

# Catalina Foothills High School Band Visit China

June 22 – July 2, 2008

Performances at Great Wall and Forbidden City Cultural Exchange and Informal cultural exchange were fantastic!

We really enjoyed the trip every day. The guides were very **good**. We received all services **expected**, and we would look forward to traveling with you again. Thank you.

-- Renee Shone Boyd, Director  
Catalina Foothills High School Band



The Great Wall was something **spectacular!**

I enjoyed performing. **There is a sense of pride every time I put on my uniform** – but to do so and to be representing myself, my band, my school, the State, and the country was an amazing feeling. **I LOVE CHINA MORE THAN EVER!**

-- Kimberley Hutchinson, Band Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band

The Cultural Exchange was **superior with distinction.**

Seeing ancient cultural artifacts and being able to perform in front of people from a different country and *connect with them through music.*

I would definitely do this trip again. There were lots of great photo ops, memories, souvenirs, and time to **make/build friendships** with people I didn't know.

-- Alex Rodack, Band Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band



The scenery, the history, the beauty of the countryside and then the city of Beijing **exceeded my expectation.**

The performances at the University of Chengde, the Forbidden City and then at the Great Wall was an extremely **proud** and emotional time for me as a parent. Visiting the students at the university was also **unforgettable.**

-- Carol Swingle, Family Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band



The band played in the Forbidden City and on the Great Wall.

It was a **great trip** and the band members will cherish for the rest of their lives.

-- James E. Johnson, Chaperone  
Catalina Foothills High School Band





Our guide, Ailian, was an **AMAZING** guide. She was very likable, and filled us in very well on the history of the sites we visited!!!

-- Jacob N. Essif, Band Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band

Performing in the Forbidden City and on the Great Wall was **incredible**. It was so **amazing** to be chosen out of so many schools, and it made me extremely **proud** to be part of our band and represent our country.



-- Stephanie Grob, Band Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band



**THANK YOU** FOR KEEPING  
US **SAFE**. **THANK YOU** FOR  
MAKING US FEEL SO  
**SPECIAL**.

**THANK YOU** FOR  
RESPONDING TO OUR  
SUGGESTIONS ALL ALONG! I  
WILL NEVER FORGET IT!

*-- Karen Lane, Family Member  
Catalina Foothills High School Band*