

Grace Hunter

“China and the Chinese Culture Experience”

It was a long flight from New York to China. The Chinese people were friendly and funny, especially when they tap you on the shoulder to get your attention to buy stuff. They were determined to get you to buy their stuff and if you don't buy their stuff they will grab your hand and be like “*Ms. or Mr., please buy this.*” Then they would have us add it up on the calculator to see which price is best for us. At first the stuff was expensive then they made a deal with us to bring the prices down with some of the Chinese stuff. The US money was cheaper to use than the Chinese money.

One of the Chinese people almost picked up Virtuous Grimes outside the store because she didn't want to stay and buy from the store. The Chinese people wouldn't leave us alone until we would buy something from them. But they did this in a good and funny way.

On our first day, July 14th we met our local tour guide Eddie, and we went sight seeing at **The Forbidden City, The Temple of Heaven, and The Summer Palace. Tia'nanmen Square** was the most fascinating and interesting. You can see a lot of things there and it is beautiful. There were a lot of Americans.

On the second day we went sight seeing at **the magnificent Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs**, and we saw an evening show, an acrobatic show. Everything was fascinating and interesting at the evening show. The people in the show were very creative.

On July 16th we met with our tour guide Flora as we visited the famous **Beijing Hutong, Ailey Climb Drum Tower**, and we visited a local resident. Then we went to the most modernized city of China, **Shanghai**. It is also named as the financial center of China sight seeing.

We enjoyed the beautiful view in Shanghai and our cruise along **Huangpu River** on July 17th. We met our tour guide Lilly and went to the **ShouShou** village, the town of waters ranks top in China and features the murmuring streams under small bridges and courtyards each surrounded by dwelling quarters. We then went to **Nanjing**, a beautiful city. On July 18th we met with our tour guide Pam and went to **Dr. Sun Yatsen's Mausoleum, Xuanwa Lake, and the Nanjing Museum**.

Enjoying the local **Oinhuai** cuisine then off to **Itangznou** for sightseeing at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantations**.

On July 20th we went back to **Shanghai** and visited the **Xiangyang** road flea market. We went shopping there and bought some gifts for our loved ones. The stuff at the flea market was fascinating, interesting, and old fashioned. They were also creative and that interested me.

On July 21st we took the plane to **Shanghai** and then to **Beijing** to go home. It was a long flight home. We began to miss our tour guides and our bus drivers. It was lovely and peaceful going and coming home from China. We all had a great time. We learned a lot of new things in China, like the dragon is a symbol of the devil.

We were all tired but we had a great experience in China. I learned a lot of new things that I didn't know before. China is a beautiful country. It has beautiful flowers and beautiful gardens that are wonderful. China is a fascinating and interesting place to visit; it is a big country where you can see a lot of people. The hotels in China are beautiful. We stayed in six hotels, which were first class hotels. The **Jade Palace Hotel, 5 Star**, the **Hua Jing Hotel**, and the **4 Star Hotel**, are all wonderful hotels.

The Chinese food in the restaurant and hotels were wonderful and tasted good. My roommate, Dr. Hunt was wonderful on the trip to China. The trip changed ATLAH and me. Thanks to Pastor Manning and Elder Manning for taking me to China.