

International Studies Summer Institutes for Teachers

China: Yesterday's Memories, Today's Challenges

Its Education, Politics, History, Culture and Economics

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Organized by FACDIS

The West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2010

APPLICATION LINK: <http://www.wvu.edu/~facdis/summerinstitutes/index.html>

This summer program will take participants on an eleven-day, ten-night tour of China. Participants will acquire resources relating to the teaching of history, politics, education, culture and economics. Among the locations visited will be Beijing, Guilin, Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hangzhou, all of which are rich in history and culture. From Beijing, of course, we will visit such sites as the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs. Guilin is especially notable for its picturesque scenery and Shanghai for its vibrant, modern economy. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit a Chinese school, among many other locations and activities.

The tour will be lead by experienced Chinese guides as well as FACDIS Director, Dr. Jack Hammersmith, who has taught Chinese history at WVU for over forty years. Assistant FACDIS Director, Gretchen Peterec, will also accompany the group.

What Will Teachers Receive?

The trip includes economy airfare from Pittsburgh to Beijing with a return from Shanghai. The price will include airport transfers, lodging, bus transportation, most meals, entrance fees and guides (though not gratuities), and regular education activities. Participants will be asked to contribute \$800 with FACDIS paying the remainder or approximately \$2,000. Please see attached for proposed itinerary.

What are Costs to Teachers?

- Participants are asked to pay a portion of the trip (see above), \$200 of which is a non-refundable registration/administrative fee. We need to receive your check for \$100 by March 1; it is non-refundable, if the applicant is chosen for the trip. The additional \$700 will be due in two payments: \$300 to be received by April 1 (with \$100 of that non-refundable), and \$400 to be received by May 1. Checks should be made payable to West Virginia University).
- Three hours of professional development graduate credit will be available through West Virginia University, for a cost to teacher of \$130.00 for the three hours.
- Participants must have a valid passport with at least six months remaining on it at the time of departure. They will also need a Chinese Tourist Visa (see below).
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- Participants must purchase international health insurance through the West Virginia University Office of International Programs. Further information on the insurance will be provided in the acceptance packet. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$25.

In addition, teachers must cover costs of transportation to/from the departing airport, a few meals, optional tour activities and other personal costs.

Selection of Participants:

In the very likely event that more applications are received than can be accepted, the personal statements/essays will be important factors in the final selection process. Applicants may want to discuss how the experience in China will likely affect classes and curriculum (be as specific as possible); evidence of any relevant teaching experiences (e.g., teaching awards); and professional goals and values which might be fulfilled by this opportunity. Teachers who have met their past academic responsibilities with FACDIS will be given additional consideration. The trip will be limited to fifteen participants.

Participation Requirements:

Participants who are selected will be required to complete a confidential health form and submit a physician's statement, requirements of the WVU Office of International Programs. Also required will be the purchase of international insurance through the WVU OIP at minimal cost (probably about \$25). **Potential applicants should be aware of the fact that the flights to and from China are lengthy and tiring, and some of the activities such as climbing the Great Wall are physically demanding. In addition, air quality, especially in Beijing, is often poor and may pose a hazard to those with pulmonary or other health conditions.**

Course Requirements:

As a follow-up to the trip, teachers will be required to submit lesson plans for a curriculum unit on China, and should teach it in their classes as appropriate during the year. Lesson plans should cover a minimum of 5-7 regular class periods. Lesson plans will be due in the FACDIS Office by **September 30, 2010.**

Responsibility:

West Virginia University (WVU) and FACDIS serve only to assist in arranging travel for its participating constituents and does not in any way represent or act as agent for transportation carriers and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. Travel and services are subject only to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and WVU and the travel agency are not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect or any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses caused by sickness, weather, strikes, wars, natural disasters, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. WVU and the authorized travel agency reserve the right to change the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. They also reserve the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the appropriate tour leader to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participants. The contracted travel agency also reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, included, but not limited to tours based on a minimum number of participants.

Applicants will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline of their acceptance into the trip.

Having already sent a non-refundable check for \$100, accepted applicants will then need to send their payments according to the schedule indicated above (\$300 to be received by April 1--\$100 of which is non-refundable) and \$400 to be received by May 1. Checks should be made payable to West Virginia University).

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Proposed itinerary

Day 1 Beijing: On arrival in Beijing, meet our guide and transfer to the hotel for four nights. If time permits, visit the Temple of Heaven.

Day 2 Beijing: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for an excursion to the Great Wall at Badaling section, 75 km away from the city. You will walk along the Wall to enjoy the beautiful view of the northern mountain ranges. Afternoon visit to the Sacred Way and the Changling Tomb-one of the Ming Tombs. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 3 Beijing: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for a guided tour, including a morning visit to the Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Afternoon proceed to the Summer Palace. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 4 Beijing: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for a guided tour of the ancient Beijing Hutong by a pedicab ride to see the old city alley and residential area in downtown Beijing including a local family and Bell or Drum Tower. Afternoon visit to the Lama Temple and a school.

Day 5 Guilin: Morning flight to Guilin; meet a local guide and depart for a visit to the Reed Flute cave, Fubo hill or Elephant Trunk hill. Two nights at the four-star Guilin Bravo Hotel. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 6 Guilin: A whole day visit to the Li River, enjoying a relaxing five-hour boat cruise down the Li River to the Yangshuo, exploring Yangshuo and visiting a peasant family, traveling back to Guilin by road. Lunch and dinner included.

DAY 7 Shanghai: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for one day Shanghai city tour, including Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, the Bund (historic foreign enclave), Shanghai Museum. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 8 Shanghai/Suzhou: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for a day-long excursion, by road, to Suzhou. Visits to the Garden of the Master of the Fishing Nets and the Garden of Couples and a silk factory as well as a short cruise on the Grand Canal before returning to Shanghai. Lunch and dinner included.

Day 9 Shanghai/Hangzhou: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for a day-long excursion, by road or train, to Hangzhou, one of China's historic capitals. Visit the Lingyin Temple (Monastery of the Hidden Souls) and take the boat cruise on West Lake, then coach back to Shanghai. Lunch and dinner included.

DAY 10: Shanghai: Free day to explore and shop.

DAY 11: Departure from hotel and transfer to the airport for flight home.