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Mandarin – the basics

SMALL EFFORTS TO USE MANDARIN CAN GO A LONG WAY WITH CHINESE VISITORS

GIVE THESE WORDS AND PHRASES A TRY

Hello: Nǐhǎo (Nee how)

Thank you: Xièxiè (Shieh-shieh)

You're welcome: Bú kèqì (Boo kuh-chi)

Good morning: Zǎo (Zhow)

Goodbye: Zàijiàn (Zhai-jian)

Goodnight: Wǎn'ān (One-un) (Typically used when you're actually going to bed.)

My name is...: Wǒ jiào... (Wuh jeow...)

Yes: Shì (Sheh)

No: Bú shì (Bu-sheh)

Good: Hǎo (How)

Bad: Bù hǎo (Boo-how)

Today: Jīntiān (Jeen-tian)

Tomorrow: Míngtiān (Meeng-tian)

Yesterday: Zuótiān (Zwuh-tian)

YOU MIGHT HEAR VISITORS USE THE FOLLOWING KEY PHRASES

Where is the bathroom: Xǐshǒujiān zài nǎlǐ?
(See-sow-jian zai na-lee?)

This literally translates to “Where is the hand washing room?” so you may see visitors mimicking the motion of washing their hands to make themselves understood.

How much?: Duō shǎo qián? (Dwuh shauw chen?)

Too expensive: Tài guì le! (Tie gway luh!)

Very beautiful: Hěn piàoliang (Hen peow-liung)

Delicious: Hǎo chī (How chir)

Cheque out/pay the bill: Mǎi dān (My dahn)

I don't understand: Wǒ bù dǒng (Wuh boo dong)

Let's go!: Wǒ mén zǒu ba! (Wuh-men zoew bah!)