

Accessing the internet in China - Wendy Wu Tours – Transcript –

Hi, I'm Ellen and I'm an Operations Executive here at Wendy Wu Tours and this video is going to be about accessing internet services in China.

Now this operates a little bit differently to how you might be used to at home as the Chinese government operates a censorship on their connection. What this means is that there are a number of apps that you can normally access at home that you won't be able to access in China. This includes but is not limited to:

- Google
- YouTube
- A lot of news apps
- WhatsApp
- Many social medias such as Facebook.

What many people do to get around this problem is use a VPN or a virtual private network. It's worth having a look into it and researching exactly what this is but in layman's terms, it tricks your phone into thinking it's in a different location. So for example whilst you're in China your phone may think you are still in the UK or in Australia. What this means is that you can continue using the apps you would be used to using at home rather than having to deal with the censorship issues in China.

There are many providers of VPNs that you can look into and install but what the majority of people do is set up an eSIM which has an integrated VPN style service as part of the standard setup procedure. We have a whole separate video on how to set up an eSIM so we recommend you go and give that a watch.

Now alternatively what you can do is make sure you have a Microsoft email set up as this is available throughout China and also forward any emails from a Google account to your Microsoft. We also recommend you let friends and family know that your connectivity might be slightly less whilst you're out and enjoying the beautiful landscapes of China.