

## Participants' Comments



*This trip was a thrill of a lifetime! The terra cotta soldiers were thrilling! The Great Wall awe-inspiring! The Goose Pagoda peaceful! And the Summer Palace beautiful! The trip was filled with wonderful memories!*

### **Julia Gove, Teacher Participant**

*China is a wonderful country, everyday there was something new. I enjoyed the history of China very much, it is both enriching and fascinating!*

### **Amarilys Rivera, Teacher Participant**



*"I would like to thank the CACBC for all their efforts on our behalf, I am sure the students will form lasting ties to their new Chinese friends, and have a better understanding of the Middle Kingdoms contributions to world culture. We were*

*treated like royalty and felt very welcomed. I especially enjoyed the interactions with the Chinese people."*

**Karen Leo Spence, Music Educator**



*"My proudest and most exciting moment was meeting with the teachers and students at Nanjing Middle School # 3. It was very rewarding to see students from 2 different parts of the world talk together and discover that they may be different, but in many ways very much the same.*

*I feel the trip was very well organized, and we had a wide variety of experiences. Beautiful ancient gardens; Forbidden City; ancient buildings; 3 Kingdom City; Great Wall; boat rides; different meals; performances along with factory visits & shopping. It gave everyone a definite sense of what China is, and is becoming. This trip provided everlasting memories. I am so happy and grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen!!! "*

**Judy O'Neill, Adult Participant**



*"Interacting with the teachers at the High School was very exciting. They were very warm and open to us - I would love to have them visit our country. I would like to*

*thank CACBC for this exciting visit to China. I learned to appreciate Chinese culture, history and beauty. The people were very accommodating and friendly, and I would like to go back and spend more time absorbing the Chinese culture. Again, thank you for the wonderful memories.*

**Debbie Blauvelt, Music Educator**



*"I can't thank CACBC enough for their wonderful attention to detail, and making this trip so memorable. I learned and saw so many things about Chinese Art and Culture- from performance to visual - that I had previously only read about in books. What a thrill to be able to take back my experiences and share them with my students!"*

**Wendy Miller, Art Educator, IA**



*"The view of Shanghai along the river was beautiful- both day and night. Annie, our guide, was very proud to show us her city. My favorite things included the Great Wall, the boat tour of Huangpu River in Shanghai, and the Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou. My goal now is to try to visit all the wonders of the world with my family. I would visit China with them, especially the Great Wall.*

**Loretta Rehe, Adult Participant, IL**



*"Traveling to China was an amazing experience that I'll never forget. The people, places, and cultural experiences will stay with me forever. I have nothing but praise for CACBC in making this a truly interactive trip, instead of a mere sightseeing tour."*

**Stephanie Cromer, English and Theatre Educator, IA**

*"I feel we got much, much more than we paid for. Every experience allowed us to interact with people: the schools, the dancing, exercises in the park, and visiting with our guides. I loved all our guides, both local and national."*

**Leslie Hicken, Adult Participant, IL**



*What a wonderful time and a great opportunity for me, as a parent, to experience China with my daughter and all of her wonderful friends and classmates. Thank you all for making this trip available for our adults!*

**Kevin Schier, Adult Participant, MI**

*It was interesting to see how eager and interested the students and teachers were to see us and hear about the USA. They were thrilled to practice their English?*

**Ed Thompson, Tour Participant**

*The Chinese students English were surprisingly fluent and we were touched by how warmly we were received and welcomed. I enjoyed all the cities we visited; they all represented a different aspect of Chinese culture and history...*

**John Partridge, Tour Participant**



*I had a great time in China, and I would love to come back again.*

**Andrea Huavenin, Teacher Participant**

*We had a unique interactive educational exchange, and that was the real highlight of the tour for we teachers.*

**Culver S. Ladd, Teacher Participant**



*I left some of my heart in China and would love to return. All of the cities we visited, the accommodations, and the transportation were excellent. The trip was an unforgettable experience, and we thank everyone that took part in it for making it possible. The guides were knowledgeable and fun. The buses and accommodations were comfortable, and the train trips were GREAT!!*

**Judi Partridge, Teacher Participant**