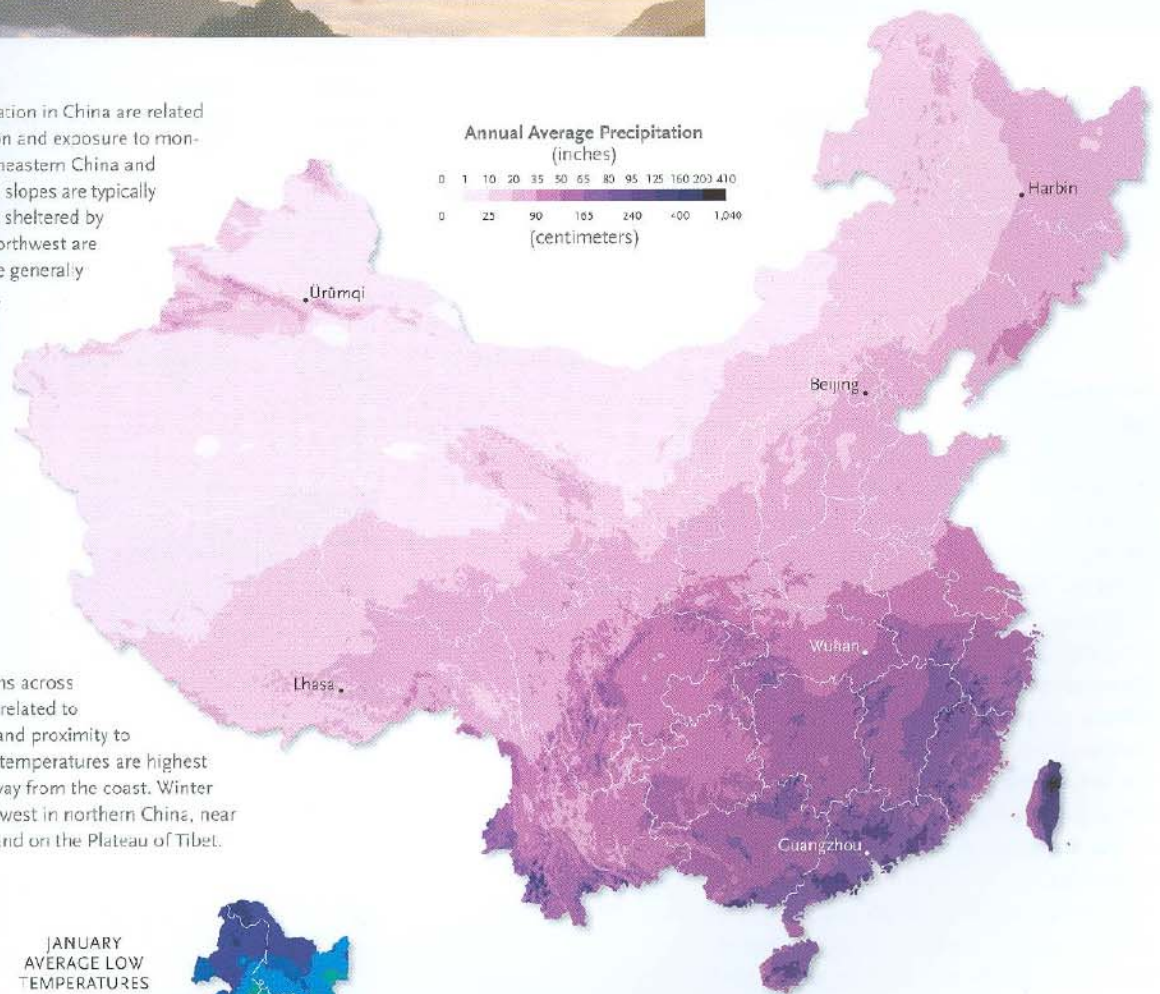
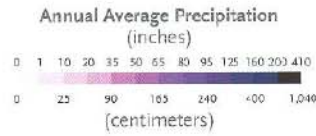


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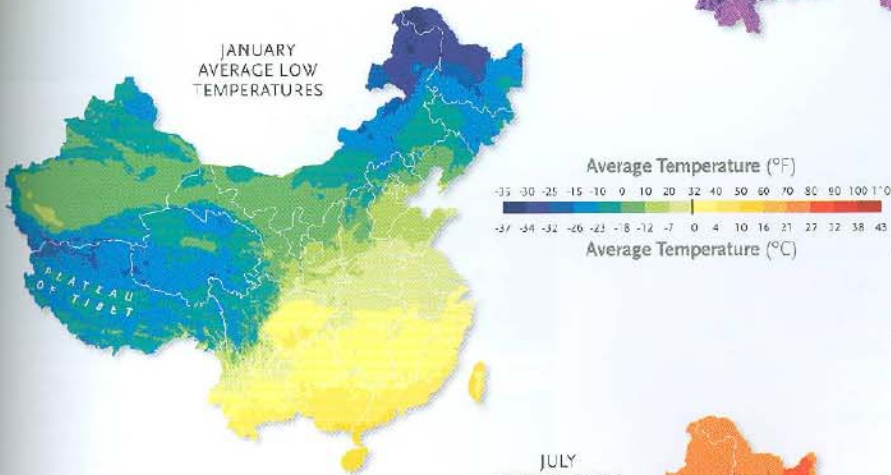
Patterns of precipitation in China are related primarily to elevation and exposure to monsoonal winds. Southeastern China and windward mountain slopes are typically wettest, while areas sheltered by mountains in the northwest are driest. Summers are generally wet and winters dry.



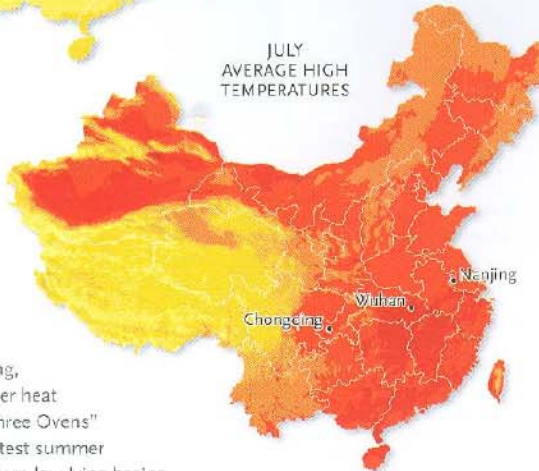
TEMPERATURE

Temperature patterns across China are primarily related to elevation, latitude, and proximity to the coast. Summer temperatures are highest at low elevations away from the coast. Winter temperatures are lowest in northern China, near the Siberian High, and on the Plateau of Tibet.

JANUARY AVERAGE LOW TEMPERATURES



JULY AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES



THE "THREE OVENS"

The Yangtze River cities of Chongqing, Wuhan, and Nanjing, famous for their intense summer heat and humidity, are called the "Three Ovens" of China. However, China's hottest summer temperatures are found in western low-lying basins, where a typical July day reaches 104°F (40°C).

CLIMOCRAPHS

Climographs for several cities across the country show patterns of temperature and precipitation throughout the year. China has a wide variety of climate types, including extremes in both temperature and precipitation.

