

SUMMER CAMP IN CHINA

*A*n old Chinese saying goes: it is better to see for oneself rather than to hear for many times. This summer camp in China will provide you a rare opportunity to get directly involved with Chinese students and other ordinary Chinese, and let you have a real taste of China.

The five-city 18-day tour will provide you a fascinating introduction to China's history and ancient civilization. Called "The Emperor's Choice," this tour is enhanced by on site discussions, classroom lectures, visits to Chinese students' homes, and many activities participated with them. If you wish, you can find a pen pal for a long term friendship.

COST

\$2150 per person (in groups of 20 or more)

The price includes:

- All ground and air transportation in China
- All accommodations
- All meals except two when you have some free time shopping
- Tuition and registration fees
- Sightseeing, tour guides, transfers, and admissions to cultural events
- Basic insurance (additional insurance is available)

WHEN July – August

WHERE Shanghai, Suzhou, Guilin, Xian and Beijing

ORGANIZORS

Cultural Exchange International.
Shanghai Huangpu Educational Commission
China Travel Service



TOUR LEADER

Ji-li Jiang, the author of *Red Scarf Girl*. Her powerful memoir about her experience during the Cultural Revolution when she was twelve years old has won many prestigious awards.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Foreign Guest Houses in Shanghai (with air conditioning and a private bathroom), and four star and three star hotels at the rest of the cities (double occupancy).

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants must be 8th grader or older.
- Participants must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or parent attesting to the participant's maturity.
- Evidence of good health as certified by a physician on the basis of a recent medical examination.
- There will be an adult chaperon for every eight students.

Itinerary

Day 1 SFO-Beijing

Fly to Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China in the evening. You will be warmly welcomed and transferred to the hotel after dinner.

Day 3 Beijing

Visit Temple of Heaven in the morning, and then the Forbidden City, known as the Imperial Palace where the emperors of the Ming and the Qing dynasties resided.

Day 4 Beijing

Excursion the Great Wall at Badaling, known as one of the wonders of ancient world and then Visit a cloisonné factory if the time permits. Later, tour traditional North China courtyard houses in a "hutong" (little alley) area including a ride on a rickshaw.

Day 5 Beijing

Tour Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world in the morning. Then visit a primary school and a middle school. Free time afterwards.

Day 6 Beijing-Xian

Fly to Xian, the capital of ancient China. Tour the ancient city wall, and Greater Wild Goose Pagoda (or Great Mosque).

Day 7 Xian

Visit a city market in the morning. Then tour Terra-cotta Warriors, universally recognized as the Eighth Wonder of the World, Huaqing Hot Spring and Banpo Neolithic Museum. Enjoy the Tang Dynasty show after a royal dumpling dinner.

Day 8 Xian

Visit a village (possibly some farmers' home), and a kindergarten. Free time afterwards.

Day 9 Xian-Guilin

Fly to Guilin. Visit amazing Reed Flute Cave and in the afternoon, and tour the pearl museum. Then visit a kindergarten.

Day 10 Guilin

Visit a local market in the morning. A day cruise on Li River to experience the heavenly scenery just like the traditional Chinese painting.

Day 11 Guilin-Shanghai

Camp at foreign house of a local school. Meet Chinese students.

Day 12 Shanghai

Seminars of Chinese history, cultural and some basic Chinese in the morning. In the afternoon visit Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition, and Shanghai Museum, one of the best museums in China with a collection of 120000 items. Activity with Chinese students in the evening.

Day 13 Shanghai

Seminars in the morning. In the afternoon tour the famous Bund, Pudong newly developed area. Visit Shanghai Children's Palace. Activity with Chinese students.

Day 14 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai

Excursion trip to Suzhou. Visit a silk factory (For people who are not interested in shopping, take a boat ride on the canal). Enjoy the Chinese acrobatics at night.

Day 15 Shanghai

Seminars in the morning. Visit Yu Garden, Youth Sports Institute, Science & Technology Center for Youth in the afternoon. Activity with Chinese students in the evening.

Day 16 Shanghai

Seminars in the morning. Sport activity with Chinese students in the afternoon. Then you will be picked up by a Chinese student and have a home stay experience.

Day 17 Shanghai

Spend the whole day in Chinese student's home. Afternoon return to the camp.

Day 18 Shanghai-USA

A free morning. After lunch, be transferred to Pudong Airport and fly home. You will be in the United States the same day. End of tour.