



Our Programs

About Our Locations

Beijing

Meaning “Northern Capital,” Beijing is filled with centuries of history and culture. It is also the origin point of standard Mandarin, the official dialect of China. This means that Mandarin is not only taught in schools but also spoken on the streets. Put your lessons to use as you visit ancient temples and modern marvels, truly experiencing both the past and future of this fascinating city.

Programs in Beijing include Small Group Classes, 1-on-1 Classes, Chinese Culture Classes, Homestays, Volunteering Programs and Internships.

Tianjin

Located on the Bohai Gulf, Tianjin is a coastal city home to the largest foreign concession preserved in China. Once the northern hub for foreign sea trade in China, it is again lively with new growth and exciting business ventures. Tianjin is known for its performances of Beijing Opera as well as humor and stand-up comedy.

Programs in Tianjin include 1-on-1 Classes, Chinese Culture Classes, Homestays and Internships.

Chengde

The former summer residence of the Chinese Emperors, Chengde is a welcome reprieve from the hurried lifestyle of larger cities. Its location in the mountains outside of Beijing makes it an ideal retreat in warmer months and its ski resorts provide sport in the winter. Because there are very few foreigners in Chengde, it is the perfect place to immerse yourself in Chinese language and mingle with local residents.

Programs in Chengde include 1-on-1 Classes, Chinese Culture Classes, and Homestays.

A Brief Introduction to Chinese

Spoken as a first language by one-fifth of the world, Chinese is increasingly important to learn. While there are many different dialects, Mandarin is the most widely used with about 850 million native speakers. It is a common language throughout China for people from different regions who need to communicate.

In Northern China Mandarin is used in general conversation, giving you plenty of opportunity to use your new language skills every day. While Mandarin is spoken for business and education in southern cities such as Shanghai, the prevalence of local dialects means practice outside the office or classroom is limited.

There are some tips and tricks that a trained teacher will use to help you master reading and writing. While some basic characters are considered to be pictograms, most contain at least some phonetic element that gives a clue to pronunciation.

Chinese words are represented in the Latin alphabet using a system called “pinyin.” Pinyin uses markers that show the tones of all words; these tones can also be expressed numerically. There are 4 basic tones in Mandarin, as well as a 5th neutral tone.

About Live the Language

Live the Language (LtL) is an educational organization dedicated to teaching Mandarin to foreign students. Because **LtL** is a foreign-run school, we understand the unique challenges that non-native speakers face when learning Chinese.

Our methods are creative and innovative, and our scope of teaching encompasses many aspects of the language – from basic Survival Mandarin and Business Chinese, to cultural classes in Calligraphy and Kung Fu, to HSK preparation classes.

To fully immerse students we provide internships with Chinese companies, volunteer opportunities, homestay programs with locals and specialized trips around China. All are geared towards encouraging students to really ‘Live the Language!’

Spotlight on Our Staff

Tina (项义凤)

Director of Studies

Tina is originally from Hebei and attended Hebei University where she received a BA in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language. She completes an assessment process with each incoming student in order to develop a curriculum that fits the student’s skill level and needs. Tina ensures that teachers meet strict hiring requirements and receive weekly training to constantly improve the study experience.

Ellen (吴赞)

Immersion Specialist

Ellen is originally from Beijing and attended Beijing International Studies University where she received a BA in Chinese Linguistics and Literature. She believes that an immersion program creates a pure language environment for students where they are able to develop their listening and speaking skills more rapidly. Interacting with locals also helps them build a more functional vocabulary for daily use. Ellen also feels that learning about Chinese culture can add to the student’s understanding of Chinese language and enjoyment of the study experience.

Quick Facts

Office Hours	Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Maximum Class Size	6 students
Teachers	University graduates 对外汉语 (Teaching Mandarin as a Foreign Language), Government-certified instructors
Main Campus Location	Beijing Central Business District
Public Transport	Subway Line 1- Da Wang Lu station, Bus- several bus stops with numerous lines
Arrival Service Options	Airport pick-up, Housing arrangements, Bicycle, Beijing Map Pack, Pre-charged SIM card, Pre-charged public transport card, 24/7 LtL Emergency card
Immersion Services	Local student ambassador, Language partner, Language pledge
Campus Amenities	Free wireless Internet, Complimentary coffee and tea, Student lounge and library, Comfortable ambiance, Western-style facilities
Additional Services	Internships, Volunteer opportunities, Immersion activities, Culture classes

Live the Language Programs

Course Content

- ♦ Standard Small Group: 20 hr/week Group Class
- ♦ Intensive Small Group & Individual: 20 hr/week Group Class, 10 hr/week 1-on-1 Class
- ♦ Standard Small Group & Culture Classes: 20 hr/week Group Class, 10 hr/week Chinese Culture Class
- ♦ Standard Individual: 20 hr/week 1-on-1 Class
- ♦ Intensive Individual: 30 hr/week 1-on-1 Class
- ♦ Standard Individual & Culture Classes: 20 hr/week 1-on-1 Class, 10 hr/week Chinese Culture Class

Course Organization

- ♦ **Small Group** - Maximum 6 students, 55 minutes per class at **LtL** Sunshine 100 Campus
 - ♦ **1-on-1** - 60 minutes per class at **LtL** Sunshine 100 Campus, your home or preferred downtown location
 - ♦ **Culture Classes** - Tai Qi, Kong Fu, Chinese Music (Er Hu or Pipa), Chinese Cooking, Paper Cutting, Calligraphy, Mahjong, Beijing Opera Mask Painting
- Each Culture Class lasts 60 minutes, and you may take different classes each week.

Programs chart

Weekly Courses - all year round	Course Content (h)			Arrival Service Options			Locations			Service Option		Beijing Upgrades	
	Small Group	1 on 1 Classes	Culture Classes	Airport Pick-Up	Survival Kit Standard	Survival Kit Comfort	Beijing	Tianjin	Chengde	Connection Kit	Complete Immersion Kit	Beijing Safari	Discover Beijing
Standard Small Group Course	20	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
Intensive Small Group & Individual Course	20	10	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Standard Course Small Group & Culture Classes	20	N/A	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
Standard Individual Course	N/A	20	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intensive Individual Course	N/A	30	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standard Individual Course & Culture Classes	N/A	20	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Beijing Upgrades

Beijing Safari

Beijing Safari teaches you Chinese by speaking it where it is spoken best: the streets of Beijing! You will be accompanied by a certified Mandarin Teacher who not only knows where to go, but also the vocabulary you will need when you get there. The instructor will teach you necessary words in advance, take you to places where you can engage in conversations and then listen while you have them. Your teacher will help if necessary, but more importantly give you feedback on the spot. At the end of class the teacher will also give you a detailed explanation about vocabulary that could have been used and clarify words you did not understand.

Beijing Safari is focused on practicing every day Chinese outside the classroom. It can be taken on its own, but works best in addition to a regular course.

Discover Beijing

Experience China's capital while studying Chinese. Discover Beijing offers amazing sightseeing experiences combined with academic progress. Every day you will have class at a different historic location in Beijing, from the Confucius Temple to the Sun Altar, and learn Chinese while mingling with locals in one of the world's greatest cities. We recommend you stay with a Live the Language premier homestay family for full immersion and an authentic China experience.

Options Available

- Survival Kit- Comfort**
- ◆ One-month Fitness Pass, including Sauna, Swimming Pool and daily fitness classes (from spinning to yoga)
 - ◆ One day trip to the Great Wall, there and back, including transport and tickets
 - ◆ Release the Tension – Five massages at the Chinese Medicine Massage Centre, foot or full body
 - ◆ A pre-charged Chinese SIM card for your entire stay waiting for you at the airport
 - ◆ Airport pick-up and drop-off
 - ◆ A revolutionary bicycle for your entire stay
 - ◆ The Beijing Map Pack: How to find the Forbidden City and Hidden Temples
 - ◆ 24/7 LtL emergency card
 - ◆ A pre-charged Beijing public transport card, to be used on the entire subway and bus system

- Survival Kit- Standard**
- ◆ A pre-charged Chinese SIM card for your entire stay waiting for you at the airport
 - ◆ Airport pick-up
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Transfer Options Airport pick-up and/or drop-off

Immersion Kit

For the quickest progress in your Chinese Language skills, Mandarin needs to become “your language.” After signing your language pledge, you will be given your 不要外话! (Don't speak foreign to me!) t-shirt and we will work to make sure nobody will. Let us help you to discover the joy in speaking Mandarin only and enjoy the amazing new experiences it allows you to have.

Your first buddy will be your local LtL student ambassador. A fellow discoverer of a foreign culture, she/he will not just show you where to get the best noodles around the LtL campus but also go for dinners and drinks together. We will also connect you with a language exchange partner: a Chinese friend who will show you the city and share new experiences with you.

Connection Kit

This is the best way to make new friends and meet locals quickly. You will receive an LtL student ambassador in addition to being matched and introduced to a language partner as described in the Complete Immersion Kit.

Additional Information

- ◆ **Live the Language** does not charge any registration fees. The price of the course is the final price and includes all services listed in the course description
- ◆ Students are responsible for providing their own medical and/or travel insurance
- ◆ Visas, if necessary, can be organized via our partner visa agency
- ◆ If no small group class at your level is available we will offer you 2 hours 1-on-1 or 3 hours 2-on-1 instead
- ◆ Once arranged, class times are fixed and cannot be re-scheduled

Chinese Culture Classes

Live the Language Chinese Culture Classes are designed to help students gain a deeper understanding of Chinese society through full language immersion. From ancient sports to modern cuisine, **LtL** offers a range of classes

Tai Qi

Founded in the 12th century by Taoist monk Zhang Sanfeng, Tai Qi has been used to treat stress and high blood pressure for centuries. Join the legions of Chinese who practice Tai Qi in parks all over the Middle Kingdom. LtL offers courses from beginner to advanced level teaching all five major styles from Yang to Sun.

Kung Fu

From Hong Kong action heroes to the People's Liberation Army, Kung Fu refers to a variety of Chinese martial arts. Physically more challenging than Tai Qi, courses are available for all levels and different styles, with or without weapons.

Chinese Cooking

Always wanted to know how the gong bao gets into the ji ding? Learn to prepare food Chinese family-style as LtL takes you on a culinary journey through different Chinese cooking traditions. Your teacher will not only provide the kitchen and ingredients, but also join you for dinner and conversation afterwards.

Chinese Music (Er Hu)

Learn how to master China's quintessential classical instrument. A two-stringed bowed musical instrument played since the 10th century, Er Hu is today taught at all of China's major musical schools. Offering classes from beginner to advanced level LtL will provide you with an Er Hu until you decide it is time to buy your own. A beginner can expect to play his/her first songs after the second lesson.

Mahjong

Lose a fortune and win it back in the same night. **LtL** Mahjong classes will teach you the tricks for peanuts before you try your hand at your local Mahjong parlor. A four-person game, three students learn and play together with one teacher.

Calligraphy

Called Shodo in Japan and Seoye in Korea, Chinese calligraphy is one of the world's oldest art forms. Learn how Chinese characters developed from tortoise shell carvings to today's word processing. Your instructor will teach you about stylistic evolution from Jinwen to Kaishu and how to write Chinese worthy of an emperor.

Beijing Opera Mask Painting

Beijing Opera is an art in many ways, but the parts that fascinate most viewers first are the elaborate costumes and painted masks. Learn why a hero's masks are always red and what the color of a beard says about a character. You will learn the techniques and before long paint your own masks.

Paper Cutting

While the days when a potential bride's attractiveness depended on her paper cutting skills are gone, this ancient Chinese art form continues to be passed on from generation to generation. Our teacher will show you the patterns and skills she was taught by her mother, who learned it from her mother, with traditions reaching all the way back to the days of Empresses and forbidden romances in the Middle Kingdom.

Special Programs

Complete Immersion: Chengde

Banish English from your life as you communicate solely in Mandarin all day, every day, guaranteed. Staying with an **LtL**-approved local Chinese family in an international standard apartment, you will have two hours of Mandarin class each day, plus two hours of either Kong Fu, Tai Qi, Calligraphy, Chinese Music or Paper Cutting.

Mandarin will be your exclusive daily mode of communication, whether discovering the old Imperial Summer Residence and Temples of Chengde, making dinner with your host family or having drinks after class. This is the best way to fully develop your language skills and use what you have learned.

With the full Chengde Survival Kit, LtL not only helps you to get there and back, but we will have your bicycle and local SIM card waiting for you upon arrival. Your family will pick you up from the station and show you their hometown, all with LtL support available if needed.

Includes Homestay; Chengde Survival Kit; 10 hours/week of 1 on 1 class, 10 hours/week of Chinese Culture Class; 24/7 Emergency hotline; Transport Beijing-Chengde.

Options Additional Mandarin Class
Additional Chinese Culture Class

Complete Immersion Chengde: Chinese and Ski

Banish English from your life and enjoy Chengde's Mylin Valley, located in the Qing Dynasty Imperial Residence Resort City and home to one of China's premier Skiing Resorts.

Communicate solely in Mandarin all day, every day, guaranteed. Staying with an **LtL**-approved local Chinese family in an international standard apartment, you will have two hours of Mandarin class each day, plus two hours of either Kong Fu, Tai Qi, Calligraphy, Chinese Music or Paper Cutting.

Every week you will also spend two days skiing at Chengde's Mylin Valley Ski Resort at 2000m altitude, with slopes both for beginners and advanced skiers and two snowboard parks. Equipment, transport and skiing pass are all included in the program.

Includes Home Stay; Chengde Survival Kit; 10 hours/week of 1 on 1 class; 10 hours/week Chinese Culture Class; 24/7 emergency hotline; transport Beijing – Chengde; 2 full day ski passes, including ski rental and transportation to the resort and back via bus

Options Additional Mandarin Class
Additional Chinese Culture Class

Internship and Chinese Study

Suitable for adults of all ages and industry backgrounds, you'll study Mandarin for six hours per week in a small group class alongside an internship. This is a great way to meet people from all over the world while you gain valuable work experience with a corporation in Beijing. We provide internships in all industries, from architecture to advertising, and cooperate with international companies such as Siemens, DHL and Microsoft.

Program is also available as internship only, with no language classes.

Duration 1 month- 12 months

Includes 6hr/wk small group class; Internship placement; Survival Kit Standard; Visa assistance; Local support; Accommodation in a centrally located shared apartment

Application Process

1. Submit the official application form, including your CV.
2. Your personal internship advisor will conduct a phone interview with you.
3. We submit your application to relevant partner companies.
4. We organize a Skype interview for you with interested companies.
5. We begin organizing your stay in China.

Volunteer and Chinese Study

Although China has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, it is still a developing country. As China moves ahead there are many people still left behind who fall through the cracks in the social structure. **Live the Language** is committed to helping local and international organizations improve Chinese communities through education, environmental action, medical care or other necessary services.

There is great demand for people from all walks of life to volunteer in China. This is also an opportunity to make new international friends as you make a real difference helping those in need. Program includes six hours Mandarin instruction per week in a small group class alongside placement in a volunteering organization or NGO, working for example with orphans, migrant workers or the disabled.

Duration 1 month- 12 months

Includes 6 hr/wk small group class; Volunteer placement; Survival Kit Standard; Visa assistance; Local support; Accommodation in a centrally located shared apartment

Options available for all long-term programs

- ◆ Full Immersion Kit
- ◆ Connection Kit
- ◆ Upgrade to Survival Kit Comfort
- ◆ China Mandarin Preparation Week or Month
 - 20hrs group or 10hrs 1-on-1 class per week
 - Homestay
 - Survival Kit

Housing Options

Homestay

Live the Language homestay families are carefully selected in order to give students a warm and welcoming experience. Staying with a homestay family provides you with the opportunity to really use your Chinese once you finish with classes for the day. Whether you're enjoying a meal at home, playing ping-pong with the neighbors or going on a weekend trip to visit relatives you'll be living an authentic Chinese life.

Homestay families have apartments within the CBD area of Beijing, making travel to the **LtL** campus fast and convenient. Our homestay questionnaire form also ensures you are placed with a family compatible with your living preferences. This type of cultural immersion is an ideal way to begin your course of Chinese study.

- Options**
- ◆ Homestay with full board
 - ◆ Homestay with half board
 - ◆ Homestay only

"I spent one month in China over the summer. This was my first time in China, so I was happy that the school helped out with many little things: they found accommodation for me, picked me up from the airport, provided a SIM card and a subway card. I stayed with a Chinese family who were very patient with my speaking Chinese, this really helped speeding up the language learning and getting to know the culture."

– Susanne Pielawa (PhD Candidate, Harvard University)

Shared Apartment

Whether after a homestay or for your entire stay, **Live the Language** also provides the option of a shared apartment. Students are placed in a single room with access to a shared kitchen and shared bathroom. Depending on preference and availability, the apartment may be shared with other foreign students or local residents. Apartments are conveniently located for traveling to the school and offer the opportunity to make new friends in Beijing.

- Options**
- ◆ Shared Apartment with half board
 - ◆ Shared Apartment only

Dormitory

The dormitory is located just a 5 minute walk from our school in the middle of the Central Business District. This western-style dormitory is a good option if you are on a budget and want to make your money go as far as possible in Beijing.

- Options**
- ◆ Dormitory shared room
 - ◆ Dormitory small single room (no desk)
 - ◆ Dormitory large single room (with desk)

Live the Language Summer Camp

At **Live the Language** Summer Camp your child will make new discoveries while traveling to a country rich with history and tradition. This is also the perfect way to jump-start your child's interest in Chinese or build upon existing coursework. With both one and two-week programs available, your child is able to benefit from true immersion in Mandarin and Chinese culture.

Whether in the classroom or hiking on the Great Wall, students will benefit from exceptional teaching combined with cultural appreciation and understanding.

Students are always encouraged by teachers and staff to communicate in Chinese as much as possible. When they visit the Forbidden City or walk through Beijing's ancient hutong streets, they'll be creating lasting memories as they learn and explore.

- Age Groups**
- ◆ 8-12 year olds
 - ◆ 13-15 year olds
 - ◆ 16-18 year olds

Live the Language also has a well-developed support system for students throughout their stay. Each group of students will always have a 24/7 chaperone on hand to help with their studies and anything else concerning their stay in China. For students 8-12 there will be one chaperone for every 5 students, and for students older than 12 there will be one chaperone for every 10 students.

Students will be housed in double or triple rooms on the campus of our partner site throughout their stay in Beijing. Each student will have a single bed and each room an en suite bathroom. During their stay students will also have access to the on-site swimming pool.

Two Weeks Program

First Week

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09.00-12.00	Tuition- Practical Mandarin					One day Excursion to the Summer Palace	8-12 year olds: Afternoon trip to Chaoyang amusement park
12.00-13.00	Lunch time						13-18 year olds: Afternoon trip to the Silk Market for shopping.
13.00-17.00	Excursion to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square	13.00-15.00 A 2 hour class of Chinese Kung Fu 15.30-17.00: Group sports activities	An Excursion to the Lama temple	13.00-15.00 A 2 hour class of Chinese Calligraphy 15.30-17.00: Group sports activities	An excursion to Houhai lake to explore the old hutongs		
17.00-18.00	Dinner in a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Dinner in a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Dinner in a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Dinner on campus
19.00-20.30		Chinese acrobatics show					

Second Week

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09.00-12.00	Tuition- Practical Mandarin					One day Excursion to the Great Wall at Mutianyu	8-12 year olds: Beijing opera mask painting.
12.00-13.00	Lunch time						13-15 year olds: Afternoon trip to Beijing zoo and aquarium
13.00-17.00	Visit to the Beijing Olympic Park	A 2 hour class of Chinese Tai Qi followed by 2 hours of dialogue driven class	An afternoon exploring the Temple of Heaven	A 2 hour class of Chinese cooking followed by 2 hours of presentation preparation and delivery	An afternoon excursion to 798 art district		16-18 year olds: afternoon go-carting
17.00-18.00	Dinner at a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Dinner at a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Dinner at a local restaurant	Dinner on campus	Beijing duck farewell dinner

High School Programs

Live the Language offers a study program for high school students who would like to immerse themselves in Chinese language and culture. This program is designed for groups of students traveling with teachers or other chaperones. The courses include daily Mandarin lessons in the mornings coupled with visits to historical sites in the afternoons.

Our group classes focus on practical Chinese for everyday use and contain no more than 15 students per class. Teachers are able to adapt the course outlines depending upon students' skill levels and your school's requirements.

By structuring the program this way the students will commit to focused study and then have the opportunity to practice the Chinese they learn at the sites they visit. This provides a practical environment in which students will actively use the Chinese they study. At Live the Language we hope that this educational experience can enhance cultural understanding.

Students will be housed in double or triple rooms on the campus of our partner site throughout their stay in Beijing. Each student will have a single bed and each room an en suite bathroom. Accompanying teachers will be provided with the same on-site accommodations.

During their stay students will have access to the on-site swimming pool (available during the summer), and other sports facilities (depending on availability).

Live the Language will provide students with all the required study materials upon arrival and students may keep these upon completion of the program. At the end of the course students will be awarded a certificate from **Live the Language** in recognition of their completed studies with us.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Am	Tuition	Tuition	Tuition	Tuition	2 Day trip to Pingyao- includes tuition every day and taking in the sites of the ancient city.		Tuition	Day trip to the Great wall followed by a farewell Beijing Roast Duck dinner!
Pm	Visit to the Lama Temple	Trip to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City	Culture classes (kung fu, tai qi or Calligraphy) and watch an acrobatics show	Visit to the Olympic Park			Tour around houhai lake and the surrounding hutongs	

Sample itinerary. Program can be adapted based on your school's needs.