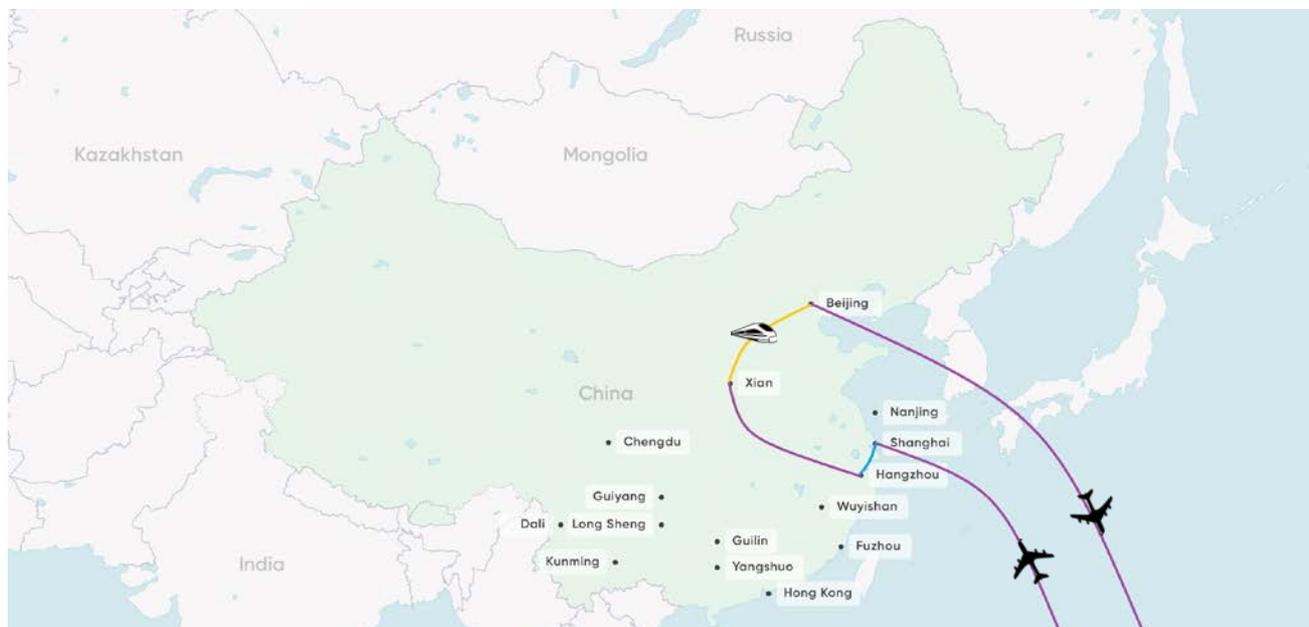


# China: Commerce & Industry (12 days)



Departs anytime (2018 – 19)



**Please note: This itinerary can be modified in any way to best suit your school's particular aims, learning objectives and budget.**

**Please contact us detailing any changes you'd like to make.**

This 12-day trip of China is designed specifically for students seeking insight into China's burgeoning commercial and industrial proficiency as well as its increasingly dominant cultural influences.

This fast-paced trip features access to several manufacturing plants, 'green' enterprises as well as one of the largest steel factories in the world where the student will have the opportunity to talk to management about Chinese industry and its future objectives. The itinerary will also include a visit to the internationally renowned car manufacturer as well as meeting with members of *AmCham* - the America Business Chamber of Commerce amongst other business-related enterprises.

Other important sites which students will visit on this trip include the awe-inspiring Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden Palace as well as a thorough exploration of the megacity of Shanghai and Hangzhou. This extensive trip will further include an excursion to Xian to view the Terracotta Warriors as well as a high-speed train trip to the national capital city, Beijing.

All programs and activities described in the itinerary are explicitly designed to foster Asian literacy. Most importantly, this trip is intended to be a highly enjoyable and memorable introduction to a country that will undoubtedly grow in importance over many decades to come.



**Billy Penfold**  
Director

## Day 1

### Arrive Shanghai

We land in Shanghai this afternoon and are escorted to our hotel by our tour leader. After freshening up, we have a group meeting to run through the coming day's activities.

Few cities in the world evoke so much history, glamour and mystique in name alone as does this amazing Chinese metropolis. It is something we will discover quickly, as we venture out this afternoon to explore the central precincts and parks where locals enjoy dancing, or Hongkou District or the colourful Longhua Temple with its two large towers being the largest and busiest temple in the city.

This evening we will enjoy dinner at a busy local restaurant before possibility of visiting the uptown precinct of the city to enjoy a drink at the world's largest Starbucks café! (dinner) **Flight details to be advised**

## Day 2

### Shanghai



Today we will set out for a thorough exploration of Shanghai beginning in the Wai Tan district (Shanghai Bund) renowned for its landmark buildings and spectacular architecture. This area is regarded as one of the must-see places in Shanghai and gives a great sense of the pulse and frenetic buzz of the city. Later we will pay a special visit to the Volkswagen automobile manufacturing plant to learn of China's bleeding edge technological prowess which today rivals that of the Japanese and German manufacturers. We will also learn of manufacturing processes and the company's innovations in motor vehicle technology advances in hybrid, driverless and environmentally-friendly cars.

Following our tour of the plant, there will be time for a question and answer session with staff from the car manufacturer, giving us an insight into the competitive nature of car production –both nationally and globally. Later in the day, we will visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre to learn about urban development in China, and the infrastructure projects continuously developed to cater to this city with a population larger than Australia. While the Chinese government has gone to great efforts to control rampant urbanisation and migration in recent years, many communities in the city have been impacted and marginalised by its frenetic growth and rising economic disparity.

Tonight, we take a boat cruise on the Huang Pu River to see the city from another perspective and witness the river trading route that is so integral to the city. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 3

### Shanghai (Student-initiated activities)



*Prior to travelling, a Student Educational Adventures staff member will talk to teachers and students about specific activities that your students might like to add to their overseas experience. These activities can be included based on students' knowledge of the country or their particular interests or passions for any aspect of a country's culture.*

*The activities we can include are many and varied. These may include; an introduction to a country's creative or performing arts scene, visits to local schools, great race activities, youth culture venues, architectural marvels or a plethora of cultural programs. Please contact us for further ideas.*

### OPTION 1:

**French concession:** Shanghai is China's showpiece city - the industrial hub of the country famed for being the most modern city on the mainland. We will see the frenetic pace as we head out to explore the French Concession Region. Situated in Xuhui district, the French Concession in Shanghai is the largest, earliest and the most prosperous of the four French Concessions in modern China. Shanghai was opened to foreign trade after the first Opium War in 1842, and in 1849 the French colonial officials created a district for only French, which was expanded and became the city's best and most affluent residential quarter until the Japanese invasion of China during the Second World War. We will spend a short time at the former residence of Sun Yat Sen who was a Nationalist and early revolutionary. It is here we learn about China's recent political history and the struggle between the democratic movement and communism. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## OPTION 2:

**Oriental Pearl Tower:** We take a visit to the impressive Oriental Pearl TV Tower across the Huang Pu River in Pudong District. This iconic symbol and structure of Shanghai overlook the entire city from the highest vantage point possible. The tower itself encases a glass-bottomed floor, looking down hundreds of metres to the streets below. While taking in panoramic views of the entire city, we will be learning about the commercial centre of Pudong, comprising dozens of skyscrapers including the second tallest building in the world. We then head to the basement of the building to explore the Shanghai Development Exhibition Hall, to discover how the city built up from a farming community to the largest city in China. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## OPTION 3:



**Streets & Markets:** Students have the choice to visit Shanghai's famous Nanjing Road, renowned for being the world's longest shopping precinct. This precinct of Shanghai, made famous in movies and literature, was once home to several casinos and gambling dens. It has gradually given way to the massive shopping complexes and pedestrian malls that exist today. Nearby we will explore the renowned *Yuyuan Bazaar* filled with bamboo articles, paintings and tasty soup dumplings, or the Yu Gardens with its lovely pavilions, crooked bridges and waterways. Alternatively, students may choose to visit the Tianzifang precinct, a labyrinth of shikumen styled houses (a fusion of Chinese and Western style architecture), galleries and craft shops. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## OPTION 4:



**Cars and Arts:** The Shanghai Auto Museum houses one of the finest collections of rare cars that can be found anywhere in the world. The collection includes race winning Ferraris, rare Lamborghinis, some of the earliest Daimler Benz cars ever produced, huge 1950s American class cars, Maserati's and the Phantom Rolls Royce. There are four floors of rare vehicles all meticulously restored to perfection – a sight that must be seen to be believed. From here we journey one hour's drive to Moganshan Road more commonly known as M50. It is here we find over 100 art galleries displaying contemporary art in all shapes and forms. This industrial warehouse site converted to art galleries is popular with the young Chinese who are at the forefront of art, culture and outwards expression. Many

youths come to take photos in this contemporary setting which includes graffiti-lined streets, cafes and industrial relics - not to mention the art itself. It is often called the Soho of Shanghai. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 4 & 5 Hangzhou



This morning we visit a steel production facility on the outskirts of Shanghai to learn about steel production and the country's (and world's) insatiable demand for viable steel resources. Here we will learn of the significance of raw materials in the process of industrial production that is of course of great significance to countries all around the world.

Later we will journey southwest to the province of Hangzhou, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its beautiful lakes and parks. We will enjoy a boat trip on West Lake as well as visit Hangzhou's Hefang walking street filled with lanterns and trapping that adorn its delightful ancient edifices.

Hangzhou became a prosperous city owing to its location at the southern terminus of the Grand Canal. In more recent years, the city has reinvented itself as a centre of technology and innovation and is today home to the e-commerce corporation Alibaba, the Chinese headquarters of which we will pass. Other activities during our stay include a boat ride on the Grand Canal and time permitting a side trip out to Lu Town (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner)

## Day 6 Hangzhou ✈️ Xian

This morning we will depart Hangzhou for our 2-hour flight to the fabled city of Xian. This ancient city was once an important stop on the 'Silk Road' and the capital city of China for thirteen dynasties for over a millennium. After hotel check-in we visit the ancient City Wall built under Emperor Zhu Yuanzhang, the forefather of the Ming Dynasty. With the primitive weapons of ancient times, the only way for an invading force to gain access to the city



was to forcefully enter the city through the main gates, hence the importance of city walls. We will walk and bicycle on top of the citadel wall to learn about the city's history and successive rulers. Tonight, we will visit the Hui Muslim Street that retains the flavour and atmosphere of the old Silk Road, and where Muslim and occidental traders plied their wares from Europe all the way to Malaysia. We will explore the myriad of surrounding streets famous for traditional Muslim snacks, confectionary and a vast array of spices and dishes being cooked using age-old methods. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 7 Xian



This morning we check out of our hotel and bus to the site of the Terracotta Warriors. The Terracotta Army is in the satellite tombs to the mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shihuang. The site was discovered in 1974 when farmers found many broken pottery figures while sinking a well in Xianyang village.

Archaeological excavation and historical research revealed it was an oblong pit in which the Terracotta Army of the Qin Dynasty was buried. In more recent times, another two pits were discovered to the north of the original site. On arrival at the village, we will first watch an introductory film then begin visiting the main pits around the site. Served as the emperor's principal fighting force, the main pit contains columns of warriors with horse-drawn chariots and represents the main body of the formation. We will visit other pits at the site to view a variety

of military statues. It is estimated that there are over 1,000 pieces of pottery figures and horse-drawn chariots and saddled horses. Tonight, we will be taking part in a hands-on cooking lesson hosted by a talented local chef. (breakfast, lunch)

## Day 8 Xian Beijing



This morning we will visit a solar panel plant to learn of the advanced industry in which China has become the world's leader. Touring the factory with local staff will provide us insight into the processes involved in the production and the most recent technological advances in panel design. This is a major transition, as China (and most of Northeast Asia) aims to implement massive solar energy initiatives and move away from much publicised and increasingly unpopular damming (hydro) schemes and coal power plants.

We then head to the train station and board the high-speed train that will efficiently transport us to Beijing. Capable of exceeding speeds of 320

kilometres per hour, our train journey will provide us time to marvel at the efficiency of high-speed rail travel which is fast replacing the need and fuss for aircraft travel in China and the greater Asian region.

Constantly reimagining itself as it races towards the future, while yet inextricably linked to its glorious, notorious past, Beijing is as compelling as it is complex. Upon arrival in the nation's capital, this afternoon we will see orderly cues, ancient temples and photos of Chairman Mao everywhere.

This evening we will enjoy our first meal of 'Beijing style' cuisine at a popular local eatery. (breakfast, dinner)

**Train details: Xian – Beijing**

## Day 9 Beijing

We will awake to the sounds of millions of people going about their daily routines before setting off to visit the city's splendid Summer Palace. The Summer Palace was built within a large, natural garden on the foundations of Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake. The natural landscape of hills and open water is combined with artificial features such as pavilions, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble. Despite suffering several attacks over the centuries, the Palace has managed to survive the country's Cultural Revolution – a topic our tour leader will offer us some insight into today.

This afternoon we will visit the Temple of Heaven where the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties offered sacrifices to pray for large harvests. Listed as a World Heritage site, the Temple of Heaven is a very recognisable example of Chinese architecture on which buildings across the region are modelled after. It is here in the gardens

surrounding the Temple we will be encouraged to partake in Tai Chi, a popular activity with residents any time of the day. Time permitting, we head to the Wangfujing Arts precinct to see fine arts and crafts on display in a tranquil setting. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 10 Beijing (Great Wall)



China's greatest engineering triumph and must-see sight, the Great Wall wiggles haphazardly from its scattered Manchurian remains in Liaoning province to wind-scoured rubble in the Gobi Desert and faint traces in the unforgiving sands of Xinjiang.

Today we will visit a picturesque section of this magnificent structure and walk atop its parapets and towers. Sometimes mistakenly assumed to be one continuous entity, China's Great Wall in fact exists now days as chunks interspersed through precipitous mountains extending some 2,710 kilometres long.

On arrival back in Beijing later today we will visit the renowned 798 Arts District. This precinct is one of the coolest spots in Beijing packed with brilliant galleries, hole-in-the-wall museums and great cafes. The district provides a unique insight into the mentality of a population struggling to express themselves in a society that habitually suppresses freedom of expression. We will have the opportunity to talk to curators and discuss freedom of expression within the local art scene. Tonight, we enjoy a meal of the city's signature dish - Peking Duck. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 11 Beijing



Time will be set aside to explore one of the few remaining hutong backstreet districts to give us an insight into what urban life must have been like over 100 years ago. The 'hutong' streets are a made up of street stalls selling cheap snacks, laundry shops, communal toilet blocks, antique shops, traditional style wooden houses, and hand pulled transport of all shapes and sizes. There is plenty of time for bargaining and interacting with the locals to be had. We will explore little laneways on foot and by way of a rickshaw ride. We will also learn of the secrets of making Chinese dumplings, hosted by a family whose ancestors have perfected this typical Chinese dish over several generations.

Mid-afternoon we are visiting the Chinese Military History Museum to learn of the tumultuous events that have shaped modern China. Among the exhibits are depictions of past conflicts with the Japanese, revelations of internal nationalist struggles as well as interpretations of more recent military and political events.

As an alternative to the History Museum, we may instead take part in a highly enjoyable (and physical) martial arts class. Our instructors will teach us some basic drills and patterns while explaining the theory behind this martial art that originated in the temple of Shaolin some 1,500 years ago.

This evening we take in a performance of Beijing's famous Peking Opera - a must-see event while visiting China, showcasing this fascinating performing arts tradition accompanied by traditional music, theatrics and martial arts. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

## Day 12 Depart Beijing ✈



This morning we check out of our hotel then visit one of the most popular attractions in all of China, The Forbidden City. This most important of Chinese sites was the Imperial Palace during the Ming and Qing Dynasties, located in the centre of Beijing. It served as the residence of twenty-four emperors over several dynasties and was the political and ceremonial centre of Chinese government. The Forbidden City consists of the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Hall of Middle Harmony and the Hall of Preserving Harmony, and is regarded as the largest and best-preserved palace complex in the world.

Just before lunch, we will visit Tiananmen Square directly opposite The Forbidden City. This vast public space was the scene of a highly publicised crackdown as Chinese troops violently

retook the square in Beijing where pro-democracy protesters had set up camp for weeks. The Tiananmen Square massacre as it came to be known left an unknown number of dead, with some estimates in the thousands. So controversial was this movement that the Chinese government's extensive censorship apparatus—which employs two million online censors — still rigorously blocks information about the protest. This afternoon we head to the airport and check in for our homebound flight. *NB: You will need to wear comfortable walking shoes for the Forbidden City visit (3 hours).* (breakfast, lunch) **Flight details to be advised**

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## Summary

### Grading

**Easy;** Students will be required to be in good health to get the most out of this trip while any one of reasonable fitness will be able to take part. There are no real physical difficulties however students will be expected to walk every day. You will also be expected to be able to ride a bike. It will be necessary for you to carry your own luggage throughout the trip but only for short distances.

### Accommodation

Student accommodation is on a twin/triple share basis. Teacher accommodation is on a single room basis. Hotels hold a 3-star equivalent rating.

### Transport

Modern air-conditioned bus, train, plane.

### Group Size

Minimum group size 20 students & 2 staff members travelling *free of charge*

▲ [Smaller group sizes can be quoted upon application](#)

### Your Tour Leader

Your tour leader is probably the person who most influences the success of your trip. Thus, Student Educational Adventures employs our own team of meticulously trained student dedicated, local tour leaders - not foreigners, imported at your students' expense with no language skills or insight into your host culture.

These nationals are not only the best folk to show you their country. They are your teachers, translators and an enthusiastic purveyor of authentic experiences. They are there to facilitate your immersion into new cultures and are the bridge between you and the world of education and new experiences.

Your tour leader is always with your students throughout your trip and is thoroughly versed in safety protocols and duty of care responsibilities. This ranges from assisting in the most basic of health and safety measures to ensuring that teachers & students are always safe during our trips. All have been chosen because of their ability to deal with the needs and unique issues associated with escorting young people through this wonderful and at times, most foreign of regions.

### Service Learning Program

All service-learning programs initiated by Student Educational Adventures are conducted after careful consultation with the local community and with the local People's Committees.

These projects are initiated based on a model of mutual learning and designed as an immersion experience. An understanding of the importance of an integrated approach to community development is useful to frame what students and teachers might see, learn or experience during a student immersion.

## China – Commerce & Industry 12 days

### Inclusions

- All accommodation, transport, activities, entrance costs and other programs as described in the itinerary
- Additional internal flights Hangzhou - Xian
- Student Educational Adventures tour leader throughout the trip & additional specialist guides as required
- Meals (along with drinking water) as listed in the daily itinerary
- Pre-departure support, briefing and planning meetings for students & parents
- 24/7 in-country support

### Exclusions

- International flights to/from China
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- China Visa