



Passengers queue up for a train at Liuzhou Railway Station in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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# RUSHING BACK HOME

About 2.98 billion trips are expected to be made in China during the 2017 Spring Festival travel rush, which is known as *chunyun* in Chinese.

China's travel frenzy surrounding the festival officially lasts 40 days and this year occurs from January 13 to February 21. The estimated number of journeys during this hectic period in 2017 is 2.2 percent higher than the figure for the corresponding period in 2016.

The Spring Festival, or Chinese Lunar New Year—the most important occasion for Chinese family reunions—falls on January 28 this year.

*(All photos were taken on January 13 unless stated)*



A traveler tries facial recognition to pass through station ticket barriers in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province



A father kisses his daughter goodbye across the train window at a railway station in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province



Passengers have their tickets checked before getting on a bus at Yangzhou Bus Station, east China's Jiangsu Province



Passengers board a ship to Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, at the Yantai passenger terminal in east China's Shandong Province