

A Future Trip to China

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I have never been to China although I am partly Chinese. I am still really fascinated by the complexity of the Chinese culture, in spite of the fact that my parents try to follow the Chinese culture as much as possible but because they were born in Cambodia during the time when there were many civil wars therefore my Chinese grand-parents could not teach my parents all their traditions. Therefore, I want to go to China. It is not a very big coincidence that my favorite animals are Pandas! When I go to China, I will make sure that the trip will be Panda-and-Culture-themed.

So, my family and I can thoroughly explore the nature of China, I plan that the trip be about a week. I have always wanted to see a temple, see giant fluffy pandas and ride a bullet train! I plan to devote the first two days on discovering a lot more about the culture of my ancestors. Then, for the next two days, we would visit panda land and learn more about the animal that is the symbol of peace to China. Afterwards, for the last three days, we would browse through the streets of China and fill our stomachs with China's flavorful street foods in which my mom and even Youtube can bring. We would also, to bring joy to my dad, explore the world of technology of China, there are many other possibilities in Asia where industrial science thrives!

To start the trip to China, we would fly to Xi'an. On the first day, we would visit the iconic Terracotta Army Museum. Then, we would go to the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda. I have heard that it is really beautiful and that at the top of the pagoda, you get a 360° view of Xi'an. After, we would take a 20 minutes drive to the Xi'an City Walls that had been originally been built about 1000 years ago and had been rebuilt many times and had protected the core of Xi'an.

On the second day, we would visit the Lingtong Museum to examine hundreds of years old objects. Then we would take a break at the Huaqing Pool in which has been commented that they have the best hot springs and best scenery. Later during the day, we would go to Banpo and the Shaanxi Museum to see couple artifacts and cultural items to wrap up our cultural and historical journey.

For our third day, we would go ride a bullet train to Chengdu! After loading out of the train, we would visit the People's Park to relax. Then, we would dive straight into panda land and walk around the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding! Did you know that Chengdu's Panda Base also has other rare animals such as peacocks, swans and red pandas! It will be a very fun day, but I am pretty sure that the next day will be even more fun!

To learn more about pandas, we would enroll in the Panda Keeper Program! It is a program that teaches you how to become a Panda keeper while teaching you about them! Plus, you might get to cuddle them too! It is very unfortunate that over 50% of newborn panda will die from diseases or get crushed by its mother. This is the best way to end a “Panda-ful” adventure!

To start the fifth day, we would go Chunxi Road! Its street is lined up with over 700 shops! My mom loves peregrinating in shopping malls so this place would be her paradise! After, we will take a 10 hour by train to Guangzhou for the next day!

In Guangzhou, we would take an excursion to the Canton Import and Export (Canton Fair Complex) to look at the latest technology! I know my family will love this place because we like discovering new things that may have a big impact in the future, and I know that, although China has a long history and wants to preserve their culture from their past, China has their eyes pointed straight towards the future. My dad will especially like this venue because he is a computer programmer and he works a lot with technology and is still fascinated by what people can create thanks to new discoveries in the science department.

Lastly, our final destination would be Hong Kong! In Hong Kong, we would check off the last task, to explore the diversity of flavors in

China. In Hong Kong, we would explore everywhere because you can find street food anywhere and everywhere in Hong Kong! This is the best way to finish a trip to China.

When I go to China, I will visit Xi'an to learn the iconic culture of China, then visit Chengdu to see pandas then go to Guangzhou to check out the newest technologies then ride to Hong Kong to savor some street food! This is my future trip to China!