



## Balmoral Hotel

bā ěr mòlè ěr jiǔdiàn

巴尔莫勒尔酒



THE BALMORAL  
EDINBURGH

## Facts about China

China is now the world largest economy.

Fortune cookies are not a Chinese costume. They were invented in San Francisco.

Table Tennis is China's national sport.

More people go to church on Sunday in China than in the whole of Europe.

71% of people in China measure success by the things they own, making it the world's most materialistic country.

In China, there is an "Elderly Rights" law which makes it illegal for anyone who has parents over 60 not to visit them regularly.

China has 4 megacities of over 10 million people, the most of any country.

## Cultural Awareness

*"Cultural awareness is the foundation of communication and it involves the ability of standing back from ourselves and becoming aware of our cultural values, beliefs and perceptions"*

**Table Manners:** Refrain from picking up dropped items on the floor (food or dropped chopsticks) or even food dropped on the table at a restaurant.

**Gifts/Business Cards:** When giving gifts or business cards, ALWAYS give or receive the card/gift with two hands. Chinese people usually do not unwrap gifts when receiving them

The oldest person should always be greeted first as a sign of respect

Even numbers are considered good luck, with number four being the exception.



### CHINESE SUPERSTITIONS

1.If one hits another person with a broom, the hitter will get bad luck and he will ruin his life.

2.The Chinese believe that one should keep a well-shaven face. If one wears a moustache it should be well-trimmed. If one violates this norm it will give bad luck.

3.Another Chinese superstition is that if a dog howls for a few hours in late night, it means someone died somewhere.

4.Another superstition of the Chinese is that building a house facing the North would bring in ruin to the family.



## VOCABULARY

### Food

Chǎo miàn 炒面 Fried noodles

Chǎo fàn 炒饭 Fried rice

Mǐ fàn 米 Rice

Miàn bāo 面包 Bread

Niú ròu 牛肉 Beef

Yáng ròu 羊肉 Lamb

Jī ròu 鸡肉 Chicken

Shā lā 沙拉 Salad

### Drinks

Kā fēi 咖啡 Coffee

Lǜ chá 绿茶 Green tea

Hóng chá 红茶 Red tea

Rè shuǐ 热水 Hot water

Kě lè 可乐 Cola

Hóng jiǔ 红葡萄酒 Red wine

## Greetings



wàng nín zhù sù yú kuài

Enjoy your stay

Nǐ hǎo Hello

Zài jiàn Goodbye

Nǐ hǎo ma? How are you?

Wǒ hěn hǎo I am fine.

zǎo shang hǎo Good morning

Xià wǔ hǎo Good afternoon

Wǎn ān Good night

Nǐ jiào shén me? What is your name?