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# SHOPPING & MARKETS

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6 ESSENTIAL PHRASES FOR SHOPPING IN CHINA



| # | CHINESE                        | ENGLISH                        | USAGE NOTE  |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 多少钱?<br>Duōshǎo qián?          | How much is it?                | <b>★ ESSENTIAL</b><br>The single most useful phrase in any market. Learn to understand the numbers that follow. |
| 2 | 太贵了!<br>Tài guì le!            | Too expensive!                 | <b>👉 BARGAINING</b><br>First response when bargaining. Say it with feeling. The vendor expects it.              |
| 3 | 能便宜点吗?<br>Néng piányí diǎn ma? | Can you lower the price a bit? | Polite counter-offer opener. Follow with a number if they agree to negotiate.                                   |
| 4 | 我出...元。<br>Wǒ chū... yuán.     | I offer... yuan.               | <b>👉 BARGAINING</b><br>State your price. Start at about 40–50% of the asking price in tourist markets.          |
| 5 | 可以试穿吗?<br>Kěyǐ shì chuān ma?   | Can I try it on?               | For clothing. 试 means "to try." They will always say yes.   |
| 6 | 不要了, 谢谢。<br>Bú yào le, xièxiè. | I don't want it, thank you.    | Clean, polite way to walk away from pushy sellers. Smile and keep moving.                                       |

## USEFUL WORDS

123

数字  
shùzì  
numbers



现金  
xiànjīn  
cash



微信支付 / 支付宝  
Wēixīn zhīfù / Zhīfùbǎo  
WeChat Pay / Alipay



购物袋  
gòuwùdài  
shopping bag



刷卡  
shuākǎ  
card payment



小票  
xiǎopiào  
receipt



### PRO TIP

Bargaining is normal in local markets and street stalls, but not in malls or fixed-price stores. Always smile and be friendly!



祝你购物愉快!  
Zhù nǐ gòuwù yúkuài!  
Happy shopping!

