



CHINA: DRAMA, MUSIC AND / OR DANCE PROJECT

Teach Drama, Music and/or Dance to enthusiastic school children in dynamic Beijing. This is a very unique experience perfect for anyone who loves Drama, Music or Dance, particularly for those who would like to go into teaching in these areas. A fantastic opportunity to really become part of a professional Arts and Drama school in the centre of China's Capital City!

China: 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...



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- 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	You should have a drama, singing or dance background – your training and qualifications can be reasonably informal, but you must feel confident enough to teach children in one or more of these areas. Marketing or administration skills would also be a great plus. No knowledge of Mandarin is 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 ► 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), Food, 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+

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

This is a very unique experience perfect for anyone who loves Drama, Music or Dance; particularly for those who would like to go into teaching in these areas. Drama, Dance and Music are invaluable tools to train children to be creative, assertive and self-confident. This project will enable you to contribute to the creative training and growth of children in Beijing while living in this exciting capital city! The kids here are imaginative, drama-loving kids and so they are generally dynamic and extremely enthusiastic about their lessons with you!

The Teaching Programme

The school aims to encourage creativity through the teaching of Drama, Music and Dance. There are 25 staff here in total, including an Art Director and Project Manager.

The school is bilingual and accepts both Chinese and international children, so you will find that the level of English is extremely mixed – from native to non-speakers. As such, lessons are taught in both Mandarin Chinese and English. You will usually work in a mixture of both English and Chinese classes, and if you do not speak Mandarin a translator will be provided for you in Mandarin lessons.

There are around 100 children in total who attend the school, aged between 3-8. Most children come just for a couple of classes a week after school, or for one day at the weekend.

Work Content.

You will work in a variety of roles to assist the staff around the school, and you must be prepared for a multi-faceted placement. You will spend time teaching Drama, Music and/or Dance depending on your skills – the school will check your CV on acceptance and assign you lessons based on your personal skills. The children are aged 3-8. All volunteers will start as an assistant but you may be able to take on a more leading role as time goes on. This can often depend on the length of your placement and your confidence, dedication and enthusiasm.

This placement also includes administration, reception and marketing work. Again, the allocation of these tasks will depend upon your individual skills. However, the school would like volunteers who are prepared to really become a part of all aspects of the community, including reception duty or working on English marketing materials. You must be prepared to fulfill all these roles on this placement, really become part of the community and engage with all areas of work.



LOCATION:

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 Tiannamen 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.



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ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You'll stay in a modern and friendly, central hostel along with the other volunteers. The hostel is located in a lively area, where you will 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! The Lufthansa Shopping Centre and other tourist hot-spots are within easy walking distance of the hostel

There are 35 rooms in the hostel and you'll share with 3 others of the same sex (you can upgrade to a single room if you prefer, just let us know at time of booking (there will be a supplemental charge for this).

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

Food: 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.



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.

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 |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
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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:

China is one of the most ancient civilisations on earth. Shrouded in mystery and revered for centuries, China is a treasure trove of diverse cultures, *brehtaking* 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...

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!**

YA'AN is located in Sichuan province, and is known as the gateway from Sichuan and Yunnan to Tibet. Here you can spend time exploring the Chinese and Tibetan villages nearby to the project (that's if you ever get bored of cuddling up to your new Giant Panda friends!) And with Chengdu, the lively capital of Sichuan province only 1 hour away, you'll have access to the best of both worlds.

YANTAI is 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 life. 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 is 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 worlds' most modern urban centres.



THINGS TO DO IN: CHINA

- **China's natural beauty!** 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. 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.
- **Northern China**, along the path of the ruins of the Great wall, also has many sights, and a slightly rough-around-the-edges charm. Here, you can visit the Gobi desert & climb enormous sand dunes in Gansu Province or explore ancient grottoes and caverns full of religious art & Buddha statues at Dunhuang or Datong. You can even spend a night camping out under the stars in a yurt on the epic grasslands of Inner Mongolia. Here you might find yourself taking part in traditional Mongolian wrestling or drinking the local spirit (hopefully not at the same time!)
- **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.



- **The far North-West** - Xinjiang Province in the far North-West of China next to the borders with Mongolia & Kazakhstan is a multicultural melting pot of Han Chinese, Uyghurs (the local Muslim people) and Kazakhs. Here you can visit Tian Chi, a lake halfway up a mountain inhabited by nomadic Kazakh people or take part in local grape making in the desert around Turpan.
- **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!



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VOLUNTEERS FEEDBACK:

"After such a mind-blowing experience - China really is so enormous - it took me some time to digest! It was a brilliant (and totally unique) way to begin to understand such a different culture. Tim was fantastic - nothing was too much trouble - and a mine of information. Accommodation was excellent (everybody very friendly to the oldest ever resident!) and the breakfast pancake (courtesy of the lady on the street corner- unless it rained!) unforgettable. Teaching was challenging but very enjoyable..."

Thanks so much - exceeded expectations! I am continuing with Mandarin classes! before I go back again"

Judy Machin

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!

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