

Xuzhou was home to the first emperor of the Han dynasty and has a long history, although it has not yet been discovered by tourists. It has an interesting blend of traditional China along with a fast developing, modern city. Located between Shanghai and Beijing, it is a great gateway for exploring China.

Xuzhou is a mix between new and old, between modern and traditional. You will find major shopping malls side by side with street vendors, modern apartment buildings and traditional Chinese households. Outside your apartment building you will find small shops, a variety of restaurants, retired Chinese watching their grandchildren or playing ma jiang, and in the evening there is dancing in the squares.

From the vibrant street markets downtown to the gorgeous man made lake in the south west of the city, life as a foreigner in Xuzhou is always an interesting adventure, but at the same time always comfortable. While having access to international restaurants and supermarkets, you have the benefits of local prices which makes daily life in Xuzhou very attractive.

## **City Statistics**

Population: 8.7 million

Public Transportation: 2 major train stations,

I international airport, public bikes, hundreds of bus

routes & taxis

Language: Mandarin, local dialects

Climate: Subtropical, with four distinct seasons

# What makes Xuzhou unique?

- •Considered the major transit hub of China— you can travel to Shanghai or Beijing in less than 3 hours, or go on a short trip to traditional Qufu or Kaifeng
- •Home to the only set of terracotta warriors outside of Xian, and with a wide range of lakes, hills and temples, to be explored
- •Home to one of the biggest jogging teams in China
- •In Xuzhou, there are plenty of ways to spend your time off, whether you like yoga, basketball, cinema, or a night out at a small bar or club
- •Meals are a big part of life in Xuzhou, from spicy hot pot, outdoor BBQ, Xuzhou Di Guo, or street food to modern western restaurants

#### **EF Xuzhou Stats**

EF Xuzhou I opened in 2007 and is located downtown

EF Xuzhou 2 opened in 2014 and is located in new city area

EF Xuzhou 3 opened in 2017 and is located in New District Close community of 35 foreign teachers from multiple countries and 11 local teachers

3 EF Schools

All of the schools are accessible by bus and taxi

Close-knit group of local and international teachers, we share cooking and experience to help everyone work to their best potential

## **Interesting Links**

Xuzhou City-

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMUloZITNx8

Xuzhou Travel Guide-

www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/jiangsu/xuzhou/

### **Average Temperatures**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
°F	41	46	56	69	79	86	88	87	80	70	57	45
°C	5	8	13	21	26	30	31	31	27	22	14	8

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