

Educational Tour to China! Tour A

Explore the Ancient Middle Kingdom

15 days to: Beijing, Kaifeng, Luoyang, Zhengzhou, Shaolin Temple, Xian and Shanghai

Tentative Travel Dates: June 29 – July 13, 2010

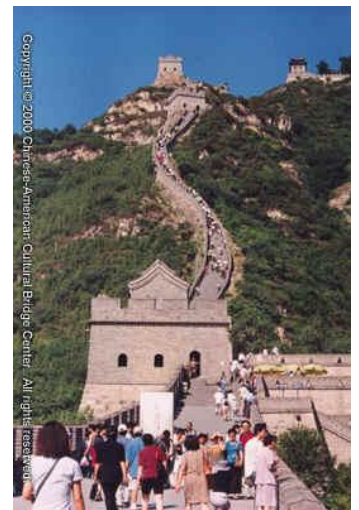
Come to participate in our 2010 Cultural Exchange tour to China! This unique tour allows educators to experience the arts, culture, geography, history, economics, government and technology of China firsthand. In addition, each educator will be provided with background and educational materials to help bring China alive in the classroom! Each educators will also be able to earn 50 CPDU's for their attendance in all the sightseeing and cultural exchange.

Day 1: International flight from U.S. to Beijing.

Day 2: Arrive in Beijing. Check-in at hotel, and enjoy the Welcome Banquet (Beijing Duck Dinner) hosted by CACBC China Office, Cultural Exchange Bureau, and the China Travel Service.

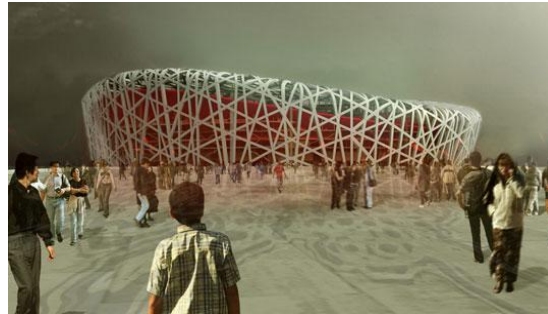


Day 3: A full-day excursion: explore the Great Wall of China - one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Temple of Heaven, the largest temple and altar complex in China, where the Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty worshipped Heaven and prayed for good harvests. In the evening, attend an exciting Chinese Acrobatic show.



Day 4: A city tours of Beijing to the center of the city - Tianan-Men Square - the largest open plaza in the world - accommodating half a million people at one time. Explore the Forbidden City (Palace Museum), the former Imperial Palace for the 24 Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

Day 5: Visit the 800 year-old Summer Palace with the largest garden in China. Here, the royal family of the Qing dynasty came to spend relaxing summers and handle government affairs. Visit Beijing Olympic Village, the Bird nest. Take photos and have fun. (Night Sleeper Train to Zhengzhou).



Day 6: Zhengzhou

Zhengzhou - the capital of the Henan Province is a prime example of the changing face of China. Here you will see modern buildings and shopping malls contrasted against the background of an ancient civilization.

Visit a local high school or university for a cultural exchange in the afternoon. Make friends and exchange emails.

The Henan National Museum, whose modern architecture resembles a Mayan Pyramid, is the repository for 160,000 historic and prehistoric national treasures - including the world's earliest musical instrument, an 8,000 year old, perfectly tuned bone flute. Wander through the fascinating exhibits and then relax and listen to a musical performance on ancient Chinese instruments dating back over a 1,000 years.



Day 7: Enjoy an excursion to Kaifeng, the ancient capital of seven dynasties. During the Song Dynasty 1,000 years ago, Kaifeng was the richest and most culturally diverse city in the world.





You'll be transported back to that time - when you visit the historical recreation of a Song Dynasty city at Riverside Park. You'll experience daily Song life as you board an ancient boat, explore the narrow streets, cross the rainbow bridge, try your hand at traditional crafts, participate in ceremonies, and meet "officials" and "residents" in period costumes.

At noon, you can enjoy the traditional dishes of the Baozi banquet. This banquet features many different flavors of the local cuisine.

You'll visit the thirteen story high Iron Pagoda, made entirely of wood with a brick exterior. It is called "iron" because this pagoda has miraculously survived many earthquakes and floods for almost one thousand years! (Travel back to Zhengzhou).

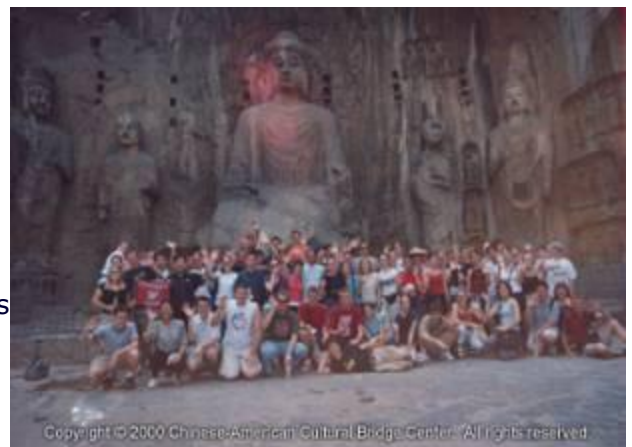
Day 8: Today you will travel to the 1,500 year-old Shaolin Monastery, the birthplace of Kung Fu - the original form of all martial arts. This temple is situated at the western edge of the Songshan Mountains. In the Thousand Buddhas Hall, you can still see the footprints of the monks stamped into the floor - a reminder of the intensity of their practice. Here, you will be amazed by a live Kung Fu demonstration performed by the Grandmasters and monks.



Denfeng is also the home of the earliest astronomical observatory. Here a Chinese astronomer, Mr. Guo, invented an official calendar based on his celestial observations. Predating the Roman calendar by two hundred years - his was accurate within one second of the Gregorian calendar. (Bus to Luoyang).

Day 9: Luoyang is the ancient capital of the thirteen dynasties. This city is home to the first Buddhist temple in China, the 900 year-old White Horse Temple.

The most spectacular site in Luoyang is the Longmen Grotto. Carved from a solid rock mountain over 1,500 years ago, this site has over 2,345 caves and more than 100,000 statues of Buddha. Chinese noblemen sponsored the creation of most of these statues, ranging in height from miniature (1 inch high) to giant-size (57 feet).



At night, relax and enjoy the delicious delicacies of the Water Feast, a banquet handed down by the Tang Dynasty empress. Be delighted by the sights and sounds of ancient Chinese instruments, played for you as you end your feast.

Day 10: In the morning join morning exercise with the local people, where they dance, singing, and do qi gong together with exercise group. (In the afternoon train to Xian).

Day 11: Xian, which was also known as Changan, was a major ancient capital and has more than 3,000 years of history.

At Xian, you will visit the famous Museum of the Terra-Cotta Legion, built as a memorial to Qin Shihuang, the first emperor to unite China. The 8,000 men clay army of warriors and horsemen, complete with weapons, was ordered by the emperor as a young man, and took decades to complete.



Day 12: Visit a local high school or university for a cultural exchange in the morning. Tour their schools, make friends and exchange emails.

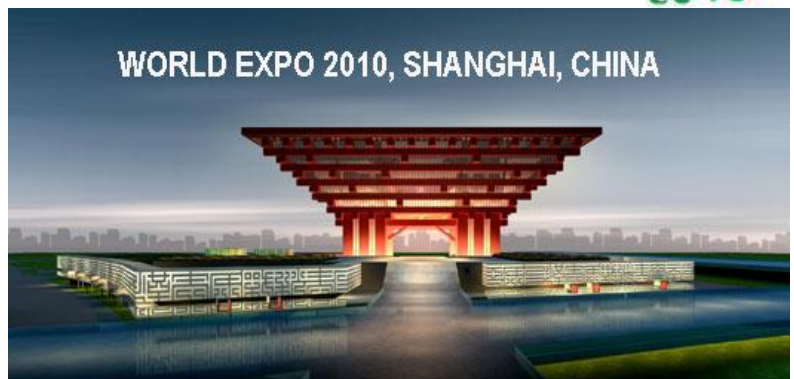
Visit the Shanxi History Museum, where you will see a showcase of ancient civilizations of the Shan Xi province. Being one of the cities in side Shan Xi province, Xian City was the capital city in thirteen dynasties which in total lasted over 1100 years. Since this museum was opened to the public in 1991, its architectural buildings, internal apparatus, and exhibits have made it famous as a first-class museum in China.

Day 13: Walk on the well-preserved Xian city wall and get a bird's eye view of the city. (Fly to Shanghai). A modern bustling metropolis of thirteen million people in the southeast region, Shanghai is China's center for industry and commerce. It is called the "Paris of the East," because for many years the city was home to large numbers of Europeans, giving it an international flavor.



Visit The City God's Temple (Cheng Huang Miao). This used to be the temple to a local deity, which the inhabitants believed would protect them in every city. The city deities were frequently real persons to whom the town owed something. Today, arts and crafts stores are in the temple. Walk along The Bund, Shanghai's Wall Street, a place of feverish trading and business sophisticates. In the evening, take a cruise along the night view of an unabashed playground for Western of Shanghai.

Day 14: Visit the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai. The World Expositions have attained increasing prominence as grand events for economic, scientific, technological and cultural exchanges, serving as an important platform for displaying historical, experience, exchanging innovative ideas, demonstrating esprit de corps and looking to the future. Being the first World Exposition on the theme of city, Exposition 2010 will attract governments and people from across the world, focusing on the theme "Better City, Better Life." the full potential of urban life in the 21st century and a significant period in urban evolution. In the afternoon if there are time visit Nanjing road, one of



the busiest and modern shopping street, from Chinese ancient tea to fashionable clothing.

Day 15: Say goodbye to friends in China, and board the International flight back home.

For the 15-days tour, estimated price is \$3,995 per person in the peak travel season.

Single Room supplement: \$1225

Included Tour Price:

1. Round trip airfare to China. – Economic class.
2. One English (Bilingual) speaking guide PER COACH .
3. Four-star hotel accommodations for eight (13) nights. (Double Occupancy)
4. Ground transportation within China: China domestic flight, Sleeper train, & bus.
5. All meals in China: American or Chinese breakfast, Chinese lunch and dinner.
6. Chinese culture instructional materials.
7. Special dinner as indicated: Welcome Banquet (Duck Dinner)

8. Opportunities for cultural exchange with local schools

9. Sight seeing and Admission:

- Great Wall of China - Beijing -
- The Temple of Heaven - Beijing -
- Tiananmen Square - Beijing -
- Forbidden City - Beijing -
- Summer Palace - Beijing -
- 2008 Olympic Village “The Birds Nest” - Beijing -
- The Henan National Museum - Zhengzhou -
- Riverside Park - Kaifeng -
- Iron Pagoda - Kaifeng -
- Shaolin Monastery - Denfeng -
- Longmen Grotto - Luoyang -
- Terra-Cotta Warriors - Xian -
- Shanxi History Museum - Xian -
- Walk on city wall - Xian -
- City God’s Temple - Shanghai -

- Boat ride along the bund - Shanghai -
- The Shanghai Bund - Shanghai -
- **2010 World Expo in Shanghai**

Not Included in Tour Price:

Passport, visa fees, excess baggage fees, departure taxes, airline fuel charges, tips and personal spending money.