

## **What's like to be a Mandarin Bridge au pair?**

What's like to be a Mandarin Bridge au-pair in China? I've never had this thought before coming here, but if you want to know this great civilization from inside you must come here as an Mandarin Bridge au-pair. I'm ordinary European guy from Switzerland and I'm 23. I came to Beijing in August and first it was real cultural shock, however I received all necessary help from my host family and Chinese partners of Mandarin Bridge.

My first impressions from China are difficult to describe, however in general there were only positive. Modern China is a multicultural country where you can meet people from all over the world. Furthermore in Beijing, the city where I live with my host family, you can see things which you won't meet anywhere else. It has rich and diversified historical part like Lama Temple, Forbidden City or Summer Palace. Furthermore, it is only a tiny part of typically historical places of China and Beijing.

However, now Beijing is a modern city with sky-scrapers, broad roads, luxury clubs and delicious food. Food in China has its own culture. There is enormous number of traditional Chinese food which you can find here. It can be sour, sweet, spicy or salty. You can buy it just walking from home to subway or visit luxury restaurant or café. If you don't like traditional Chinese food you also can easily find where to eat traditional European meals. It isn't a problem in China.

The main thing is that you can easily and very fast get everywhere you want. There are a lot of kinds of transportation: taxis, trains, buses, high-speed trains and even rickshaw. Transportation is usually fast and comfortable.

The main aim of coming to China is often studying Chinese language. And I'm not an exception. Studying of language while living in Chinese family is really fast. For a couple months I started understand almost everything, and after more couple of month I can speak a bit. However I'm a bit lazy student and if you have really strong will to study you will be a perfect student.

I can't describe everything so you need to come here and see it by your own all Chinese miracles and have a lot of adventures here.



