Proposed China Tour

Ouyen P-12 College is offering the opportunity for students (Years 9-11) and community members to join us on a guided tour of the delights of China.

China, the sleeping giant of history is awakening – get a first-hand look at this fascinating nation.

See the history, the pandas and the ever changing cities. See the nation that plays such an important part in Australia’s prosperity.

Presently the trip is planned to take place sometime in Term 4, subject to issues such as sufficient interest. At a minimum at least 20 people will need to take part.

Details of Trip

Experience one of the world’s Endangered species in its natural environment. Combined with the old cities of Xian and Beijing and the bright lights of Shanghai this is the ultimate Chinese cultural experience for students.

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA – SHANGHAI (D)

Fly from Australia to Shanghai. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Includes snack on arrival.

DAY 2 SHANGHAI (B,L,D)

Experience exotic Shanghai, China’s most cosmopolitan city. Walk along the Bund, with its famous European architecture. Visit the classical Yu Gardens, the Underground Tunnel, Grand Hyatt Tower with its panoramic views from the 88th floor and browse through the Shanghai Museum of art and history. In the evening enjoy an Acrobat Show.

DAY 3 SHANGHAI – CHENGDU (B,D)

Morning flight. Transfer to your hotel before visiting the Tea Houses at People’s Park and in the evening, the Sichuan Opera.

DAY 4 BIFENGXIA (B,L,D)

Full day excursion to Bifengxia to see the amazing pandas. Return to Chengdu for overnight.

DAY 5 CHENGDU – XIAN (B,L)

Visit the Leshan Buddha today before transferring to the airport for your flight to Xian. On arrival transfer to the hotel.
DAY 6 XI’AN – BEIJING (B,L,D)

This morning visit the Terracotta Warriors and Horses, regarded as the 8th Wonder of the World, sculpted to guard Emperor Qin upon his death. Continue with a cycling tour on the City wall before transferring to the overnight train to Beijing.

DAY 7 BEIJING (B,L)

On arrival transfer to your hotel before visiting Tiananmen Square where Mao Tse-tung raised the flag of the People’s Republic and the Temple of Heaven, a group of 15th century ceremonial buildings in a walled park including the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest, built entirely of wood without any nails and step back in time at the Forbidden City, the centre of the Chinese world during 24 Ming and Qing dynasties. While today you can easily walk through the pavilions, palaces and courtyards of the Imperial Palace, the emperors only rarely emerged from behind the red walls of their 72 hectares home. This afternoon visit the beautifully preserved Summer Palace with its ornamental gardens, lake and characteristic pavilions. In the evening enjoy a Peking Duck dinner.

DAY 8 GREAT WALL (B,L,D)

Early start for the 2,000 years old, 6,350 kms long Great Wall. Originally built in sections by individual feudal states, the sections were connected by Emperor Qin Shihuang when he unified China. You will visit the Mutianyu section typical of the Ming Dynasty. Followed by a visit for a photo-stop at the Olympic Stadium en-route. Enjoy a Kung Fu show in the evening.

DAY 9 BEIJING – AUSTRALIA (B)

Morning at leisure before afternoon transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to Australia.

Meals key: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = Dinner

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Costs - Projected

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Expression of Interest

My child……………………………………………………….is interested in taking part in the trip to China in 2015.

Signed…………………………………………………..Date…………………………………