



Practical Manual for New Students

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WHAT TO PACK





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.



An Umbrella



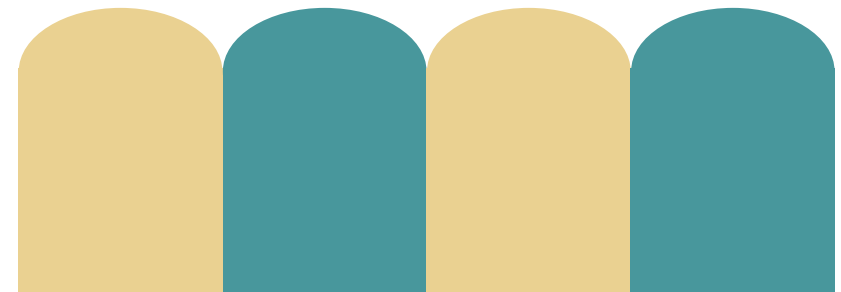
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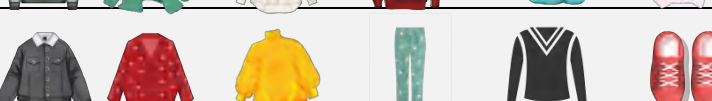
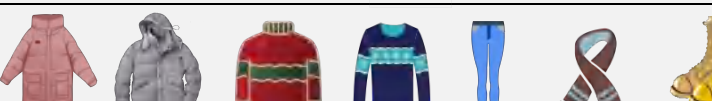

Socket in China



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	
OCT	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	



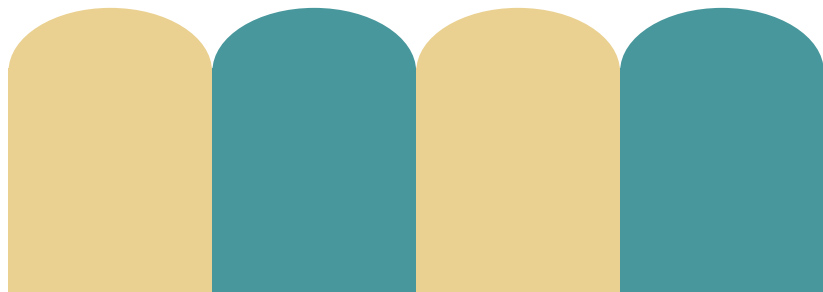
Three Passport Photos

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 Kunming.





Official Documents

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

Europe (34 countries): France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Slovakia, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom

Oceania (2 countries): Australia, New Zealand

Asia (9 countries): Brunei, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Singapore, Thailand

South America (5 countries): Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay

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





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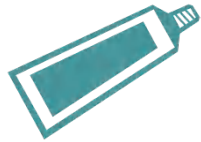
As technology continues to evolve, mobile devices have become the perfect tools for staying connected. With high-speed Wi-Fi available throughout the campus and dorms, sharing your Kunming journey with family and friends is easier than ever. Whether you're using a smartphone or a tablet, you'll find it simple to keep your loved ones updated at all times.



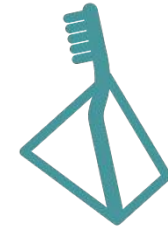
VPN

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.



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	性别 男 <input type="checkbox"/> 女 <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
名 Given names	国籍 Nationality
出生日期 Date of birth	中文姓名(请用中文填写) Chinese name(If there is one)
旅行证件号码 Passport No.	签证号码 Visa No. 免签 <input type="checkbox"/> Visa-Free
抵达航班/车次/船名 Arrival Flight No./ Train No./ Vessel Name	入境事由 Purpose of this trip
本人电话号码 Personal phone No.	外交/公务 <input type="checkbox"/> 访问/商务 <input type="checkbox"/> 定居 <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomacy Official Visiting Business Permanent Residence
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在华住址或旅馆名称 Detailed address or hotel name while in China	探亲 <input type="checkbox"/> 过境 <input type="checkbox"/> 其他 <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Relatives Transit Others
市 City	

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

Purpose of this trip :

If you are entering China with a tourist visa or through a visa-free policy, you should select "tourism" as your purpose of visit.

Note for visa-free travelers: Choosing "Tourism" is compulsory; any other choice may lead to additional questioning or denial of entry.

But If you hold a student visa, you should select "study."

Arrival Card at the Immigration

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

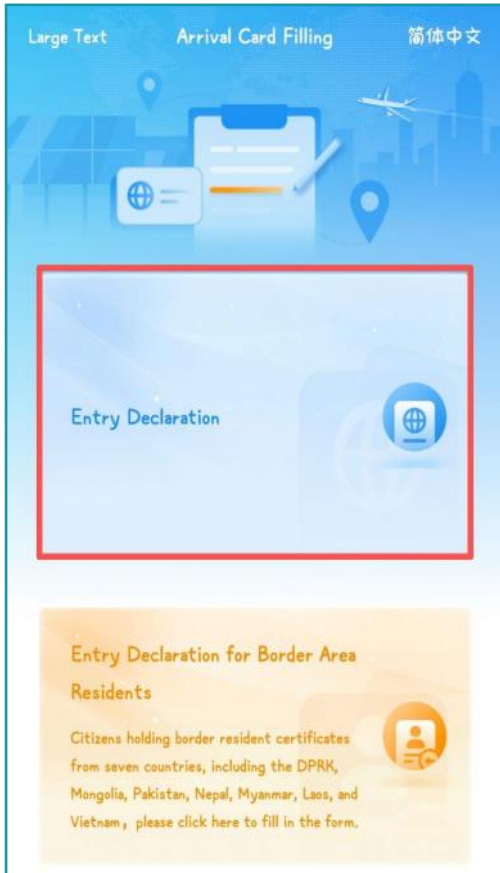
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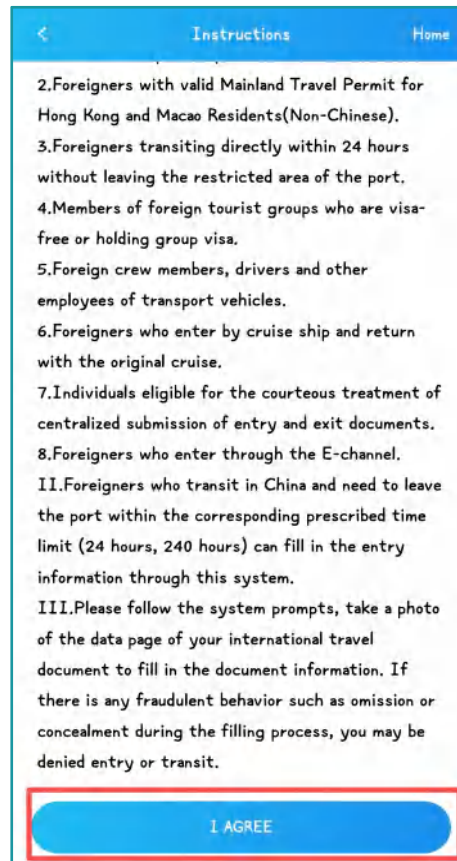


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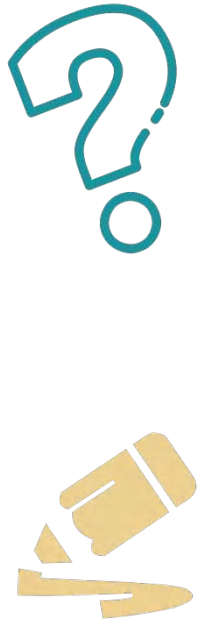
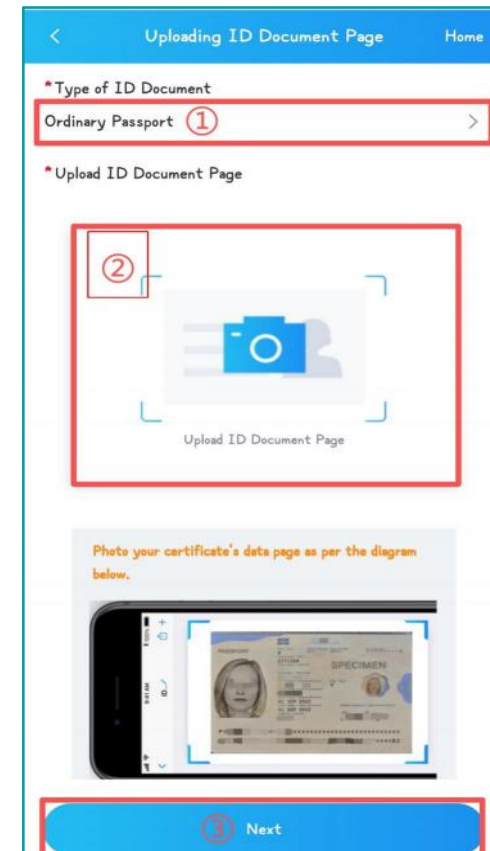
Step 1 Click “Entry Declaration”



Step 2 Click “I AGREE”



Step 3 Select Type of ID Document Upload Passport Page Click “Next”



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Step 4 Enter the information and Click “Next” Until Submit

Basic Information Filling

- *Last Name: Please enter Last Name. **Please enter Last Name**
- First Name: Please enter First Name
- *Gender: Male >
- Date of Birth: * 2000 > Month > Day >
- *Country/Region of Citizenship: Singapore(SGP) >
- *Type of ID Document: Ordinary Passport >
- *Passport Number: Please enter Passport Number. **Please enter Passport Number**
- *Entry Transportation Mode: Vessel >
- Arrival Flight/Train/Vessel Number: Please enter
- *City of Entry: Please select. **Please select**
- *Port of Entry: Please select. **Please select**

Next

Personal Information Filling

- Chinese Name: Please enter Chinese Name
- *Country/Region of Birth: Please select >
- Please enter City
- *Contact Number: Please enter Contact Number
- Email: Please enter Email
- *Do you hold a valid visa or other entry permit?: Yes >
- *Visa Number: Please enter Visa Number

Next

Travel Information Filling

- *Purpose of Entry: Please select >
- *Date of Entry: Please select >
- *Destination Cities in China: Please select the city where you will stay the longest dur >
- Cities of Transit in China: Please select > +
- *Address in China: Please select >
Please enter the detailed address (e.g., No. 6 East Chang'an Street)
- *Do you have any inviting entities or inviters in China?: Please select >
- *Confirmed Departure Itinerary: No >

Submit



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Step 5 Enter the information and Click "Submit"

Cancel Confirm

Visiting Friend/Relatives

Work

Study

Permanent Residence

Return to Country of Residence

Travel Information Filling Home

* Purpose of Entry
Please select >

* Date of Entry
Please select >

* Destination Cities in China
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80 Dongfengdong Road, Guolian Building, Kunming, Yunnan, China.

* Do you have any inviting entities or inviters in China?
Yes >

* Inviting entity in China
* Inviter in China

* Inviter's Name
Zier Liu

* Inviter's Contact Information
13099999553

* Confirmed Departure Itinerary
Please make the selection according to the actual situation. >

Submit



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Step 6 Select “Yes” or “No”

The screenshot shows the 'Travel Information Filling' app interface. The background is dark grey with white text. The top bar has a back arrow, 'Travel Information Filling', and 'Home'. Below the header, there are several form fields with right-pointing chevrons: '* Purpose of Entry' (Visit), '* Date of Entry' (20260127), '* Destination Cities in China' (Beijing), and '* Do you have any inviting entities or inviters in China?' (No). A white dialog box is overlaid in the center with the text 'Need to help your companion fill the form?' and two buttons: 'No' and 'Yes'. Red arrows point to both buttons. At the bottom of the app is a dark blue 'Submit' button.

Step 7 Click “Click to sign” and “Confirm”

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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.

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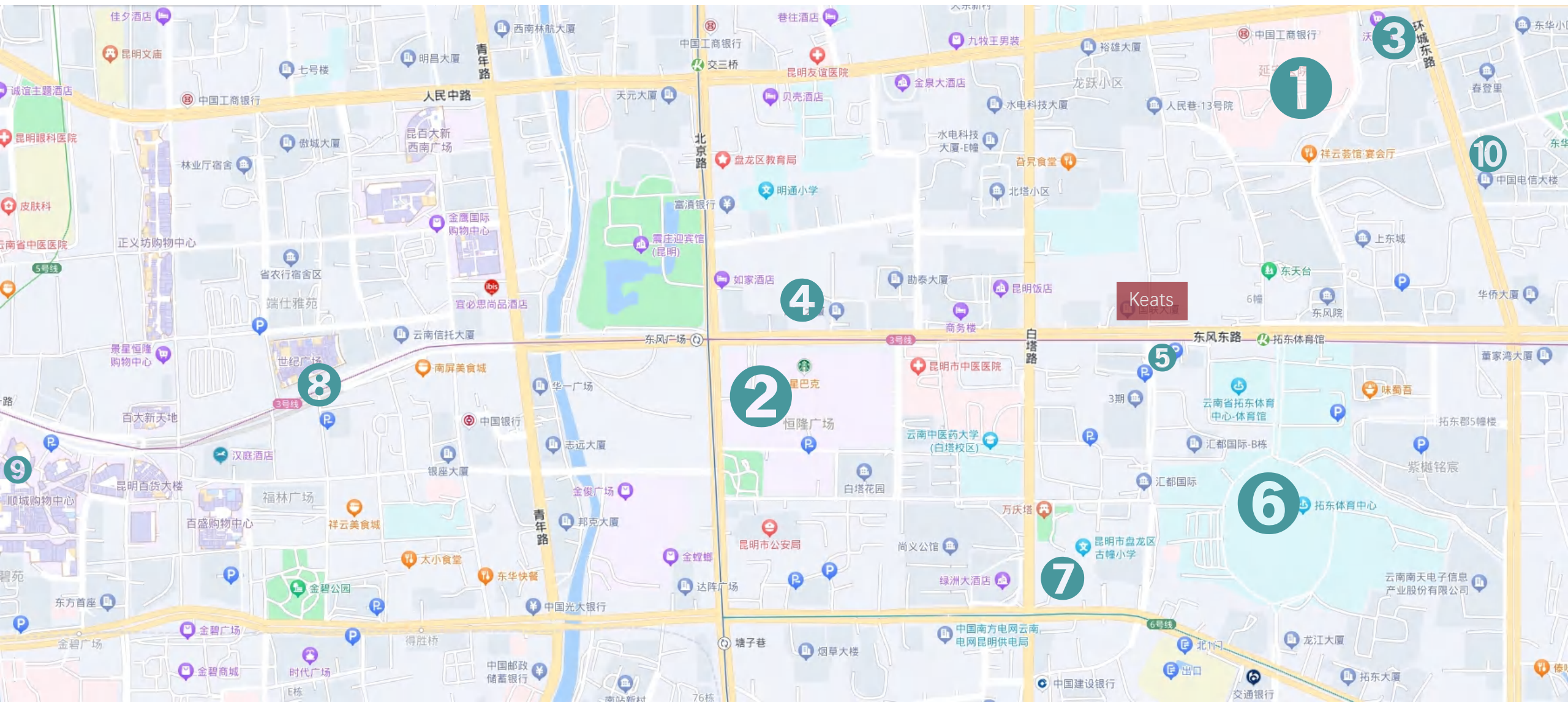


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Places Close to Keats

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① Yan'an Hospital 12 minutes by walk

② Hang Lung Plaza 6 minutes by walk

③ Walmart 17 minutes by walk

④ Post Office 9 minutes by walk

⑤ Pharmacy 6 minutes by walk

⑥ Tuodong Sports Stadium 5 minutes by walk

⑦ Taoist Temple 11 minutes by walk

⑧ Nanping Walking Street 24 minutes by walk

⑨ Travelex Currency Exchange 33 minutes by walk

⑩ China Unicom for SIM cards 14 minutes by walk

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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.



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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 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.



Shopping in China

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.



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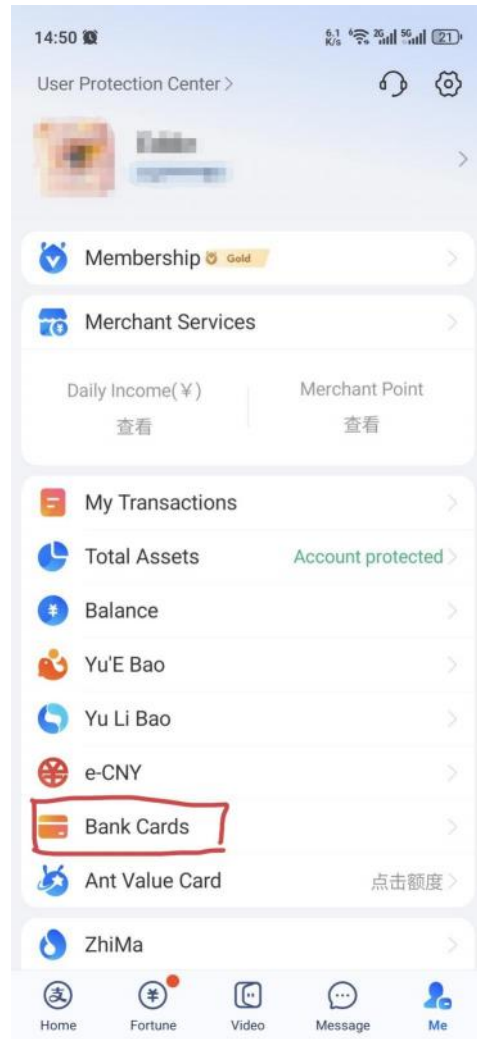


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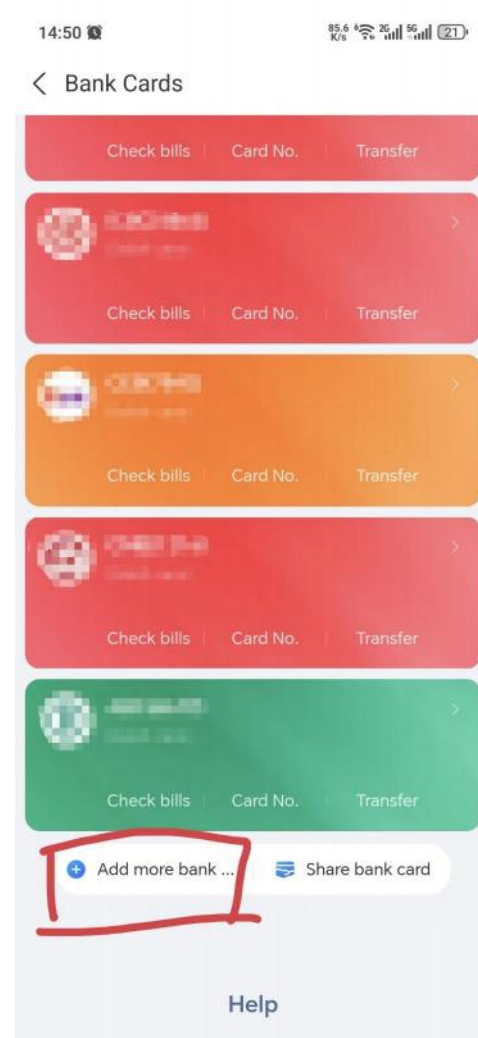
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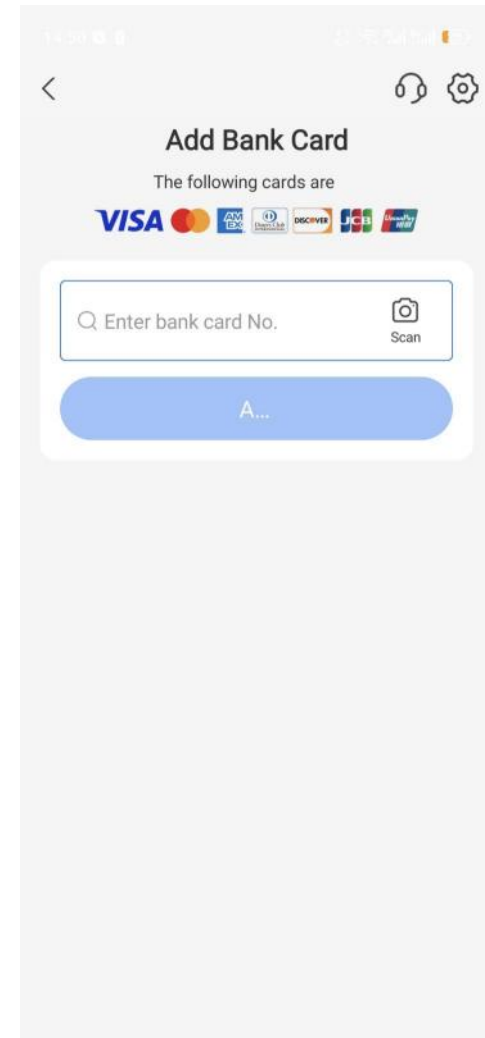
Step 2 Click "Bank Cards"



Step 3 Add more bank cards



Step 4 Enter bank card No.



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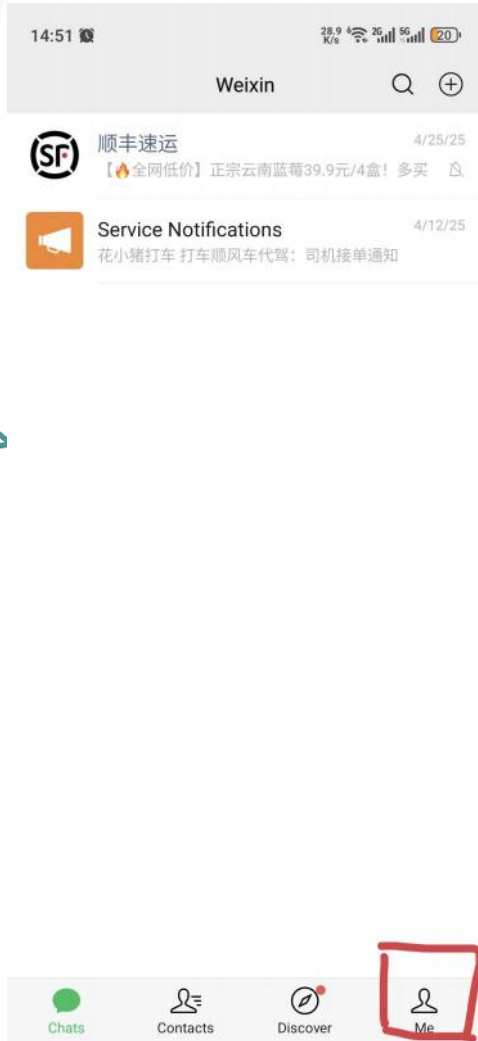
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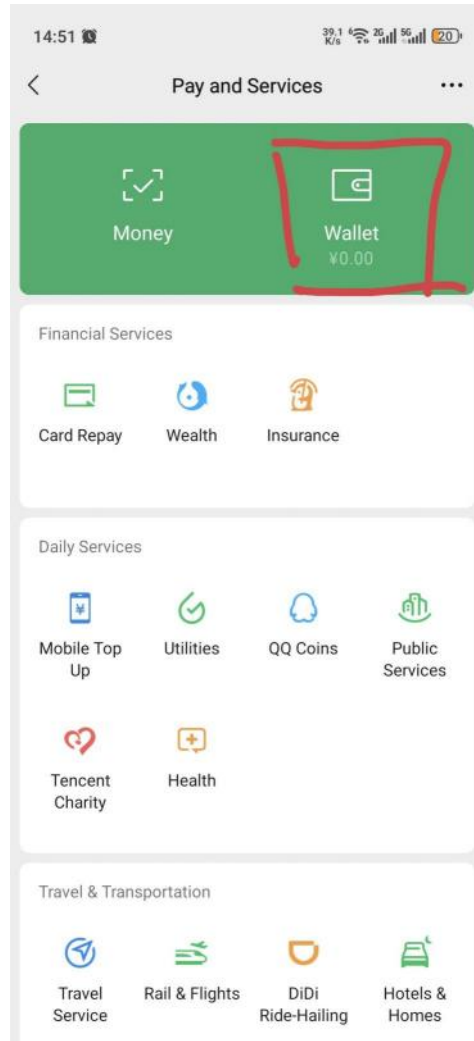


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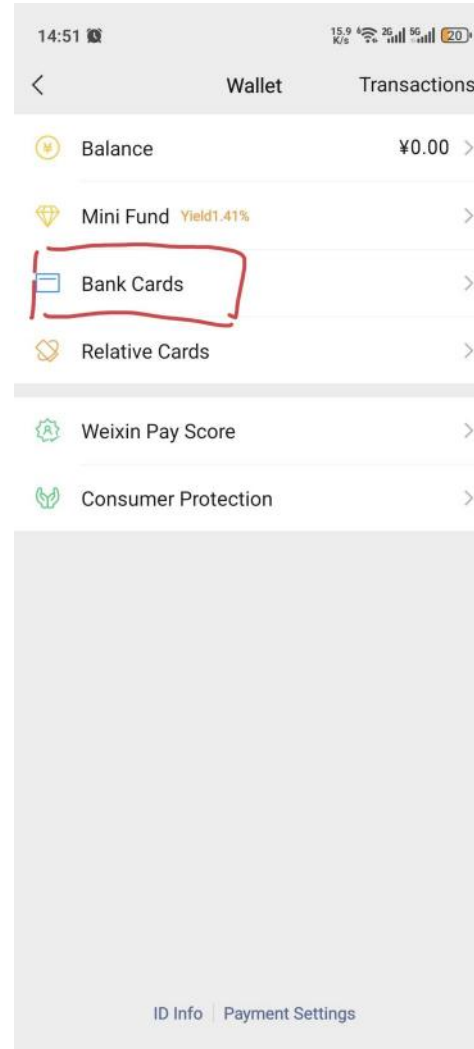
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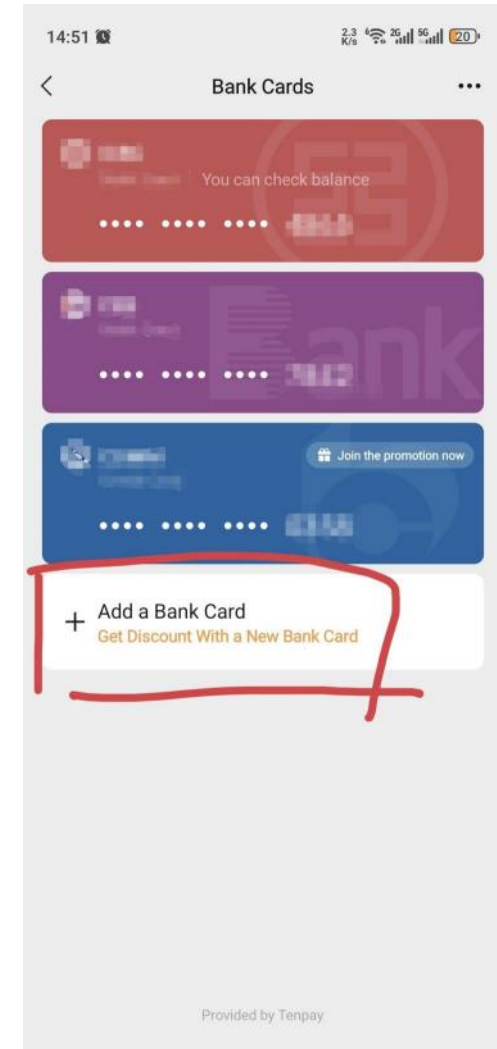
Step 2 Click "Wallet"



Step 3 Click bank cards



Step 4 Add a bank card



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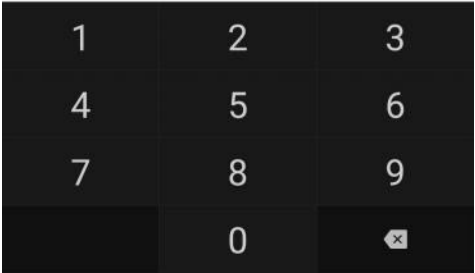
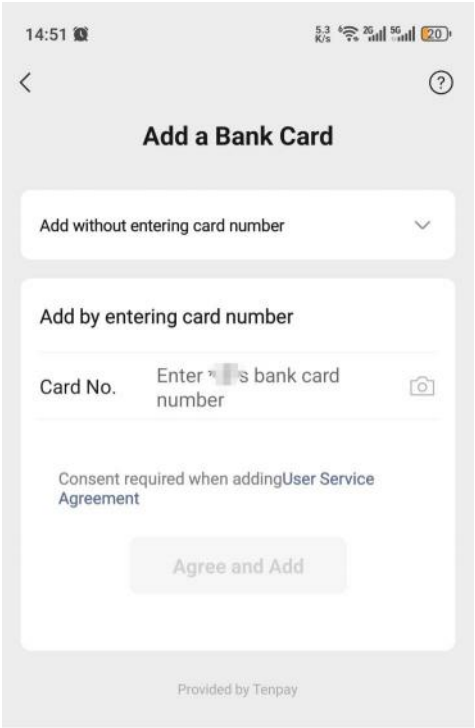
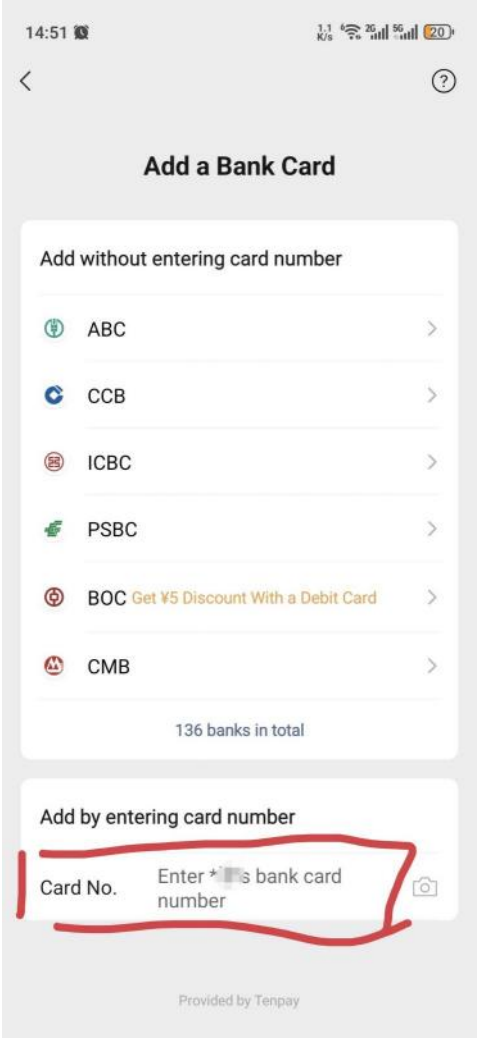


微信支付
Wechat Pay



How to link the bank card to Wechat

Step 5 Enter bank card number





MEDICAL/HEALTH

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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.



02

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.





TRANSPORTATION



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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.



ENTERTAINMENT



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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Yunnan Provincial Museum

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dongfeng 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.

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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.



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Guandu Ancient Town

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dongfeng 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.

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Haihong Wetland Park

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

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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 1.1 km to the Square, it takes 28 minutes to get there.

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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 hour to get there.

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Military 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.

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Park 1903

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

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Black Dragon Pool

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

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Dounan Flower Market

From school you can take subway line 3 to Dashuying transfer to line 4 to Jinguí 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.

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Jiuxiang

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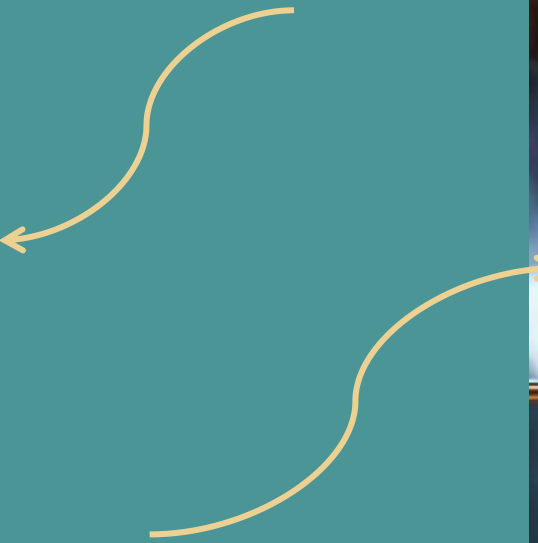




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LOCAL FOOD IN
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dòu huā mǐ xiàn
豆花米线
Douhua
Rice
Noodles



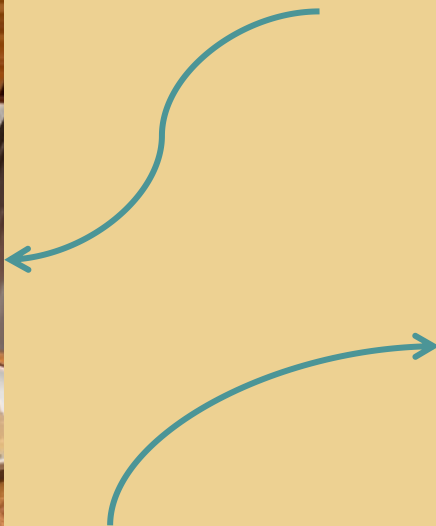
xiǎo guō mǐ xiàn
小锅米线
Xiaoguo Rice
Noodles

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guò qiáo mǐ xiàn
过桥米线
Over-the-bridge
Rice Noodles



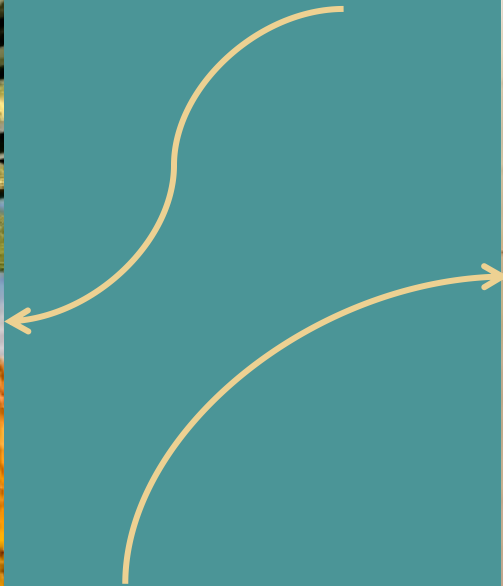
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Shredded
Chicken Cold
Rice Noodles

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傣味菠萝饭
Dai Flavor
Pineapple Rice



dǎi wèi zhá yáng yù
傣味炸洋芋
Dai Flavor Fried
Potato

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

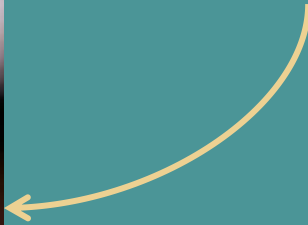
qì guō jī
汽锅鸡
Steam Pot Chicken

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xiān huā bǐng
鲜花饼
Flower Pie



kǎo rǔ shàn
烤乳扇
Roasted Milk Fan



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

tóng guō yáng yù fàn
铜锅洋芋饭
Copper Pot with Potato
Rice

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Emergency Contact
Numbers for your
family and friends
(24/7):
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