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CHINA



TEACH CHILDREN IN A SCHOOL IN YANGZHOU

Assist in a lovely school in Yangzhou and have the added bonus of assisting at a Kindergarten, too.

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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!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- 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!**

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SUMMARY

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. If you're teaching English, you should be fluent in English

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), Return transfer to airport.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WORK CONTENT

One of the many joys of this project is that not only will you have the opportunity to work at a school in Yangzhou, but you'll also have the added bonus of assisting at a Kindergarten, too. Therefore you'll have a unique and varied experience which will look great on your CV!

You may find that you will spend your time at the Kindergarten for most of the week and then take two or three lessons at other schools on pre-planned days, or vice versa - it all depends on what help is required at the time.

Your lessons will usually be a combination of teaching from the standard text book and teaching lessons of your own design (although some schools prefer one or other predominantly, and it will always depend on the age range you're working with). Your personal lesson plans 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.

With slight alterations depending on which age group you're teaching, the vast majority of your teaching will usually 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!

Sometimes you will be teaching classes on your own and sometimes with a Chinese English teacher present – it differs depending on the particular school or centre you are placed at. Usually, you will at least spend the first couple of weeks of your placement assisting a Chinese teacher. Also, there will usually be a classroom assistant present who will assist you with translations.

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!

You may also have the chance to help out with "English Activity Time" at some schools – which can include mask making, playing monopoly and other fun activities! 'English Corner' is always fun too – students fire all manner of questions at you in order to practice their English!



In some schools, you may also have the opportunity to teach science, music, PE, art or drama. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please let us know when you complete your questionnaires. These are all secondary options and must be taken with an English teaching placement, not instead of.

You are not expected to be an expert on grammar or literature; the important thing is to help the students speak better English. If you feel that you are able to give more advanced lessons where appropriate, you'll have the opportunity to do so by arranging it with the school while you're there.

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.

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.

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 would definitely recommend this placement to everyone - anyone with any interest in teaching English abroad, to anyone who wants to visit China and learn about the Chinese way of life. I am very glad that I decided to do this placement - it has really been worthwhile.”

Suhrid Joshi

“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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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 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 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!

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:

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| ✓ Accommodation and Food | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at Shanghai airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Transport to and from your project | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Free T-Shirt |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline | ✓ Donations to worthwhile project |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support | ✓ Transfer from Shanghai to Yangzhou |
| ✓ UK administration | |

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.



ABOUT THE CHINESE EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Chinese education system has been described by the Chinese themselves as a 'rat race'. Students take frequent exams, competing for limited places, and those who don't measure up are not able to continue their education. This difficult and competitive system results in the students working extremely long hours (often from 5am to 9pm Monday to Saturday! - don't worry, you don't work all these hours too...) and the students place great importance upon success in all areas. In fact, they will frequently ask you for extra lessons ... and more extra lessons ... and more extra lessons! It's also very likely that you'll walk into a class to a round of applause and a big grin 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 and can include games etc., will be a really welcome break. There is a huge sense of fascination with Western culture and there will be lots of smiles and yells of excitement when you produce photographs of your family or friends or even an English coin!

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 really be appreciated and you will most likely be thoroughly spoilt by your school during your placement!

REQUIREMENTS AND NOTES:

China is still a developing country in a period of transition. The living standard falls short of what we are used to in the West. The Chinese culture and heritage is totally different to Anglo-Saxon or Western cultures. However, the people are very friendly and will help you all they can, and, of course, our China Organiser will look after you extremely well during your placement.

Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated and required in China and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity!

China is a non-English speaking environment and we strongly advise that you try to learn a few basic Chinese words before starting your programme. This will help you to get involved in the daily life of the local people.



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 - 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.



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