

# China



- **Name:** People's Republic of China (PRC)
- **Government:** Republic, communist state
- **Population:** more than 1.4 billion people
- **Language:** Mandarin or Standard Chinese (official language), while Cantonese (Yue) and Shanghainese (Wu) are among other most spoken languages
- **National symbols:** dragon and giant panda, red, yellow
- **National Anthem:** "*March of the Volunteers*"



Cherry blossoms usually bloom sometime between late March to late April, depending on where you are in China and whether it's a warmer- or cooler-than-average year. In warmer areas to the south, for instance, you can expect cherry trees to bloom a little earlier than in the north. Cherry blossoms hold elevated status in China, signifying love and the female mystique (beauty and strength)