The busy central business district contains a high concentration of office towers with China World at its centre. Ritan Park and the surrounding leafy embassies afford a small green lung. Preferred by those wanting easy access to amenities and a quick commute to work.
A large cluster of leafy embassies here, but the neighbourhood is most renowned for its bars, cafes and restaurants. The Bookworm, a literary cafe, and small independent boutiques add a bohemian flavour. The Workers Stadium and French School are also here. To the north there’s Dongzhimen, a transport hub that includes the airport line.
Beijing’s geographic and administrative centre containing Tiananmen, the Forbidden City and Houhai. Populated by government employees and tourists, few expatriates choose to live here due to a lack of quality homes and a dearth of amenities. The area includes Financial Street, to the West of Tiananmen, a commercial area that has attracted a number of financial institutions.
Apartment towers lining the edge of the city’s largest park house many of Beijing’s expatriates. They are well served by the cafes and restaurants clustered around Chaoyang Park’s West gate. To the north there’s the Lufthansa Centre and surrounding office towers. The German school is here, as is the new US embassy. The area includes Lady’s Street, a flower market and bazaar.
Office and apartment developments have extended north along the 3rd Ring into Sanyuan Qiao. Few amenities here, but it’s a short hop to Sanlitun and Chaoyang Park. The subway and airport line allow easy access to most parts of the city.
Expatriate suburbia, minutes from the airport and under an hour’s commute to office. The major international schools are here. A wide range of expatriate amenities have sprung up around the villa communities. This quieter, cleaner area is a family friendly biosphere.