

Summer in China 2017

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The Summer in China Trip was amazing and completely exceeded my expectations. What at first was a random decision to embark upon the HSK course, later turned into some of the most memorable moments in my life!

Whilst in China I had the best birthday in years, visiting the tiger park whilst celebrating my 27th is a memory I will never forget. We also managed to stumble across a Chinese wedding on that day. It was fascinating to witness this first hand. I will also never forget hearing people sing me happy birthday in 4 different languages. The experience of celebrating my birthday in China was indescribable.

The trip was also very educational, whilst visiting the Confucius Institute headquarters we had the opportunity to learn more about ancient Chinese arts and writings. But most importantly, my mandarin improved drastically just by being in China. English is quite rarely spoken in China, therefore I significantly improved my mandarin by trying to engage with the locals.

I completely fell in love with the culture. The local people were extremely friendly and were very interested in getting to know me and my peers. What resonated with me the most was how genuine and caring our tour guides were. Especially Grace (Yungyun) she was amazing, such a pure hearted soul, I really hope her dream to come and live in the UK becomes true!

I currently work in a commercial law firm in the city, which has its own Asia department. The managing partner was impressed by my visit and going forward has similar opportunities lined up for me. I also found a Chinese law firm which is interested in an international merger. I am hoping that my experience in China may be my ticket to gaining a training contract.

Summer in China 2017 changed my life significantly and has provided me with an abundance of opportunities. Thank you CITCM for showing me this path and allowing me to participate in such an exciting programme.