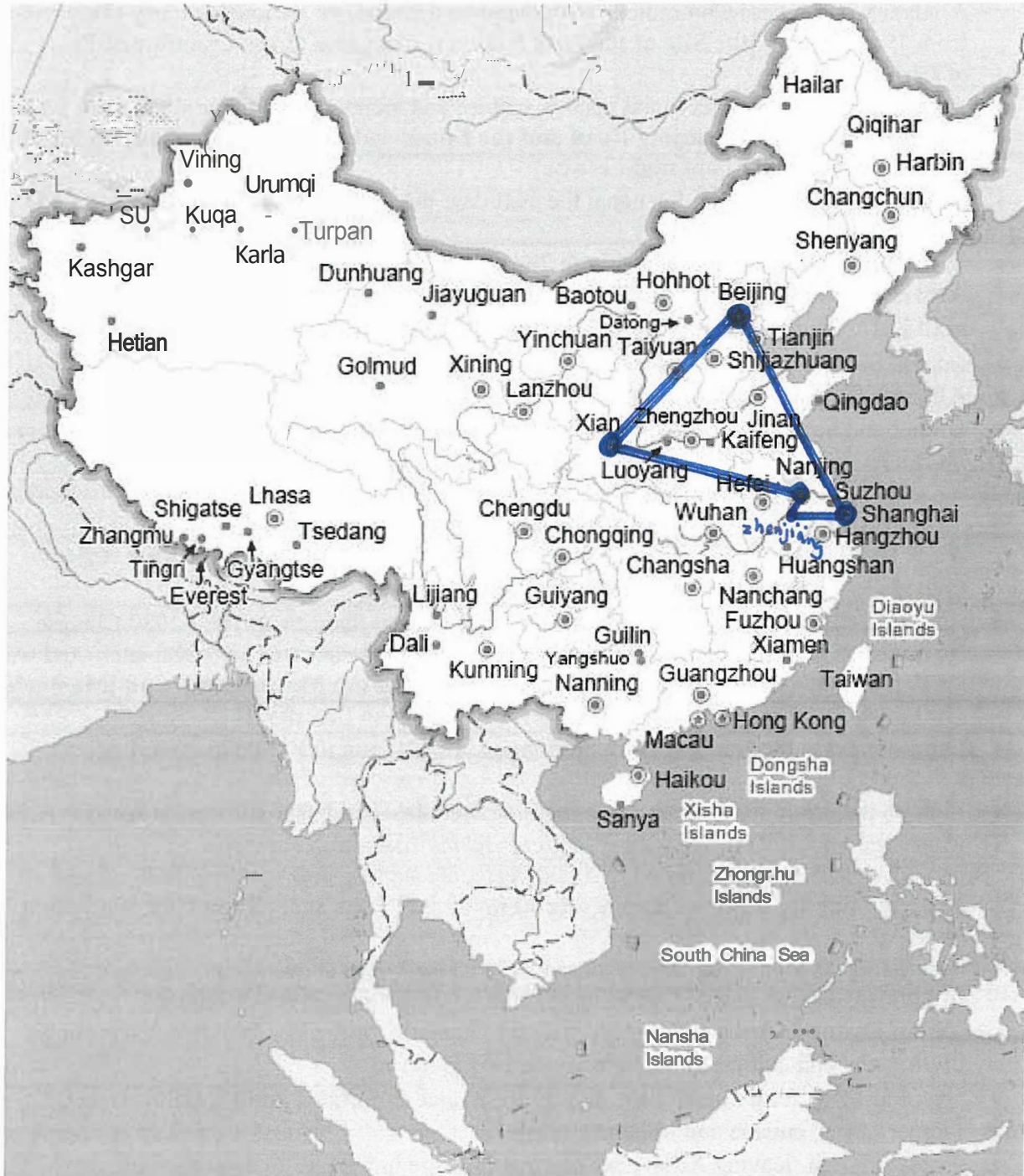


Randolph College Study Abroad

Discover China

Beijing-Shanghai-Zhenjiang-Nanjing-Xi' An 12 Days

2018 Tentative Itinerary



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Day 1 Leaving Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Day 2 The group will be picked up at Shanghai Pu-dong International Airport (PVG).
Dinner and hotel (two bottles of water)

Day 3

- Morning: 1. Shanghai since 1980s: economic development and consuming culture [**Zheng-da Square**] (Shanghai New Financial Center); [**Oriental Pearl Tower**]; 2. History of Chinese Communist Party (Mainland China) vs Nationalist Party (Taiwan) from 1920s to now [**the Site of the First National Congress of the Communist Party of China (1921)**]
- Afternoon: 3. Shanghai colonial history, culture and architecture: Imperialism from 19th to early 20th century [**Nanjing Road and the Bund**] and [**Night view of Nanjing Road and the Bund**]; and [**boat night cruise**]
- Dinner and hotel (leaving Shanghai the next day; put luggage in the bus in the morning)

Day 4

- Morning: Traditional southern culture, lifestyle and southern classic garden [**Old City God Temple**]; [**Shanghai Si4 Pai2 Lou2**]: southern style residential street built in 1600s; [**Shanghai cuisine and Shanghai fashion Street**]
- Lunch: Shanghai cuisine and snack
- Afternoon: Bus to Zhenjiang (Pearl S. Buck hometown)
- Dinner and hotel (leaving Zhenjiang next morning and students put luggage in the bus in the morning)

Day 5

- Morning: Visit [**Pearl S. Buck Museum**]; [**P. S. Buck Residential House**]; [**P. S. Buck Square**]; [**P. S. Buck High School China**] and activities with the students (We walk to the museum; no need to pick up the group)
- Afternoon: Bus to Nanjing (the Capitals of four ancient dynasties); 1800-1980 Chinese Revolutions, political history (nationalist leader Sun Yat-sun and Jiang Kai-shek) and wars (WWII and anti-Japanese), and their impact. [**Sun Yat-sun Mausoleum**]; and [**Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders**]
- Dinner (next to the Nanjing Train Station), overnight train to Xi'an (13 hours)

Day 6

- Pick up the group from Xi'an Train Station; Breakfast and bus to Terracotta Army
- Morning: Ancient Chinese history, culture and civilization: Xi'an, the Capital to 11 ancient dynasties over a period of 4,000 years; the starting point of the Silk Road; the Chinese minority regions) [**Terracotta Army**] 2,200 years ago; [**Xi'an City Wall**] built in 1370
- Afternoon: Xi'an has the largest museums in China which shows China's ancient history of politics, culture, and Art/art history; Chinese ethnic minority and religion [**Xi'an History Museum**] or [**Shaanxi Art Museum**] with 370,000 relics chronicling civilization and culture as far back as prehistoric times;
- Evening: [**Big Wild Goose Pagoda Square Music Fountain**] and [**Muslims street**]
- Dinner (Xi'an cuisine and Muslim Cuisine)
- Hotel in Xi'an (leaving Xi'an next day; put luggage in the bus the next morning)

Day7

- Breakfast (bus drive us to Xi'an University Campus)
- Morning students' activities: **[meeting Chinese students]** (RC students meet Xi'an University students); **[observing Beginning Chinese conversation classes]**; **[attending Calligraphy and Ceramic class]**; **[visiting labs]** of College of Environmental Science;
- Lunch with Xi'an University students in student cafeteria)
- Afternoon: activities of RC students with Chinese students; faculty activities
- Dinner (near Xi'an Train Station)+ Overnight train to Beijing (12 hours)

Day8

- Picking up the group from Beijing Railway Station; Breakfast; Bus to Tian'anmen Square
- Morning: Beijing- the Capitals of the People's Republic of China and 6 ancient dynasties; the center of historical, political and cultural civilization; Old Beijing with western influence. Provide subway map, experience subway **[Tiananmen Square]**; **[Forbidden City]**; **[Mao's Mausoleum]**; **[Great Hall of the People]**; **[Monument to the People's Heroes]**
- Lunch: Beijing Duck
- Afternoon: Chinese history and Emperors (the First and Second Opium War and Eight-nation Alliance armed forces (1800-1900) **[The Summer Place]**- or "Garden of Gardens" - the construction; the burning and re-construction of the Imperial garden complemented by hills, rivers, bridges, temples, walkways, and ceremonial halls and artworks)
- Evening: **[Wang Fu Jing Snack Street and Night Food Market]**
- Dinner: Beijing cuisine

Day9

- Morning: Beijing-[the **Great Wall**] Earliest part built in 7th century BC; later joined together and made bigger and stronger, the most famous parts were built in 220-206 BC by Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China who also built the Terracotta Armies. The Great Wall has been rebuilt, maintained, and enhanced over various dynasties; the majority of the existing wall is from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).
- Lunch (Northern Cuisine)
- Afternoon for students: Activities with students of Beijing University of Technology
Afternoon for faculty: China in 21st century **[China Military Museum]**
- **5:30-6:30 [Beijing Golden Dynasty Show] or [Acrobatic Show]**
- Evening: **[Wang Fu Jing Commercial Center]**
- Dinner: Beijing northern cuisine

Day 10

- Breakfast: Traditional Chinese breakfast after or before Tai Chi practice.
- Morning: Experience Beijing people's morning life **[Tai Chi practice]** with the master (1 hour); **[Rickshaw]** tour in **(Beijing old alleyways (Hutong))** and **[Beijing's old Courtyard Houses]**; Chinese Religion (Taoism and Taoist temple) and the annual ceremonies of prayer (heaven worship **[the Temple of Heaven]**, earth worship **[the Temple of Earth]**; sun worship **[the Temple of Sun]** and moon worship **[the Temple of Moon]**)
- Lunch: Mongolian hot pot

- Afternoon: [**Beijing 798 Art District**] - covers an area of 148 acres (60 hectares); comprises a complex of 50-year-old decommissioned military factory buildings boasting a unique architectural style; with galleries, design studios, art exhibition spaces, artists' studios, fashionable shops, restaurants, bars etc.; holds important international art exhibitions and art activities as well as fashion shows.
- Dinner
- Beijing Night Life: [**Hou-hai Bar Street**] - karaoke, music, show, shopping and eating); and [**Nanluoguxiang**] - an one-kilometer Beijing hutong, which attracts more and more visitors to enjoy a relaxing walk. On the road: boutiques, desserts shops, crafts shops and local residences are lined.

Day 11

- Morning: Compare and Contrast Old and New Beijing [**Chinese National History Museum**] and [**Beijing City Plan Museum**]
- Afternoon: Tea Culture [**Tian-fu Tea House**]; traditional commercial business street [**Dashilanr**] - with a few 100 year China Time-honored brand stores, well-known both at China and abroad (Tongrentang: Chinese herbal medicine store; Rui Fu Xiang: silk store; Ma Ju Yuan: hat store; Nei Lian Sheng: shoe store; Zhang Yi Yuan: tea shop; Liu Bi Ju: pickle shop; Yi Pin Zhai etc.) All stores located here are the symbols of wealth. [**Liulichang Cultural Street**] - started in 1271 as a colored glaze factory and became a bazaar of calligraphy, painting, copybook, artifacts and the four treasures of the study. i.e. writing brush, ink stick, ink slab and paper.
- Dinner (Laobian Restaurant, northern cuisine)

Day 12

- Breakfast
- Departure banquet (lunch or dinner depending on the flight at Shanghai Restaurant near Wang-fu-jing Commercial Center)
- If we have free time, experience the Beijing Modern Subway and modern buses with wifi; enjoy the Beijing fresh bakery and do last minute shopping with Professor An
- Students leave for Beijing International Airport (BIA)