

THE ANCIENT WONDERS OF CHINA.

China is one of the _____ civilisations in the _____. Today you can still see _____ of this ancient _____, even in the country's famous _____ cities.

This is the Forbidden City in China's _____ city, Beijing. For _____ 500 years - from around 1420 to 1912 - the country's _____ emperors had their _____ here. While they were _____ here ordinary _____ weren't allowed in. That's _____ it's called the Forbidden City. The city _____ to the public when the last Chinese _____ - Emperor Puyi - left in _____. For the first time, people saw the _____ wooden _____ inside. In _____ it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site and today it's one of the most popular _____ in China.

Another ancient _____ site is the Temple of Heaven. This is a group of beautiful historical _____. The Emperor Yung-lo started building here around _____. At the time he was also _____ on the Forbidden City. For _____ some of the country's most important religious ceremonies happened here.

Probably the most _____ Temple building is the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests. It's a magnificent building with a marble base and a beautiful interior made of _____ and _____. There's a large _____ with blue dragons on top. They _____ the emperor and you can still see the dragons on the tiles _____.

The Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven are two of China's most _____. ancient sites. But they aren't as _____ as the Great Wall. This wall protected the _____ from its enemies for _____. Some sections are over _____ years old.

China is a modern country with _____ full of skyscrapers. But besides these huge glass and metal towers, you can see all _____ of buildings from an _____ civilisation.