

TEACH YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE LUCKY KIDS KINDERGARTEN IN YANGZHOU

Yangzhou is less well known than the major cities, but it is delightful! You'll teach and care for younger children from ages 3 up to 6. You'll use games and activities to teach the children English in an informal, interactive setting. No qualifications required, all you need is a big smile and your creativity. 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 for you.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering on this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. You can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!

SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- The enormous satisfaction of helping disadvantaged children and knowing that you made a difference to them.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

AN ADVENTURE!

 An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into the Orient and the fascinating Chinese culture, and best of all ... an unforgettable experience!

SUMMARY

Prices: From £1,095 excluding flights.

Please see Full Price List / Other Currencies

Duration: From 16 weeks or longer, subject to visa requirements.

Start Dates: All year round, subject to school terms - you choose your start and finish dates. Not available during July and August (school holiday) or mid-January to mid-February.

Requirements: Minimum age 17. No qualifications necessary but you should be an enthusiastic person who loves children.

What's Included:

- ► Arranging your Programme,
- ► Payment Protection insurance
- ► Accommodation and Food
- ► Meeting you at Shanghai airport
- ► Transport to and from your project
- ▶24-hr emergency support.

- ► Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ► Transfer from Shanghai to Yangzhou
- ► Transfer to your accommodation
- ► Local in-country team support and backup
- ► Certificate of Completion
- ► Free T-Shirt.

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (but the cost of your visa will be reimbursed to you on arrival if you do the project for 4 months or longer), Return transfer to airport.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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. You'll also play with them 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.

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.



You'll work from 9:30am – 4:30pm, from Monday to Friday. Your weekends and evenings are free leaving time for relaxing, travelling and sightseeing. 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 and 6 years old, 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, 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 some Mandarin, which you could learn using a tap and book, or online.

AVAILABILITY - NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN CHINA

All projects will break for Chinese National Holidays. The main events are:

- Chinese New Year usually sometime in late January or early February. All projects will break for 1 or 2 weeks for New Year
- May Holiday usually the first week of May. Most projects break for 3-7 days
- The whole of August
- October Holiday usually the first week of October. Most projects break for 3-7 days

There are also a number of shorter holidays throughout the year where some projects will be closed. You are very welcome to join the programme during holiday time, however you will not be able to work if your project is closed.

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Project Dates:

Teaching is available during school term times only. The Autumn Term starts from 1st September and usually finishes mid-January, depending on the time of Chinese Spring Festival. The Spring Term starts from middle February and finishes at the end of June. Schools will close for the holidays mentioned above.

"I was in China last Sept teaching Kindergarten Children. I really loved this project and the country and I hope to revisit this year. I have done 2 of your projects now, and I can't get enough of them. Maybe you will see me again soon!!!"

Victoria Allen

"I have loved every excruciating minute though and would do it all over again. The kids are gems and the affection and fun you get from them makes up for all the moments that drive me crazy! All in all.....it's brilliant"

Ella Ormerod

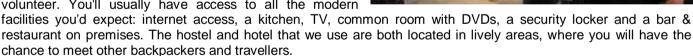
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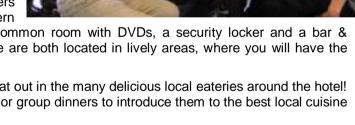
On School Campus: You will usually share a building with other volunteers and Chinese teachers. You will usually have your own room and bathroom, although sometimes you may have to share a room with another volunteer. All rooms are clean and comfortable and some may have air conditioning, internet access,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

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



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!

In a flat/apartment: If you stay at the flat, you will usually share the flat with other volunteers and you usually have your own room, although sometimes you may have to share a room with another volunteer. The accommodation is comfortable, fully furnished with a 'western-style' bathroom, and has all the modern facilities you'll need. There are cooking facilities for you to use if you want to eat in the flat. The flat is close to the city centre and supermarkets, cinemas and other entertainment facilities are within a 10 minute walk.



FOOD

You'll be given a food budget to buy your own breakfast and you will be provided with lunch and dinner at the school.

Eating out in Yangzhou is also cheap, easy and delicious! Tim, our Yangzhou Organiser, often takes volunteers out for group dinners to introduce them to the best local cuisine in the area!

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- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

"The trip was an amazing time and has made me eager to want to travel again in the future with Travellers."

Abby Poar

"Thanks so much for arranging a safe and fabulous journey in Yangzhou, China"

Alex Yea

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. Donations to 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.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation and Food
- ✓ Meeting you at Shanghai airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Free T-Shirt
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile project
- ✓ Transfer from Shanghai to Yangzhou

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Got any questions? Please email us: info@travellersworldwide.com

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home. The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.). We do all we can to make



your stay one that you'll never forget. As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

THINGS TO DO IN CHINA

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING: 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.

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.

In our opinion, some of the highlights of the country are:

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!

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.

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.

HOW TO BOOK

TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a booking form online.

Telephone 01903 502595 (UK) or 1-603-574-4935 (USA)



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