

Blog 17 – PART 2 - . \$10 Purchasing Mission – Dining

The next morning, we went to McDonalds for breakfast (we haven't done that for quite a long time). We still stuck to the 62RMB in our pockets. As I entered McDonalds, I saw some high school/college students using McDonalds as a social place and “chatting” while using free wi-fi. In the summer, I even saw students doing their homework and playing cards in this cool air conditioned place. I've noticed that Chinese McDonalds are much bigger than the ones in America. Two story McDonalds are very popular in Nanjing. For breakfast, we got a fish fillet, 2 big breakfast packs, 3 hash browns, a cup of coffee and soymilk. Do you know that McDonalds has just recently put soymilk on their breakfast menu? After consuming the big breakfast, we concluded that a McDonalds' breakfast in Nanjing costs the same as one in America.



That was a full breakfast, but what about lunch? Ten dollars in Nanjing won't buy you a *lobster*, but you still have quite some choices for a quick meal. If your taste buds are more comfortable with western food, you can easily spot McDonalds, KFC, Subway, Pizza Hut, Burger King and many others around the colossal shopping centers and busy street corners. My taste is more Asian style. One day, my mom and I visited a clean and neat Japanese style chain restaurant for lunch. I ordered noodles and a small seaweed side dish that was 30RMB. My mom ordered a rice bowl with meat and veggies on top. Together, the total was about 62RMB/10\$. My dad said \$10 can get him a nice quick lunch in Florida but with pretty lousy tips. ☺



Dessert time! It might be a little crazy to be sitting in an ice cream shop on a freezing cold day, but when I sat down in Cold Stone Creamery and took a look around, I noticed that the shop was “hot!” Most of the customers were in their 20’s. The girls were wearing UGG boots or fancy high-heels and guys have died brown hair. They must feel that eating at Cold Stone supports their self image. It seems that Cold Stone is selling the “westerner image” along with their desserts. One small scoop is 28 RMB! With that money, my mom can get a big container of ice cream from Publix. My mom doesn’t usually take me to these expensive places for dessert (she doesn’t often take me to sweets restaurants anyways). But because of the Blog, I was lucky enough to have a scoop of delicious chocolate ice cream in this cold wintertime.

