



### Overview

MINIMUM AGE: 18

DEPARTS: Feb / Sept

LENGTH: 4 to 5 months

ROLE AVAILABLE: English Teacher

### Why China?

Mystical China, the world's oldest civilisation, is a popular country with volunteers. Successive generations of volunteers have observed the rapidly changing face of China. They have been attracted by the contrasts between the traditional and the modern, by the history and culture, and by the warm and friendly people.

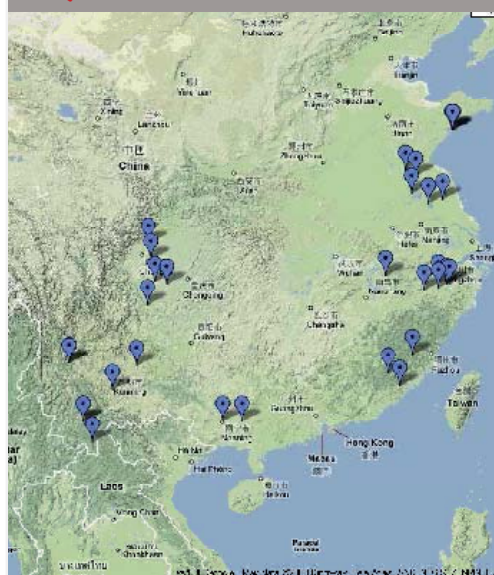
### Where are the placements?

As the Chinese people extend their contact with the West, there is an increasing demand for the teaching of spoken English. Our placements are in schools and colleges in cities and rural towns across 7 provinces, ranging from Guangxi in the south, to Jiangsu in the east, and Sichuan in the west.

### Is it for me?

English Teaching placements involve teaching spoken English in middle schools (11–18 year olds) vocational schools (16–18 year olds) teachers' colleges (18–22 year olds) and medical colleges (18–22 year olds). Volunteers can use their varied experience and skills to support their teaching; skills in drama, sport and music are extremely useful. Volunteers will generally work up to 16 hours a week.

### Placement Locations



An abundance of common sense and a sense of humour are vital for placements in China. Also important is a high standard of written English and a clear and articulate speaking voice. Careful lesson preparation and good timekeeping are very much the Chinese style.

You will receive pocket money in China of no less than 1200 yuan a month. The amount you earn will be enough to support a comfortable standard of living, roughly equivalent to the salary of a newly recruited, university-trained Chinese white-collar worker.

### Accommodation and Food

While placements are mostly very comfortable, volunteers in China will need to prepare themselves for an unfamiliar diet and a more basic standard of living. Accommodation is generally on campus at the school or college of employment. Two volunteers of the same gender usually share accommodation. Food is negotiated according to the preferences of volunteers and host institutions – the school canteen, self-catering, and eating out are all possibilities.

### Travel

Opportunities for travel within China and South-East Asia come before and after placement and in most cases, during a one week holiday at the convenience of the host institution.

### Need to know

- Pre departure briefing: All volunteers will be invited to a group briefing prior to departure .
- Language requirement: No previous knowledge of the Chinese language is required.
- Teaching skills course: Organised by Lattitude this course will be completed as part of the in-country orientation
- On arrival: Volunteers will attend a three day orientation session in Kunming organised by Lattitude before commencing their placement.

### What's included

- Interview (face to face or by phone)
- Pre-departure briefing
- Airport pickup (group flights only)
- Accom, food & pocket money
- In-country orientation & support
- Teaching skills course
- 24/7 emergency support

### Costs

The costs shown are for Lattitude placements departing in 2011. (Please note that these prices may change for placements departing in 2012.)

Lattitude fees (these are exact costs)

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| Lattitude application fee        | \$125  |
| Lattitude contribution fee       | \$2900 |
| Lattitude teaching skills course | \$370  |
| Lattitude in-country orientation | \$250  |

You will also need to budget for the following (these are approx costs)

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| Travel insurance (6 months)                   | \$385         |
| Return airfares (approx cost of group flight) | \$2000        |
| VISA  | \$30          |
| Police check                                  | \$43          |
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| <b>Total cost (approx)</b>                    | <b>\$6103</b> |



“Although seeing big historical attractions has been great, the things I’ve found most interesting are the everyday quirks of the city. Things like Chinglish— laughably translated on signs (I’ve taken photos), like above a few seats on the bus there was a sign that read ‘Make room for the old fat pregnant decrepit woman.’ And the food has been fantastic—a little different to the Chinese food in Melbourne. Last night we were served a plate of nondescript meat for one of the courses, and when we asked our guide what it was, we found out that it was ‘cow feet’ (served with various bits of bony cartilage on the side!)”

Matt Moran, English Teaching, No. 1 Middle School, Yunnan