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## **Clothes**

Kunming is called "Spring City of China" meaning that it feels like spring all year round. It never gets very hot in the summer or very cold in the winter.

### A Volt Converter and An Adapter

The volt used in China is 220V. If you bring your lap top, then a volt converter and an adapter might be needed. However, if your package is full of stuff, you can still get them here in Kunming, in the supermarket nearby (your teacher will show you around after you come here)

Months	Temperatures in Kunming		Clothes to Bring
JAN	3°C - 17°C	37°F - 62°F	
FEB	5°C - 20°C	41°F - 68°F	
MAR	9°C - 22°C	48°F - 72°F	
APR	12°C - 25°C	54°F - 77°F	
MAY	15°C - 26°C	59°F - 79°F	
JUN	18°C - 26°C	64°F - 79°F	
JUL	18°C - 27°C	64°F - 81°F	
AUG	18°C - 26°C	64°F - 79°F	
SEP	17°C - 25°C	63°F - 77°F	
ОСТ	13°C - 22°C	55°F - 72°F	
NOV	8°C - 20°C	46°F - 68°F	
DEC	4°C - 16°C	39°F - 61°F	



## A Laptop



A laptop is necessary to keep your family and your friends updated aboutyour life in Kunming. The internet access is available both in your dormroom with cable and the school area with wifi. The school has computers for students' free use if you don't want to bring your laptop.

#### **Official Documents**

Please bring your passport with a valid Chinese visa. Please bring 1 passport photo. This is for local police station registration once you arrive, which is required by Chinese law. If you don't have it, no worries, your teacher can take you to the photo-taking shop here near the school after you arrive.





Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Washing powder, Toilet paper and Towel that are enough for the first day upon arrival.

Later on, you can easily get those things in a supermarket nearby with a low price.

A note book and a pen are necessary for your Chinese language lessons. They can be purchased easily at a local store after you arrive at the school.

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## VPN

You can buy a VPN in your country which is helpful to check Gmail, Facebook, Youtube or other website when you in China.

**Note Books/Pens** 

## — ARRIVAL —

We will pick you up at the airport. We will be waiting for you outside of Exit C where you will see lots of people waiting. We will be holding a sign with "Keats". If you don't see us, please do not walk away, and please do not walk to the outside of the airport. You can call us 86-130-99999-553 or add us on WeChat: 13099999553.



## **Places Close to Keats**



Number	Place	Number	Place
1	Yan'an Hospital	9	Nanping Walking Street
2	Hang Lung Plaza - tallest buidling in Kunming	10	Nanqiang Street Food + Bars
3	Bank of China - exchange money	11	Holiday Inn
4	Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital	12	Post Office
5	Stationary shop	13	Shangri-la Hotel
6	Wal-mart	14	Pharmacy
7	Yunnan Sports Stadium	15	Bakery
8	Xiangyun Food Court	16	Gingko Shopping Mall





#### **Receiving/Sending Money between China and your home country**

If you hope to receive money from abroad while you are in Kunming, you can open a bank account at Bank of China. The life advisor can take you the Bank of China close to the school if needed. Bank of China is recommended for international bank transfers as it is faster and well cooperated with banks outside of China.



#### **Exchange Money**

The money can be exchanged at Bank of China. The life advisor can show you where the bank is after you arrive. It is better to prepare some RMB before you leave for China. RMB 500 to RMB 1000 yuan should be enough.



#### **ATM Cash Withdraw**

If you use a foreign credit card on a Chinese ATM, you can withdraw RMB cash with a limit of RMB 2000 per day. Transaction fee might be high as it is done in a foreign country.

Please confirm with your bank or notice them that you will use your credit/debit card in China. Many students encountered problems when they withdrew money in Kunming. Their bank blocked their cards due to the bank suspected their cards were stolen.

#### Shopping in China

Most stores in Kunming do not accept foreign credit card payment. More specifically, a credit card with "VISA" or "MASTER" can hardlybe accepted in many stores. It would be better if you pay cash when you buy things in China. Chinese people use WeChat or Alipay through cellphones to make payments in China. You can also make payments through WeChat or Alipay if you link a valid card to your WeChat or Alipay account.



All Keats dorm rooms are equipped with linen, sheets, and pillows.

All Keats dorm rooms have 24-hour hot water.

All Keats dorm rooms have private bathrooms.



## **MEDICAL/HEALTH**

Please check with your insurance provider that your insurance can cover the medical expense while you are abroad before you leave your country. Many Chinese insurance providers do not provide medical insurance for foreigners.

If you have a minor illness while you are at Keats, such as cold and cough, Keats School can provide you with medicine for free. If you need to see a doctor, the life advisor can take you to go the hospital. Close to Keats School are Yan' an Hospital, Kunming Traditional Chinese Medical Hospital and the largest hospital in Yunnan – The First People's Hospital.

No vaccinations are needed, but we suggest all students consult with their doctor concerning personal needs or concerns.



Subway
Downstairs of Keats School is

the metro station "Yunnan Provincial Sports Stadium" Line 3. It is so easy to get around.

Downstairs of Keats School is the bus station called "Yunnan Provincial Sports Stadium". Buses directly to Keats School: 5, 63, K1, 78, 89. Bus Stop Name: Sheng Ti Yu Guan 省体育馆 (Yunnan Provincial Sports Stadium). If you want to find bus routes from Keats to your destinations in Kunming, you can check it out here: http://map.baidu.com/

Bus

The starting rate for a taxi in Kunming is around RMB 11 yuan. A ride within the city costs about RMB 15 to RMB 30 yuan. It is hard to get a cab during the rush hours. Tipping is not common in China. Sometimes, you will be asked to pay RMB 1 yuan extra in addition to the final price, don't be scared and just pay it. It is the oil consumption tax. If the driver asked for more than 1 yuan, then it must be overcharging.

Taxi















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Emergency Contact Numbers for your family and friends (24/7): (0)86-130-99999-553

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@keatschinese.com if you have any questions. Enjoy your study and life in Kunming, the Spring City of China!

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