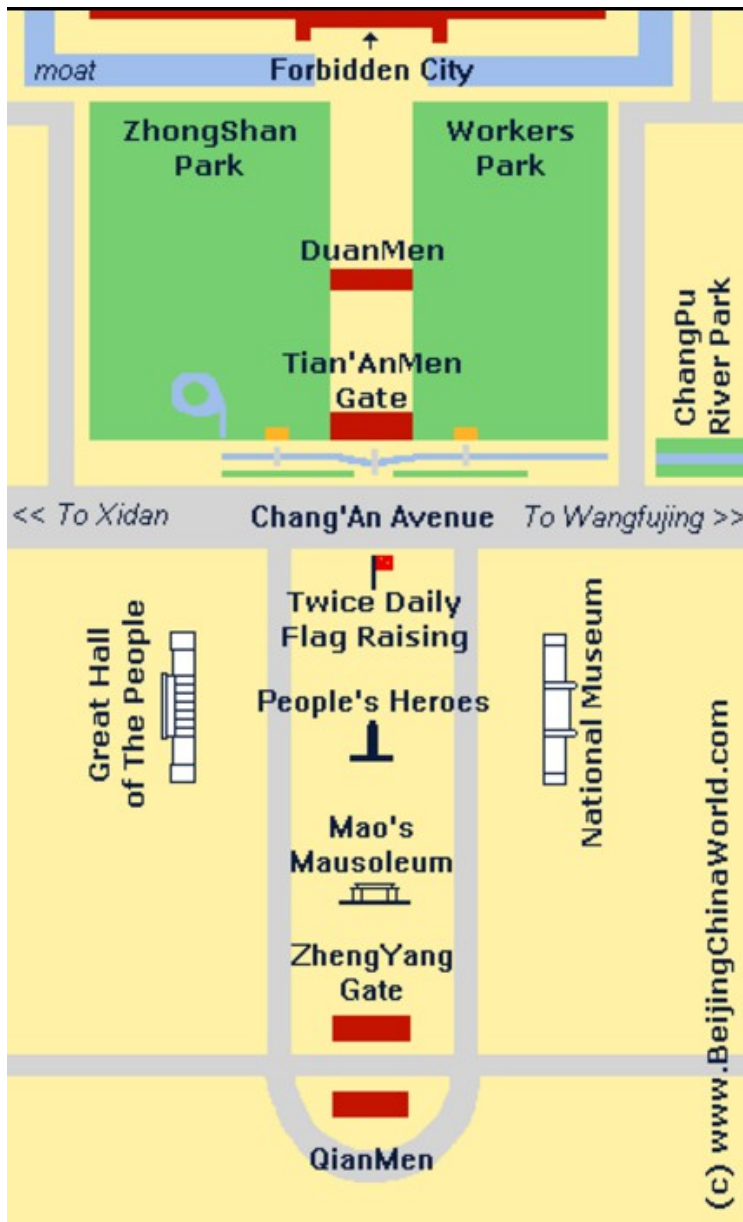


The 4th day in China, after being on the summer palace of the Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, we should visit [Tiananmen Square](#). IT is the world's largest public square with space for 1 million people. It was made in 1417 and was the entrance to the Forbidden City. It was later expanded and is now 880 meters north-south and 500 meters east-west.



Kart over plassen.



Here we have left the bus at the [National Museum of China](#). The building was finished in 1959.



Here we are looking across the square to the [Great Hall of the People](#).

These large buildings stood ready in 1959 to the 10-year anniversary of the formation of the People's Republic of China on 1 January 1949.

In the middle of the picture we see the [Monument to the Peoples Heroes](#).



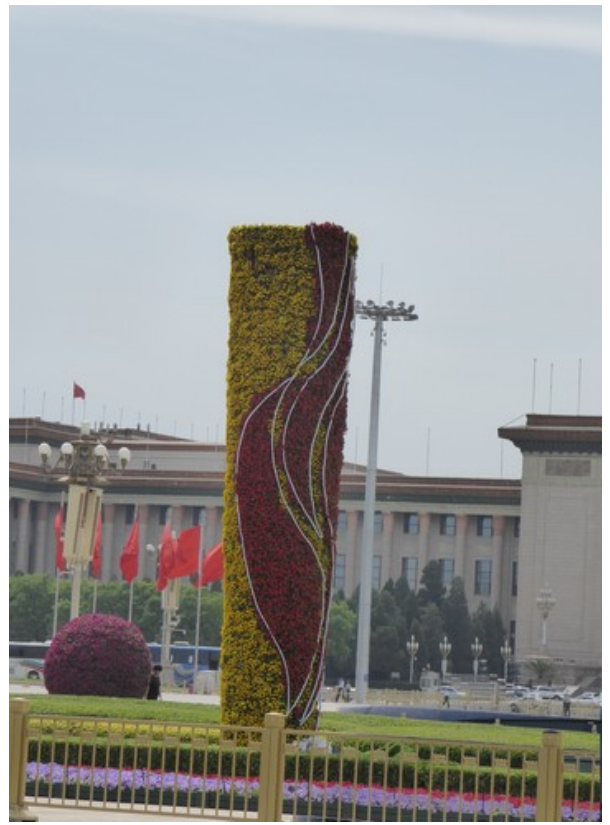
These cars were certainly here in connection with a state visit this day.



Some of the planting around the square.



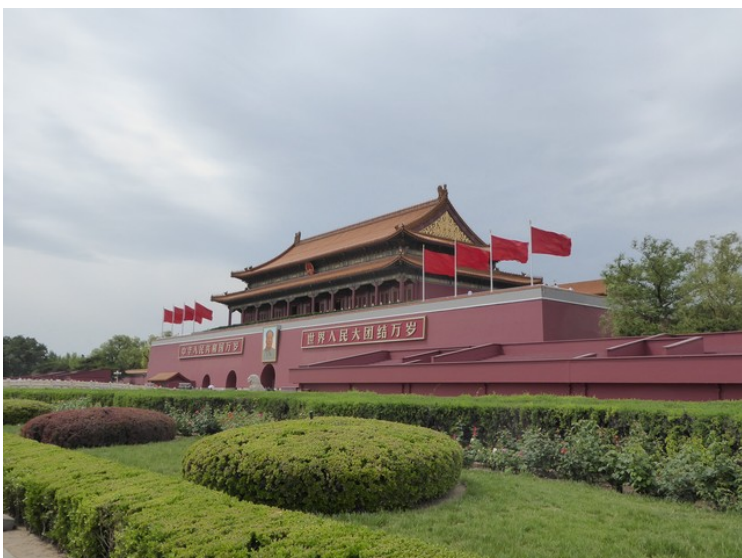
Because of the state visit that day, we were not allowed to go out on the square.



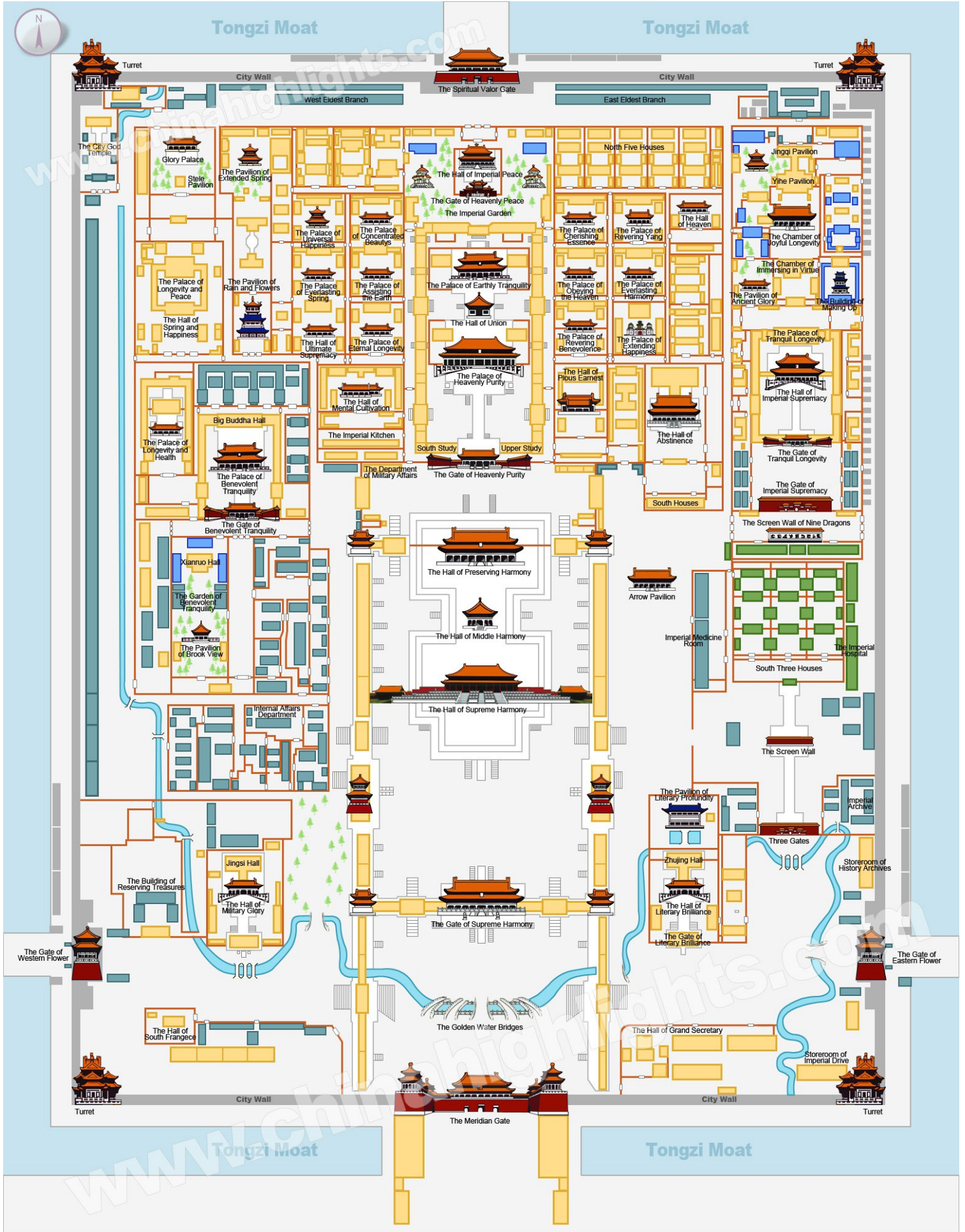
Here we see the buildings in the Forbidden City.



On the square is also the [Mausoleum of Mao Zedong](#). A picture of Mao is on the outside.



On our way to the entrance to the Forbidden City. We are going through [The Meridian Gate](#).



This is a map of the [Forbidden City](#).



Many people on their way in. [The Meridian Gate.](#)



Through the turnstiles.



Then I was inside too.



[The golden river](#) and the golden river bridges.



[The first courtyard.](#)



The gate of supreme harmony.



Looking towards The Meridian gate from the inside.

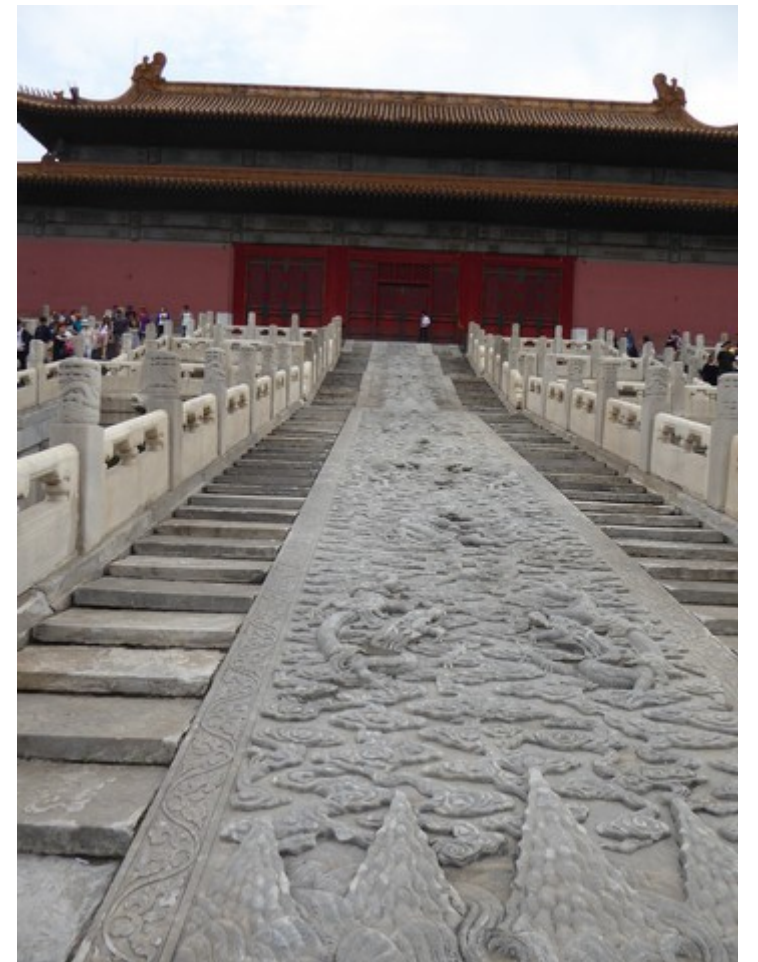


The outer courtyard.



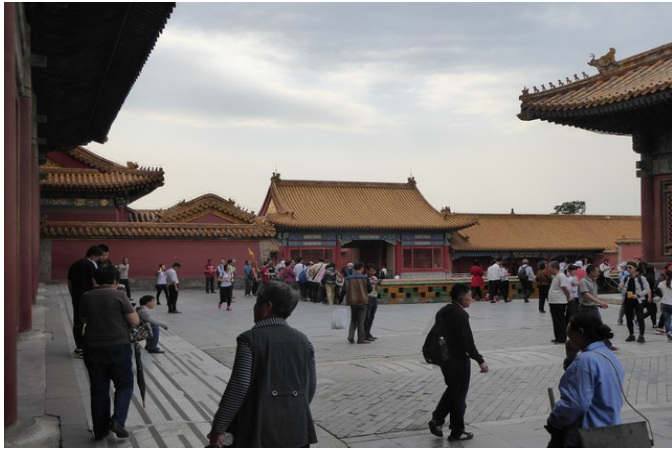
Those who touch this vase will have a long and happy life.



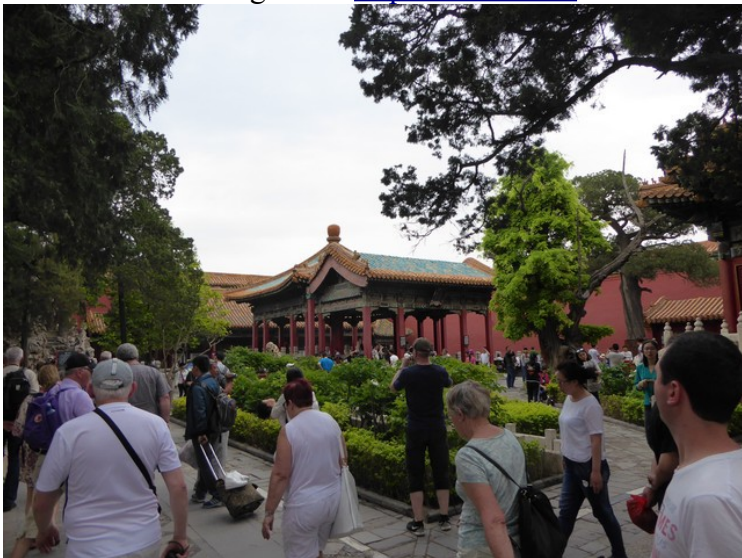


Detail of the reliefs.

Stone reliefs.



Coming to the [Imperial Gardens](#).





An artificial mountain.



Outside of the park, we see a postman who delivers packages.



Then we were back at the hotel.
Art in the reception hall.



We sat outside in the hotel garden next to this bird.



The bird made many kinds of funny noises.



The bar/cafeteria.



The reception.



In the evening there was a joint dinner.



We were served Peking duck.



Outside the restaurant where we ate.



Then we were back to the hotel.