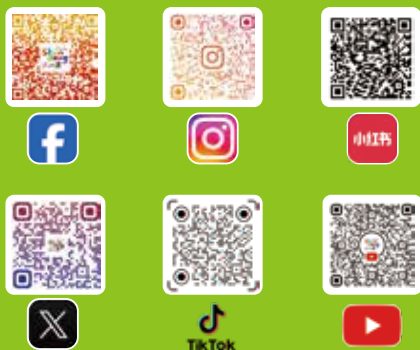
Best in spring, Dazhu Mountain erupts with blooming azaleas. Near the coast, it's dotted with cliff temples, Buddhist carvings and wind — sculpted granite ridges shaped by centuries of sea and sky.

- **Valleys in Bloom: Main Trail 珠山秀谷线**
Zhushan Xiugu 珠山秀谷 → Dazhu Mountain Peak 大珠山主峰 → Shimen Temple 石门寺
A short but rewarding hike that takes you from flower-filled ravines to cliff-top views and centuries-old temple walls. Best in spring when the azaleas are in full bloom.
● *1117, Shanchuan Road, Huangdao District, Qingdao*
● *+86 532 8513 1271/8412 3456*
● *Open 7am-5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily*
● *From 40RMB*



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Official Shandong Tourism
Social Media Accounts



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Choose your adventure

SUMMIT & SCULPTURE: GUIMENG ROUTE

龟蒙景区
Guimeng Peak 龟蒙顶 → Cliffwalk 江北最长悬崖栈道 → Eagle's Nest Peak 鹰窝峰 → Nine Dragon Pool 九龙潭 → Forest River Rafting 森林漂流
Sweeping summit views, cliffside paths and a lush forest finish.

- Bolin Town, Pingyi County, Linyi
- +86 539 440 6601
- Open 8.30am–4.30pm (last entry 4pm) daily
- Entry from 70RMB

MIST & MOUNTAINS: YUNMENG ROUTE

云蒙景区
Jingang Gate Square 金刚门广场 → Forest Wooden Walkway 森林木栈道 → Tianhu Peak 天壶峰 → Yunmeng Peak 云蒙峰 → Mountain Rail Toboggan 森林冲锋车 → Tianchi Lake 天池 → Cable car downhill 索道下山 → Forest River Rafting 森林漂流

- Gentle gradients and moody mist, with a few thrills tucked in.
- Taoxu Town, Mengyin County, Linyi
- +86 539 456 7567
- Open 7am–5pm (last entry 4.30pm) daily
- Entry from 70RMB

THE GREEN ESCAPE
MENGSHAN MOUNTAINS 蒙山

Highest elevation 1,156m

Forested peaks, swirling mist and sky-high trails make Mengshan Mountains a literal breath of fresh air. A natural oxygen bar, Shandong's second-highest mountain is packed with cliffwalks, glass bridges and misty scenic zones.



FLAT-TOPPED WONDER
DAIGU MOUNTAIN RANGE 岱崮群山

The Daigu Mountain Range features one of China's rarest landforms — flat-topped mesas ringed by sheer cliffs, as if sliced by a cosmic blade. Known as the Daigu landform, it's recognised as China's fifth major geomorphological type. With shifting seasonal colours, it's like a painted textbook come to life.

Earth & Sky: Main Route 岱崮游览线

- Daigu Geopark Museum 岱崮地貌地质博物馆 → Plateau Grasslands 崮上草原 → Shenfo Plateau 神佛崮 → General's Tree 将军树 → Peach Blossom Valley 桃花峪
Hike through alien-like landscapes, grassy plateaus and peach-blossom valleys.
- Daigu Town, Mengyin County, Linyi
- +86 539 464 3999/465 5777
- Open 8am–5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily
- Entry from 130RMB

FOREST CANOPY WALK
BAODU MOUNTAIN 抱犊崮

Highest elevation 584m

Baodu Mountain near Zaozhuang is wrapped in green — 98 percent forest. This national park is made for tree therapy. Another representative site of the Daigu landform.

- Beizhuang Town, Shanting District, Zaozhuang
- +86 632 891 5199/899 0190
- Open 8.30am–4.30pm (last entry 3pm) daily
- Entry from 60RMB

DAIGU MOUNTAIN RANGE



TWIN PEAKS
WULIAN 五莲山 & JIUXIAN 九仙山 MOUNTAINS

Highest elevation 517m/697m

Wulian and Jiuxian Mountains sit side by side, offering a double hit of scenic beauty and cultural depth. Ancient temples, jagged cliffs, peaceful gorges and a sea of seasonal colour, from blooming azaleas in spring to fiery red leaves in autumn, make this a go-to for hikers who want a trail with stories.

Choose your adventure

PEAKS & TEMPLES | SCENIC ROUTE 景观线

Jiuxian Mountain Cable Car 九仙山索道 → Lovers' Peak 情侣峰 → Lao mu Pavilion 老母阁 → Sun Bin Academy 孙臧书院 → Longtan Grand Canyon 龙潭大峡谷 → Glass Cliffwalk 玻璃栈道 → Longtan Lake 龙潭湖
A well-paced loop of scenic, spiritual and surprising stops. Ideal for a day out with elevation and views.

THRILLS & SPILLS | CHALLENGE ROUTE 挑战线

West Gate of Jiuxian Mountain 九仙山西门 → Glass Cliffwalk → Longtan Grand Canyon → Sun Bin Academy → Cang'ao Ridge 仓敖岭 → Lao mu Pavilion → Lovers' Peak → return to West Gate
A full-body trek for serious hikers who like verticals with their vistas.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- Wulian & Jiuxian Mountains Scenic Areas, Rizhao
- +86 633 566 6111/400 015 6519
- For Wulian Mountain, head to the East Gate at Wulian Visitor Centre. For Jiuxian Mountain, enter via the West Gate
- Open 8.30am–5pm (last entry 4pm) daily
- Entry from 65RMB

WULIAN & JIUXIAN MOUNTAINS

THE SENTINEL PEAK
CHISHAN MOUNTAIN 赤山

Highest elevation 371m

Facing the Yellow Sea, Chishan blends myth and mountain. A giant bronze deity tops the peak, cherry blossoms light up the slopes each spring, and Fahua Temple 法华院 remains a rare spiritual bridge between China, Korea and Japan.

- Fahua Road, Rongcheng, Weihai
- +86 631 732 6666
- Open 7.30am–5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily
- Entry from 120RMB



DON'T MISS
NINE DRAGON POOL 九龙池

Nine natural pools, nine legendary dragons. Legend says they were banished from heaven and crashed down here, bringing long-awaited rain. Come during the wet season to see the waterfalls flow and legends come to life.

TEMPLES & TRAILS KUNYU ROUTE

昆嵛山推荐路线

Nine Dragon Pool 九龙池 → Yanxia Cave 烟霞洞 → Shimenli Flower Valley 石门里 → Wurao Temple 无染寺 → Yuegu Hall 岳姑殿
A scenic loop that blends forest hikes with temples, spring-fed pools, and seasonal blooms.

- Kunyu Mountain Scenic Area, 20km southeast of Muping District, Yantai
- +86 535 469 3307/3388
- Open 7am–4.30pm (last entry 4pm) daily
- Entry from 40RMB (Shimenli and Nine Dragon Pool) 50RMB (Wuran Temple)

MYSTIC REALM
KUNYU MOUNTAIN 昆嵛山

Highest elevation 923m

Misty trails, Daoist legends and flower-filled valleys make Kunyu Mountain a dream for nature lovers and Chinese fantasy fans. At the summit, Taibo Peak 泰礴顶 offers serene forest views, while spring-fed pools and ancient temples below invite reflection — or a family-friendly splash.

KUNYU MOUNTAIN



EASTERN SENTINEL
YISHAN MOUNTAIN 沂山

Highest elevation 1,032m

Rising from the heart of the Shandong Peninsula, Yishan Mountain has long been seen as a spiritual gateway between land and sea. It is known as "the first mountain the sea meets on its journey inland." Today, hikers come to see its forest temples, dramatic waterfalls and sunrise views.

Sea to Sky | Mount Yi Route 沂山推荐路线

- East Gate 东大门 → Jade Emperor Peak 玉皇顶 → Tilted Peak 歪头崮 → Fayun Temple 法云寺 → Baizhang Cliff Waterfall 百丈崖瀑布 → Dongzhen Temple 东镇庙
A full-range hike from cliffside temples to cool waterfalls.
- Mount Yi Scenic Area, Jiangyu Town, Linqu County, Weifang
- +86 400 053 6059
- Open 8am–5.30pm (last entry 5pm) daily
- Entry from 85RMB

THE ADRENALINE GORGE
TANXI MOUNTAIN 潭溪山

Highest elevation 607m

Tanxi Mountain 潭溪山 is hike-meets-adrenaline: glass bridges, cliffside elevators, waterfall trails and high-altitude glass rafting. Families will love the star cave legends and easy mountaintop views — no sweat required, thanks to those lifts.

- Taihe Town, Zichuan District, Zibo
- +86 533 503 6666
- Open 7.30am–5pm (last entry 4.30pm) daily
- Entry from 40RMB

YISHAN MOUNTAIN

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

GETTING TO SHANDONG

Shandong is served by five major international airports:
Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport (TAO) Best for Laoshan Mountain and Dazhu Mountain. Also convenient for travellers heading to Wulian and Jiuxian Mountains via Rizhao.
Jinan Yaoqiang International Airport (TNA) Closest major airport to Mount Tai.
Yantai Penglai International Airport (YNT) Best for Kunyu Mountain and surrounding coastal peaks.
Linyi Qiyang International Airport (LYI) Gateway to Mengshan Mountains, Daigu Mountain Range and parts of the Yimeng region including Yishan Mountain.
Weihai Dashiupo International Airport (WEH) Close to Chishan Mountain and Kunyu Mountain.

GETTING AROUND SHANDONG

The high-speed rail network is king. It's faster, cleaner and more scenic than flying. For local hops, Didi (China's version of Uber) and public bicycles are widely available in major cities.

Shandong's key high-speed rail hubs

Tai'an Station Shuttle buses run directly to Mount Tai's Red Gate and Tianwaicun entrances.
Qingdao Station/Qingdao North Station Best for accessing Laoshan Mountain and Dazhu Mountain.
Rizhao West Station Gateway to Jiuxian Mountain and Wulian Mountain.
Weihai Station/Rongcheng Station Ideal for Chishan Mountain and Kunyu Mountain.
Yantai Station Alternate access point for Kunyu Mountain.
Feibai North Station/Mengshan Mountains Station Key stations for exploring the Mengshan Mountains including Tianmeng, Yunmeng and Guimeng scenic zones.
Linqing Station (Weifang) Closest station for Yishan Mountain.
Zibo Station Closest hub for Tanxi Mountain.
Zaozhuang Station Recommended for Mount Baodu.
Linyi Station Useful for both Daigu Mountain Range and parts of the Mengshan Mountains region.

Emergency Numbers

Police 110 | Ambulance 120 | Tourist Complaints 12345

Weather Snapshot

Spring (Mar–May) Cool, clear, and ideal for trails. Expect blooming azaleas at Dazhu Mountain, Wulian Mountain, Jiuxian Mountain and Kunyu Mountain. Bring layers for higher altitudes.
Summer (Jun–Aug) Hot and humid at lower elevations; cooler in forested areas like Mengshan Mountains and Daigu Mountain Range. Start early, stay hydrated, and pack sun protection.
Autumn (Sep–Nov) Crisp air, golden foliage, and unbeatable hiking conditions. Mount Tai, Jiuxian Mountain and Yishan Mountain are especially stunning with red leaves and clear skies.
Winter (Dec–Feb) Cold and quiet. Some peaks may see snow (especially inland at Mount Tai, Yishan Mountain and Mengshan Mountains). Expect fewer crowds and dramatic views.

Essential Travel Apps

Super Apps

- WeChat App
- Alipay App

Alipay and WeChat are China's must-have super apps, combining mobile payments with everyday services like taxi booking, food delivery, bills, and even hotel reservations. Both support Visa, Mastercard and UnionPay international cards, but while WeChat is stronger for messaging and social sharing, Alipay excels in travel and shopping features. Most travellers use both to cover all bases.

Navigation

- Baidu Maps
- Gaode Maps

The two most popular and accurate map apps used by locals to get around by foot or by car.

Travel & Tickets

- Trip.com
- 12306

The go-to English-friendly booking app for flights, trains, hotels, and more within China.

SUMMIT!

CONQUER SHANDONG'S PEAKS ONE STEP AT A TIME

VISIT SHANDONG