

Travelling in China

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Dear Pat,

I'm glad to hear that you and your friends plan to go backpacking in China. It's a really big country with a unique culture. You can see beautiful scenery there. Besides, in some old cities, you can still see the cultural heritage. The street food there is really delicious and cheap. I'm sure you and your friends will have so much fun there.

I've been to China many times and I love Shanghai the most. You can see the beautiful Shanghai Bund and many modern skyscrapers. You'll definitely love the place! After Shanghai, you can go to Hangzhou, which is also a famous city for the West Lake. The view there is spectacular. You could feel the fresh air there and take pictures with your friends. Don't miss the chance as it's really magnificent!

Lastly, you can go to Xian to see the Terracotta Warriors. As history is important, you can learn the history about the warriors from thousands of years ago. You can also go to the Drum Tower and enjoy the drum parade show. You'll love exploring there as you're interested in learning history about different cultures.

You mentioned in your letter that you couldn't afford to stay at five-star hotels. Actually, you can stay at guesthouses or youth hostels for as little as US \$20 a day.

Many people speak English nowadays. I'm sure you won't have problems in big cities. However, people can't speak English in small towns. I'm afraid you'll have some problems there. Don't worry though. You can bring a bilingual guidebook with you. It may help you deal with the language barriers so you'll find it useful.

I hope you'll find my suggestions helpful. Keep me posted on your trip to China. I'm sure you'll enjoy your trip.

Best wishes,
Chris

Teacher's Feedback : You have used a variety of vocabulary and expressions. Your suggestions are also well-developed and the format is accurate, which fulfills the criteria for a letter of advice. Well done, Kiran. (Miss Hui On Yee)