



# In the Footsteps of Zhou Enlai

China 2015:

Beijing | Tianjin | Shanghai | Chongqing | Nanjing | Huaiyin | Shaoxing  
Hangzhou | Guangzhou | Shenzhen | Jiangmen | Huizhou | Lufeng | Jieyang  
Meixian | Shantou | Chaoshan | Wuhan | Dawuxian | Changsha | Hengyang  
Guilin | Chongqing | Guiyang | Xian | Yanan | Tieling | Shenyang | Shijiazhuang

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## A Journey of Peace

The untold personal story  
of the emergence of modern China



May 15, 2015 - June 19, 2015  
September 28, 2015 - October 18, 2015

**4 Major Cities, 26 Provinces**

## Introduction

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History is always rooted in the personal: it is a story told by an author with an individual voice, about the people, places and events that shape our world.

“In the Footsteps of Zhou Enlai” is a story never before heard, following the life journey of Zhou Enlai, one of the great figures of modern history.

Zhou Enlai made vital contributions to peace. As the first Foreign Minister, one of the authors of the Chinese Constitution, and as Premier of China for 26 years, he opened the face of his nation to the world. He established China’s top priority: unity for its people, and friendship with all nations.



Global diplomat and peacemaker: Zhou Enlai in Geneva, Indonesia, and  
in Beijing, welcoming President Richard Nixon

The details of this achievement form a gripping narrative of revolution, intrigue, idealism, service, sacrifice, passion, life and death.

It is a story vital to understanding the role of China in the 21st Century.

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A small number of people have made transforming contributions to peace in the past 100 years. Without them, key events in history might have unfolded differently. Among these giants are Mahatma Gandhi, who brought freedom to India with non-violence; Nelson Mandela, who liberated South Africa with reconciliation; and Martin Luther King, who set the highest standard for equality in America.

And Zhou Enlai, from modern China -- who wrote the Five Principles of Peace, who stood for understanding, balance, respect and dialogue in a time of turbulence and transformation for the world's largest nation.



People's diplomacy: Zhou Enlai fosters "ping pong diplomacy" -- greets American students; congratulates a young dancer

His contribution to peace is just as significant, for its time, place and historical context, as Gandhi, Mandela and King; but the name of Zhou Enlai is not yet understood in the same light as these giants of history.

The Zhou Enlai Peace Institute is changing that perception.

Our research and storytelling project, "In the Footsteps of Zhou Enlai," is a key catalyst of that change. Since its formal establishment in August 2011, the Zhou Enlai Peace Institute, together with international peace organizations around the world, has worked to

create a deeper understanding of the spirit of Zhou Enlai, to expand his importance in the eyes of the world.

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“Footsteps” will be released as a powerful, personal documentary film. It will also be published as an illustrated book of photography and stories, both in print and electronic forms, simultaneously in China and the United States.

Ranging across 22 key sites in China, through Asia, the Middle East and Africa, “Footsteps” will disclose, for the first time, the full breadth and drama of Zhou Enlai’s life, and will reveal a vision of China that is rarely seen.



A few of the many locations where “Footsteps” will be filmed

“Footsteps” is produced by the Zhou Enlai Peace Institute, an American non-profit organization, with the assistance of many friends and allies in China and the United States.

It is an intimate, personal portrait of Zhou Enlai, seen through the eyes of the people who knew him best. All the major places in his life will be visited, from before his birth in 1898 in Huaian to his passing in Beijing in 1976. “Footsteps” will feature conversations with people who knew Zhou Enlai personally, who witnessed history unfold, intense stories of courage and principle, many of them never told before. Their voices, faces, and the special places they know will be shared with the world for the first time, with video, audio, photography and music.





The film and book will follow Zhou Enlai's footsteps in nearly every major province and city in China.

“Footsteps” is working with the Zhou family, and with many homes, libraries and memorials dedicated to Zhou Enlai throughout China. The project is funded by private individuals and companies in both China and the United States, and speaks with an independent voice. A small crew, consisting of the writer-producer, a film producer and researcher, will travel among all the historic sites, largely overland by car and by train.

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A survey of several of the major sites began in May, 2012, and included key locations in Beijing; Tianjin; Xian; Huaian, Guangzhou, Nanjing and Shanghai.



The Zhou Enlai National Memorial Hall in Huaian; the Zhou Enlai Residence in Shanghai

These sites will be revisited in two major tours in May and October, 2015, adding Chongqing, Shaoxing, Mei Jia Wu, Hangzhou, Nanchang, Ruijin, Jiangmen, Jieyang, Shantou, Wuhan, Da Wu Village, Yanan, Tieling, Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Shenyang

and ranging across the provinces of Hebei, Liaoning, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Shandong, Hubei, Guangdong, Guizhou, Shanxi and Guangxi.

The international phase of the project will be produced in spring 2016, visiting New York, Tokyo, Osaka, Singapore, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, Djakarta, Bandung, Burma, New Delhi, Nepal, Turkey, Egypt, Paris, London, Berlin, Geneva, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and other sites.

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The message of “Footsteps” is simple: to tell stories, share sounds and images, of China’s great peacemaker in a direct, personal way that will be easily understood by everyone. The direction of China as an international leader for peace was originally set by Zhou Enlai. He guided his nation through difficult times, protecting the lives of millions of people; this project shows how that direction endures and is extended.



The life of Zhou Enlai is an example of dignity, non-violence and strength to which the people and leadership of China today aspire. His stories illumine the perception of China from within, as seen through Chinese eyes, and are part of bringing Zhou Enlai’s vision to life: leadership for peace, and friendship among all nations.

The story of Zhou Enlai is the untold, personal story of the emergence of modern China. He laid the foundation for the China of today. Looking back with understanding, we may also look forward with insight.

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Zhou Enlai as a youth in Huaian; as a student in Tianjin; as a diplomat at the Bandung Conference; memorial attended by 2 million people in Tienanmen Square

### **The Footsteps Book and Film Production Sites, 2015:**

Zhou Enlai Residence, Shanghai | Meiyuan Memorial, Nanjing  
 Zhou Enlai Birth Place Zhou Enlai Memorial, Huaian | Zhou Enlai Childhood Study Place  
 Zhou Enlai Youth Study Place | Ancestral Home of Zhou Family, Shaoxing  
 Mei Jia Wu Memorial | Huangpu Military Academy | Zhou Enlai Exhibition Hall, Shenzhen  
 Zhou Enlai Memorial, Jiangmen | Huizhou Memorial | Zhou Enlai Monument, Lufeng  
 Zhou Enlai Work Place, Jieyang | Ye Jianying Memorial, Meixian  
 Shangtong Exhibition Han Bi Lou, Chaoshan  
 Nanchang 8.1 Uprising Memorial | Central Revolutionary Base Museum  
 Chinese Army Memorial Site, Wuhan | 1946 Zhou & Jiang Negotiation Site  
 Chinese Army, Hunan Office | Revolutionary Memorial, Hangyang  
 Chinese Army Memorial, Guilin | Hong Yan Revolutionary Memorial  
 Zun Yi Conference Memorial | Si Du Chi Shui Memorial | Beijing West Flower Hall  
 Zhou Enlai Deng Yingchao Memorial, Tianjin | Nankai Middle School, Tianjin  
 Nankai University, Tianjin | Awareness Association, Tianjin | Xian Incident Memorial  
 Yan An Revolutionary Memorial | Xi Bai Po Memorial | Zhou Enlai Youth Study Place, Tieling  
 Zhou Enlai Youth Study Place, Shenyang | Premier Zhou Enlai Memorial, Xinjiang





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The Zhou Enlai National Memorial Hall, at his birthplace in Huaian, Jiangsu Province, hosts millions of visitors each year from around the world.



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