

Tentative Itinerary for China Trip (dates and locations may slightly change)

May 14-15 (Day 1-2) Enter Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, your local tour guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to the hotel. Tasting Peking duck at a group welcome dinner.

May 16 (Day 3) Beijing

Visit Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City in the morning. After lunch, visit the Summer Palace and enjoy a boat ride on the lake. Evening acrobatic show back in the city.

May 17 (Day 4) Beijing

Morning lecture. Visit 798 Art District in the afternoon. 798 has become the premier exhibition center in Beijing for Chinese modern art and sculpture. Possible late-afternoon tour of the Dandelion School, a special NGO for rural migrant children.

May 18 (Day 5) Beijing

Whole day visit to famous Mutianyu section of Great Wall. Visit Wangfujing Street and night market in the evening.

May 19 (Day 6) Beijing/Xian

Visit a traditional tea house and try different teas as well as look at tea pots. Take a high-speed train to Xian and check in a hotel.

May 20 (Day 7) Xian

Today's highlight is the Terracotta Warriors and Bronze Chariots, designed for the tomb of China's first emperor – Qinshihuang. Thousands of life size warriors and horses still stand on the original site in military formation at the emperor's burial complex. Visit Shannxi Historical Museum in the afternoon and experience the city's interactive water fountain show in the evening.

May 21 (Day 8) Xian

Bike ride atop the Old City Wall in the morning, with a few hours afternoon lecture. Visit the Grand Mosque and Muslim Street in the evening.

May 22 (Day 9) Xian/Guilin

Visit the Hanyangling Tombs in the morning (near airport), with afternoon flight to Guilin in the afternoon. Check in a hotel. Guilin is known for its craggy peaks and for the Li River, which winds through a magnificent landscape.

May 23 (Day 10) Guilin/Yangshuo

Take Li River cruise to experience the wonderful landscape along the river. Disembark in the village of Yangshuo, check in the hotel. Afternoon bike ride along the Yulong River .

May 24 (Day 11) Yangshuo Area

Visit Gaotian Village – boasts fantastic peaks, limestone caverns, and beautiful rural scenery. Students have an opportunity to learn how to cook farm food Tour the Xingping Ancient Town.

May 25 (Day 12) Yangshuo/Shanghai

Visit the Reed Flute Cave - a famous landmark and tourist attraction in Guilin. Transfer to the airport and fly to Shanghai, the financial and economic center of China. Free evening to explore Shanghai surroundings.

May 26 (Day 13) Shanghai

Visit Shanghai Museum, City Planning Museum, Nanjing Road, and the Bund. Late afternoon visit to Tianzifang Night Scene in the late afternoon/evening.

May 27 (Day 14) Tongli Water Town

Visit Tongli Ancient Water Town - characterized by stone bridges and well preserved ancient architecture, including private gardens, temples, and private homes

May 28 (Day 15) Shanghai

Morning Lecture. Visit Shanghai Tower and Yu Gardens, as well as the surrounding Bazar. Farewell dinner

May 29 (Day 16) Shanghai

Morning tour of Shanghai business or manufacturing scene: possible sites include Volkswagen, Shanghai Supercomputer Center, etc. Free afternoon for shopping and packing for return to US.

May 30 (Day 17) Departure

Transfer to the Pudong International Airport for return to the US.