

While some visitors drink local tap water with no ill effects, it is advisable to request boiled water. Boiled water is normally available in hotel rooms.

Restaurants

Peking has many excellent restaurants which can arrange excellent dinners on several hours notice. The average cost per head for a meal of several courses is in excess of 10 yuan (\$5 Canadian).

Expenses

Members of the Delegation will be responsible for their individual costs in Hong Kong. However, all normal food, accommodation, and transportation costs will be paid by their hosts when in China. Such costs do not include film mailing charges, taxis for private use, etc.

Taxis may be rented at about 5 or 6 yuan per hour, depending partly on distance travelled. Cost for an entire day could run to 40 or 50 yuan. Recently taxi fares have risen substantially and charges may be somewhat higher now.

Shopping

Prices have increased from 200-500% in the past year on such traditional items as jade carvings and Chinese antiques. Prices on other products such as silks have risen but are still reasonable by Western standards. Most visitors to China are given an opportunity to shop in the Friendship Stores, which are located in each large city and which carry a wide variety of Chinese products.

The export of antiques more than approximately 150 years old is prohibited. Major cities have antique shops where exportable antiques