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Excuse me, where is the bathroom?

Qǐngwèn xǐshǒujiān zài nǎ'ér?

请问洗手间在哪儿?

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Excuse me, where's the bus stop?

Qǐngwèn gōngjiāo chēzhàn zài nǎ'ér?

请问公交车站在哪儿?

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Excuse me, where can I buy the ticket?

Qǐngwèn wǒ zài nǎ'ér néng mǎi dào piào?

请问我在哪儿能买到票?

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Excuse me, where is the boarding gate?

Qǐngwèn dēngjīkǒu zài nǎ er?

请问登机口在哪儿?

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Where is the China Airlines counter?

Zhōngguó hángkōng gōngsī de guǐtái zài nǎ'ér?

中国航空公司的柜台在哪儿?

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Is there a place nearby that I can
change money?

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Zhè fùjìn yǒu huàn wàibì de dìfang ma?
这附近有换外币的地方吗?

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Excuse me, is there a subway nearby?

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Máfan wèn yíxià, zhè fùjìn yǒu dìtiě ma?
麻烦问一下，这附近有地铁吗?

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Excuse me, is there a Starbucks nearby?

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Qǐngwèn zhè fùjìn yǒu xīngbākè ma?
请问这附近有星巴克吗?

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Is there anyone here that can
speak English?

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Zhèlǐ yǒurén huì shuō yīngyǔ ma?
这里有人会说英语吗?

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Excuse me, where can I buy a map?

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Qǐngwèn zài nǎlǐ kěyǐ mǎi dào dìtú?
请问在哪里可以买到地图?



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Excuse me, is there a travel agency nearby?

Qǐngwèn fùjìn yǒu lǚxíngshè ma?
请问附近有旅行社吗?

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Do you know where I can get a taxi?

Nǐ zhīdào zài nǎ'ér néng dǎ dào chūzūchē ma?
你知道在哪儿能打到出租车吗?

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Excuse me, when will the bus leave?

Qǐngwèn zhè liàng chē shénme shíhou kāi?
请问这辆车什么时候开?

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When does the next bus to Beijing leave?

Xià tàng qù běijīng de chē jǐ diǎn kāi?
下趟去北京的车几点开?

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Could you say that again, please?

Nǐ néng zài shuō yī biàn ma?
你能再说一遍吗?

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Can you point out where I am on this map?

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Nǐ néng zài dìtú shàng zhǐ chū wǒ zài nǎ'ér ma?

你能在地图上指出我在哪儿吗?

Could you please let me know when I arrive at the stop?

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Nǐ néng zài dào zhàn de shíhòu gàosu wǒ yī shēng ma?

你能在到站的时候告诉我一声吗?

Excuse me, where's the nearest post office?

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Qǐngwèn lí zhè'ér zuìjìn de yóujú zài nǎ'ér?

请问离这儿最近的邮局在哪儿?

Where is the elevator?

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Diàntī zài nǎ'ér?

电梯在哪儿?

Excuse me, what street is this?

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Qǐngwèn zhè shì shénme jiē?

请问这是什么街?



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Excuse me, what is this place called?

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Qǐngwèn zhège dìfang jiào shénme?
请问这个地方叫什么?

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I want to hire a car with a driver.

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Wǒ xiǎng bāo yī liàng chē.
我想包一辆车。

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How much is it to hire a car with a driver to the Great Wall?

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Bāo yī liàng chē dào chángchéng
duōshao qián?
包一辆车到长城多少钱?

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Excuse me, where can I rent a bicycle?

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Qǐngwèn zài nǎlǐ kěyǐ zū dào zìxíngchē?
请问在哪里可以租到自行车?

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I want to rent a bike.
How much is it per hour?

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Wǒ yào zū yī liàng zìxíngchē.
Yī gè xiǎoshí duōshao qián?
我要租一辆自行车。
一个小时多少钱?



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Is there a McDonald's nearby?

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Zhè fùjìn yǒu màidāngláo ma?
这附近有麦当劳吗?

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Is there a KFC nearby?

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Zhè fùjìn yǒu kěndéjī ma?
这附近有肯德基吗?

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Are there any western restaurants
nearby?

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Zhè fùjìn yǒu xīcāntīng ma?
这附近有西餐厅吗?

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Can you recommend a good place to
eat dumplings?

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Nǐ néng tuījiàn yī gè chī jiǎozi de hǎo
dìfang ma?
你能推荐一个吃饺子的好地方吗?

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Excuse me, where is this hotel?
(you are showing an address)

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Qǐngwèn zhè jiā fàndiàn zài nǎ'ér?
请问这家饭店在哪儿?



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Is there a supermarket nearby?

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Zhè fùjìn yǒu chāoshì ma?
这附近有超市吗?

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Excuse me, is there a nearby restaurant
that specializes in making Peking duck?

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Qǐngwèn zhè fùjìn yǒu zhuānmén
zuò Běijīng kǎoyā de diàn ma?
请问这附近有专门做北京
烤鸭的店吗?

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What breakfast do you have here?

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Nǐmen zhè'er yǒu shéme zǎocān?
你们这儿有什么早餐?

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Do you have coffee here?

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Nǐmen zhè'er yǒu kāfēi ma?
你们这儿有咖啡吗?

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Please don't make it spicy hot!

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Máfan bù yào fàng là.
麻烦不要放辣。



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I can't eat food that is too spicy.
Please just make it a little spicy!

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Wǒ bùnéng chī tài là de shíwù,
máfan shǎo fàng diǎn là.
我不能吃太辣的食物，
麻烦少放点辣。

I don't eat meat. Can you recommend
some good vegetarian dishes?

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Wǒ bù chī ròu, nǐ néng tuījiàn jǐ dào
hǎochī de sùcài ma?
我不吃肉，你能推荐几道好吃
的素菜吗？

That smells good.
What is that dish called?

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Hǎo xiāng a! Nà shì shénme cài?
好香啊！那是什么菜？

What is in this dish?

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Zhè dào cài shì yòng shénme
dōngxi zuò de?
这道菜是用什么东西做的？

What kind of beverages do you
have here?

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Nǐmen zhè'er yǒu shéme yǐnliào?
你们这儿有什么饮料？



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This dish is cold!
can you heat it up for me?

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Zhège cài yǒudiǎn liáng le!
Nǐ néng bāng wǒ rè yīxià ma?
**这个菜有点凉了！
你能帮我热一下吗？**

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This coffee is very bitter! Can you
please give me some milk?

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Zhè kāfēi tài kǔ le, néng bùnéng gěi
wǒ yīdiǎn niúǎi?
**这咖啡太苦了，能不能给我
一点牛奶？**

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Waiter/waitress, this soup is too salty.

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Fúwùyuán, zhè tāng tài xián le.
服务员，这汤太咸了。

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This dish is too greasy.

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Zhè cài tài yóunì le.
这菜太油腻了。

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This dish tastes a little weird.

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Zhè dào cài de wèidao hǎoxiàng
yǒudiǎn guài.
这道菜的味道好像有点怪。



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Waiter/waitress, do you have a spoon
or fork?

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Fúwùyuán, nǐmen yǒu sháozi huò chāzi ma?
服务员，你们有勺子或叉子吗？

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Waiter/waitress, do you have napkins?

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Fúwùyuán, yǒu cānjīnzhǐ ma?
服务员，有餐巾纸吗？

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Waiter/waitress, do you have soy sauce
and vinegar?

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Fúwùyuán, nǐmen yǒu jiàngyóu hé cù ma?
服务员，你们有酱油和醋吗？

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Can I have some more ketchup please?

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Néng bùnéng duō gěi wǒ yīdiǎn
fānqié jiàng?
能不能多给我一点番茄酱？

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I'd like to take these leftovers
with me, please.

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Máfan bāng wǒ dǎbāo!
麻烦帮我打包！