

# Traveling to China

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## Vocabulary

*Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher*

- **Beijing**                      Pekin
- **Ice and Snow Festival**      A popular festival in Harbin, China, that locals build huge ice sculptures and light them up with lights
- **Definitely**                    For sure, clearly, without doubt
- **Dish**                             Prepared food
- **Vinegar**                        A sour tasting liquid, usually made from grapes
- **Ticket**                         A piece of paper that allows you to enter a train, airplane or movie
- **Really high**                    Very expensive
- **Foreigner**                    Someone who's from a different country than the local country
- **Affordable**                    Low priced, can fit within a budget easily
- **Bucks**                         USD (slang)
- **Cultural difference**        Something that's different from your culture
- **I'd totally**                    I would very much (slang)
- **Wuzinit**                        Was in it (pronounced quickly)
- **Thaddai**                        That I (pronounced quickly)
- **Na dad dall**                    Not at all (pronounced quickly)
- **Hmmm**                         A thinking sound

# Dialogue

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*Read the dialogue with the teacher, and then switch roles*

- A:** So tell me all about your trip to China!
- B:** Oh, it was great, we went to the Great Wall near **Beijing**, spent some time enjoying the beautiful sights in HangZhou, and saw the **Ice and Snow Festival** in Harbin.
- A:** What was your favorite part?
- B:** **Definitely** HangZhou, it was so beautiful! But my favorite food was in Harbin.
- A:** What was your favorite **dish**?
- B:** There was this food called Guobaorou, it was like sweet and sour chicken, my Chinese friend said all **foreigners** love it so I decided to try it.
- A:** What **was in it**?
- B:** It was chicken cooked with **vinegar**, carrots and garlic. I checked online and they call it "Food of the Gods". The restaurant owner was so happy **that I** loved it!
- A:** I wish I could go to China, but the **ticket** prices are so expensive.
- B:** Oh the ticket prices weren't expensive at all! We flew through Seoul and got cheap tickets!
- A:** What were some **cultural differences** you saw?
- B:** Guys often carry their girlfriend's purses, I thought that was so weird...
- A:** What about the hotel prices? Aren't they **really high** for **foreigners**?
- B:** No no, **not at all**. Very affordable, we stayed in some 3 star hotels that were 20 **bucks** a night.
- A:** Only 20 **bucks**? Wow! **Hmmmm**...maybe I should think of going too with my husband...
- B:** **I'd totally** recommend it, we had a great time!

## Checking Understanding

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1. Where were some places in China that they visited?
2. What was their favorite food in China?
3. How did they get tickets that were so cheap?
4. What was a cultural difference that they saw?
5. How much was the hotel?
6. How to pronounce “Was in it” quickly?
7. How to pronounce “Not at all” quickly?

# Conversation Questions

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*Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat*

- Have you ever traveled abroad before?
- Where would you like to travel if you could go anywhere?
- Where did you travel on your last vacation?
- How did you go? Flying? Taking the train? Drove there in your car?
- Did you have any bad experiences on holiday before?
- Do you take a lot of luggage when you travel?
- Do you spend a lot of money when you travel?
- Did you stay in hotels? Or maybe AirBNB?
- What were some of the cross-cultural differences you noticed?
- Have you visited any famous historical sites?
- When you went abroad, did you have problems speaking English to anyone?
- What was the best food you ate on your vacation?
- Who did you travel with?
- What was the exchange rate like? Affordable? Expensive?
- Did you learn any new words in the local language?
- Would you like to visit China someday?