



CAMPUS VISIT GUIDE

TRANSPORTATION

Duke Kunshan University Address: No.8 Duke Ave. Kunshan, Jiangsu, China, 215316

Address for Taxi Driver: 昆山杜克大学，中国江苏省昆山市杜克大道8号，215316

SHANGHAI PVG AIRPORT TO DKU

Taxi

Estimated Travel Time: 2-2.5 hours

Estimated Cost: 400-600 RMB (tolls required)

High-speed Rail+Taxi

Step1: Take Shanghai Metro Line2

Step2: Get off at Hongqiao Railway Station (上海虹桥站)

Step3: Take a train to Kunshan South Railway Station (昆山南站)

Step4: Take a taxi or public bus (No.22 or 31) to DKU

Estimated Travel Time: 2-2.5 hours

Estimated Cost: 60-80 RMB

SHANGHAI HONGQIAO AIRPORT TO DKU

Taxi

Estimated Travel Time: 1.5-2 hours

Estimated Cost: 200-300 RMB (tolls required)

High-speed Rail+Taxi

Step1: Follow signs and walk to Hongqiao Railway Station (上海虹桥站)

Step2: Take a train to Kunshan South Railway Station (昆山南站)

Step3: Take a taxi or public bus (No.22 or 31) to DKU

Estimated Travel Time: 2 hours

Estimated Cost: 50-70 RMB

*Although we provide railway options, based on our past experiences, we highly recommend opting for a direct taxi to reach DKU, especially if you are unfamiliar with China or do not understand the Chinese language. This suggestion ensures a smoother and more straightforward journey for your convenience.

*Credit cards are not as widely used in China, so we encourage you to carry cash or download Alipay on your phone to link your credit card for payments. Please consider preparing smaller bills and change if possible to avoid inconveniencing taxi drivers who may not have enough change.

*No need to tip the taxi driver.



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USEFUL APPS TO DOWNLOAD

(BEFORE ARRIVING CHINA)



DiDi China's top ride-hailing

app. It offers an English interface and customer support via the help chat. A local phone number or international-roaming-enabled number is required to create an account.



Alipay is one of the two major digital payment

methods in China. The other is WeChat Pay, which is less visitor friendly. Download the international version of Alipay and select 'Tour Card'. This gives you 90 days of paying on your phone when visiting China.



Since GoogleMaps does not work in China without a VPN, installing a Chinese map on your mobile phone is safer. Maps.me is available in various languages.



Trip.com (or Ctrip) helps you to buy and book hotels, plane tickets, and train tickets online. It is available in various languages. Credit card payment is accepted so no Chinese bank account needed.



SUGGESTED HOTELS IN KUNSHAN

CROWNE PLAZA KUNSHAN HOTEL 昆山皇冠假日酒店

- Address: Kunshan No.699 Zizhu Road
- Address for TAXI driver: 江苏省昆山市玉山镇紫竹路699号
- Distance from campus: 5.7km
- Star rating: 5-star hotel
- Approximate rate for a Double: 800-900 RMB/night
- Phone number: 0512 5555 6999

NOVOTEL KUNSHAN HI TECH 昆山汇金诺富特酒店

- Address: Kunshan 258 Dengyun Road, Huijin Fortune Plaza-B
- Address for TAXI driver: 昆山登云路 258 号, 汇金财富广B幢
- Distance from campus: 2.2km
- Star rating: 4-star hotel
- Approximate rate for a Double: 450 RMB/night
- Phone number: 0512 5712 0666

MERCURE KUNSHAN HIGH-TECH HOTEL 昆山高新美居酒店

- Address: D221-1F, No.6 Hongqi Road, High-tech Zone, Kunshan
- Address for TAXI driver: 昆山高新区虹祺路221号D1-6F
- Distance from campus: 4.2km
- Star rating: 3.5-star hotel
- Approximate rate for a Double: 400-450 RMB/night
- Phone number: 0512 5701 5588

HYATT REGENCY KUNSHAN BUSINESS HOTEL 昆山凯悦商务酒店

- Address: 581 Beimen Road, Kunshan
- Address for TAXI driver: 昆山北门路581号
- Distance from campus: 5.2km
- Star rating: 3-star hotel
- Approximate rate for a Double: 250-300 RMB/night
- Phone number: 0512 5031 0777

*Typically, the front desk of the hotels can assist you in getting a taxi, which we highly recommend as the best way for you to travel from the hotel to our campus.

SUGGESTED PLACES TO VISIT

KUNSHAN 昆山

TINGLIN GARDEN 亭林园

Tinglin Garden has a rich history spanning centuries. Established in 1906 during the Qing Dynasty's final years, it stands as a testament to China's cultural heritage. The roots of the garden run even deeper, with Ma'an Hill dating back 1,500 years to the Liang Dynasty (AD 502-557). Records indicate temple-building activity during this ancient period, adding an intriguing layer of historical significance to the garden.

OPENING HOUR: Mon-Sun 4:45-17:30 / ADMISSION: 20RMB

CHONGYUAN TEMPLE 重元寺

Originally built in 503, Chongyuan Temple underwent destruction during the tumultuous period of the Great Cultural Revolution. In 2003, the temple was meticulously reconstructed, occupying an expansive area of over 300 mu. Visitors can marvel at numerous awe-inspiring scenic wonders. Notable features include the highest and heaviest above-water indoor Guanyin (Goddess of Mercy) Pavilion in all of China and China's largest indoor Avalokitesvara, adding to its significance and allure.

OPENING HOUR: Mon-Sun 7:00-17:00 / ADMISSION: 20 RMB

ZHOUSHUANG WATER TOWN 周庄水乡

Renowned for its rich cultural heritage, Zhouzhuang Water Town is a captivating destination known for its well-preserved ancient residential houses, picturesque water views, and vibrant local traditions. With origins dating back to the Spring and Autumn Period (770-476 BC), this charming town was once a part of the fief Yaocheng and referred to as Zhenfengli. In 1086, during the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127), a devout Buddhist named Zhou Digong generously donated the town to the Full Fortune (Quanfu) Temple. In honor of this benevolent act, the town was renamed Zhouzhuang, serving as a lasting memorial to its revered donor.

OPENING HOUR: Mon-Sun 7:30-21:00 (subject to seasonal changes) / ADMISSION: 100 RMB

SUZHOU 苏州

SUZHOU MUSEUM 苏州博物馆

Designed by the renowned architect Ieoh Ming Pei, the Suzhou Museum mesmerizes visitors with its exquisite blend of traditional Suzhou garden elements and contemporary architectural lines. This splendid creation offers a serene and captivating environment to appreciate the invaluable historic and cultural relics from ancient Suzhou. With over 2 million visitors in 2018, it stands as one of the most visited museums globally. The museum's Folk Branch is situated near Lion Grove Garden, housed within the ancestral temple of the Bei family.

OPENING HOURS: Tue-Sun 9:00-17:00 / ADMISSION: Free

