

# Love and Tex's TOP TEN Moments in China!

People to People Reflections — December 2018

## #10

Riding the subway in Beijing. It was thrilling to feel so independent on one leg of our journey.



## #9

Touring the Forbidden City. We had been there before, but it was at the height of the summer tourist season and we didn't get a detailed view of the palace. This time it was empty. Visiting the landmark in 19° weather (the coldest December day in 30 years) has its benefits!

## #8

Seeing our friends from San Diego State University (SDSU) at the 13th Confucius Institute Conference in Chengdu. Without CI at SDSU, we never would have made it this far.





# #7

Texas winning his first mah jongg game at People's Park in Chengdu. Tex's grandma is a mah jongg master, so winning must be in his blood!



# #6

Meeting the ladies at the senior center in Beijing. They loved Texas and wanted to keep him there. We almost let them...

Texas loves the artwork that they made for him.



# #5

Walking through the 2,000-year-old Confucian Temple in Chengdu with our host family. We loved spending time with them and with two of our new People-to-People friends, Howard and Sadie. A highlight was the beautiful yellow leaves falling from the ginkgo trees.





# #4

Climbing the Great Wall. This time we went to Juyongguan and climbed (literally gripping the steps and rails at times with our hands and fingers) up the steep terrain of the wall. It was very cold and very challenging, but we made it. We got a medal at the top to prove it!

# #3

Shopping and eating at Shi Zi Alley in Chengdu. It was a great mix of old-meets-new for shopping, delicacies, and scenery.



# #2 - A Tie!

Cooking dumplings with our host family. Texas learned how to make dumplings in the US, but doing it in authentic fashion with local connoisseurs took his passion to a new level.



Eating lunch in the cafeteria at Tang Wai School. We felt like real students at the school.



# #1

Pandas. We ❤️ China!

