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ORDERING FOOD

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7 ESSENTIAL PHRASES FOR ORDERING FOOD IN CHINA



我要这个。
Wǒ yào zhège.

TIP
Point, smile and use these simple phrases — you'll eat well everywhere in China!

#	CHINESE	ENGLISH	USAGE NOTE
1	我要这个。 Wǒ yào zhège.	I'll have this one.	BEGINNER-SAFE Point at the menu or photo. Works everywhere without knowing dish names.
2	不辣，谢谢。 Bù là, xièxiè.	Not spicy, please.	Critical in Sichuan, Hunan, or anywhere in the south. Say it before they start cooking.
3	有没有...? Yǒu méiyǒu...?	Do you have...?	Add the food item after 有没有. Pattern works for vegetarian (素食 sùshí) or allergen checks.
4	好吃! Hǎo chī!	Delicious!	Simple compliment that locals love to hear. 好喝 (hǎo hē) for drinks.
5	再来一份。 Zài lái yī fèn.	Another portion of the same, please.	再 means "again / more." Works for food, drinks, anything you want repeated.
6	买单! Mǎi dān!	Bill, please!	ESSENTIAL Standard across all of China. Raise your hand and say this.
7	可以分开付吗? Kěyǐ fēnkāi fù ma?	Can we pay separately?	Splitting bills is common. Ask before the total is rung up.

USEFUL WORDS



辣 là
spicy



不辣 bù là
not spicy



素食 sùshí
vegetarian



花生 huāshēng
peanuts



海鲜 hǎixiān
seafood



饮料 yǐnliào
drinks



米饭 mǐfàn
rice



菜单 càidān
menu



PRO TIP

Learn a few numbers (1-10) so you can understand prices and quantities!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
yī èr sān sì wǔ liù qī bā jiǔ shí



祝你吃得开心!
Zhù nǐ chī de kāixīn!
Enjoy your meal!



FOOD CULTURE

Sharing dishes is common in China. It's polite to leave a little food to show you are satisfied.

