

CHINA: TEACHING PROJECTS

China: One of the most ancient civilisations on earth. Shrouded in mystery and revered for centuries, China is a treasure trove of diverse cultures, absolutely *brehtaking* scenery and historical & cultural wonders!

Sip green tea in ancient pagodas, press your way through hectic crowds under the neon lights of the big cities or calm your soul atop the snow capped mountains of the Tibetan Plateau...

An endless array of mouth watering food, night markets where weather-worn men watch over flatbreads and spring rolls over a smouldering fire... Whether you want to silently join tai chi practitioners in parks at dusk or share a friendly smile and a few words over a bowl of noodles with someone as eager to learn about your life as you are theirs... China is both calming and frantic, modern and ancient...China is easy to fall head over heels in love with, and it's a country and an experience that you'll never, ever forget!

Emerging from under its communist veil, China is powering forward towards the future at breakneck speed. Yet simultaneously, the Chinese are devoutly proud of their cultural background, and these two ways of living - ancient and modern, seem to merge in bizarre and wonderful contradiction of each other! China is absolutely another world – it has to be seen to be believed!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Chinese life and culture.
- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you **feel safe and never alone!**
- An in-depth Induction makes you **feel local straight away!**
- A unique insight into another culture – **see it from the inside** in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round, subject to school holidays. You choose your start and finish dates.
Duration	From 2 weeks up to 12 months +, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	No qualifications or knowledge of Mandarin necessary, but a little basic Mandarin will make your placement much more enjoyable.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	▶ Accommodation ▶ Meeting you at the Airport ▶ Transfer to your accommodation ▶ Transport to and from your project ▶ Full pre-departure support ▶ Local in-country team support and backup ▶ 24-hr emergency support ▶ Free T-Shirt.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance). Return trip to the airport.
Who can do this Project?	All projects are open to all nationalities. You need to be aged between 17 and 70+

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Our teaching placements take place in a variety of schools, colleges and language centres in both bustling Chinese capital, Beijing and in the historical and cultural city of Yangzhou in the Jiangsu province.

Chinese students are attentive and enthusiastic learners. You'll usually walk into class to a round of applause and big grins all round, which is extremely welcome when you're a little nervous on your first day! A great deal of the students' time is spent in very formal class situations, and so your classes, which focus on spoken English, will be a welcome break for them. They're fascinated by Western culture and there'll be lots of smiles and yells of excitement when you show them photographs of your family or friends or even an English coin! You'll also get asked if you know David Beckham!



There has been a major drive by the government in recent years to improve the standard of English around the country, as it is of absolutely immense importance for anyone who wants to build a successful career for themselves. Because of this, your presence will be *extremely* appreciated and you will most likely be thoroughly spoilt by your school during your placement!

- You can teach children of any age, from Kindergarten to Adults.
- In Beijing the working hours are 1-8pm, 5 days a week including one weekend. You can arrange less teaching time on request, if you would like more time to see the city etc, although we find most volunteers prefer to work fuller hours to have the most interesting program.
- Your teaching in Yantai can vary from around 7 - 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday. If you prefer shorter or longer hours ask us and it can be arranged. There are no classes in the evenings or on Saturdays and Sundays, so you'll have plenty of time to explore and sightsee with the other volunteers.
- Your lessons will be a combination of teaching from the standard text book and teaching lessons of your own design, which can include anything from your hobbies and interests to current affairs and local news as subject matter. Language games always go down extremely well too. The students absolutely adore hearing about your life in England, so make sure to bring photographs of your family and friends to show them!
- The vast majority of your teaching will concentrate on improving the students' conversational English; familiarising them with proper pronunciation and increasing their confidence. They're often exemplary at English grammar but have had so little practice with spoken English that they make many mistakes. This is where you come in!
- If you are confident in any other subjects, then you can integrate these into your lessons – discussions about the environment and European history are especially popular. It is amazing how facts that we know and take for granted can be fascinating to others. While you may be amazed by the magnitude of the Great Wall or the Forbidden City, your pupils will be equally fascinated by stories of English Kings and Queens - although David Beckham will probably be even more popular!



We provide you with a *Teaching Suggestions Booklet* which has ideas for teaching English, but will also help structuring lessons in other subjects. Video facilities are available in some schools and audio equipment is quite commonplace.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Don't worry about not having special qualifications. The whole idea of Travellers is to provide any help possible, whether it is merely enabling children to hear English pronunciation by native English speakers, or any additional help with academic subjects or how to use a computer - anything you can offer is very much appreciated and everyone knows you are not a qualified teacher. The emphasis is on much-needed language development, additional learning and cultural contact. It gives your pupils valuable experience while saving you large sums of money on TEFL diplomas. Your interaction with the students is to provide a colourful and interesting aspect to their English learning whilst hearing your natural pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. Chinese students have a very rigid and intense learning syllabus, you provide the fun part!

ACCOMMODATION

YANGZHOU: Most of our accommodation is on school premises and you will usually have your own room and en-suite bathroom. The standard of accommodation varies from school to school, however all accommodation is

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safe, clean and comfortable and situated near the school you'll teach at. Most have telephones, some have internet facilities and TVs, and you may even be lucky enough to have a fridge, microwave and DVD player! Where you are placed will depend entirely on where you are needed and how best we can accommodate your preferences.

BEIJING: You'll live in a modern and friendly, central hostel along with the other volunteers. You'll usually have access to all the modern facilities you'd expect: internet access, a kitchen, TV, common room with DVDs, a security locker and a bar & restaurant on premises.

The hostel is in a lively area where you'll have the chance to meet other backpackers and travellers. There are many shops in the surrounding area if you need to stock up on anything, and the hostel is extremely close to Beijing's famous Sanlitun Lu (or 'Bar Street') where everyone hangs out in the evening for drinks and fun!

All volunteers will share with 3 others (if you'd like a single room there is a supplemental charge)

Past volunteers have regarded eating out as one of the highlights of living in Beijing, and an essential part of Chinese culture! Because of this, we've priced the placement to exclude food, thus enabling you to explore and sample some of the fabulous food which China is famous for. There are many cafes, restaurants and food stalls close to your accommodation, and hundreds, if not thousands, around Beijing in general.

The cost of eating out in Beijing can vary from a just a couple of pounds up to a couple of hundred pounds! This is one city where you certainly won't have any trouble eating well on a tight budget - there are some very inexpensive options available and you'll dine out handsomely on about £4 (\$6); although you could get away with spending even less and still be eating well

If you're looking for that complete Chinese experience we can also arrange for you to stay with a host family in Beijing.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN CHINA

Approximate dates for the school terms are given below. However, if you would like to teach at another time of year this is usually no problem as we can place you at a summer camp or language school in either Beijing or Yangzhou – please ask for details!

Please get in touch for exact term dates:

1st Term 9 February to 31 May

2nd Term 1 September to 9 January



OPTIONAL COURSES: INTENSIVE MANDARIN COURSE

Before your teaching begins, you can also take part in an optional one week intensive Mandarin Course (in Beijing only). You will be taught by a qualified Chinese Teacher of Mandarin and the lessons cover all the basic things you'll need to get around and make the most of your project, including greetings, shopping, transport, food and drink, and vocabulary specific to your placement. The picture on the left shows volunteers proudly displaying their completion certificate!

Learning Mandarin will be of huge benefit to you both during your life in China and afterwards. Within the country, very few people outside the education system speak English, and while travelling around China there are frequent opportunities to strike up conversations with people who are as curious about you as you are about them! Learning Mandarin will enable to you speak with these people, thus enriching your time here immeasurably, as you find out things about the culture and the way of life that someone without language skills simply would not have access to.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

"I just wanted to tell Travellers thank you for my placement in China. I really miss it and had the best experience there. The support Travellers gives to its volunteers is really great, the phone call you gave me the day before I flew to China was really sweet and reassuring, and also checking everything was ok after I arrived. So I just want to say a big thank you and keep up the good work."

Charis Mills, Teaching Project



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“Thank you unreservedly for my time in China... I had an amazing time, and had to be dragged away by the end of it. What really made it for me was the contact with the people, whether in class or around the town... everyone there would go completely out of their way to help or just talk to me. What’s more, I gained a great knowledge of life in modern china, which is just what I wanted and needed for my Uni course!” – Charles Corn, Teaching Project

Tomorrow me and 7 other volunteers leave for Xi’an which is our first stop of our travels!! It was so sad when we finished our teaching on Friday, our school held a ‘leaving’ ceremony for us, lots of the students cried I really do not want to leave! And I can definitely say this has been one of the best times of my life! It really has, it has changed my life in so many different ways I cant explain in words! It’s going to be so sad Shanghai let alone China! Jordan Scott, Teaching Project

VISAS:

For most nationalities visas are required, but don’t worry we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO’s to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

WHY GO WITH TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- ✓ Professional work experience placements
- ✓ 15 years’ experience sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of **flexible projects** that are **value for money!**
- ✓ Excellent support - second to none in the industry
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- ✓ Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions prior to, during and after your **trip of a lifetime!**
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Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers, or do other projects in China – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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