

### About the Palace Museum:

Established in 1925, the Palace Museum was installed in the imperial palace of two consecutive dynasties - the Ming (1368-1644) and the Qing (1644-1911). The magnificent architecture, also known as the Forbidden City, and the vast holding of the imperial collections of paintings, calligraphy, ceramics, and decorative objects make it one of the most prestigious museums in China and the world at large. In 1961 the imperial palace was designated by the State Council as one of China's foremost-protected cultural heritage site, and in 1987 was made a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### Getting to the Palace Museum

#### By Bus:

To the Meridian Gate (*Wu men*), take bus No.1, 10, 120, 126, 2, 20, 37, 52, 59, 728, 82, 99, Zhuan 1, Zhuan 2 to "Tian'an Men East" (*Tian'an men dong*).

To the Gate of Divine Prowess (*Shenwu men*), take bus No. 101, 103, 109, 124, 609, 614, 685, Zhuan 1, Zhuan 2, to "Gugong". (**Please note that the Gate of Divine Prowess has been used only as the EXIT of the museum since 2 July 2011.**)

Or take bus No. 1, 10, 22, 37, 5, 52, 728, 99, Zhuan 1, Zhuan 2, to "Tian'an men West" (*Tian'an men xi*).

#### By Subway:

Take Subway line 1 to "Tian'an men East" or "Tian'an men West". Enter the Museum from the Meridian Gate (*Wu men*).

For more detailed transportation information, please visit Beijing Public Transportation Group at [www.bjbus.com](http://www.bjbus.com)

### Parking:

There is no parking outside the north and the south gates of the Palace Museum. Visitors are encouraged to visit the Museum via public transportation. The following public parking lots are located in the vicinity of the Museum:

\*Outside the East Prosperity Gate (*Donghua men*) ;

\*In the back street of Jingshan Park;

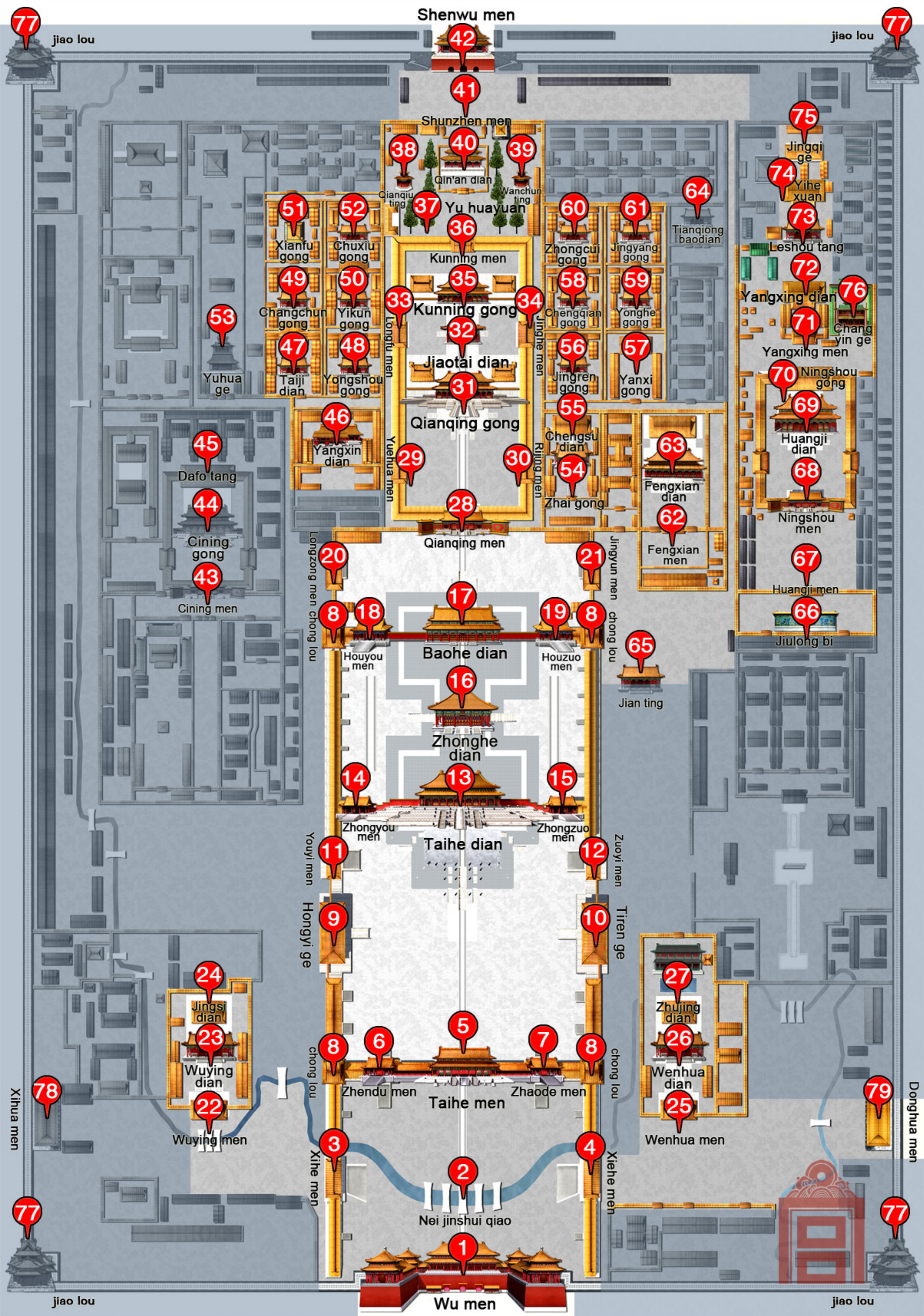
\*In front of the Front Gate of Beihai Park

### Taxi Stands:

According to the local traffic regulations, taxis are not allowed to stop at the Gate of Divine Prowess (*Shenwu men*). Visitors exiting this gate need to walk further either east or west to hail a taxi.









1. 午门 The Meridian Gate (*Wu men*)
2. 内金水桥 Inner Golden Water Bridges (*Nei jinshui qiao*)
3. 熙和门 Gate of Glorious Harmony (*Xihe men*)
4. 协和门 Gate of Mutual Harmony (*Xiehe men*)
5. 太和门 Gate of Supreme Harmony (*Taihe men*)
6. 贞度门 Gate of Correct Conduct (*Zhendu men*)
7. 昭德门 Gate of Manifest Virtue (*Zhaode men*)
8. 崇楼 The Lofty Pavilion (*Chong lou*)
9. 弘义阁 Belvedere of Spreading Righteousness (*Hongyi ge*)
10. 体仁阁 Belvedere of Embodying Benevolence (*Tiren ge*)
11. 右翼门 Right-wing Gate (*You yimen*)
12. 左翼门 Left-wing Gate (*Zuo yimen*)
13. 太和殿 Hall of Supreme Harmony (*Taihe dian*)
14. 中右门 Middle Right Gate (*Zhongyou men*)
15. 中左门 Middle Left Gate (*Zhongzuo men*)
16. 中和殿 Hall of Central Harmony (*Zhonghe dian*)
17. 保和殿 Hall of Preserving Harmony (*Baohe dian*)
18. 后右门 Rear Right Gate (*Houyou men*)
19. 后左门 Rear Left Gate (*Houzuo men*)
20. 隆宗门 Gate of Thriving Imperial Clan (*Longzong men*)
21. 景运门 Gate of Good Fortune (*Jingyun men*)
22. 武英门 Gate of Martial Valor (*Wuying men*)
23. 武英殿 Hall of Martial Valor (*Wuying dian*)
24. 敬思殿 Hall of Respectful Thoughts (*Jingsi dian*)
25. 文华门 Gate of Literary Brilliance (*Wenhua men*)
26. 文华殿 Hall of Literary Brilliance (*Wenhua dian*)
27. 主敬殿 Hall of Observing Sincerity and Esteem (*Zhujing dian*)
28. 乾清门 Gate of Heavenly Purity (*Qianqing men*)
29. 月华门 Gate of Lunar Essence (*Yuehua men*)
30. 日精门 Gate of Solar Essence (*Rijing men*)
31. 乾清宫 Hall of Heavenly Purity (*Qianqing gong*)
32. 交泰殿 Hall of Union (*Jiaotai dian*)
33. 隆福门 Gate of Flourishing Blessings (*Longfu men*)
34. 景和门 Gate of Auspicious Harmony (*Jinghe men*)
35. 坤宁宫 Palace of Earthly Tranquility (*Kunning gong*)
36. 坤宁门 Gate of Earthly Tranquility (*Kunning men*)
37. 御花园 The Imperial Garden (*Yu huayuan*)
38. 千秋亭 Pavilion of One Thousand Autumns (*Qianqiu ting*)
39. 万春亭 Pavilion of Myriad Springtimes (*Wanchun ting*)
40. 钦安殿 Hall of Imperial Peace (*Qin'an dian*)
41. 顺贞门 Gate of Loyal Obedience (*Shunzhen men*)
42. 神武门 Gate of Divine Prowess (*Shenwu men*)
43. 慈宁门 Gate of Compassion and Tranquility (*Cining men*)
44. 慈宁宫 Palace of Compassion and Tranquility (*Cining gong*)
45. 大佛堂 Grand Hall for Worshipping Buddha (*Dafo tang*)
46. 养心殿 Hall of Mental Cultivation (*Yangxin dian*)
47. 太极殿 Hall of the Supreme Principle (*Taiji dian*)
48. 永寿宫 Palace of Eternal Longevity (*Yongshou gong*)
49. 长春宫 Palace of Eternal Spring (*Changchun gong*)
50. 翊坤宫 Palace of Earthly Honor (*Yikun gong*)
51. 咸福宫 Palace of Universal Happiness (*Xianfu gong*)
52. 储秀宫 Palace of Gathered Elegance (*Chuxiu gong*)
53. 雨花阁 Belvedere of Raining Flowers (*Yuhua ge*)
54. 斋宫 Hall for Abstinence (*Zhai gong*)
55. 诚肃殿 Hall of Sincere Solemnity (*Chengsu dian*)
56. 景仁宫 Palace of Great Benevolence (*Jingren gong*)
57. 延禧宫 Palace of Prolonging Happiness (*Yanxi gong*)
58. 承乾宫 Palace of Celestial Favour (*Chengqian gong*)
59. 永和宫 Gate of Eternal Harmony (*Yonghe gong*)
60. 钟粹宫 Palace of Accumulated Purity (*Zhongcui gong*)
61. 景阳宫 Gate of Great Brilliance (*Jingyang gong*)
62. 奉先门 Gate of Hall for Ancestral Worship (*Fengxian men*)
63. 奉先殿 Hall for Ancestral Worship (*Fengxian dian*)
64. 天穹宝殿 Numinous Firmament Treasure Hall (*Tianxiong baodian*)
65. 箭亭 Archery Pavilion (*Jian ting*)
66. 九龙壁 Nine-dragon Screen (*Jiulong bi*)
67. 皇极门 Gate of Imperial Supremacy (*Huangji men*)
68. 宁寿门 Gate of Tranquil Longevity (*Ningshou men*)
69. 皇极殿 Hall of Imperial Supremacy (*Huangji dian*)
70. 宁寿宫 Palace of Tranquil Longevity (*Ningshou gong*)
71. 养性门 Gate of Spiritual Cultivation (*Yangxing men*)
72. 养性殿 Hall of Spiritual Cultivation (*Yangxing dian*)
73. 乐寿堂 Hall of Joyful Longevity (*Leshou tang*)
74. 颐和轩 Bower of Well-nourished Harmony (*Yihe xuan*)
75. 景祺阁 Belvedere of Auspicious Fortune (*Jingqi ge*)
76. 畅音阁 Belvedere of Pleasant Sounds (*Changyin ge*)
77. 角楼 The Corner Tower (*Jiao lou*)
78. 西华门 West Prosperity Gate (*Xihua men*)
79. 东华门 East Prosperity Gate (*Donghua men*)

