

**SUGGESTED CHINA ITINERARY
FOR
Mercer Island High School
*March 31 – April 13, 2012***

31 March SEATTLE/BEIJING

Depart USA and lose a day while crossing the international date line.

Apr 01 BEIJING (D)

Arrival in Beijing and private transfer to hotel.

Your National Guide will be your local assistant who will travel with the group throughout China available 24/7. The services of the National Guide is in addition to the local guides already included. Services will include but not limited to local translation whether shopping, local interaction or ordering food, on the spot assistance for the tour coordinator/leader, assist the group past the check-in counter and on board the aircraft & cruise, overall atmosphere and enjoyment for the group peace of mind.

Dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation: New Otani Changfugong or similar (3 nights)

Apr 02 BEIJING (B/L/D)

Full day tour to Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City and Gao Bei Dian village where students will learn how to make kites with locals there. Students will keep the kites after they are made

Lunch at local restaurant and dinner

Apr 03 BEIJING (B/L/D)

Tour to Badaling Great Wall and afternoon tour to Temple of Heaven where students may fly the kites they made. Kung fu demo. Evening Peking Duck Dinner

Apr 04 BEIJING/XI'AN (B/L/D)

Morning tour to Bird's Nest and Water Cube and fly to Xi'an. Afternoon bike ride on top of the City Wall of Xi'an

Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar (2 nights)

Apr 05 XI'AN (B/L/D)

Tour to Terra Cotta Warriors, Muslim Neighborhood and visit a local school in Xi'an and see the

children playing sports. If students like, they can play basket ball together.

Apr 06 XI'AN/CHENGDU (B/L/D)

Fly to Chengdu in the morning and tour to local park

Accommodation: Tibet Hotel or similar (2 nights)

Apr 07 CHENGDU (B/L/D)

Morning tour to Panda Breeding Center and afternoon tour to the old area of Chengdu. Hot pot dinner this evening.

Apr 08 CHENGDU/CHONGQING (B/L/D)

Morning express train to Chongqing. Tour to Chongqing Zoo, city square and Three Gorges Museum in Chongqing. Transfer to cruse pier in Chongqing and board on **President No. 1 Cruise (3 nights)**

Apr 9-10 CRUISE (B/L/D)

Cruise itinerary includes Fengdu, Three Gorges excursions

First port of call is Fengdu, known as "City of Ghosts" where a shore excursion visits one of the many temples housing silent ghost devils.

Also visit the Three Gorges, one of the most spectacular sights in China including the Wu Gorge with its "Twelve Peaks" and the Qutang Gorge known for its magnificent scenery.

Experience a boat trip on the Shennong Stream little gorge followed by the western section of the longest gorge, the Xiling Gorge.

Visit the world's largest hydroelectric project then sail through the eastern section of the Xiling Gorge with its beautiful scenery. Arrive Yichang around lunch time.

Apr 11 YICHANG/SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

Cruise disembarks at Yichang and fly to Shanghai.

Accommodation: Ramada Plaza Gateway (2 nights)

Apr 12 SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

Full day tour to Bund, Nanjing Road, Children's Palace and Huangpu River Cruise, Acrobat show.

Apr 13 SHANGHAI/ HOME (B)

Experience traveling on the Maglev train to the airport