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Voluntary Exiles: Transnational Community Creation in China

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“From among the more than 10 million foreign travelers that visit China each year, many stay beyond their brief tour of the country and become involved in transnational scenes and communities. These communities connect people from different countries who are similarly motivated to continue their tourist consumption, individual growth, and find a common familiarity in difference. However, these temporary foreign residents in China do not seek to find labor opportunities or gain capital, as is common among immigrant communities. Why are foreigners choosing to congregate with other foreigners after proclaiming to want to experience a different environment? This research project is designed to establish that transnational scenes among short-term expatriates exist and can be understood through studying the

expatriates who create these unique communities.”