

2014 Shanghai Summer Camp report:

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My trip to Shanghai was truly amazing!

I got to travel alone and be independent, meet people from all around the world, eat different kind of food and visit beautiful places.

I have to say that what I loved the most during this experience was the day when we had to make our stands and “sell” our country, because I thought it was both beautiful and funny the way everyone was fascinated to discover each and everyone’s country and culture. People were amazed, being able to discover someone else’s culture.

Another thing that I loved about this trip was the weekend with our host family. I have to admit that at first I was a little bit scared because it was the first time staying with a host family I did not know and the fact that I didn’t speak Chinese fluently, and that I was alone made me even more nervous. But, actually, I had just an amazing time! They were lovely and they honestly treated me like a princess! They even taught me how to prepare a traditional Chinese dish (dumplings)! I really got the chance to be a part of their world. It was great because it was so different from mine and it gave me a very unique and special opportunity to learn about their everyday life.

Of course during this trip I got the chance also to visit some amazing places such as the Bund and the Pearl Tower where you have the most exquisite view of Shanghai, the beautiful Yu Garden surrounded with old traditional Chinese houses and the People Square where we got to shop a little!

But the best part of my whole Shanghai adventure and wonderful experience was that I got to make many friends from all around the world! And no matter what we were doing or where we were going it was always enjoyable because I was surrounded by so many great people.

I learned so much from this trip, matured and gained a lot of self-confidence and autonomy. It was truly a wonderful experience that I will always cherish. I honestly recommend it to anyone who likes to travel, meet new people and discover new cultures, and last but not the least, taste all kinds of delicious food.