

# The Great Wall of China - Juyongguan



The Great Wall stretches almost 4,000 miles across China.





Emperor Qin Shi Huang Di (260-210 B.C.E.) conquered and unified China then proceeded to build a great wall to protect the Chinese from the northern barbarians.



Here you can see the modern wiring, lighting and remodeling that has been done to preserve the Great Wall.



Mao Zedong, the former leader of Communistic China, said, “You are not a real man until you have climbed the Great Wall.” Imagine a soldier wearing armor, hiking up and down these walls each day...in 100 degree humid weather!



It took tens of thousands of workers to build it. Legend has it that many were prisoners and slaves that died and were buried within it. It averages 25' and the watchtowers 40'.



Inside one of the guard towers.



Looking out one of the guard tower windows.



Me standing next to some of the weapons the guards used to use. To the right stands a statue of what a guard might have looked like years ago. (For the record, it was over 100 degrees and very humid. I could have cooked an egg on the Great Wall.



From one of the peaks, looking down.