

《美第一夫人米歇尔一家成都喂熊猫 结束七日中国之旅》

Michelle Obama and her family ended their week-long trip to China with a visit to a reserve where they helped feed giant pandas before getting on the plane back home.

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First Lady Michelle Obama visited China's Chengdu Panda base on Wednesday with daughters Malia and Sasha and mother Marian Robinson. "I couldn't leave China without seeing the Chengdu Panda base," she wrote in a blog post.

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The facility, located in the outskirts of the Sichuan province's capital, was founded in 1987 to promote breeding and research for the endangered bears. The Chengdu base currently houses about 50 giant pandas.

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Michelle started by visiting a group of 5 18-month-old pandas, and she and her daughters were able to feed them using apples at the end of a long stick. Michelle described the yearlings to be "like stuffed animals."

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In her travel journal chronicled on the White House website, the first lady recalls "Panda Diplomacy," which is the Chinese tradition of reaching out to other nations with the gift of pandas. China first offered pandas to the U.S. in 1972 and they were housed in the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and Chinese pandas have been present

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