

# Itinerary

The Foote School China Experience 2017

Please note: Itinerary is subject to change.

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**Day 1 (Sun 3/05)** New Haven/Newark/Beijing (UA89 Noon/3:00P+1)

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Happy B-Day  
Mr. Sweet!

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.

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**Day 2 (Mon 3/06)** Beijing

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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.

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**Day 3 (Tues 3/07)** Beijing

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After breakfast, depart for the **Great Wall**, stopping on the way to visit a jade-carving workshop. Have lunch, then spend the afternoon hiking the remote Jinshanling section of the Great Wall. Back in Beijing, go out to dinner with students from **Renmin University**. Return to the hotel.

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**Day 4 (Wed 3/08)** Beijing

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

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**Day 5 (Thurs 3/09)** Beijing/Xi'an (O/N Train#Z19 8:40P/8:15A+1)

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After breakfast, tour **Tiananmen Square** and the **Forbidden City**. Ride in bicycle rickshaws through Beijing's traditional **Hutongs**. Have lunch and spend the afternoon at the **Summer Palace**. After supper, board the overnight train to Xi'an.

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**Day 6 (Fri 3/10)** Xi'an

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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 at De Fa Chang and return to the hotel for family group game night.

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**Day 7 (Sat 3/11)** Xi'an

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After breakfast in the hotel, take a 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.

**Day 8 (Sun 3/12)** Xi'an/Changsha (MU2383 8:15A/10:05A)

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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 Fu Yingfei, have lunch, and tour the Changsha Planning Exhibition Hall for an overview of New Haven's newest Sister City. Travel to Yali and spend the rest of the day with host families.

**Day 9 (Mon 3/13)** Changsha

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After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Tour the campus, including the school's history room, and participate in a welcome assembly. Meet with elderly residents in nearby public housing as a "**Learn from Lei Feng**" service activity. After lunch, attend music, art, and English classes. Visit Fu Yingfei's daughter's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Feng Shushan Primary School. Back at Yali, play basketball. Return home with hosts.

**Day 10 (Tues 3/14)** Changsha

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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 1,000 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 3/15)** Changsha

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Happy B-Day  
Weifang!

After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Spend 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 for a final night with host families.

**Day 12 (Thurs 3/16)** Changsha/Hong Kong (KA721 11:20A/1:05P)

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After breakfast, meet at Yali for farewells. Travel by bus to the airport for a flight to Hong Kong via Dragonair. Upon arrival, spend the afternoon at the **Po Lin Monastery** on Lantau Island. Have lunch; visit the Giant Buddha; walk the Wisdom Path. Travel to Kowloon Peninsula and settle in at the Kimberley Hotel. Have supper at the Spring Deer Restaurant with Yale-China Fellows; hear from them about daily life in Hong Kong. Shop at the Night Market on Temple Street. Return to the hotel.

**Day 13 (Fri 3/17)** Hong Kong

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After breakfast at the hotel, travel via the MTR to **Wong Tai Sin Daoist Temple**. Take the MTR to Sheung Wan station for a dim sum lunch at Lin Heung Kui Tea House. Ride the tram up Victoria Peak; then travel by bus around Hong Kong Island to the small town of Stanley to visit the beach and the market. Return by bus to Central Pier; take the **Star Ferry** across Victoria Harbour to watch the Symphony of Lights play along the waterfront. Have supper at the Serenade Chinese Restaurant and walk back to the hotel for a closing ceremony. Pack for home.

**Day 14 (Sat 3/18)** Hong Kong/Newark/New Haven (UA180 10:25A/1:55P)

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After an optional early-bird walk in Kowloon Park and 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 for an estimated 5:30 p.m. reunion with families.

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