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CHINA STUDY TOUR

2-18 January 2007

Experience a privileged insiders' view of China at this historic period of development. Undertake short teaching experiences in primary and secondary schools in Yunnan province and exchange ideas and practice with Chinese colleagues. Travel to villages and experience the song, dance and hospitality of ethnic minority groups. From Yunnan, fly to Xi'an to see the famous Terracotta Warriors. Travel to Beijing on an overnight sleeper train. From Beijing climb the Great Wall, explore the Forbidden City and visit the exquisite Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. An unforgettable experience!

ITINERARY

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure that all of the information in this brochure is true and correct at the time of printing, the Asia Education Foundation reserves the right to change the details of the tour at any time.

Tue 2 Jan	Kunming	Fly into 'Spring City' Kunming in southern Yunnan. Begin the tour with a workshop on cultural literacy – a great preparation for learning more about China and how the experience might be used professionally. Follow this with a dinner of delicious local Yunnan food at a favourite nearby restaurant. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Wed 3 Jan	Kunming	A morning activity will see you immersed in Kunming exploring the sights sounds and everyday life of the city. After lunch an optional visit to the Ethnic Minority Museum or the Black Dragon Pool Temple. Gain an insight into the Chinese education system from an evening dinner with teachers from Kunming University of Science and Technology. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Thu 4 Jan	Kunming / Jing Hong	Take a morning flight to the sleepy 'backpacker' town of Jing Hong, near the Laos border. Explore Jing Hong at your leisure - go cycling with the locals, visit the Botanical Gardens, have a massage or purchase teaching resources. Breakfast and dinner included.
Fri 5 Jan	Jing Hong / Menglian	A bus journey (8 hours) highlights the rapidly changing landscape of Yunnan. We ascend from the plains of southern Yunnan to the mountains for Menglian, a town close to the Burmese border. Participants can visit the beautiful Buddhist temple or the local market on arrival. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Sat 6 Jan	Menglian	An opportunity to visit Menglian No. 1 Middle School and Hongta Middle School, situated in a beautiful but more remote area. Late afternoon, enjoy a visit to the old Dai Village and dinner that night will feature the local produce of the Dai people. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Sun 7 Jan	Menglian / Simao	A 7-hour journey to Simao through lush green hills and paddy fields tracing the path of and crossing the deep, powerful Mekong River. Take the opportunity to interact with the locals at the Simao market. Experience a unique local concert under the stars by the Simao Ethnic Minority School Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Mon 8 Jan	Simao	Experience the ethnic diversity of Yunnan through interaction with the staff and students of the Simao Ethnic Minorities School. Enjoy an afternoon of exploring local sights. Meet local teachers over dinner and enjoy some local specialties. Breakfast and dinner included.
Tue 9 Jan	Simao / Moijang	An opportunity to compare schools with a visit to the local Special needs school. Meet deaf and blind students and observe the challenges and achievements in this rural community. There are opportunities for teachers to donate school supplies to this underprivileged school. In the afternoon, travel by bus to Moijang (3 hours). Visit the Hani Minority village and experience and participate in a unique concert with local village people. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included
Wed 10 Jan	Moijang	A chance to further your knowledge of schools in rural China and interact with the teachers and students of Mojiang No 1 Middle School. Visit the local market and the Tropic of Cancer Park that overlooks the town. Breakfast and dinner included.
Thu 11 Jan	Mojiang / Kunming / Xi'an	Travel by bus to Kunming past terraced green paddy fields, sprawling banana and sugar cane plantations and vast mountains. Transfer directly to Kunming airport for an evening flight to Xi'an. Check in to hotel upon arrival. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Fri 12 Jan	Xi'an	An optional early morning tai chi class begins our day in Xi'an. An enormous city wall, one of the few remaining in China, encloses the centre of Xi'an, Take a walking tour of this historic city. Visit the Chinese architecturally designed Great Mosque. Experience local Xi'an cuisine. Optional evening performance – a performing art of ancient Chinese melodies and dance. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Sat 13 Jan	Xi'an / Beijing	Participants will have the morning to wander around Xi'an's bustling tiny streets at their leisure. That afternoon we take a short drive out of town to visit one of China's top historical sights, the 2000 year old Terracotta Warriors. An overnight train to Beijing provides an insight into China's most popular mode of transport. Breakfast and dinner included.
Sun 14 Jan	Beijing	After an early arrival into Beijing the group will be transferred to a hotel close to Tiananmen Square and Wanfujing Street retail mecca for many Chinese. After settling in, take a tour of the famous Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon for further curriculum development or research. An early evening and quiet dinner helps prepare for the busy week ahead. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Mon 15 Jan	Beijing	Take a memorable trip out of Beijing to the Great Wall of China and the Summer Palace. Optional evening visit to the Peking Opera – an ultimate Chinese cultural experience. Breakfast included.

Tue 16 Jan	Beijing	Participate in a briefing at the Australian Embassy on Chinese education and Australia–China relations with key embassy staff in Australia Education International and Austrade. End the day with a visit to the Temple of Heaven and Pearl Market. Optional evening visit to a Chinese acrobatic performance. Breakfast and lunch included.
Wed 17 Jan	Beijing	Enjoy morning tea with an Australian journalist based in Beijing. Learn about the current issues affecting China. Follow this with a professional learning session on relating your experiences to the classroom and programme evaluation. Utilise the remainder of your day for curriculum research and visiting additional sights of interest. Dinner will take place in a famous Peking duck restaurant – delicious! Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Thu 18 Jan	Beijing	Enjoy free time for curriculum development, optional visits to a contemporary art gallery, the pandas at Beijing Zoo or China's National Museum of Fine Arts prior to transferring to the airport in the mid afternoon. Breakfast included.

HOTEL CONTACT DETAILS IN CHINA

*Please note, hotels are subject to change

2-4 January 2007	Kunming	**KUNMING HOTEL** 52 Dongfeng Road, Kunming, Tel: (0871) 316 2063 Fax: (0871) 316 5106 URL: http://www.kunminghotel.com.cn
4-5 January	Jing Hong	**JING YONG HOTEL** Jinghong East Rd, JingHong Tel: (087) 9212 3727
5-7 January	Menglian	**XINHAI GUEST HOTEL** No1 Haiguan Rd Menglian Tel: (087) 9872 6888
7-9 January	Simao	**KEJI GUEST HOTEL** No 28 Zhengxing Rd, Simao Tel: (087) 9213 5938
9-11 January	Moijang	**GOLDEN SUN GUEST HOTEL** ZuLian Zheng, MoJiang Tel: (087) 9423 8178
11-13 January	Xi'an	**HOTEL ROYAL XIAN** 334 Dong Da Jie, Xian Tel: (029) 8723 5311 Fax: (029) 8723 5887
13-14 January	ON OVERNIGHT TRAIN	
14-18 January	Beijing	**JIANGUO GARDEN HOTEL** 19 Jianguo Men Nei Da Jie, Beijing 100005 Tel: (010) 6528 6666 Fax: (010) 6522 5261

NB: China's country code is +86. Drop the zero in the area code and add the country code to dial internationally. The international access code from Australia is 0011.

TOUR LEADERS

Allan Goedecke, Partnerships Manager, Asia Education Foundation, VIC

Allan has been a secondary school English teacher and an English as a Second Language teacher in the Victorian TAFE sector. For the past 10 years he has been involved in international education involving both inbound students and teaching off-shore in Australian programs in China and Sri Lanka. He has spent a good deal of the last five years teaching in universities overseas including China and has made 12 trips to the country- of which he finds endlessly fascinating. Allan led the January 2005 AEF study tour to China with Jing Yu. He believes in-country study tours can change people's lives and that the teachers who participate in them can change the lives of their students.

Jing Yu, Chinese Teacher, Belconnen High School, ACT

Yu Jing (called 'Jing') has been a Chinese language teacher at Belconnen High School in the ACT for thirteen years. She came to Australia to undertake post-graduate study after graduating from university in Shanghai. Jing has co-led the tour for the last nine years. Jing is a most sought after member of the team — she has unflagging energy, remains calm and good spirited at all times and she is invaluable as a translator, trouble shooter and general source of information and advice to everyone. Jing has travelled the 2007 route seven times before and also co-led the *Linking Latitudes* post conference field trip to Zhejiang Province in April 2001 where the group visited members of Jing's family.

TOUR COST (Land Cost)

Access Asia Study Tours ***may be tax deductible*** for teachers. Contact your tax agent to see if you are eligible!

$3,500 Land Cost (16 nights) twin share (if you are travelling alone, we will partner you with another participant)
$750 single supplement

The land cost includes:

- Accommodation
- Experienced tour leader/s with a teaching background
- All land transportation & domestics flights
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (All breakfasts, 11 X lunches, 14 X dinners)
- Entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary
- English speaking guide

The land costs excludes:

- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Tips/gratuity
- Optional activities
- Photography and camera expenses
- Visas
- Laundry, communication and tips
- Personal travel insurance
- International and domestic airport taxes

AIRFARES

Participants can book and organise their own international airfare to China or they can utlise the fares held by the AEF. The tour will start in Kunming on Tuesday 2nd January 2007 and will end in Beijing on Thursday 18th January 2007. Please download the *China January Airfares* document.

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