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Moon Living Abroad In China: Including Hong Kong And Macau



Synopsis

If you have always dreamed of living in China and are ready to take that step, *Moon Living Abroad in China* delivers what you need to know about your move—in a smart and organized manner. Husband-and-wife author team Stuart and Barbara Strother have extensive experience working, traveling, and living in China. With their expertise, you'll receive the information you need, including essential information on setting up your daily life, applying for visas, tackling finances, and looking for employment. You'll get practical advice on education, health care, and how to rent or buy a home that fits your needs. The book also includes color and black and white photos, illustrations, and maps to help you find your bearings. With insight into navigating the language and culture of China, *Moon Living Abroad in China* is a helpful resource for tourists, business people, adventurers, students, teachers, professionals, families, couples, and retirees looking to relocate.

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Customer Reviews

Moon Living Abroad in China authors Barbara and Stuart Strother share some of their best tips for making the move to China. To read the entire Q&A, please visit [Moon](#). Are there any local customs that a newcomer to China should be aware of? A few key customs that come to mind include receiving a business card with two hands and treating it as a valuable item, being aware of the fact that there is a particular protocol on where to sit at group dinners (wait until the host shows you the chair you should take), and not leaving your chopsticks pointing straight up in your food, which resembles incense sticks and is therefore associated with funerals and therefore death. There are

really too many customs to mention, but the good news is that the Chinese are very forgiving when it comes to ignorant foreigners. They don't expect you to know all their traditions, but they'll be honored and impressed if you do. Making local friends is a great way to assimilate to living in a new country. What's the best way to meet new people in China? It's quite easy to strike up conversations with people in China. The Chinese are often very curious about foreigners, so a foreigner who wants to chat is quite welcomed. I've made friends with taxi drivers who were simply curious about my life. Of course this is easier to do if you speak some Chinese; even if your language skills are rudimentary, they'll celebrate your attempt. So the simple answer is to just be friendly and talkative. But the best advice is to learn Chinese, practicing it everywhere you go. When it comes to establishing deeper friendships with acquaintances and coworkers in China, the Chinese culture revolves around food. Friendships are built around shared meals and drinks. Inviting a few co-workers to join you for an evening at a hotpot restaurant is a great way to show you're interested in building friendships. Just don't forget that whoever does the inviting also does the ordering and the paying. --Moon.com

Did you ever think of just picking up and moving to another country? The travel book publisher Moon has expanded its "Living Abroad" series. New volumes describe living in Panama, South Korea, Guatemala, China and Spain. More than 5.25 million nongovernmental U.S. citizens live abroad, according to the Association of Americans Resident Overseas. While meant for expats, the books also come in handy for tourists who might be spending a few weeks or months in a country as part of study abroad or extended tour. You never know when you'll be back. --Detroit Free Press, February 28, 2010

The book opens with an introductory chapter about China's history, government, economy, people and culture, religion and the arts. This chapter also covers the logistics of a fact-finding trip and includes a suggested itinerary. The authors recommend that "if you are considering a move to China and haven't been there yet, put this [book] down and book your flight immediately. Reading about China...cannot paint a true picture of the real thing." The section on "Daily Life" covers important practical aspects of living in China, such as visas and residence permits, housing considerations, language and education, health, employment, finance, communications, and transportation. The section on "Prime Living Locations" introduces readers to the various islands and the best locations for expatriates, depending upon their interests, lifestyle, and career choices. This chapter is especially useful if you are in the planning stages of your move to China and are not yet committed to a specific destination. The authors focus on the most popular destinations for expatriates, such as China's larger cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong), but also cover other attractive regions and smaller cities. The book concludes with a "Resources" section that includes useful information about government offices and

embassies, media, communications, language and education, employment, health, transportation, financial matters, etc. There is also included a glossary, a phrase book, and a list of suggested reading and films. This second edition of "Moon Living Abroad in China" features an improved layout and a full-color introduction with numerous photographs, but the essential material and style remain unchanged. "Moon Living Abroad in China" is a practical and informative guide and is an indispensable companion for anyone planning on moving to China. --Transitions Abroad, July 2010

Wonderful book and very informative. Though I've visited China before for a summer, this book reminded me of the need to consider things such as quality of health care, ease of finding housing, items to bring from abroad that are difficult to find in China, etc. Living in China feels much less daunting and much more concrete now that I've read this book. I also appreciate the interviews with folks such as expat children, counselors for international students at Chinese universities, expat entrepreneurs in China, and the owner of a Mexican restaurant in one of the cities on the Chinese eastern seaboard. All unique perspectives!

Great book for general overviews of foreign life in China. This book leans a bit more to the professional business person moving abroad more than people with lower levels of income.

Living Abroad in China is a highly factual very helpful book. I feel that it covered the basic need to know subjects and gave some interesting real life examples. Living Abroad in China is a relevant tool for anyone who is planning an extended stay in China.

I've read several "what to expect" in China books and this was the most helpful by far. I keep going back to it for other people's questions

Great book. 3 main sections. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn about China. More details in the video...

Good reference

This was a great resource when my wife and I were looking into job opportunities in China. While we didn't end up there (we ended up accepting a great opportunity in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), we got great use out of this book during the time we were job searching. As with any resource like this,

the book strives for a balance between breadth and depth, and that balance is never going to be perfect for every reader. Some will find sections on cities they are not interested in to be unhelpful and others might want information on a city or area that is not as popular with expats and gets less coverage in the book. That being said, as someone with limited knowledge of China, I found this to be a great resource, especially because it covered so many topics that are just not available in guides aimed at tourists. More up-to-date information will be found using online resources, but this is a well-organized and concise reference that I would highly recommend at least as a good start to anyone considering living or working in China.

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