

Let's Find Out About China

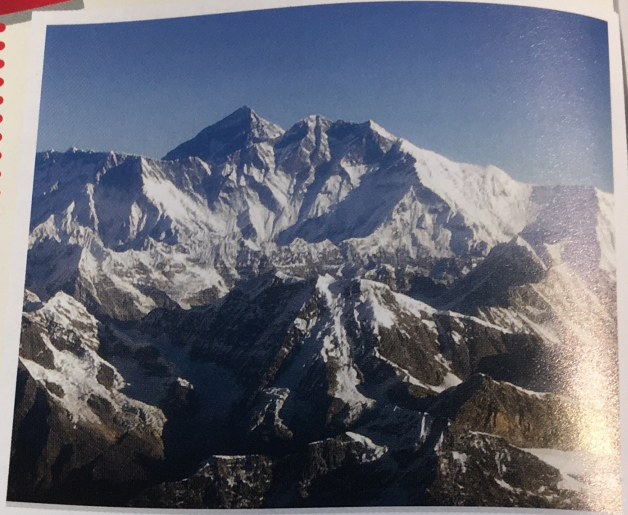


Location

China's official name is The People's Republic of China. It is in eastern Asia with coastlines along the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, the Korea Bay and the South China Sea. It shares borders with many other countries including India and Russia.

Terrain

China is a very mountainous country with high plateaus. There are deserts in the west of the country and hills in the east. Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, is on China's western border with Nepal.



Climate

China is a huge country and has many different climates. It is tropical in the south and very cold in the north. It has frequent typhoons along its southern and eastern coasts. It experiences droughts, floods and tsunamis.

The people

The population of China is over 1.3 billion people. Its main language is standard Chinese or Mandarin but many other dialects, such as Cantonese, are spoken. Its capital city is Beijing, where the 2008 Olympic Games were held.

