

Xi'an China
May 26-June 1, 2015
Daya Bay Collaboration Meeting
Randy alone

Tuesday, May 26

Take off from Cincinnati and change planes in Chicago

Wednesday, May 27

Arrive in Beijing, go through customs and back in the main airport lobby to check in for Xi'an. My worry was for my luggage, but no problems. Board and fly. Arrive in Xi'an late. Get luggage and get a cab. The driver has no idea where we are going. After several unsuccessful directions and phone calls, I have had enough. Get out and hail another cab on the street. Finally get to the hotel early Thursday.

Thursday, May 28

Meetings



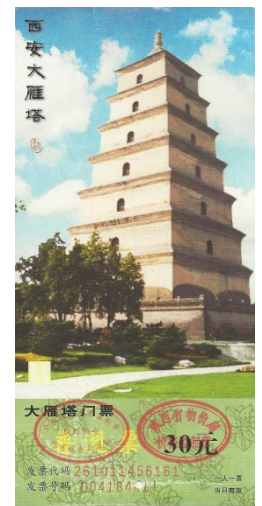
Friday, May 29

Morning meetings; afternoon tour terra cotta soldiers pits. It wasn't nearly as overwhelming as the first time, but still wonderful.



Saturday, May 30

Cut out of meetings after the IB and spend afternoon site seeing. Take a cab to the History Museum. Once inside, I remember that I have been here before but much of it still seems very new. Then cab to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Remember it as just off a street when we were here before. Now it is surrounded by a big park. Get an entrance ticket and climb the pagoda (another ticket). Walk to City Wall. Climb to top and plan to walk around. Too far. Rent a bike instead and ride about 3/8ths the way around and then back. Walk to the bell tower and look for the recommended dumplings place. Cannot find it. Have dinner instead at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Cab back to hotel (cabbie tries to let me off at the entrance to the university instead but finally we get to the right place).





Sunday, May 31

Meetings end at noon. Go to the Little Wild Goose Pagoda this time and do not climb the pagoda. Walk through the gardens. Walk to the bell tower and then to the Great Mosque of Xi'an. Did not remember that we had been there before. Prayer service going on. Not much has changed. Moslem quarter still a tangle of little streets. Find the dumpling restaurant this time after asking many people. (It is on the second floor with no signs that I can read). Cab back to hotel (cabbie brings me right back this time!)

Monday, June 1

Xian to Beijing to Chicago to Cincinnati. Bag gets to Chicago. I get home without problem. Bag comes at noon the next day.