



# Technical Writing in China: Lessons Learned

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## ABSTRACT

Through our time in the China Technical Writing Class we had the opportunity to explore four different cities and 8 individual companies. We learned about cultural aspects, visited amazing sites, tried different foods all while studying how Technical Writing made an impact within these companies.

## TECHNICAL WRITING

We learned about technical writing from employees who wrote the manuals to the people who designed the websites. Being able to see many different ways that technical writers are used, especially with translation was eye-opening. We discussed how in demand these jobs are to people who can speak many different languages. Each company taught us something different about how Chinese businesses operate daily and what their goals are long-term.

## CITIES AND SITES

The cities we visited were Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hangzhou. In Beijing, we saw The Great Wall, Forbidden City, Olympic Park, and Temple of Heaven. In Hangzhou we saw West Lake, and in Shanghai we toured Yu Gardens, the Bund, and the Financial District.



## CHINESE CUISINE

- Duck
- Dumplings
- Noodles
- Seafood

## LESSONS LEARNED

- Programs for technical writing in China are scarce.
- The demand for technical writers is growing.
- Technical writers are predominantly female.