

World's highest railway sparks controversy

Hailed by China as an engineering marvel, the Qinghai-Tibet railway has drawn criticism from Tibetan exiles who fear the Himalayan region's traditional culture and environment will be subjected to an increased wave of immigration and exploitation of its natural resources



Trains have sealed carriages to cope with thin air and hi-tech cooling to keep frozen track bed stable. Passengers can also attach oxygen tubes to ward off altitude sickness

QINGHAI-TIBET RAILWAY

Length	1,895km
Average elevation	4,000m
Stations	30
Train speed	100-120km/h
Beijing-Lhasa	48 hours

