

Ancient Beijing

Jun 22 - Jun 29, 2020

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

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Depart From:

Charlotte



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels

- ✓ Double Occupancy
- ✓ Beijing Tour with Guide
- ✓ Taiji Exercises
- ✓ Temple of Heaven
- ✓ Forbidden City
- ✓ Tiananmen Square



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner
(unless otherwise noted)**



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Peking Duck Dinner
- ✓ Great Wall of China
- ✓ Kung Fu Show
- ✓ Visit with Local Students in Beijing
- ✓ Summer Palace
- ✓ Kunming Lake Boat Ride
- ✓ Rickshaw Tour of Hutong Area
- ✓ Chinese Tea Ceremony

OUR promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

cultural connections



HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

Visit with Local Students in Beijing

Compare typical Chinese and American school days with students at a Beijing school.

Chinese Tea Ceremony in Beijing

China's history is steeped in tea: A ceremony highlights the varieties, flavors and preparation traditions.

Taiji Exercises

Join locals for Taiji exercises and meditation on the grounds of the Temple of Heaven.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 8 days

Jun 22, 2020: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jun 23, 2020: Beijing

Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and begin to explore the exciting capital city of Beijing. As the former seat of the Ming and Qing dynasties, the city is steeped in history and is considered China's cultural and political center.

Jun 24, 2020: Beijing

Start the day with the popular Taiji exercises alongside local residents, who practice this synchronized form of martial-arts-related exercise to boost physical strength and mental clarity. Then it's on to some of Beijing's most revered attractions, starting with the stunning Temple of Heaven, built in the early 1400s by the Yongle emperor. The same emperor also ordered the construction of the next destination, the awe-inspiring Forbidden City, which served as the imperial palace from the early 1400s until 1912. Then your guided sightseeing tour shows you Tiananmen Square, the center of the city. If all that sightseeing works up an appetite, you're in luck: A traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant concludes the day's menu of activities. (B,L,D)

Jun 25, 2020: Beijing

The day begins with a trip to the Great Wall of China, one of the world's most amazing feats of engineering. You'll visit the Juyongguan section, an impregnable, fortress-like portion that includes one of only three passages through the wall. En route you'll see the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics, which marked only the third time an East Asian country has hosted the event. After dinner enjoy an entertaining Kung Fu show where you'll understand why this graceful form of martial arts has prevailed for centuries. (B,D)

Jun 26, 2020: Beijing

An all-day cultural-exchange visit with students at a local school will offer unique, real-life insights into life in this fascinating country and provide a chance to practice your Chinese—or learn a bit of the language—with those who speak it most fluently. You'll get a chance to compare notes on things such as education, family customs and lifestyles in an informal setting that promotes meaningful conversations and shared understanding. (B,D)

Jun 27, 2020: Beijing

Start the day with a trip to the Summer Palace, built in the mid-1700s as a luxurious oasis for royal families. Today it's a well-preserved park, filled with magnificent gardens, tranquil ponds and artfully designed pavilions, temples and bridges. During your visit, you'll get a different perspective of the park during a boat cruise on Kunming Lake. In the afternoon enjoy a visit to the 798 Art Zone in the Dashanzi District, where artists and cultural organizations have transformed a complex of factories into a hip and funky neighborhood filled with eclectic art galleries, artists' studios and restaurants. Afterwards, take advantage of free time to see more of



this enchanting city at your own speed, perhaps taking in cultural treasures such as the National Art Museum of China or the Beijing Capital Museum.

Jun 28, 2020: Beijing

The morning begins with a rickshaw tour of the Hutong area, the local name for the narrow streets and alleyways that offer a timeless look at “old” Beijing. Then witness a traditional tea ceremony, a ritual that reflects the important role this calming beverage plays in Chinese culture. Afterward, discover more of Beijing at your leisure, perhaps visiting Fragrant Hills Park, a former imperial garden, or Fayuan Temple, the city's oldest Buddhist temple, built by the Tang dynasty 1,300 years ago.

Jun 29, 2020: Departure

Depart for the USA.

Optional Extensions and Extra Nights:

Continue your immersion in Chinese history and culture on a two-night extension to Shanghai by flight from Beijing including sightseeing and attractions such as the Jade Buddha Temple and Yu Yuan Garden. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





learning objectives

1. Students will become acquainted with the history of one or more of the major Chinese Dynasties, such as the Ming, Qing, Han, and Tang and some of their important contributions to art, architecture, science, and government.
2. Students will learn about key events and periods in Chinese history and of its current communist governmental system.
3. Students will experience a traditional school day for a Chinese student and will be able to compare and contrast it with the school system in the United States.

tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$4415
Early Registration Discount	\$-300

Total Participant Fees ²	\$4115
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² Valid through 11/01/18 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Single Room Supplement	\$570
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$240
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$200

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



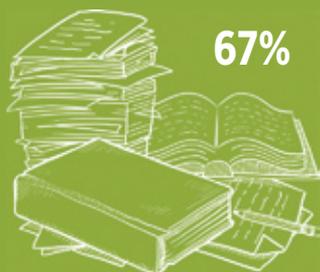
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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