

Chengdu (Chéngdū), located in central Sichuan Province in China, is the provincial capital of Sichuan and one of the sub-provincial cities in China. The State Science assures Chengdu as the center of technology, business, financial and communication. Chengdu is also the political, economic, cultural and educational center of Sichuan Province. It's the focused city under the country's economic construction and social development plan, honored as a national historical and cultural city. Chengdu belongs to Shu in ancient times, the city is built up after Qin annexes Ba. It sets brocade officials to manage brocade industry because of it's prosperity, therefore it enjoys the name of "city of brocade official". Chengdu is known as "hibiscus town", referred to as "Rong" for its hibiscus all over the city back in Five Dynasties. Chengdu was set up as the municipal city in 1921 with the total area of 12,400 sq km and central city area of 283.86 sq km., administers 9 districts, 4 municipal level cities and 6 county level cities, has the permanent resident population of 14,070,800 by the end of 2011. Chengdu urban and rural comprehensive reform pilot area has been formally approved by the State Council in 2007, becoming another national comprehensive reform pilot area after Pudong district of Shanghai and Haibin district of Tianjin.

City name: Chengdu City(Eng: Chengdu Chinese phoneticize: Chéngdū Shì)

Geographic co-ordinates: Downtown located at 30.67 degrees north latitude, 104.06 degrees east longitude

Jurisdiction: 19. Administers 9 districts, 4 municipal level cities and 6 county level cities

City area: 12,390 sq km (8th place of municipalities and sub-provincial city of China). The central city area of 598 sq km, municipal district area of 1418 sq km.

Altitude: Average altitude of 500 meters. The city's highest point is the peak snow pond elevation of 5364 m.

Population: The city's household population 1,163.28 million (as of the end of 2011, an increase over the previous year 14.21 million), resident population of 1,407.08 million (an increase of 2.32 million over the previous year). Urban population of 5,447,800. The natural population growth rate was 4.5 ‰.

Minority: Chengdu has 54 ethnic minorities of the 56. The most populous nation is the Han nationality

Time: Beijing (China Standard Time, UTC +8). Chengdu, where the time zone is UTC +7

zip code: 610000

dialling code: 028(+86)

city flower: hibiscus

city tree: ginkgo

National tourist area (or spot): Qingcheng Mountain national AAAAA level scenic area (spot), Dujiangyan national AAAAA level scenic area (spot), Glory Guihu national AAAA-class cultural tourism area (spot), Liu Manor national AAAA level tourist area (spot), Zhuxi Lake State AA class tourist area (spot), Red sand Village flowers national Farmers Home AA class tourist area (spot), Huilonggou AA National tourist area (spot), Baita Lake State AA class tourist area (spot).

National scenic area: Qingcheng Mountain - Dujiangyan Scenic Area, Xiling Snow Mountain Scenic Area, the Longmen Mountain Scenic Area, Tiantai Mountain Scenic Area.

Provincial: Jiulonggou scenic area, Chaoyang Lake scenic area, Genting Stone Town scenic area, huaguoshan Longquan Scenic Area, Huanglongxi Scenic Area.

Forest Park National: longchi Forest Park, Xiling Snow Mountain Forest Park, Tiantai Mountain Forest Park, Baishui River Forest Park. Provincial: Jiguanshan Forest Park, Bailu Forest Park.

National Nature Reserve: Longxi - Hongkou National Nature Reserve, Baishui River Nature Reserve, Two Rivers Urban Forest Park. Provincial: Anzi River Giant Panda Nature Reserve, Heishui River Giant Panda Nature Reserve.

The national key cultural relics (17): Temple of Marquis, Du Fu's Thatched Cottage, Yongling Mausoleum, Dujiang Dam, Xinhai Fall Dead For Protecting Railway Monument, Liu Manor, Mingshu King Mausoleum, Shengyan Osmanthus Lake, Qiong Kiln Site and so on. 30 provincial key cultural relics. 72 city-level key cultural relics.

"Global 500" issued by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) of Chengdu giant panda breeding research base and Chengdu Zoo.

Provincial historical and cultural city (town): Chongzhou city, Qionglai city, Xindu city, town Luodai, town Chengxiang, town Huanglongxi, town Anren, town Xinfan.

The world's first water theme eco-friendly park, Huoshui Park.

Cultural landscape: Dujiang Dam, Qingcheng Mountain, Temple of Marquis, Du Fu's Cottage, Two Kings Temple, Wenjing Well, Wenshu Monastery, Baoguang Temple, Yongling Mausoleum, Jinsha Site and so on. The murals and statues of

Guanyintemple, inscriptions statues of Huazhi Temple both have the very high ornamental value of art. Natural landscape views rang from mountain, cave, water to biology and weather. The beautiful sceneries such as Jiufeng Mountain, Shixiang Lake, Xiling Snow Mountain are so attractive. There are 25 national, provincial and municipal scenic spots, nature reserves, forest parks and geological park.