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Few Important Characteristics of Chinese Culture by [Tom Hopkins](#)

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China is known for its extensive history. Its vastness often leads to people misunderstanding it or grasping only very little of what it actually is. In truth, Chinese culture is an amalgamation of oldness, modernity, artistry and science. It does not represent only one thing but is multifaceted, and those who claim that Chinese culture is one dimensional have unfortunately seen only a part of it and not the whole. It is not that a Chinese person has an accurate understanding, that they know more than a foreigner. Fact is, clarity is elusive both for insiders and outsiders, who can be students studying abroad or just travelers on a China tour.

Chinese people inherently have an attachment towards land or "earth" and are comfortable with which may not involve a lot of mobility. Farming is often a choice of living and this consequently instills them with a lot of patience. The fact that farming has no instantaneous factor adhered to it, demands the virtue of patience which in turn has resulted in a powerful attribute that most Chinese people have. This however, does not go on to mean that Chinese people are less dynamic than the others.

China has always been in the radar for its unique style of cooking and also the most varied. As diverse as China is, every province/region has its own special way of satisfying the food palette. With this diverseness comes a lot of richness to the kind of food that is served throughout China. For students who have come to study abroad in China or any tourist, China will prove to be a place of immensely soul satisfying food. However, there are a few staples like noodles and tea, both of which are consumed on a daily basis by millions of people. Also it is not unknown that Chinese people eat with chopsticks. Chopsticks again can be of plastic, bamboo or wood. Apart from the regular disposable ones, there are also ones which are beautifully designed and can be given as gifts to people.

Chinese people also drink a lot of tea; in fact in various regions of China, there are tea drinking ceremonies which involve a cluster of people indulging in tea drinking for long hours. It is also believed that tea has medicinal values and a number of varieties of tea are grown all over China. Tea is a common drink which is served to guests and is usually considered a drink with which people relax. Drinks apart, dumplings are very popular in China which are simple and very delicious. They can have any kind of fillings, meat or vegetables and are consumed by a lot of people on a daily basis. Another version of dumplings is Balza which has a slightly thicker flour cover, bun-like and is more filling. Another essential in the Chinese diet is rice, which is consumed with almost every meal.

Obviously, China is also about a lot of traveling and a few must-see destinations. The Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and the Terracotta Army are few of the places that no visitor should miss.

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