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The Forbidden City

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The Forbidden City was just named one of the biggest tourist sites in the world. The Forbidden City was built in 1421 as the emperor Zhu Di’s home for family and people who served him. The Forbidden City is located in the center of the wonderful Beijing, China. It covers an amazing 720,000 square meters!

A picture of Zhu Di
http://www.chinaheritagenewsletter.org/002/_pix/zhenghe2.jpg
The builders of the Forbidden City tried to protect it by giving it a moat and right behind it six-foot walls so nobody could try to go into it to cause damage or some type of mischief. The Forbidden City in Beijing China got its name when the empire fell in 1911 and nobody was allowed to go in to it anymore. Luckily now, anybody is free to roam the Forbidden City.
The Forbidden City is divided into two parts. The Outer Court, which includes the southern and central sections, which were used from ceremonial purposes, such as, imperial weddings. Apart from the ceremonies, the Outer Court also houses the great imperial library, archives and the lantern storage.

The Inner Court, on the other hand, includes the northern, eastern and western parts of the Forbidden City, and concentrates on another three halls that were used for the day-to-day affairs of state. The most important among these is the Palace of Heavenly Purity. The Inner Court is also where the emperor worked and lived with his family. An important entrance at the southern end is the Meridian Gate. At the other end in the north is a gate called the Gate Divine Might.

The Forbidden City in Beijing, China is one of the biggest sites for tourist in the world and anybody who goes will will remember it.

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