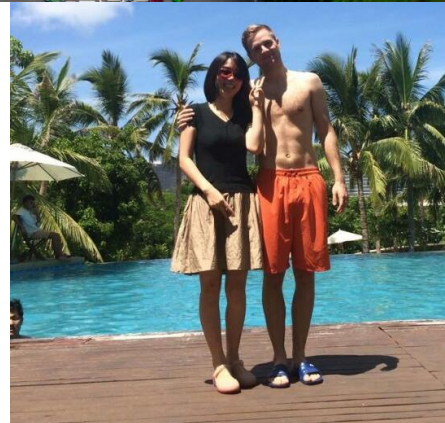




Jannik's Review: One year Star Exchange AuPair in China

Jolly good day! My name is Jannik, I am 22 and from Germany. I had the goal to learn Chinese for a while now and then, one day a Chinese friend of mine showed the website of Star Exchange which I immediately applied at. About one month later I was in Chengdu, China. Here I am living with a Chinese family of the two parents, there two boys (6) and (9) and the two grandparents, who are taking care of household tasks.



The weather in Chengdu is very hot and it took me a bit of time to get used to it. The food I actually like quite a lot although it is rather spicy. My task here is to keep the kids amused and talk English to them. We do lots of activities like playing football, swimming, Tennis,

Basketball or bike riding through the city. In the evening, I chat with my host mother and we teach each other English and Chinese. My ability to speak and understand Chinese increases every day and after only a few days, I was already able to communicate simple things in Chinese.



I am making pancakes at least once a week because the kids love pancakes with Nutella!



We went on holiday in Sanya, Hainan 6 days after I arrived in Chengdu. It was only two hour's flight for Chengdu to Hainan and there it was even hotter but we had an amazing view at the ocean and the hotel in general (service, food etc.) was really good!

So I really have a good time here! I learn new things every day, the people in general are really nice and I enjoy all the different cuisines. I can fully recommend a trip and longer stay in China as it broadens ones horizon enormously!

