TAILOR-MADE EDUCATIONAL TOURS FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

CHINA TOUR
Beijing, Xian & Shanghai
SUGGESTED ITINERARY: China Tour
SUBJECT FOCUS: Economics, Business Studies & Geography

Day 1
**AUSTRALIA ➔ BEIJING**
- Overnight flight to Beijing

Day 2
**BEIJING**
- Arrive in Beijing where you will be met by your private English Speaking Guide and transferred to your hotel.
- **Sightseeing:**
  - **Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City:** Lying at the centre of Beijing and across from Tiananmen Square, the forbidden City houses an extensive collection of 980 buildings. For almost 500 years, it served as the home of emperors and their households, as well as the ceremonial and political centre of Chinese government.
  - **Summer Place:** The Summer Place is mainly dominated by Longevity Hill and the Kunming Lake. Elaborate Qing-style pavilions, bridges, walkways and gardens are in abundance, scattered along the shores of the immense Lake.
- Dinner at local restaurant
- **Kung Fu Show:** Enjoy a visually stunning show with a great story line and martial arts skills. Overnight Beijing

Meal Inclusions:
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 3
**BEIJING**
- Breakfast at hotel
- **Sightseeing:**
  - **Great Wall at Juyongguan Section:** One of the Wonders of the world, this impressive 6000km long wall was built to protect the Chinese Empire from Northern Invaders. This is an awe-inspiring feat of ancient defensive architecture. Its winding path over rugged country and steep mountains takes in some jaw-dropping scenery.
  - **Yanjing Brewery:** Beijing Yanjing Brewery was founded in 1980. The brewery covers an area of 2.22 km² (550 acres), employs approximately 20,000 employees, and is one of the largest beer manufacturers in China. The main product is Yanjing Beer. Yanjing Brewery has expanded aggressively via acquisition over the last few years to fend off increasing competition from foreign brands.
- Dinner at local restaurant

Meal Inclusions:
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 4
**BEIJING**
- Breakfast at hotel
- **Activities & Sightseeing:**
  - **Chinese Cookery Lesson:** Students will enjoy a hands on Chinese Cookery lesson which will include cleaver skills and wok season skills. The school will demonstrate 4 – 5 dishes and the students will practise 2 – 3 before partaking in their creation at lunchtime.
  - **Kung Fu Lesson:** Kung Fu is also known as martial arts. There are actually different styles of kung fu, differing in general techniques, specific poses and even underlying philosophies of thought and spirituality. These martial arts classes are divided among specific families, sects and schools. Each of these abide by the roots of kung fu but honour their own specific and unique modes of operation and technique. Taking any one of these classes will do wonders for helping you train for an upcoming competition, sharpening your skills and refining your existing knowledge base. And even if you have absolutely no existing experience, you can still find beginner classes that cater to all ages, so you won’t have to feel out of place regardless of you age or experience level.
  - **Tea Ceremony:** Tea is the Chinese people’s daily drink, it has a long history and is part of Chinese culture. The tea ceremony demonstrates different kinds of tea, their individual tastes,
colours, shapes, smells and how they affect the human body. The Tea ceremony is an art and people can watch the elegant tea-making demonstration and taste the tea.

- **Hutong Walking Tour or Rickshaw Ride:** Take a walking tour or Rickshaw ride through Beijing’s traditional back alleys known as Hutongs. See traditional courtyard residences characteristic of how the majority of the population lived in Beijing until the mid-twentieth century. Many Hutongs have been demolished in recent years to make way for modern development but some areas have been protected because of their historic and cultural significance.
  - Dinner at local restaurant
  - Overnight Beijing

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<td>The Temple of Heaven in the southern part of Beijing is China’s largest existing complex of ancient sacrificial buildings. Occupying an area of 273 hectares, it is three times the area of the Forbidden City. It was built in 1420 as a place for emperors to worship Heaven. At the heart of the Temple is the Hall of Prayer for good harvest where the Emperor came each year to request good harvests in the divine capacity as the son of heaven.</td>
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<td><strong>Sightseeing:</strong> Beijing Zoo to see the Pandas</td>
<td>The Beijing Zoo was built in 1906 in Qing Dynasty with an area of only 10 hectares and a few humble pavilions to house the animals. It was named as “Wansheng Garden” (Ten-Thousand Animal Garden) and officially renamed as Beijing Zoo in 1955. Now it covers an area of 86 hectares, breeding over 5000 animals in more than 450 species. Beijing Zoo has rare Chinese animals, such as the Giant Panda, the Golden Monkey, the Red Panda, Sichuan golden monkey, Manchurian tigers, yaks from Tibet, enormous sea turtles and also a strong selection from around the world.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Huaqing Hot Spring Park:</strong> Situated at the foot of the Li Mountain, these springs, favoured by Emperors, have maintained a pleasant 43 degrees temperature for over 1000 years. The park was built during the Western Zhou Dynasty and enlarged by the emperor Xuanzong during the Tang Dynasty. In modern history the political and military leader Chiang Kai Shek was arrested here in 1936.</td>
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<td><strong>Sightseeing:</strong> Terracotta Warriors</td>
<td>- <strong>Terracotta Warriors:</strong> No visit to China is complete without a visit to the awesome Terracotta Warriors. Discovered accidentally by a farmer in March 1974, the Terracotta Army was found near the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang. The army of nearly 7000 warriors with armaments, horses and chariots were made and buried in pits over two thousand years ago to guard the Emperor in the after-life. It took 38 years and 720,000 builders to complete the Terra-Cotta army and each warrior has individual features and is an average of 1.8 metres tall.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Muslim Night Market</strong></td>
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<td>- <strong>Ancient City Wall:</strong> The city walls of Xian are the most complete city walls to have survived in China and are one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world. The walls, which are surrounded by a deep moat, are 13.7 kilometres long, 12m tall and12-14m wide at the top. Originally built during the old Tang Dynasty (618 - 907), Zhu Yuanzhang, the first Emperor of the Ming dynasty (1368-1644) began to enlarge the wall creating the modern Xian</td>
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Day 8

XIAN ➔ SHANGHAI

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Xian Airport for your flight to Shanghai
- Arrive in Shanghai

**Sightseeing:**
- **Jade Buddha Temple:** In 1882, an old temple was built to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. The temple was destroyed during the revolution that overthrew the Qing Dynasty. Fortunately the statues were saved and a new temple was built on the present site in 1928.
- **French Concession:** The Shanghai French Concession was a foreign concession in Shanghai, China from 1849 until 1946, and it was progressively expanded in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
- Dinner at local restaurant

Overnight Shanghai

Day 9

SHANGHAI

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Activities & Sightseeing**
  - **Guided tour of the Financial District:** Shanghai is the commercial and financial center of mainland China, and ranks fifth in the 2011 edition of the Global Financial Centres Index published by the City of London (since fallen). It was the largest and most prosperous city in the Far East during the 1930s, and rapid re-development began in 1990s. This is exemplified by the Pudong District, which became a pilot area for integrated economic reforms. By the end of 2009, there were 787 financial institutions, of which 170 were foreign-invested
  - **Lecture on Chinese Economics:** A lecturer from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics will deliver the lecture at your hotel. The university was founded in 1917 and comprises 12 academic schools, one graduate school and more than 20 Finance and Economics research centres.
  - **Silk Factory:** Next stop is a visit to a Silk Mill; during the factory tour students will learn about everything from silkworm cultivation through to the production of silk thread on a silk reeling mill for use in textiles and embroidery.
    - **OR**
    - **Boa Steel Plant:** Bao Steel Factory is a large iron and steel conglomerate and is the second largest steel producer in the world with an annual production of approximately 20 million tons. The Factory employs around 109,000 employees, has annual revenue of around $21.5 billion and produces a mix of high-quality products.
- Dinner at local restaurant

Overnight Shanghai

Day 10

SHANGHAI

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Sightseeing:**
  - **Shanghai Volkswagen Factory:** Shanghai Volkswagen Factory was founded in 1985, the first joint-venture company in China. Visit the assembly line workshop where different parts of the car are put together. Volkswagen also plans to start production of electric cars at its two Chinese joint ventures, Shanghai Volkswagen and FAW Volkswagen.
  - **Zhujiajiao Water Town:** Zhujiajiao is a water town located on the outskirts of Shanghai. Established approximately 1,700 years ago, archaeological findings have been found dating
back 5000 years ago along with 36 stone bridges. Many ancient buildings are still on show on the riverbanks today.

- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight Shanghai

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<td>- Shanghai Science &amp; Technology Museum: The museum covers an area of 68,000 square meters, a floor space of 98,000 square meters and an exhibition space of 65,500 square meters. As of July 2010 the museum will have attracted over 23,000,000 visitors making it one of China’s most visited modern museums.</td>
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<td>- Yu Garden: Onto the Yu Garden, a traditional Chinese Park with beautiful pavilions, miniature lakes and bridges; a masterpiece of Chinese gardening.</td>
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<td>- Nanjing Road (for Shopping): Enjoy some souvenir shopping on Shanghai’s main street.</td>
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<td>- Guided tour of the Bund: The Shanghai Bund lies north of the old walled city and has many historical colonial buildings lining the Huangpu River. The area was initially a British settlement; later the British and American settlements were combined into an International Settlement. A building boom at the end of 19th century and beginning of the 20th century led to the Bund becoming a major financial hub of East Asia. The area once had numerous banks and trading houses from the United Kingdom, France, the United States, Italy, Russia, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands and Belgium.</td>
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<td>Transfer by private coach to airport for your flight back to Australia</td>
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INCLUSIONS

✓ Return airport transfers from the arrival airport to your hotel
✓ All accommodation
✓ All transport as outlined in the itinerary
✓ Meals as outlined in the itinerary
✓ English speaking guide throughout
✓ Tips for drivers & guides throughout
✓ Admission to all activities and attractions as outline in the itinerary
✓ Information on resorts, hotels and excursions with guidebooks and maps available on request
✓ 24 hour emergency back-up and support

EXTRAS TO BUDGET FOR

• Travel insurance - it is company policy that each student and teacher arranges their own travel insurance, we recommend QBE Travel Insurance to all our groups.
• Visas
• Transport to and from Sydney Airport
• Meals and drinks not included in the itinerary
• Drinks - water is provided with meals. Soft drinks and juices at extra cost
• Additional excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
• Spending money – souvenirs and extras

AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

Changes are permitted and any additional charges will be assessed at time of change.

• Cancellations are permitted at a cost from $180 per person
• Amendment fees apply to all bookings from $50 per person.
• Please be aware that changes require a minimum 24 hours notice.
• In addition certain change/cancellation policies may be imposed by airlines/wholesalers.

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Travelbound Education creates tailor-made school tours that support educational enrichment and aim to expand minds outside the classroom. Our subject related itineraries for secondary schools are based on curriculum or learning goals. We only work with secondary schools and send away over 20,000 students every year. With over 26 years’ experience and a proud reputation, Travelbound has developed direct relationships with our suppliers which enables us to provide you with the most competitive price possible. Travelbound are committed to providing a personal, friendly and dedicated expert service to all our schools to deliver a fun and memorable experience.

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• As part of Travelopia, the largest leisure company in the world, Travelbound offers the highest level of financial protection to all our school groups and we are fully ATOL bonded.

• Travelbound is a Travel Compensation Fund Participant which is Australia’s means of providing compensation to eligible travelers who suffer loss as a result of the financial collapse of a participating travel agency business.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

1. **Amendments:** Contact us should you wish to make any amendments or would like an idea of how much any extra excursions would cost.

2. **Make a provisional booking:** Place a ‘no obligation’ provisional booking with us, which will be held for 3 weeks, enabling you to promote the trip to the students. We will be happy to provide any promotional material to ensure that you reach the desired group size.

3. **Confirm your booking:** Contact us within 3 weeks of making the provisional booking and send us the completed booking form, along with the relevant deposit amount.

4. **Coordinating your tour:** Your tour coordinator will be your main point of contact to discuss any queries you may have regarding the finer details of your trip. They will forward a confirmation pack and book all the components of your tour to ensure that you receive a trip of a lifetime!