



CHINA: KINDERGARTEN PROJECT

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...

Polarity & disparity, 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 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!



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- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
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- 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 except during school holidays - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	2 weeks 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. You do need a good dose of enthusiasm and lots of energy!
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food ► 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 (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

If you have a passion for the energy of little ones, join us at the Lucky Kids Kindergarten and you use games to teach the children English in an informal, interactive setting. If you have skills in Arts & Crafts or Music you can use these very effectively on this project

The Kindergarten Programme

The name says it all really... you'll be working at the Yangzhou Lucky Kids Kindergarten with young Chinese children. Lucky Kids Kindergarten is located in a large and colourful building and you can feel the fun atmosphere as soon as you walk into the entrance hall. Whether you want to work in early years education, or if you'd just rather teach English at a more basic level, this project is the one for you. You'll be teaching and caring for younger children from ages 3-6, so bring a big smile and your creativity...



Work Content.

Your work will mostly focus around teaching the children some basic English through games, songs, stories and other fun activities. You may also be asked to help out in caring for the children (ie accompanying them to the toilet, helping them get ready for nap time etc) and playing with the children when they do sports, games and activities such as colouring or playing in the ball pit. However, your main role is that of an English teacher. For more details about this project, please see below.

This is a lovely project which you'll thoroughly enjoy. The walls at the Kindergarten are covered in drawings, paintings and murals done by and for the children and each room is filled with equipment to assist the children's learning.

The Kindergarten requires volunteers to assist work from 9:30am – 4:30pm Monday-Friday. Your weekends and evenings will be free and this will allow some time for relaxing, travelling and sightseeing. If you would like more time to travel during or after your teaching, either let Travellers know before you leave, or speak to Tim, our Yangzhou Organiser, and she will try to arrange it with the Kindergarten; we cannot guarantee that this will be possible, but we will be as flexible as circumstances allow.

You'll usually teach lessons of your own design, giving you lots of freedom although you'll usually have a Chinese teacher present in the classroom with you to assist you. The Kindergarten has stressed that playing games is the most important thing to do, although you do need to be careful with safety as the children are so young and get over-excited very easily! If you play an instrument and wish to bring it with you to play to the children, please do so. The Kindergarten is also interested in having volunteers who can work on arts & crafts with the kids.

Approximately 200 children attend, and there will be around 25 children in each group. The children are aged between 3-6 but you will mostly be working with the older age ranges. There are already 4 English teachers at the school so your lessons will compliment theirs.

You don't need any language skills to take part in the project, but as the children are so young and don't have very good command of English yet, it would be of benefit to you to know as much as possible. Take lessons or use a tape and book before you leave, or speak to your Project Co-Ordinator if you'd like to take some Mandarin Lessons before or during your project.



LOCATION:

Yangzhou known as a city of gardens and alleys, is a destination that makes a trip to China unforgettable. Little known to most foreign travelers, Yangzhou is a proud retainer of ancient Chinese architecture, art, culture, traditional gardens and parks, cuisine, leisure, and commerce in a beautiful mixture of modernity.

Yangzhou is where Marco Polo once served as a municipal official, is a city with a history of 2,500 years, tracing back to the *Spring and Autumn Period* when it was called Guangling. The city was one of ten cities in the world around 1800 A.D, which had the largest population over half million.

The city itself is a museum of Chinese culture and a beautiful Chinese garden. Small and quite as it is, you have an easy access to all latest modern convenience here, too, while enjoying traditional heritage. Through all the ages,

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scholars and poets have lavishly praised Yangzhou in prose and poetry, pouring their love and yearning for this city in the most beautiful language. This is the only city in China that receives such an honour and it deserves, too.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

Your accommodation will either be on school campus or in a local hostel.

On School Campus: You will usually share a building with other volunteers and Chinese teachers. You will usually have your own room and bathroom, although sometimes you may have to share a room with another volunteer. All rooms are clean and comfortable and some may have air conditioning, internet access, a washing machine and a TV!

In a local Hostel: If you stay in a hotel or hostel, you will most likely share your room with another Travellers volunteer. 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 and hotel that we use are both located in lively areas, where you will have the chance to meet other backpackers and travellers.

All your food is provided, and you'll be given a budget to eat out in the many delicious local eateries around the hotel! Tim, our Yangzhou Organiser, often takes volunteers out for group dinners to introduce them to the best local cuisine in the area!



VISAS:

Visas are required and must be purchased before departure. We'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, if any, 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.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our China Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about China and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

COSTS:

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

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| ✓ Accommodation | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
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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.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

One of the most ancient civilisations on earth. Shrouded in mystery and revered for centuries, China is a treasure trove of diverse cultures, breathtaking scenery and historical & cultural wonders! It's also heading towards a glittering future as one of the world's major powers, and so there's no better time to experience this tantalisingly different land.

We have programmes in 3 very different Chinese locations - a world of contrasts! Each location is staffed by Travellers representatives who look after you for the duration of your project.

BEIJING - Beijing is the Capital of China and also its cultural heart. You'll find everything here that you imagine when you think of China... chaotic hustle and bustle, skyscrapers crammed next to temples and plenty of monuments to China's long and complex past. On your project here you'll be among Famous Temples, ancient Hutongs (alleyway communities) the magnificent Forbidden City & Tiananmen Square and the immense Great Wall of China!

YANTAI - A busy fishing port which sits on the Shandong Peninsula, North-East China. Its 'out of the way' feel makes it the perfect place to experience a slice of provincial Chinese. Here you will REALLY feel like one of the locals. Its close proximity to Korea and Japan also make it a great place to experience a more multicultural environment. We run a University Mandarin Course here in association with Yantai University.

YANGZHOU - Known as China's 'city of gardens and alleys', Yangzhou is enough 'out of the way' for you to feel as though you're living in real China, and has a fascinating 'Old Town' where you can explore alleys and noodle shops that still run as they did a century ago. However, the City's location in Jiangsu Province, only a stone's throw from Shanghai, means that you're never away from the glamour of one of the world's most modern urban centres...

Beijing is absolutely crammed full of things to see – a trip to China wouldn't be complete without a visit to this stunning and extraordinarily Chinese capital. The city seems to embody China in every way: chaotic hustle and bustle, skyscrapers crammed next to temples and plenty of monuments to China's long and complex past. It's also a great place to catch up on some youth culture by hanging out with the Beijing Punks, or some ancient culture at the Peking Opera or Acrobatics shows.

During the summer, people come out to fly kites in **Tiannamen Square**, right next to Chairman Mao's Mausoleum which sits in the centre of the Square. It's worth reading up on the history of Tiannanem Square, for some interesting insight into China's past. You can even join the lines of Chinese people who queue to lay plastic flowers next to the preserved Chairman's body.

The Forbidden City, so called because it was off limits for 500 years, is a breathtaking example of ancient Chinese architecture. Designed for the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties, and with the principles of balance and yin and yang in mind, it served as a self contained world for the Emperors of the time. You can spend the whole day wondering around the city, and the balance and exquisite architecture is really quite mind blowing. You can even have an audio tour commentated by Roger Moore!



There's also the **Summer Palace**, the Emperors' Summer Residence, nestled in the mouth of Kunming Lake and surrounded by lush parkland (which is particularly gorgeous on a sunny day). You can take a trip around the city's old Hutongs (alleyways) on a rickshaw or visit one of the cities many Buddhist and Taoist temples.

It goes without saying that a visit to China should include a trip to the **Great Wall**. This amazing construction spans the country from Shanhaiguan on the east coast to Jiayuguan in the Gobi Desert and there are sections that can be climbed or trekked a bus ride away from Beijing. You can trek on certain parts of the wall, some of which are crumbling away, giving the experience a real sense of adventure. The scenery is awe inspiring and endless. It's the easiest thing in the world to completely forget yourself out here on a sunny day. The sections of the wall at Huanghua and Jinshanling are the best to pick for a genuine Great Wall Experience away from the crowds of tourists.

The Lama Temple is one of the most beautiful temples in the city, as it houses a 55ft high sandalwood Buddha carved out of a single tree, and a gallery which chronicles the history of the relationship between Chinese and Tibetan Buddhists.

THINGS TO DO IN: CHINA

There's so much more to see and do in China and it's difficult not to want to travel as far around the country as your budget will take you! some of the other highlights of the country include:

- The Army of Terracotta Warriors outside Xi'an - 6000 soldiers and horses that were originally designed to guard the tomb of an ancient Emperor. 2000 years old, these warriors were discovered by accident in the 1970s by peasants digging a well! Every figure differs in facial features and expression, and they make for an amazing sight!
- Some of the country's most stunning scenery and varied cultural heritage can be found in Yunnan Province, in the south of China. Trek along Tiger Leaping Gorge or visit the Mingyong Glacier outside Tibetan Deqin. Stay in a traditional Chinese courtyard house and be witness to the lives of the local Naxi people in Lijiang, or simply spend your time taking in the phenomenal mountainous scenery of the Tibetan Plateau. Bus rides around this area are particularly hair raising and infinitely beautiful!
- Northern China, along the path of the ruins of the Great wall, also has many amazing sights. For example, you can visit the Gobi desert and climb enormous sand dunes in Gansu Province or in Inner Mongolia! Or explore ancient grottoes and caverns full of religious art and Buddha statues at Mogao (Dunhuang) or Datong.
- The tranquillity and heartbreaking beauty of sunrise from the top of one of China's sacred mountains is an absolutely unforgettable experience. There are many mountains dotted around the country on which the local people practice pilgrimage routes. Tai Shan, in Shandong Province is particularly stunning.
- China's natural beauty! The tranquility and heartbreaking beauty of sunrise from the top of one of China's sacred mountains is an absolutely unforgettable experience. There are many mountains dotted around the country on which the local people practice pilgrimage routes. Tai Shan, in Shandong Province is particularly stunning. Nature reserves and national parks can also be found all over the country. Worth particular mention is Hansi Hu - Xinjiang Province's edge-of-the-universe park which boasts amazing treks and is home to all kinds of nomadic people from Kazaks to Xinjiang's native Muslim Uyghurs.
- . Tropical Xishuangbanna - China's very own South-East Asia complete with sunshine, Thai style temples, Dai minority dancing and water splashing festivals! Here you can explore tribal villages on the border with Burma, or trek through the rainforest.
- China's big cities - The economic and cultural and centres of this blossoming nation can be found in its 3 big cities - Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. These cities are practically alive with energy and each deserve a visit during your time in China. They represent the glitz and glamour of China's future and everything that's hip in China's new youth, with the rich history of Chinese culture running strongly through them.



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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

Tomorrow me and 7 other volunteers leave for Xi'an which is our first stop of our travels!! I really can't wait, but it was so sad when we finished our teaching on Friday, our school held a 'leaving' ceremony for me and Mike, lots of the students cried It was so sad, 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

"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

HOW TO BOOK:

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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