

Dress and Apparel:

Long gone are the days of traditional Chinese dress. This is reserved largely for celebrations, tourists and other special events.



While bringing some Chinese guests on a tour of American schools, we could only chuckle when one child asked what people wore in China. One of the visitors dressed in casual attire told the class they were looking at the type of clothes worn every day. He also went on to say that jeans were as common as anywhere else in the world.

Business attire is similar to that worn anywhere in the industrialized world for a given trade. Business suits for marketing sales and banking, while dockers and shirts without ties are appropriate for factory professionals all the way to the factory manager. Laborers, however, will usually wear a uniform.

Color preference: You will notice a difference in colors. The Chinese have a preferences for browns, beige (or tan) and yellows. Black is a very popular color, especially in women's dress and apparel. Bright red is also a popular color for special events, holidays and ceremonial events. Grays are also common. School children's uniforms are brightly colored with white, blue and greens being common.

A tourist may find few people wear shorts, especially the men.

The ruggedness and dust in many parts of the country should encourage you to select more casual and durable wear. Because of this reason, you may opt to bring some of the older clothing in your wardrobe.



In the typical wedding in China, the bride will wear a white bridal gown the same as is worn in weddings in the western world.