

“WeChat” and how to use it



The Internet in China is very different from in the USA or your home country. You may not be able to use Facebook, Instagram or other popular social media. You may not be able to use Google and Yahoo. Gmail users may have problems checking emails. You may use your US (or your home country) cell phone services to call and text, but it will be expensive. So I don't recommend. I recommend using "Skype" to text and call your friends and ask relatives at home to monitor your emails during the two weeks when you are in China.

The most popular and effective social network in China is "WeChat". You may use "WeChat" to call, text, share photos, even pay bills anywhere in the world. If you don't know "WeChat", please check: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_EMxBmQbVU for general information. I will form an internal "WeChat" group for our China 2019 members, so I can provide you needed information and announcement instantaneously, and all the members can share information and photos within the group.

Download “WeChat” app

In order to use “WeChat” you first need to download the free “WeChat” app on your cell phone.

For iPhone users:

1. Open the App Store on your iPhone or iPad. It's the blue icon containing a white “A”. ...
2. Tap Search. It's the option with a magnifying glass at the bottom of the screen.
3. Type WeChat into the search bar. ...
4. Tap WeChat. ...
5. Tap Get. ...
6. Tap Install. ...
7. Enter your security code or use Touch ID. ...
8. Open WeChat.

For Android users:

1. Open the Play Store. It's the rainbow triangle icon labeled “Play Store.” ...
2. Type wechat into the search bar. It's at the top of the screen. ...
3. Tap WeChat. It has a green icon with two white chat bubbles. ...
4. Tap INSTALL. It's near the right side of the screen. ...
5. Tap ACCEPT. The app will now install to your Android.

Open your “WeChat” account

1. Open “WeChat”, Touch the “Sign Up” button.
2. On the Sign Up screen, your country should be automatically selected. If not, tap “region” and select your country.
3. Enter your mobile phone number, and create a password, then touch “Next”.
4. Agree the “WeChat” policy by check the box, then touch “Next”
5. On the next page, touch “Start”, and follow the instruction for Security verification.
6. “WeChat” will be send a verification code as a text message.

7. Enter the 4 digit verification code you receive, then touch “Submit”.
8. Enter your full name, and select a photo, then touch “Next”.
9. Touch “OK” to allow “WeChat” to access your contacts.

Connect with me on “WeChat”

1. Open “WeChat”, Touch the “+” on the upper right corner, then select “Add Contacts”.
2. Enter my “WeChat” ID: “qianghuangart”.
3. You also can select “Scan QR Code” and scan the image below



After we are connected, we can communicate via “WeChat”. If you have any questions please let me know. When I see you, I will show you more on how to use this powerful tool.