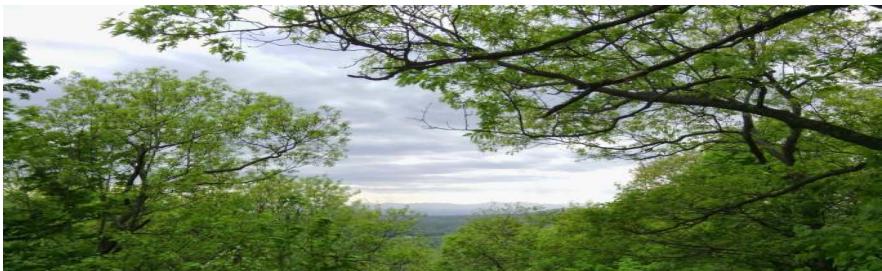




*Howdy,
Asia!*

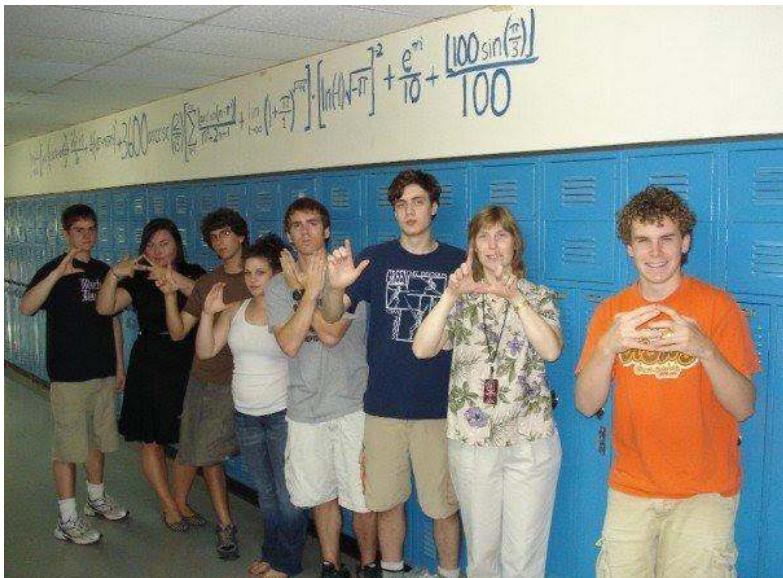
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Born and raised in Starksboro.....



Educated in Boston and Albuquerque



(Went to Mt. Abe!)

Setting the Scene

Time for a Break



Grad school's a lotta work, so...

(Yup, six years worth)



hop on that motorcycle and ride!

(3 months and 14k miles later...)

Break part 2: Back to Asia!



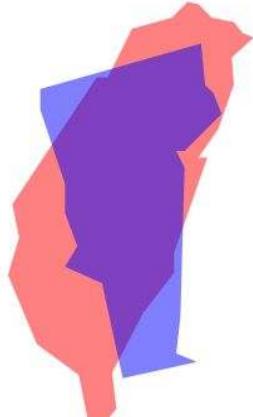
Studied in Beijing in 2010 and always wanted to see more of East Asia...

In Jan. 2018, I left for 4 months to make that happen

Where in the World?



Taiwan



Hey, what's the deal with Taiwan?

Similar size to VT, but 24 million people

Culturally Chinese, but contentious history with mainland China

Many different indigenous peoples

Friendly people! Wonderful weather!
Delicious food!

(Great biking, too!)



*Taipei,
the Big City*



*Hualien,
Ain't it Gorgeous!*



Wait a sec...



讓食物再次偉大！
Make Food Great Again!

川普牛排
TRUMP STEAK HOUSE

Tainan, Land
Of Deliciousness





Le Tour de Taiwan

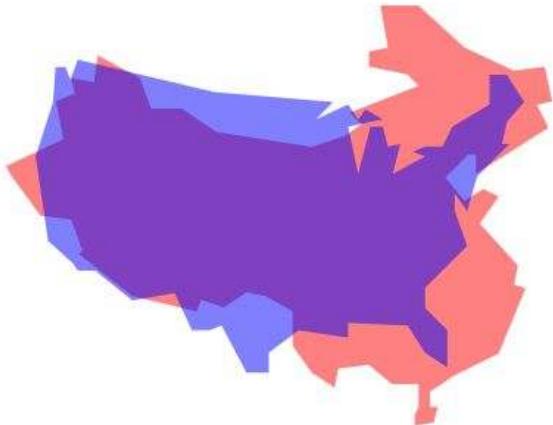
Biked around Taiwan with 40 others
Typical day = 100km of biking + 3 feasts



*Bike Friends
Are the Best!*



Alishan: Stumps And Sunrises



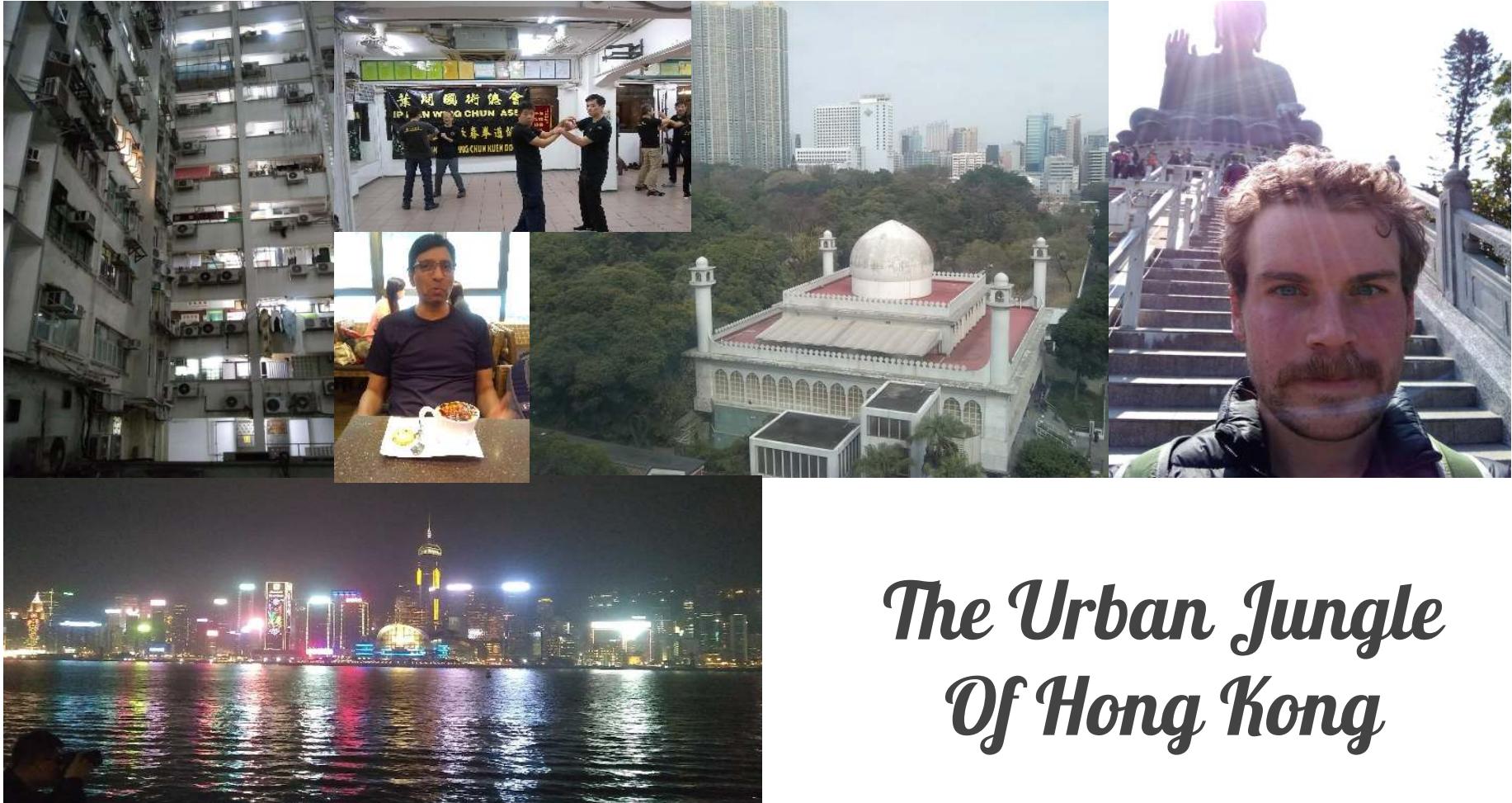
China

Same size as USA, but 1.4 billion people

3000+ years of written history, lots of pride in cultural achievements

Surprising amount of ethnic diversity, especially in Southwest

Lots (too much!) to see, do, and eat



The Urban Jungle Of Hong Kong



*Chinese New Year
With an Old Friend*



Historical Hangzhou

(and Nanjing and Shanghai)



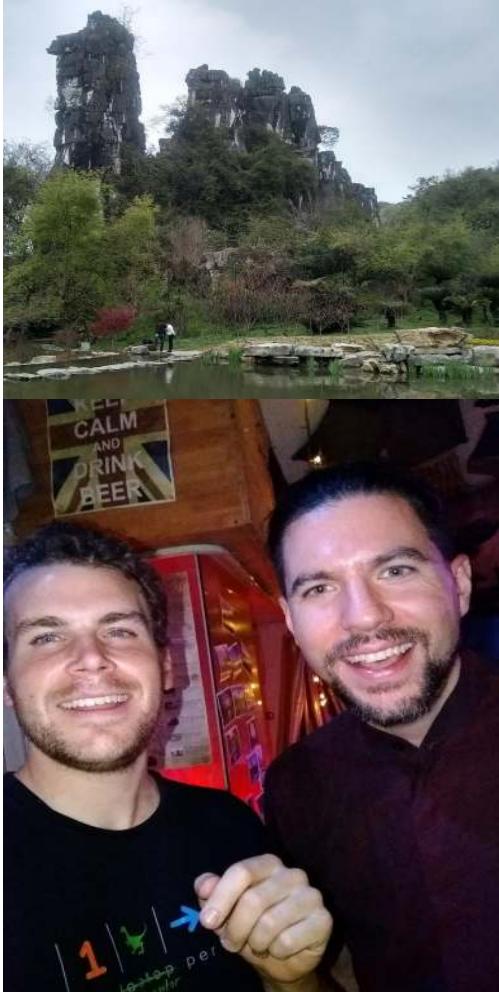
*Solo in
Suzhou*



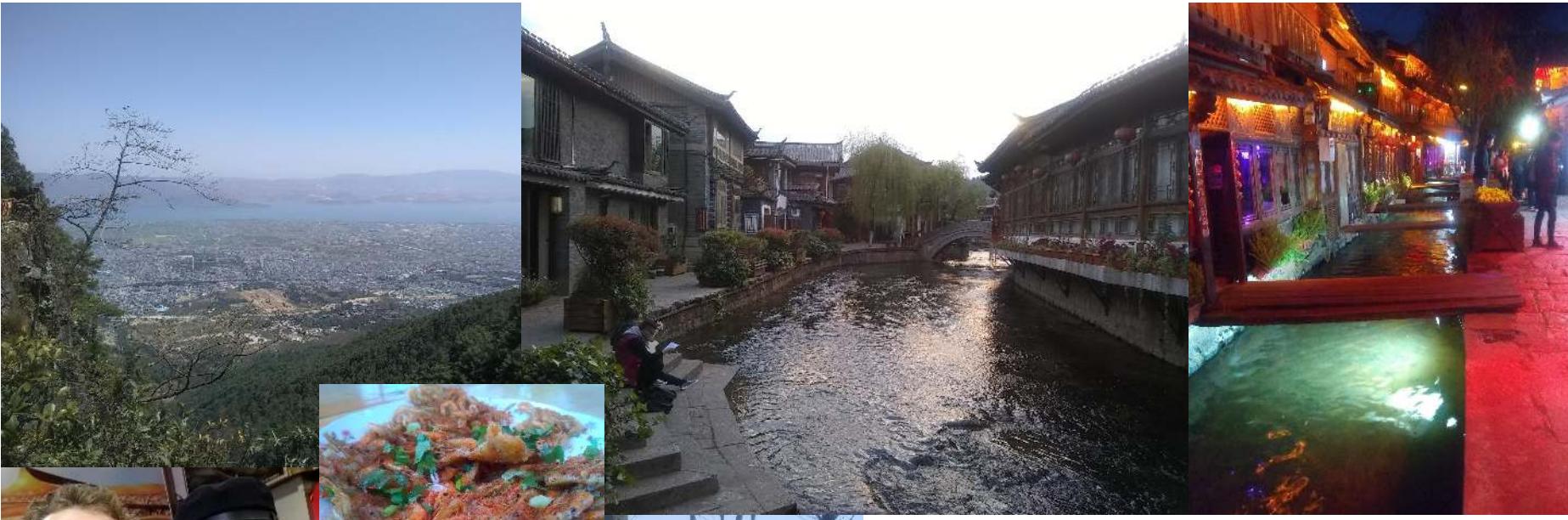
Wicked Views In Enshi



*Zhangjiajie
aka Avatar-land*



*Guilin and
Yangshuo*



Dali and Lijiang: A Different Side Of China





Trekking to Tiger Leaping Gorge



Chengdu & Chongqing

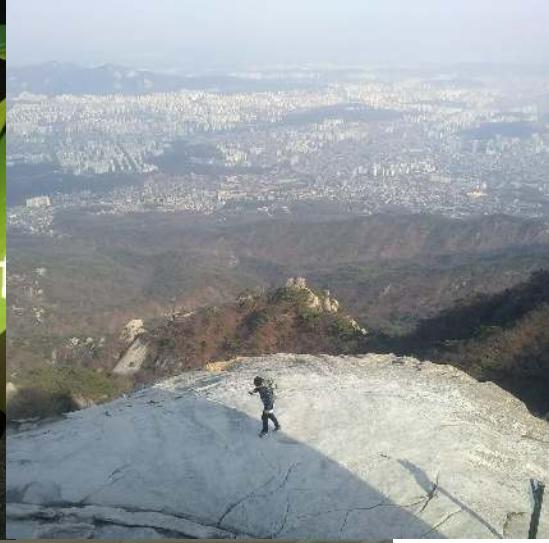
South Korea & Japan



Wealthiest (and most expensive) East Asian countries

Enormous entertainment industries, widely popular throughout world

This was my first time visiting either country, had a blast!



*Seoul with my
Soul Brother*



*Busan,
South Korea*



*Mountain
Festival
Surprise*



Osaka, Kyoto, and Nara (Japan)



Jason Cole!

(Oh, and Nagasaki too)



Emotional Times In Hiroshima



Tokyo



So Long, Asia!

(Until we meet again!)