

## REVIEW: Star Exchange Aupair in Beijing

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My Name is Stephanie and now I am already over one month as Star Exchange Aupair in Beijing. I will write a small review about my experience in Beijing I made since now.

After I arrived I was friendly greeted by my host family and intermediary. The first days they teached me how to take care of baby's/ children and we went to a lot places in Beijing. I think only in these short days I gain weight because the Chinese food is sooo delicious. And the city is really interesting and big. To life in a Host family is a great opportunity to know Beijing in Chinese way and not only in a tourist way.

In the morning I go to a top University for study Chinese. After class I go home and play/ teach the baby/ child. It's not like babysitting in a random family. My host family is my Chinese family and the baby/ child is like my sister. I play a lot of different games with her, I can use the kitchen and bake with her cake or making ice cream, sometime I remember old games which I did play in kindergarten and show them the family and parents play sometimes with us too and we have always a lot of fun. The days are never boring. I already did meet the whole family and they accepted me like a family member.

In my free day I like to go with my friends I made at university to Beijing city or shopping malls. Beijing is a really big, interesting and modern city. You can find everything here, from traditional to top modern. From stinky, old, small streets to big, clean, beautiful places. The Chinese people are really nice and friendly and have joy if you try to talk in Chinese with them which you will learn very fast here. Like I already said, the food is sooo good. You can find everything from traditional Chinese street food to top modern high quality restaurants. Even a lot of international kitchen they have. And I don't even have to waive my beloved Swiss food because I can find everything in china too (except ovomaltine chocolate ;;\_;;). For traveling around in Beijing I use the bus and Subway and sometime taxi which is really cheap and easy to use.

In only a little more than a month I feel like I could stay here forever. I am so happy with my host family, my "work" as Aupair, the great opportunity to go to a top university in china for study Chinese and get to know the Chinese culture in a Chinese way.

Sometime when I walk with my friend in free time in Beijing (they life in the campus) I can always say " oh that's sooo good I know this, my host family showed me this. Ah that's so delicious I know this from my host family. This is a good place with not a lot of tourist I went there one time with host family. Ah I know this, this is traditional from Beijing" and a lot of more and then I notice how much I already know about china/ Beijing just because I life with a Chinese family and in the middle of Chinese culture.

If you are interested to be a Aupair, interested in Chinese culture and to have the great opportunity to learn Chinese language and culture then I can highly recommend to go as a Star Exchange Aupair to China. You will not regret. You can only learn from this opportunity

Some Picture of my life in beijing:



