

# China



# 中國

## Mission Statement

We wanted to gain a better understanding of the Chinese culture while teaching Chinese students English and American culture. Through theater, arts and crafts, dance, and music we wanted to communicate with many students of many ages. Traveling through the Beijing and Tianjin area was also part of our program to gain a stronger idea of Chinese culture through experiences their history, traditions and daily life first hand.

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In high school and college classes we taught English through various ways. We used Uno, Charades, dance routines, art projects and lyrics as our language lessons. These modules proved to be a great way to teach, get all the kids to join in, and have fun!

Two weeks of our program was touring the amazing wonders of China. We experienced Climbing The Great Wall, many temples, an acrobat show, the Ming Tombs, Fragrant Hill, Olympic Village, Tiananmen Square, and many more amazing sites.



While in China we got to experience many different ways of life. China treated us with so much respect, giving us a tour bus, hotel and dorm room accommodations. After a long day of learning, our group had extra time to get to know each other, go to karaoke, watch movies, go shopping, and play games. We were able to see and learn about the everyday lives of the students and other people living and working in China. This allowed us to brush up on our mandarin and interact with a new culture.



Tianjin Normal University planned many learning opportunities for us throughout the trip. We were able to dress up as Beijing Opera stars, learn Tai Chi, make dumpling, practice calligraphy, and attend a tea ceremony.



One of our groups main struggles in China involved the food. Many of us were got sick from the new foods we would constantly be trying. Every meal was a new experience. We learned the differences between American Chinese food and Traditional Chinese food. For some of us, it took a long time to get used to.