

Itinerary

The Foote School China Experience 2016

Day 1 (Sun 3/06) New Haven/Newark/Beijing (UA89 11:50A/3:00P+1)

Meet in Foote's lower school parking lot off Canner Street at 6:00 a.m. for a group photo and family farewells. Take a bus to Newark Airport. Check in and have an early lunch. Depart via United Airlines non-stop service to Beijing.

Day 2 (Mon 3/07) Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and meet local host Zhu Weifang. Settle in at the Beijing Foreign Studies University Hotel. Exchange money, have supper, and take a walk around the neighborhood. Return to the hotel.

Day 3 (Tues 3/08) Beijing

After an early breakfast in the hotel, depart for the **Great Wall**. On the way, visit a jade workshop. Have lunch, then spend the day hiking 6.5 miles from Gubeikou to Jinshanling. Back in Beijing, go out to dinner with students from Remnin University. Return to the hotel.

Day 4 (Wed 3/09) Beijing

After breakfast in the hotel, visit the **Temple of Heaven**. Engage in activities in the surrounding park, including a Tai Chi lesson; take part in a tea ceremony. After a traditional noodle lunch, see how **silk** is made at a local factory; then spend the afternoon at the Hong Qiao Market. Enjoy a Beijing roast duck dinner; watch a performance at the Tianqiao **Acrobatics** Theater. Return to the hotel.

Day 5 (Thurs 3/10) Beijing/Xi'an (O/N Train#Z19 8:40P/8:15A+1)

After breakfast in the hotel, visit the **Summer Palace**. Have lunch at Tian Jing Gou Bu Li dumpling restaurant; then tour **Tiananmen Square** and the **Forbidden City**. Ride in bicycle rickshaws to see Beijing's traditional **Hutongs and Courtyard Houses**. Have a simple noodle supper aboard the overnight train to Xi'an.

Day 6 (Fri 3/11) Xi'an

Upon arrival in Xi'an, have breakfast at the Bell Tower Hotel. Visit the Shaanxi Museum to see artifacts from the last 5,000 years of Chinese history. After lunch, visit the **Terracotta Warriors Museum** located on the outskirts of Xi'an. Enjoy a traditional dumpling banquet and Tang Dynasty culture show. Return to the hotel.

Day 7 (Sat 3/12) Xi'an

After breakfast in the hotel, take full day tour of downtown Xi'an. Walk by the Bell and Drum Towers; tour the **Great Mosque**; wander through the winding market streets of the Muslim Quarter. After lunch at the Old Shanghai restaurant, rent bicycles and ride 9 miles around the **Ancient City Wall**. Visit the Da Ci'en Buddhist Temple complex and climb the **Great Goose Pagoda**. Have a traditional yangrou paomo dinner. Return to the hotel to pack and prepare for the trip to Changsha.

Happy B-Day
Andrew!

Day 8 (Sun 3/13) Xi'an/Changsha **(MU2383 8:25A/10:20A)**

After an early wake-up call at the hotel, transfer to the airport for a flight to Changsha via China Eastern Airlines. Upon arrival, meet Luo Jingbo and students. Travel together by bus to Shaoshan. After lunch, visit the childhood home of **Chairman Mao**, the bronze statue that commemorates the 100th anniversary of his birth, and the museum. Return to Changsha to meet host families at Yali.

Day 9 (Mon 3/14) **Changsha**

After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Tour the main campus, including the school's history room, and participate in a welcome assembly. Visit the Yali TV station. Meet with isolated elderly residents as a "Living Lei Feng" service activity. After lunch, visit music, art, and English classes. Meet with 6th graders at the nearby Feng Shushan Primary School. Back at Yali, play basketball. Return home with hosts.

Day 10 (Tues 3/15) Changsha

Happy B-Day
Weifang!

After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Travel to Yiya Middle School to participate in social activities and have lunch in the cafeteria. Tour **Yuelu Confucian Academy**, which has been an active place of learning for over 1,00 years, and visit Orange Island, located in the Xiang River. On the way back to Yali, stop by the **Du Fu Pavilion**. Return home with hosts.

Day 11 (Wed 3/16) Changsha

After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Visit a local farmers market. Spend the rest of the morning at Nanya Middle School, touring the campus and participating in crafts and sports. After lunch in the cafeteria, visit the renowned Hunan Embroidery Institute. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Nanfeng Restaurant. Return home with hosts.

Day 12 (Thurs 3/17) Changsha/Hong Kong **(KA721 11:20A/1:00P)**

After breakfast, meet at Yali for farewells. Transfer to the airport for a flight to Hong Kong via Dragonair. Upon arrival in Hong Kong, spend the afternoon on Lantau Island. Ride the cable car from Tung Chung station up to the **Po Lin Monastery** atop the Ngong Ping Plateau. Have a vegetarian lunch; visit the Giant Buddha; walk the Wisdom Path. Travel to Kowloon Peninsula and settle in at the Kimberley Hotel. Have supper; shop at the Night Market on Temple Street. Return to the hotel.

Day 13 (Fri 3/18) **Hong Kong**

After breakfast at the hotel, walk in Kowloon Park. Then take the MTR to **Wong Tai Sin Daoist Temple**. Return to Tsim Sha Tsui for a dim sum lunch at the Serenade Chinese Restaurant. Take the **Star Ferry** across Victoria Harbour to the Central Pier on Hong Kong Island. Ride the tram up Victoria Peak. Travel by bus around Hong Kong Island; stop at the small town of **Stanley**, located on the South China Sea, to visit the beach and market. Return via ferry to Tsim Sha Tsui for dinner at the East Ocean Seafood Restaurant. Walk back to the hotel for a closing ceremony. Pack for home.

Day 14 (Sat 3/19) Hong Kong/Newark/New Haven **(UA180 10:15A/1:50P)**

After an early breakfast in the hotel, transfer to the airport. Depart Hong Kong via United Airlines non-stop service to Newark. Travel by bus to Loomis Place. Call parents en route with an estimated time of arrival (about 5:30 p.m.).

Note: **Bold** indicates a **Docent Project** site.