

Itinerary for In-Country Travel-Study in China (by City)

June 18 —July 20, 2007 (**Tentative**)

International travel schedule: (tentative)

	Date	Airline	From	To
Departing	Monday, June 18, 2007		Washington DC, U.S.A.	Beijing, China
Arriving	Tuesday, June 19, 2007			
Departing	July 20, 2007		Beijing, China	Washington DC, U.S.A.
Arriving	July 20, 2007			

I. Xi'an, Shaanxi Province (June 19 to June 28—9 days/7 nights/4 seminars)

Date	Time	Activities	Location	Lecturer/Host/Other Information
June 18 Monday	Am	Departure for Beijing, China	National Airport	Airline TBA
June 19 Tuesday	4:00pm	Arriving in Beijing Airport, China		Transfer to Beijing train station to Xi'an
	9:00pm	Train ride to Xi'an	Train T43/T46	Over-night trip
June 20 Wednesday	8:40 am	Arrive in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province		
	10:00am	Group meeting: Introduction to Xi'an; Q&A	Hotel	
	1:30pm	Free exploration/Rest/Adjustment		
	6:00pm	Cultural experience: The Dumpling Banquet	Defachang Dumpling House	The most famous Xi'an regional cuisine
June 21 Thursday	9:00am	Seminar 1: Culture and Traditions in Western China	Shaanxi Normal University	Mr. Liang Chengqing, Distinguished scholar in Chinese folk cultures, Curator of Xianyang City Museum
	1:30pm	Site Visits: Shaanxi Provincial Museum	Downtown of Xi'an	It is a repository of the region's rich archaeological discoveries
	8:30pm	Cultural experience: The Furong Garden of the Tang Dynasty [618-917 AD]		Traditional site and Tang Dynasty dance show

This tentative itinerary will be finalized by May 2007.

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June 22 Friday	All day	Site Visits: Ruins of the Banpo Village (ca. 4000 BC), The Terra-cotta Soldiers from the Qin Dynasty (221 BC), and Huaqing Palace of the Emperor in Tang Dynasty	Lintong City	
June 23 Saturday	9:00am	Seminar 2: Chinese Calligraphy (Hands-on: ABCs of Chinese calligraphy)	Shaanxi Normal University	Prof. Li Xing from Department of Fine Arts in Shaanxi Normal University, specialized in Chinese calligraphy.
	1:00pm	Site Visit: Touring the Museum of the Inscribed Stone Tablets and the Replica of the Ancient Culture Boulevard; also touring the Bell Tower, Drum Tower, and Islamic Mosque		The museum has the largest collection of famous Chinese Ancient calligraphers' writings in China.
	8:00pm	Site Visit: Touring the ancient city wall		Dating from the Ming Dynasty, 1368-1644
June 24 Sunday	9:00am	Seminar 3: Chinese Folk Arts: Painting (hands-on)	Shaanxi Normal University	Prof. Yang Liming, Department of Early Childhood Education, College of Educational Science, Shaanxi Normal University, specialized in Chinese folk arts
	2:00pm	Site Visit: Touring Hu County and observe peasant artists to paint	Hu County	
June 25 Monday	9:00am	Seminar 4: The Development of Special Education in China		Prof. Zhao Wei, Chair of the Department of Psychology, Shaanxi Normal University; specialized in special education
	2:00pm	Site Visit: The No. 1 School for the Deaf and Blind and the Xi'an Middle School; Shaanxi Normal University campus		
June 26 Tuesday	All day	Site Visit: The Famen Temple and other historical sites	Qishan County	
June 27 Wednesday	8:30am	Free exploration, packing up for departure		
	2:00pm	Group meeting: Summary and evaluation; Reflection and discussion; Q&A	Hotel	Mandatory meeting for all participants
	5:30pm	Departure from Xi'an for Shandong Yanzhou by train	Train 2516	

II. Qufu, Tai'an, and Jinan of Shandong Province (June 28 to July 5—8 days/7nights/8 seminars)

Date	Time	Activities	Location	Lecturer/Host/Other Information
June 28 Thursday	8:30am	Arrive in Yanzhou by train, and departure for Qufu City by bus		Qufu is Confucius' hometown where he was born, lived, taught, die, and buried.
	11:00am	Group Meeting: Introduction to Shandong Province; Q&A	Qufu Normal University International Exchange Center	
	12:30pm	Cultural experience: Confucius Family Banquet		Traditional Confucian style cuisine
	4:00pm	Cultural Experience: City Tour	Qufu City	
	7:00pm	Culture Experience: Ancient Dance and Music show		
June 29 Friday	9:00am	Seminar 5: Biography of Confucius	Qufu Normal University	Prof. Zhang Peicheng from the Department of Foreign Languages of the Qufu Normal University
	1:30pm	Site Visits: Confucius Ceremonial Hall and Tombs; Nishan, the birthplace of Confucius		
	4:00pm	Seminar 6: Chinese Kongfu (hands-on)	Qufu Normal University	
June 30 Saturday	9:00am	Seminar 7: Confucianism and Its Impact on Chinese Education	Qufu Normal University	Prof. Zhang Peicheng from the Department of Foreign Languages of the Qufu Normal University
	1:30pm	Site Visit: Confucius Forest and the Confucius Temple		
	5:30pm	Culture Experience: Tour farmer's market	Local	

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July 1 Sunday	9:00am	Seminar 8: Chinese Women	Qufu Normal Univeristy	Prof. Ju Yumei, Assistant Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages in Qufu Normal University
	1:30pm	Seminar 9: Chinese folk arts: paper cutting (hands-on)	Qufu Normal Univeristy	TBA
July 2 Monday	8:30am	Seminar 10: Chinese Folk Songs and Folk Music	Qufu Normal Univeristy	Mr. Chen Ruiquan & Ms. Chi Shujun, Lecturers of the Music Department in Qufu Normal University, specialist in traditional music instruments and traditional folk music.
	11:00am	Departure for Tai'an city by bus		
	1:00pm	Seminar 11: The Culture of Tai Mountain	Shandong University of Sciences and Technology	Prof. Liu Kedi from the Department of Humanities in Shandong University of Sciences and Technology
	3:30pm	Site Visits: Dai Temple; Tai Mountain		Group will stay in a hotel on top of the Tai Mountain
July 3 Tuesday	5:00am	Site visit: Sunrise on Tai Mountain		
	All Day	Site Visit: the Fuyang Village (conversation with the farmers, experience the folk culture, live a day as a Chinese farmer)	Fuyang Village	Participants will stay in farmers' houses overnight for a one-day experience.
July 4 Wednesday	7:00am	Departure for Jinan by bus; City tour in Jinan		Jinan is the capital city of Shandong Province
	10:00am	Seminar 12: The Geographical, Historical, and Cultural Significance of the Yellow River	Education Hall	TBA; The Yellow River is also called the Mother River in China, and is considered the cradle of Chinese civilization.
	1:30pm	Site Visits: Baotu Spring; the Yellow River; Thousand-Buddha Mountain		All famous historical and natural sites in Jinan, which is also called "the Spring City" for its famous Baotu Spring.
	8:00pm	Group meeting: Summary and evaluation; Reflection and discussion; Q&A	Education Hall	Mandatory meeting for all participants

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July 5 Thursday	9:00am	Site Visits: Local elementary school and Normal School for Teachers		
	2:00pm	Free exploration; packing up for departure		
	6:30pm	Farewell Dinner		Hosted by the Office of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Education, Shandong Province
	9:30pm	Departure for Beijing by train	Train 2598	Over-night train ride to Beijing

III. Beijing (July 6 to July 20—15 days/14 nights/8 seminars)

Date	Time	Activities	Location	Lecturer/Host
July 6 Friday	6:05am	Arrive in Beijing by train		
	9:00am	Group meeting: Introduction to Beijing; Summary and evaluation; Q&A	Hotel	
	1:00pm	Site Visit: Touring Tiananmen and the Forbidden City		
	6:30pm	Beijing Roast Duck banquet		Famous Beijing cuisine
July 7 Saturday	9:00am	Seminar 13: History and Culture of Beijing	Hotel	Mr. Tan Liefei, historian in the Office of City History of Beijing, specialist in Beijing History and Culture
	2:00pm	Seminar 14: Ancient Civilization of China	Hotel	Senior Researcher (to be named) of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
July 8 Sunday	9:00am	Seminar 15: Introduction of Early Childhood Education Policies in China	Hotel	Ms. Jiang Jin, Director of Early Childhood Education Division, Ministry of Education of China
	2:00pm	Seminar 16: Professional Development of Chinese ECE teachers	Hotel	Ms. Ju Yitong, the Distinguished Early Childhood Teacher of Beijing
July 9 Monday	8:30am	Site Visit: The Beijing No. 5 Kindergarten (observing children’s arrival, play, lessons, outdoor activities, lunch, and nap, etc.)	Beijing No. 5 Kindergarten	Teachers of the Beijing No. 5 Kindergarten
	2:00pm	Group Discussions: Reflections and exchange with Chinese teachers on differences and similarities in teaching practices and their supporting rationale between teachers from the two countries		
	4:00pm	Joint Activity: Making toys with recycled materials (with Chinese teachers)		
	6:00pm	Special gathering: Learn to make dumplings; dinner; and party		

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July 10 Tuesday	8:00am	Site Visit: The Beijing Bilingual Kindergarten 1) observe English lessons taught by Chinese teachers 2) participants may volunteer to teach a brief English lesson (15 minutes) to children	The Beijing Bilingual Kindergarten	Teachers of the Beijing Bilingual Kindergarten
	2:00pm	Seminar 17: Bilingual education in Chinese Kindergartens	The Beijing Bilingual Kindergarten	Dr. Yu Zhenyou and Professor Zhu Shiyuan of Beijing Normal University
July 11 Wednesday	9:00am	Seminar 18: Face Painting of Peking Opera Hands-on activity—face painting; dress up with Peking Opera costumes	Peking Opera House	Senior researcher (to be named) of the Research Institute of Chinese Peking Opera
	5:00pm	Group Meeting: Summary and Evaluation; Reflection and discussion; Q&A	Hotel	Mandatory meeting for all participants
	8:00pm	Peking Opera Show	Chang'an Peking Opera House	
July 12 Thursday	All day	Site visit: Tour the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs	Great Wall and Ming Tombs	
July 13 Friday	8:30am	Site Visit: Beijing Children's Welfare Institute	Beijing Children's Welfare Institute	Ms. Wan Yun, Director of Beijing Children's Welfare Institute
	1:00pm	Work session: Putting it together!	Hotel	Participants will work in groups on their unit plans and travel journals
July 14 Saturday	9:00am	Seminar 19: Children's literature in China	Hotel	Ms. Ju Yitong, Distinguished ECE Teacher
	2:00pm	Seminar 20: Math and Science Education in Chinese Kindergartens	Hotel	TBA
July 15 Sunday	All Day	Free exploration		
July 16 Monday	8:00am	Departure for Pinggu County of Beijing (arrive at Beijing Teacher's Retreat House before noon)	Pinggu County, Beijing	
	1:30pm	Site Visit: Kindergarten and elementary school in Pinggu County (a rural area near Beijing)	Pinggu County, Beijing	Stay overnight in Pinggu

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July 17 Tuesday	8:20am	Return to downtown Beijing (arrive in Beijing before lunch)		
	1:30pm	Free exploration		
July 18 Wednesday	6:00am	Site Visit: Beijing Jingshan Park and the Children's Palace	Jingshan Park, Beijing	
	11:30pm	Site Visit: Beihai Park; the Hutong tour	Beihai Park	Lunch at Fangshan
	4:00pm	Site Visit: Xiushui Market		Popular market place for visitors and tourists
July 19 Thursday	8:00am	Site Visit: Temple of Heaven and The Chinese Folk Art Workshop		
	3:30pm	Free exploration, packing up		
	8:30pm	Group Meeting: Summary and Evaluation; Reflection and discussion; Q&A	Hotel	Mandatory meetings for all participants
July 20 Friday	10:00am	Departure for Washington, U.S.A.		