Welcome to Qingdao!

Located on the East Coast of China next to the Laoshan Mountain, on the shores of the Yellow Sea, Qingdao is only an hour and fifteen minute flight away from Shanghai, Beijing or Seoul, Korea. Often referred to as "Little Switzerland of the Far East" and "Pearl of the Yellow Sea", Qingdao’s mild climate, long coast line of swimmable beaches and natural beauty make it a must see city if you are planning a visit to China.

Which season is best to visit Qingdao? All of them

Spring: A time for beautiful flowers and colors! Pink is cherry, yellow is Yingchun, red is peach, white is pear and purple is Yulan.... Surrounded by jade green willow and Pine trees, Qingdao is a city full of life and excitement! Take a field trip to Mt Laoshan, famous for its waterfalls and temples. The quality of this mountain water is the secret to the world famous Tsingtao Beer’s success. Hike to local restaurants while you are there, have an organic meal made from wild vegetables, plants and flowers; don’t forget to eat some fresh delicious local seafood.

Summer: Qingdao is a favorite place of summer camps for students and tourists from all over the world. Enjoy a variety of water sports such as water skiing, sail boating, snorkeling or go on a deep sea dive. Relax on a sandy beach, lie in the sun and watch the kids play. It is perfect time to visit Underwater World and explore Qingdao’s undiscovered secrets of the underwater marine life. Visit Lu Xun park or climb Xiao Yue Shan (Little Fish Mountain) park to have a bird’s eye of this beautiful city from above.

Fall: Fishing and hiking is a popular activity. Stroll along miles of long beach walks in the morning, go to an annual flower show in Huiquan Park and see thousands of beautiful colored mums; an eye opening event for which you better bring your camera! October Middle Autumn festival is the time when families, loved ones and friends get together to drink Tsingtao beer, have steamed crabs and many different kinds of specially prepared moon cakes, to share their joy of life.

Winter: White snow falls on top of pine trees, red camellias, and plum flowers are in beautiful bloom; a prefect time to visit museums, sculpture gardens and art galleries. Or, take a picture of yourself posing with one of the many winter swimmers on the beach, like I have done many times. Don’t forget to visit Xiaqingdao’s famous Lighthouse (like the logo on Tsingtao beer bottle), take a walk on the Zhan Qiao Pier. It’s especially pretty in the evening, where you’ll be able to see and enjoy the lights and reflections of the bay. Just like thousands of fairy tales dancing on the face of ocean, sending waves to kiss their beloved beach. The beautiful ocean sounds will follow you to bed and help you prepare for a brand new day!

Qingdao, is an environmentally friendly city with a prosperous economy that is known as China's most energetic and cleanest city. Home of the 2008 Olympic sail boating
competition, Qingdao’s annual famous International beer festival, international electronic and fashion shows bring more than 600,000 international and 20 million domestic visitors each year.

I am lucky. I was born and grew up in this beautiful city, next to the ocean. I did not realize just how beautiful Qingdao is, until I moved away. I love Qingdao and hope you will add Qingdao to your next trip destination. You will not regret it!

Welcome to my hometown Qingdao. 
Hope to see you there!

- Jean Lee