

Student Leaders Exchange to China July 11-26, 2017

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart for San Francisco Airport (SFO)
- 11:30** Depart on United Airlines Flight 888 from San Francisco to Beijing

北京 BEIJING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 2:40** Group arrives at Beijing International Airport
Transfer to: Jianguo Hotel Beijing
- 5:30** Dinner near the hotel

THURSDAY, JULY 13

8:00 a.m. **Traditions and Transitions: A Walk and Discussion in Beijing's Historic Hutongs**

Mr. Jeremiah Jenne, Executive Director, the Hutong

Hutongs are the narrow streets and alleys that run through Ming- and Qing-era sihéyuàn (traditional courtyard residences) neighborhoods. The word hutong first appeared during the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), and is a term of Mongolian origin meaning “water well.”

One of Beijing’s most distinctive urban features, the hutongs have long been at the heart of the capital’s distinctive local culture. Our walk will explore the past, present, and future of the hutongs. It will take us through the Dongcheng District, once home to some of Beijing’s most fascinating figures.

Today these neighborhoods also represent Beijing’s vibrant future, as old spaces are repurposed into new commercial and residential developments. We will discuss the history of the hutongs, who lived there and why. As we stroll, we will also visit local markets and sample some of Beijing’s famous street snacks. Finally, we will examine how the pressures of rapid urban development are presenting challenges to the preservation of the physical structures and communities of these neighborhoods.

Jeremiah Jenne is a writer and historian based in Beijing since 2002. He taught Chinese history and philosophy for nearly 10 years. He has written extensively on China for a number of publications including *The Economist*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Asia Society*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Beijinger*, and *the World of Chinese*. His work can be found in the anthologies *China in 2008: A Year of Great Significance*, *The Insider’s Guide to Beijing*, and the 2015 collection *While We’re Here: China Stories from a Writer’s Colony*. He is a recurring guest on the public affairs podcast *Sinica* and is frequently asked to speak on Chinese culture and history to

company and school groups. Jeremiah also maintains the popular history and culture website granitestudio.org.

10:30

Orientation at China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE)

CEAIE is China's nationwide not-for-profit organization conducting international educational exchanges and cooperation. Its mission includes developing exchanges and cooperation between the Chinese educational community and other parts of the world, promoting the advancement of education, culture, science and technology, and strengthening understanding and friendship among the peoples of all countries and regions of the world.

Introduction to CEAIE and *Study in China*

Ms. Liu Yibo, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, CEAIE
Ms. Xiao Lei, Director, Office of Education Opportunities, CEAIE

Survival Chinese and Primer on Chinese Culture/Icebreaker

Ms. Di Yan (outside guest)

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15

China's Environmental Challenges

Ms. Xu Xin, Green Choice Outreach Officer, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE)
The Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE) is a non-profit organization based in Beijing. Founded in May 2006, IPE aims to expand environmental information disclosure to allow communities to fully understand the hazards and risks in the surrounding environment, thus promoting widespread public participation in environmental governance. Since its establishment, IPE has developed two pollution databases (water & air) to monitor corporate environmental performance and to facilitate public participation in environmental governance. IPE is a member of a coalition of NGOs throughout China, promoting a global green supply chain by pushing large corporations to concentrate on procurement and the environmental performance of their suppliers. This 'Green Choice Alliance' consumer initiative takes into consideration the environmental performance of manufacturing enterprises while exercising their purchasing power to make green choices.

3:30

Visit Beijing No.8 High School, Yihai Branch

Beijing No. 8 High School is a prestigious public secondary school (grades 7–12), with 99 out of 100 of the school's graduates matriculating into China's top universities. Currently, the school has over a hundred faculty members, making the student to faculty ratio approximately ten to one.

- Welcome Ceremony
- Meet host families

Spend rest of evening with host families

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Morning**Forbidden City**

The Forbidden City, formally known as Gùgōng (故宫) or the Palace Museum was given its name because commoners were barred from entering the grounds. With a total area of 183 acres, it is the largest palace complex in the world. During the Ming and Qing dynasties (1368-1911), 24 emperors ruled China from within the Forbidden City.

Lunch**Ministry of Education****Dr. Yang Yinfu, Deputy Director-General**

The Ministry of Education regulates all aspects of the educational system in mainland China, the equivalent to the U.S. Department of Education. It certifies educators, standardizes curricula and textbooks, establishes standards, and monitors the entire education system.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the government office responsible for China's diplomatic relationships with other countries, analogous to the U.S. State Department.

Tiananmen Square

Tiān'ānmén Square (天安门, "Gate of Heavenly Peace") is the largest open urban square in the world, and the geographical and spiritual center of Beijing. An important historical site for hundreds of years, today it is surrounded by various government buildings, including the Great Hall of the People and the National Museum of China. Near the south end sits Mao's Mausoleum, where China's former leader lies in state in a crystal coffin.

Dinner**Evening****Return to host families****SATURDAY, JULY 15****Morning****Mutianyu Section of the Great Wall**

The Mùtiányù (慕田峪) section of the Great Wall is one of the best-preserved parts of the Wall, a former northern barrier defending the capital and the imperial tombs. It was first built in the mid-6th century during the Northern Qi Dynasty, and was developed during the Ming Dynasty into its current form.

Lunch**Caochangdi****Three Shadows Photography Art Center****"40 Years of Chinese Contemporary Photography (1976-2017)"****Mr. Shen Chen, Curator, Three Shadows**

Caochangdi is an urban village and renowned arts district. Translated as "grasslands" in Mandarin, it is home to a diverse group of residents, including migrant workers, farmers, students and artists, most notably, Ai Weiwei. Caochangdi developed into a thriving arts and cultural hub when artists began to move into the area around 2000, attracting international attention similar to the nearby 798 Art Zone.

Dinner**Cultural performance: Gong Fu**

Evening **Head to the Jianguo Hotel**

贵阳 Guiyang

SUNDAY, JULY 16

6:30 am **Depart for to Beijing International Airport (Terminal 3)**

9:00 **Depart on Air China Flight 1461 to Guiyang, Guizhou**

12:10 pm **Arrive in Guiyang**

Afternoon **Lunch at School**

Visit the Happy Valley International Experiment School

- Welcome Ceremony
- Q & A session with students and families
- Meet host families

Spend rest of evening with host families

MONDAY, JULY 17

9:00 a.m.

Jiaxiu Pavilion and Yangming Temple

Jiaxiu Pavilion is located on a giant stone in the Nanming River. It was first built in Ming Dynasty, and was reconstructed many times, most recently in 1909. Visitors can view stone engravings, calligraphy works, paintings and woodworks by ancient artists, including 206 character-long antithetical couplet written by Liu Yushan, Qing Dynasty-era member of the Guiyang Imperial Academy.

Wang Yangming was a Chinese idealist Neo-Confucian philosopher, official, educationist, calligraphist and general during the Ming dynasty. He developed the idea of innate knowing, arguing that every person knows from birth the difference between good and evil, and is regarded as one of the four great masters of Confucianism, along with Confucius, Mencius and Zhu Xi.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch at Xihu Garden Hotel**

Blue Flower Project

The Blue Flower Project is an NGO located at Guizhou Normal University that works with rural women from the Miao ethnic group to preserve traditional patterns and dying techniques and bring these high quality products to market. The Miáo people are one of the 56 official minority groups recognized by the Chinese government. Sixty percent of the Miao live in Guizhou, forming the largest ethnic group in the country.

Confucius Temple/Museum

Evening **Return to host families**

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00 a.m. Gather at School

All Day Huangguoshu Waterfall

Huángguǒshù Waterfall (Yellow Fruit Tree Waterfall) is the largest waterfall in East Asia. Located on the Baishui River, it is 243 feet high and 266 feet wide.

Evening Dinner with host families

北川 **Beichuan**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. Depart for airport

10:25 Depart on China Southern Airlines Flight 3767 to Chengdu, Sichuan

11:55 Arrive in Chengdu

Lunch

Visit Sanxingdui Site and Museum

Sanxingdui (“three stars mound”) is archeological site now believed to be the site of a major ancient Bronze Age city. The site was first discovered in 1929 and then re-discovered in 1986, when archaeologists excavated artifacts, that radiocarbon dating shows as being from the 12th-11th centuries BCE. The discovery at Sanxingdui challenges the traditional narrative of Chinese civilization having spread from the central plain of the Yellow River; instead, Chinese archaeologists have begun to speak of multiple centers of ancient Chinese civilization.

Travel to Mianyang, Sichuan by bus

Miányāng is a prefecture-level city that contains Beichuan Qiang Autonomous County. Since the catastrophic 2008 earthquake, the area has fought hard to recover economically and culturally.

Evening Dinner

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:30 a.m. Visit Beichuan High School

- Welcome Ceremony
- Student Performances
- Learn Traditional Qiang Dance

10:15 Qiang Ethnic Minority Folklore Museum

The Qiāng are one of 56 ethnic groups officially recognized in the People’s Republic of China. A matrilineal society, they live mainly in mountainous region in the northwestern part of Sichuan province, on the eastern edge of the Tibetan plateau. This state-of-the-art museum replaced the original Qiang facility that was destroyed in the 2008 earthquake.

11:45 Lunch at Rongseng Restaurant

1:00 p.m. Beichuan Earthquake Site and Memorial Museum

On Monday, May 12, 2008, the Great Sichuan Earthquake hit western China. Measuring 7.9 the Richter Scale, the earthquake caused massive destruction, killing tens of thousands and injuring hundreds of thousands more.

Afternoon Rest and Relax at hotel with host siblings

Evening Farewell Dinner and Traditional Dancing

成都 Chengdu

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:30 a.m. Check out of hotel; drive to Chengdu

Lunch

11:30 Visit Chengdu No. 7 High School

Chengdu No.7 High School is one of the first key high schools designated by the Ministry of Education. It is considered to be one of the top high schools in Sichuan Province. As one of the four "National Model High Schools" in China, each year a large number of its students are admitted to the top universities in China as well as prestigious universities around the world.

- Welcome Ceremony
- Meeting with the school's president

Campus Tour

- Visit Distance Learning Program Broadcast Center
- Presentation by Student Union leader on student activities and organizations
- Icebreaker to find host siblings

Afternoon Taichi Lesson

Classroom Activities - students split up and answer questions in classrooms (Senior 1 and Senior 3 students)

Evening Activities with Host Families

SATURDAY, JULY 22

**Morning Gather at School
Presentation by Science Olympiad students**

Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

The Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is a non-profit research and breeding facility for giant pandas and other rare animals. Started in 1987 with six pandas rescued from the wild, the base now has the largest panda population on earth with 113 captive pandas. The Research Base also helps with governmental diplomatic missions by sending pandas to overseas locations as good-will ambassadors. It has an ongoing partnership with the Smithsonian, the San Diego Zoo, and many other international organizations.

Lunch

Afternoon

Jinsha Site Museum

Accidentally discovered in 2001 by workers doing road work and digging holes for new water pipe lines, the archaeological Jinsha site has already yielded thousands of gold, jade, bronze, stone and ivory artifacts – as well as human remains. Part of the Sanxingdui culture, the area flourished around 1000 B.C. when it was an important political center in the later phase of the ancient Shu kingdom.

Traditional Hot Pot Dinner at Lao Matou

Evening

Sichuan Opera Performance

The most well-known technique of Sichuan Opera is *biàn liǎn*, or face changing, in which the performers change from one colored mask to another almost instantaneously – with a swipe of a fan, a movement of the head, or wave of the hand.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

All Day **Free day with host families**

MONDAY, JULY 24

8:30 a.m. **Gather at School**

9:30 **Pass through security at U.S. Consulate General**

10:00 **Briefing at U.S. Consulate General**

Mr. Keith Lommel, Public Affairs Officer; Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Cultural Affairs Officer

Opened on October 16, 1985, the American Consulate General in Chengdu covers the provinces of Sichuan, Yunnan, and Guizhou, as well as the Tibet Autonomous Region and Chongqing City Municipality.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Shopping at Jinli Ancient Street**

Afternoon **Head to Airport**

5:00 **Depart on Air China Flight 4117 to Beijing**

7:45 **Arrive in Beijing**
Head to Jianguo Hotel

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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- Morning** **Closing Seminar w/CEAIE**
Ms. Shen Xuesong, Deputy Secretary General, CEAIE
Mr. Zhang Quan, Program Assistant, Department for International Cooperation, CEAIE
Ms. Di Yan
- Temple of Heaven**
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 2:00** **Mobike**
Mr. Jason He, International Expansion Team, Mobike
Mobike is a fully station-less bicycle-sharing system headquartered in Beijing, designed to fulfil short, urban trips – anytime, to any legal parking destination – by combining innovation and today’s IoT (Internet of Things) technology. It is currently deployed in dozens of Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, and many other provincial capitals and cities. In June 2017, Mobike announced its first European expansion, making Manchester its 100th city.
- Mobvoi**
Mr. Lin Yili, Vice President of Product, Mobvoi Inc
Mobvoi is a Beijing based A.I. start-up that has created voice search tools for Mandarin Chinese, including Chumen Wenwen (an app similar to Apple’s Siri) and apps for Google Glass, along with its own operating system for its “Ticwear” smartwatches.
- Evening** **Farewell Dinner**
- Return to hotel**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 8:00 a.m.** **Gather in hotel lobby checked out and ready to go (bring all luggage!!)**
- Depart for Airport**
- 12:00 p.m.** **Group departs on United Airlines Flight 889 to San Francisco**
- 8:35 a.m.** **Arrive at San Francisco Airport** (earlier than you departed Beijing!)
Transfer to domestic flights home