

# *Dance Around the World with Ms. Whittaker*

*Can you guess where we are going?*



*We are going to CHINA!!!!*



## *Some Facts About China:*

- **Population:** more than 1.43 billion people live in China (2020). The majority of the people live in cities and towns.
- **Capital:** Beijing with 21.7 million inhabitants is not only China's capital city but also the second biggest city after Shanghai.
- **Name:** People's Republic of China (PRC)
- **Government:** Republic, communist state
- **Languages:** Mandarin or Standard Chinese (official language), while Cantonese (Yue) and Shanghainese (Wu) are among other most spoken languages
- **Literacy:** More than 96% can read and write.

**More facts:** <https://youtu.be/iEueKKpWKAI>

**Dance in China** is a highly varied art form, consisting of many modern and **traditional dance** genres. The dances cover a wide range, from folk dances to performances in opera and ballet, and may be used in public celebrations, rituals and ceremonies.

Many of the traditional dances have a long history. These may be folk dances, or dances that were once performed as rituals or as an entertainment spectacle, and some may have been performed in the imperial court. Among the best-known of the Chinese traditional dances are the [Dragon dance](#) and [Lion dance](#), and both dances were known in earlier dynasties in various forms. A form of lion dance similar to today's lion dance was described as early as the Tang Dynasty, the modern form of the dragon dance however may be a more recent development.



**Watch a classical Chinese Dance Company:**

Shen Yen is a group of classical Chinese dancers that perform traditional Chinese dances. Click below to see them in action.

<https://youtu.be/PasKPmOyLjs>

**Take a virtual tour of China:**

<https://www.airpano.com/360photo/China/?startscene=3&ath=306.786&atv=38.000&fov=85.00>

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