

Itinerary

The Foote School China Experience 2015

- Day 1 (Sun 3/01)** **New Haven/Newark/Beijing** **(UA89 11:55A/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 3/02)** **Beijing**
Arrive in Beijing and meet local host Zhu Weifang. Settle in at the Beijing Foreign Studies University Hotel and exchange money. Go out to dinner with Weifang's students from Remnin University. Return to the hotel.
- Day 3 (Tues 3/03)** **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, enjoy the Da Zhai Men dinner show. Return to the hotel.
- Day 4 (Wed 3/04)** **Beijing**
After Tai Chi lessons and breakfast in the hotel, 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 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 3/05)** **Beijing/Xi'an** **(O/N Train#Z19 8:40P/8:15A+1)**
After Tai Chi lessons and 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 3/06)** **Xi'an**
Upon arrival in Xi'an, have breakfast at the Bell Tower Hotel. Visit the Shaanxi Museum to participate in a scavenger hunt of 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 3/07)** **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. Make a quick call home.

(Parents can expect calls between 8 and 10 on Saturday morning.)

Day 8 (Sun 3/8)	Xi'an/Changsha	(ZH9195 7:40A/9:25A)
<p>After an early wake-up call at the hotel, transfer to the airport for a flight to Changsha via Shenzhen Airlines. Upon arrival, meet Huang Qiong (Hannah), Li Hong and students from Yiya. 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.</p>		
Day 9 (Mon 3/9)	Changsha	
<p>After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Tour the main campus, including the school's history room, and participate in a welcome assembly. Tour the Yali TV station. Visit with isolated elderly residents as a "Living Lei Feng" service activity. After lunch, visit classes and play a mixed-gender basketball match. Return home with host families.</p>		
Day 10 (Tues 3/10)	Changsha	
<p>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 craft workshops and sports activities. After lunch in the cafeteria, visit the renowned Hunan Embroidery Institute. Return to Yali and head home with host families.</p>		
Day 11 (Wed 3/11)	Changsha	
<p>After breakfast with host families, return to Yali. Cross the Xiang River to tour the Yuelu Confucian Academy. Then travel to Yiya Middle School to participate in social activities and have lunch in the cafeteria. Visit Tongguan, one of the most important Tang Dynasty kiln sites, to learn about the history of pottery in China. Enjoy an evening farewell banquet. Return home with host families.</p>		
Day 12 (Thurs 3/12)	Changsha/Hong Kong	(KA721 11:20A/1:00P)
<p>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 and the Wisdom Path. Travel by bus to Hong Kong Island's Victoria Peak for a view of the city at night. Take the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbour to Kowloon Peninsula; walk up Nathan Road to the Kimberley Hotel. Have a simple noodle supper across the street from the hotel.</p>		
Day 13 (Fri 3/13)	Hong Kong	
<p>After an early morning walk in Kowloon Park and breakfast at the hotel, take the MTR to visit the Daoist temple Wong Tai Sin. Continue on the MTR to the Chinese University of Hong Kong to see Dylan's old stomping grounds, tour Michael Sloan's art exhibit, and have lunch with students who were active in the occupy movement. Travel by bus to explore another side of Hong Kong, the small fishing village Sai Kung. Take the bus to the Ladies' Market for last minute souvenirs. Have dinner and return to the hotel for a closing ceremony (and ice cream, of course).</p>		
Day 14 (Sat 3/14)	Hong Kong/Newark/New Haven	(UA180 10:15A/1:50P)
<p>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.).</p>		

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