

Practical Manual for New Students

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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.









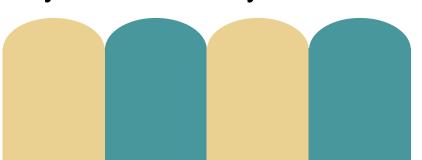






Volt Converter and An Adapter

The volt used in China is 220V. If you bring your laptop, 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 life advisor 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			



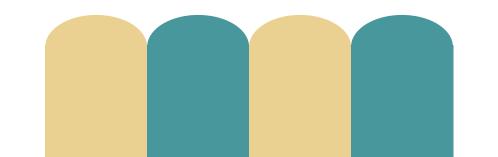
Three Passport Photos

Please bring 3 passport photos. This is for local police station registration, student ID, and your student profile. If you don't have it, no worries, life advisor can take you to the photo-taking shop here near the school after you arrive.



Common Medications

You can bring some basic medications, such as cold medicine or medicine for diarrhea, just in case. Of course, you can also buy them at local pharmacies after you arrive in Chengdu.









Please bring your passport with a valid Chinese visa. From November 30, 2024, citizens of the following 40 countries and territories will be able to enjoy a 30-day visa-free stay in China:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Peru Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain Switzerland, Thailand, Uruguay

If the Chinese language program you take at Keats is longer than 4 weeks, then we can send you the necessary documents to apply for a student visa that can cover your entire stay at

Keats., we will make a Keats student ID for you.







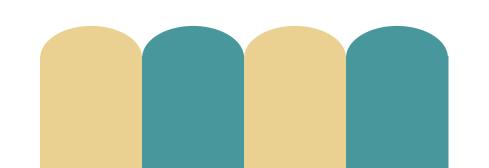
A Laptop

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



VPN

You need to buy a VPN in your country which is necessary to check Gmail, Facebook, Youtube or other websites when you in China.



Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Washing powder, Toilet paper, 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.



Hairdrier

A hairdrier is not provided in the room.





国家移民管理局 National Immigration Administration, PRC

外国人入境卡 ARRIVAL CARD

请使用中文或英文清楚填写 Please complete clearly in Chinese or English

姓 Surname				Purpose of this trip:	
名 Given names		Sex Male Female 国籍 Nationality		If you are entering China with a tourist	
出生日期 Date of birth	中文姓名(请用中文填写) Chinese name(If there is one)			visa or through a visa-free policy, you	
旅行证件号码 Passport No.	签证号码 Visa No.		免签 Visa-Free	should select "tourism" as your	
抵达航班/车次/船名 Arrival Flight No./ Train No./ Vessel Name	入境事由 Purpo 外交/公务 Diplomacy	访问/商务	定居 Permanent Residence 旅游 Tourism 其他 Others	purpose of visit.	
本人电话号码 Personal phone No.	Official 工作 Employment 探亲 Visiting Relatives	Business 学习 Study		But If you hold a	
在华经停和目的城市 Cities intended to visit in China		过境 Transit		student visa, you should select "study."	
在华住址或旅馆名称 Detailed address or hotel na	ame while in Chir	na 市 City			

请翻至背面继续填写。Please continue filling on the backside.

Arrival Card at the Immigration

Contact Person in China: Zier Liu 130-99999-553 Address in China: 80 Dongfengdong Road, Guolian Building, Kunming, Yunnan, China



ARRIVAL AND SURROUNDING OF THE SCHOOL



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.

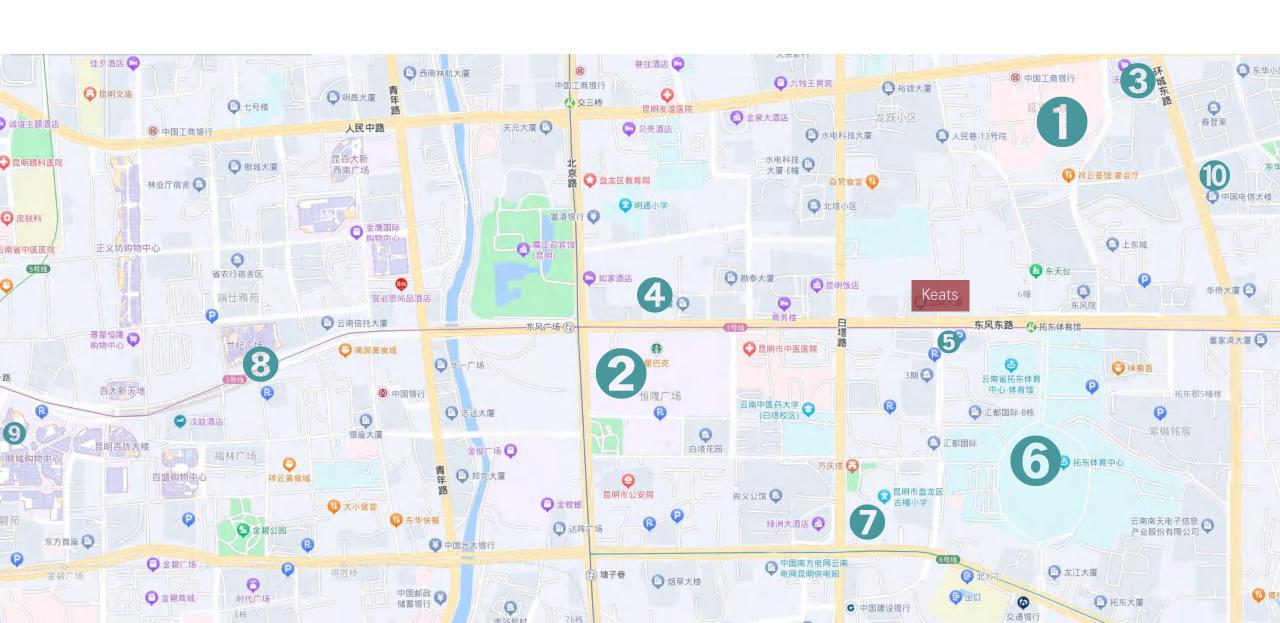
Please make sure that your luggage directly goes to Kunming. If not, remember to get your luggage and check it again at the transfer airports. Some students arrived in Kunming, but their luggage was still at the last stop. If your destination is another location of Keats, please make sure to do the same check.

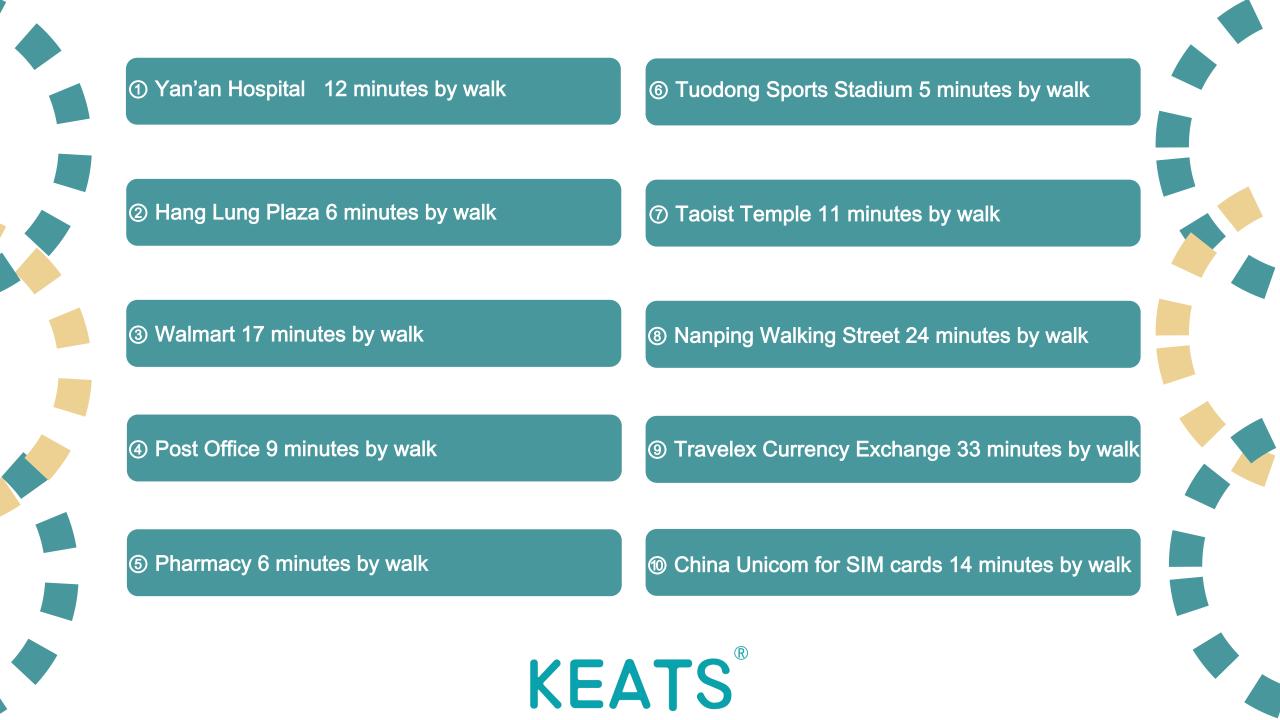
If there is a change or cancellation of your flight, please notify us as soon as possible through email (info@keatschinese.com) or phone call (86-13099999553) so that we can inform the driver.

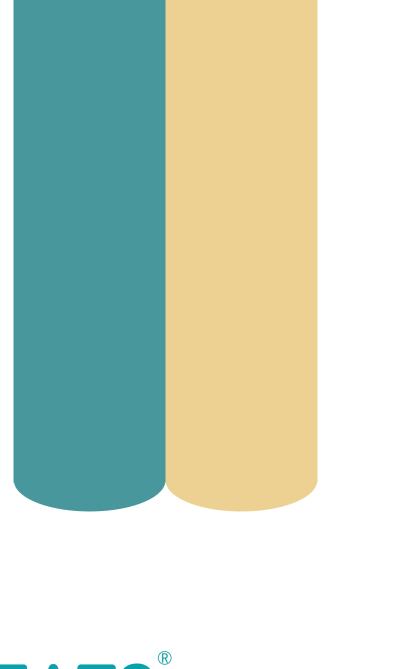


Places Close to Keats









MONEY





Exchange Money



The money can be exchanged at Travelex Currency Exchange. The life advisor can take you to the Travelex Currency Exchange after you arrive. It is better to prepare some RMB before you leave for China. RMB 500 to RMB 1000 yuan should be enough.





How to buy a SIM card

If you need to purchase a Chinese phone card, China Unicom is generally chosen because the staff at China Unicom's business offices are familiar with the procedures for foreigners to open phone cards. To purchase a phone card, you need to pre-deposit 100 yuan in phone charges.











If you use a foreign credit card on a Chinese ATM, you can withdraw RMB cash with a limit of RMB 2000 per withdraw. 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 because the bank suspected their cards were stolen.





Most stores in Kunming do not accept foreign credit card payment. More specifically, a credit card with "VISA" or "MASTER" can hardly be 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.













How to use Alipay and Wechat

WeChat and Alipay now support foreign users to bind with visa or master and other foreign credit cards to use. However, there are certain restrictions on usage scenarios, the transactions can only be conducted with merchants that support or have foreign credit cards such as Visa and Master. Except for large supermarkets or shopping malls, many small stores or online stores on Taobao and Jingdong do not support payment with foreign currency credit cards.







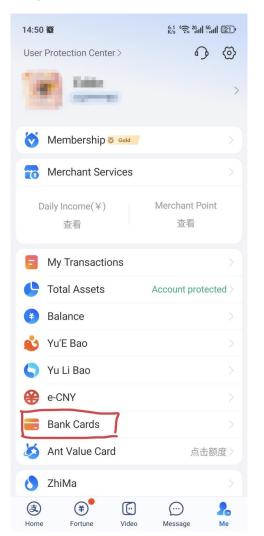


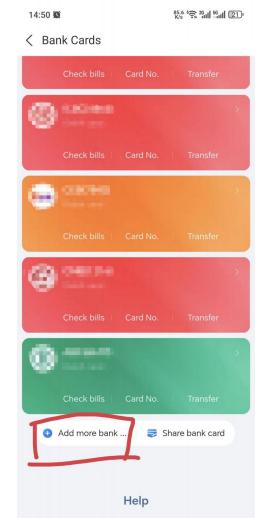
How to link the bank card to Alipay

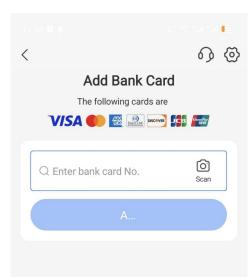
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Step 2 Click "Bank Cards" Step 3 Add more bank cards Step 4 Enter bank card No.















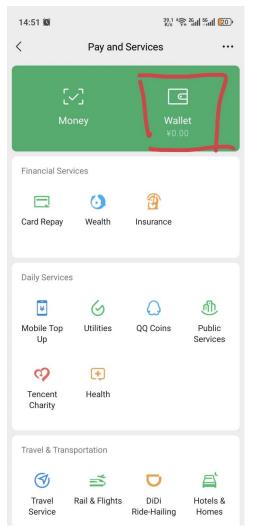


How to link the bank card to Wechat

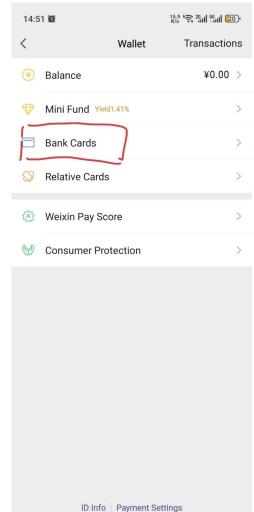
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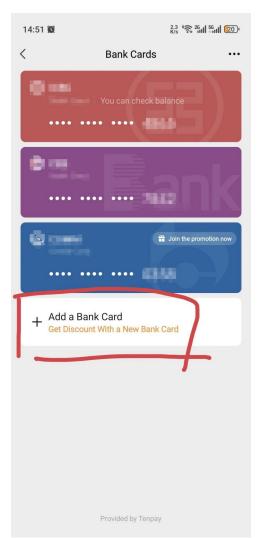




Step 3 Click bank cards



Step 4 Add a bank card







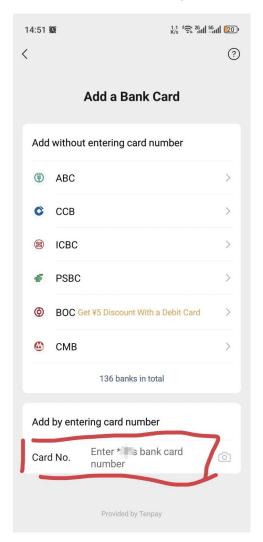


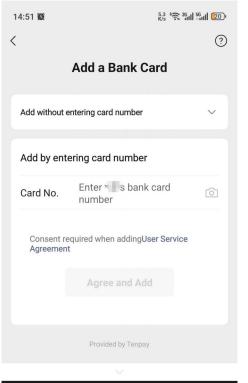


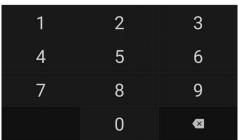


How to link the bank card to Wechat

Step 5 Enter bank card number



















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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.





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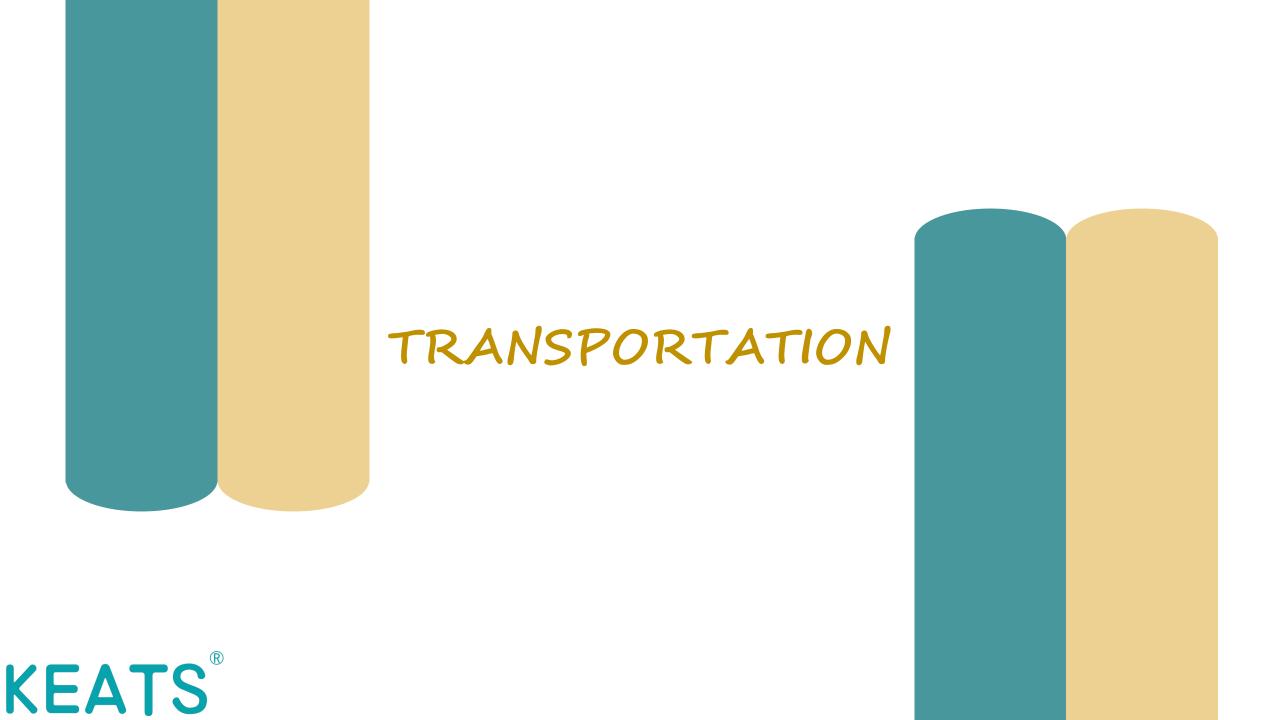
If you have a minor illness while you are at Keats, such as cold and cough, Keats
School can provide you with medicine for free. If you need to see a doctor, the life advisor can take you to the hospital. Close to Keats School are Yan'an Hospital,
Kunming Traditional Chinese Medical Hospital.

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







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Bus

Buses directly to Keats School: 5, 60, 67, 89, 105, K1. Bus Stop Name: Tuo Dong Ti Yu Guan(Dong Feng Dong Lu) (TuoDong 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/



Subway

Downstairs of Keats
School is the metro
station "Tuo Dong
Stadium"Line 3. It is so
easy to get around.



Taxi

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.



Shared Bikes

Shared bikes are now also a very common mode of transportation in China. Generally speaking, using shared bikes requires using WeChat and Alipay for payment.





Daguan Park

From school you can take bus 52 to the park or subway line 3 to Panjiawan transfer to bus 100 to the park, it takes 1 hour to get there.

Green Lake Park

From school you can take subway line 3 to Panjiawan then walk 991 m to the park, it takes 21 minutes to get there.





Yuantong Temple

From school you can take bus 105 to Chuanxingulou, then walk 878 m to the temple, it takes 37 minutes to get there.

Golden Temple

From school
you can take
bus 57 or 69 to
the western gate
of the park, it
takes 55
minutes to get
there.





Western Hills

From school
you can take
subway line 3
to the terminal
station
Western hills
park, it takes
44 minutes to
get there.

Yunnan Minority Village

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road then transfer to line 5 to Yuhucun, then walk 1.6 km to the village. It takes 1 hour to get there.





Yunnan Provincial Museum

From school you can take subway line 3 to Donafena Square transfer to line 2 to South Ring Road, then transfer to line 1 to Xinyao Road walk 2km to the museum, it takes 1 hour to get there.

Kunming World Horti-Expo Garden

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road then transfer to line 5 to World Horti-Expo Garden, it takes 53 minutes to get there.





Guandu Ancient Town

From school you can take subway line 3 to Donafena Square transfer to line 2 to South Ring Road, then transfer to line 1 to Xinyao Road walk 2km to the town, it takes 1 hour to get there.

Haihong Wetland Park

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road then transfer to line 5 to Fubao, walk 1.8km to the park, it takes 1 hour and 15 minutes to get there.







Nanqiang Night Market

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dongfeng Square, then walk 893 m to the market, it takes 23 minutes to get there.

Golden Horse and Jade Rooster Archways

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road then walk 1.1km to the Square, it takes 28 minutes to get there.







Haigeng Park

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road transfer to line 5 to Yuhucun, then take bus 44 to the park, it takes 1 hours to get there.

Mílítary Museum

From school you can take bus 132 to station Zhenyi Road Walking Street, it takes 29 minutes to get there.





Kunming Old Street

From school you can take bus 132 to station Zhenyi Road Walking Street, it takes 29 minutes to get there.

Park 1903

From school you can take subway line 3 to Wuyi Road transfer to line 5 to Yinhai Road, then walk 1.5 km to the park, it takes 57 minutes to get there.





Black Dragon Pool

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dongfeng Square transfer to line 2 to Longton Street, then transfer to bus 9 to the park, it takes 1 hour to get there.

Dounan Flower Market

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dashuying transfer to line 4 to Jingui Street, then walk 600m to the market, it takes 56 minutes to get there.





Stone Forest

From school you can take tourist bus to the scenic spots, it takes 1 hour to get there.

Jiuxiang

From school you can take tourist bus to the scenic spots, it takes 1 hour to get there.



RECOMMENDED LOCAL FOOD IN KUNMING





dòu huā mǐ xiàn 豆花米线 Douhua Ríce Noodles

xiǎo guō mǐ xiàn 小锅米线 Xíaoguo Ríce Noodles





guò qiáo mǐ xiàn 过桥米线 Over-the-brídge Ríce Noodles

jī sī liáng mǐ xiàn 鸡丝凉米线 Shredded Chícken Cold Ríce Noodles





dǎi wèi bō luó fàn 傣味菠萝饭 Daí Flavor Píneapple Ríce

dǎi wèi zhá yáng yù 傣味炸洋芋 Daí Flavor Fríed Potato





suān mù guā dùn jī 酸木瓜炖鸡 Sour Papaya Stewed Chícken

qì guō jī 汽锅鸡 Steam Pot Chícken





xiān huā bǐng 鲜花饼 Flower Píe

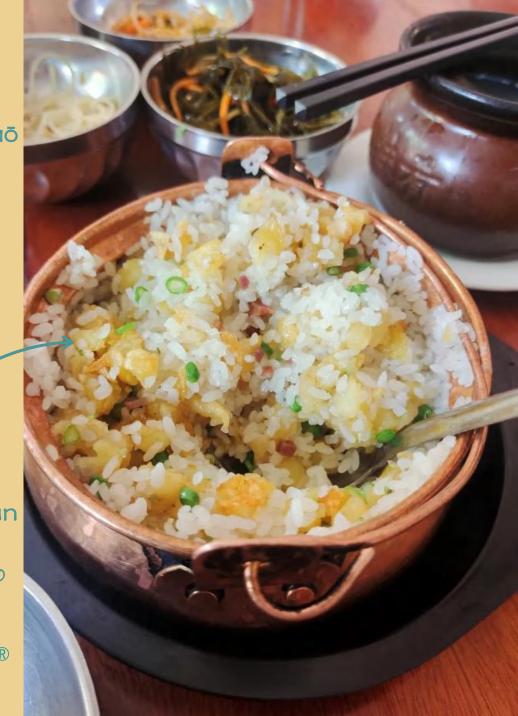
kǎo rǔ shàn 烤乳扇 Roasted Mílk Fan





yě shēng jūn huǒ guō 野生菌火锅 Wíld Fungí Hot Pot

tóng guō yáng yù fàn 铜锅洋芋饭 Copper Pot wíth Potato Ríce





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!

