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Advanced International Summer Camp



Program Highlights:

- ✚ Take a trip across China
 - ✚ Learn about and experience the Chinese culture
 - ✚ Tour four major cities
 - ✚ Explore Chinese History and Geography
 - ✚ Learn the Chinese language in a Chinese classroom
 - ✚ Make Chinese friends by living and learning together
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- ✓ **Chinese Language Immersion Program:** Immerse in the Chinese language through a study program.
 - ✓ **Chinese High School Experience:** Live in a high school dormitory; have access to the library and other facilities.
 - ✓ **Transnational Friendship Building:** Study together with top Chinese high school students; gain meaningful life experience by sharing culture differences.



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- ✓ **Major City Tours: Visit** the major cities of Beijing, Wuhan, Chengdu, Shenzhen – Explore the hometowns of the Giant Panda and the Great Wall.
- ✓ **Special Opportunity: Travel** this amazing country via the famous Chinese high-speed bullet trains!

Program Overview:

HIGHLAND's two-week Advanced International Summer Camp is designed for students who have been learning Chinese and have a strong interest in Chinese culture. Through the program, students will have opportunities to visit and study in local high schools, make Chinese friends, and explore the spectacular views in China.

Students will travel in the famous cities – Beijing, Chengdu, Wuhan, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. They will learn about Chinese culture, history and architecture through the spectacular views of the Great Wall, Beijing Hutong, the Giant Panda base, and many others.

Participants will visit some of the top high schools and experience Chinese students' school and family life, through our one-on-one program. Students will help each other understand the culture differences and help each other's language learning.

Date	City	Curriculum and Schedule	Accommodation
D1 Sat	Washington D.C. – Beijing	Gather at Washington D.C. IAD Airport and fly to Beijing	-
D2 Sun	Beijing	Arrive in Beijing; Airport pickup by HIGHLAND representatives and welcome dinner	Hotel



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D3 Mon	Beijing	Visit the Great Wall and Beijing Hutongs in Houhai; Introduction to Beijing history and culture; Enjoy the famous Peking Duck	Hotel
D4 Tue	Beijing – Wuhan	Tour of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and the appearance of Bird's Nest Stadium and Beijing National Aquatics Center Introduction to Beijing history and architecture Departure to Wuhan by High-speed train.	Hotel
D5 Wed	Wuhan	Visit the Yellow Crane Tower and East Lake ; Introduction to the Yellow Crane Tower history and culture; Enjoy the famous Wuhan hot dry noodles	Hotel
D6 Thur	Wuhan – Chengdu	Departure to Chengdu by High-speed train; School tour and Welcome party	Student Dorm
D7 Fri	Chengdu	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English one on one Afternoon: One-hour Chinese language course; Student clubs; Activities such as calligraphy, soccer, learning traditional paper cutting, cooking class	Home Stay
D8 Sat	Chengdu	Visit the Giant Panda base with student family; introduction to Giant Panda history and geography	Home Stay



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D9 Sun	Chengdu – Shenzhen	Enjoy the famous local performance art show “Changing Face” and authentic Szechwan cuisines Fly to Shenzhen and check into the student dorm School tour and Welcome party	Student Dorm
D10 Mon	Shenzhen	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English one on one Afternoon: One-hour Chinese language course; Student clubs; Activities such as calligraphy, soccer, learning traditional paper cutting, cooking class	Student Dorm
D11 Tue	Shenzhen	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English one on one Afternoon: One-hour Chinese language course; Student clubs; Activities such as calligraphy, soccer, learning traditional paper cutting, cooking class	Student Dorm
D12 Wed	Shenzhen	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English one on one Afternoon: One-hour Chinese language course; Student clubs; Activities such as calligraphy, soccer, learning traditional paper cutting, cooking class	Student Dorm
D13 Thur	Shenzhen	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English one on one Afternoon: One-hour Chinese language course; Student clubs; Activities such as calligraphy, soccer, learning traditional paper cutting, cooking class	Student Dorm



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D14 Fri	Shenzhen	Morning: Participate in local English classes, talk to local students in English / Chinese one on one Afternoon: Graduation Ceremony	Student Dorm
D15 Sat	Hong Kong	Tour of Hong Kong	Hotel
D16 Sun	Shenzhen – Beijing – Washington D.C.	Departure to Washington D.C.; Arrive home	-
The above is a tentative schedule and might be modified due to real flight schedules. The final schedule may be subject to change.			

Student Age Group: High School Students 15-18

Suggested numbers: 20 Students + 2 Teachers

(TEACHER FEES WILL BE PAID BY HIGHLAND)

***Fee includes:**

1. International travel fares
2. Accommodations
3. Three meals per day
4. Hotel
5. Inland transportation fares
6. Study materials
7. Entertainment tickets
8. Tips and service fees

*** Not included in fee:**

1. Passport and Chinese visa fees
2. Overweight luggage fees
3. Travel insurance (optional)
4. Early return by choice or by termination by management



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GENERAL INFORMATION FAQ

1. How much Mandarin do I need to participate the program?

Mandarin is NOT a must to apply to our program, but we encourage Chinese language learners to attend. As long as you have an interest in Chinese, like to make friends from a different background and learn Chinese culture, as well as want to challenge yourself to live in a different country for two weeks, you are qualified to participate in our program. Our program provides a chance for you to be immersed in a Mandarin-speaking environment.

2. Do I need spending money?

The program fee is \$2,800, which covers the international air fare (round trip), inland transportation, accommodation and meal expenses in China, and our supervision fee. Students are expected to cover expenses such as personal items, transportation and admission fees for optional activities around the city. We recommend that students have access to a minimum of \$500.

3. How do I get Chinese money in advance? What happens if I need more cash?

Most large banks sell foreign currency, and if you have a bank account, you can order cash over the phone or online, with a few days' notice. It can be delivered to your local branch for pickup. ATMs are virtually everywhere in China. They provide instructions in English and accept international cards which are part of a major network such as Visa and MasterCard. Don't be shy to ask your group leader and/or your resident advisers, who will help you out at any time.

4. How much supervision is provided?

Besides the two group leaders (must be faculty staff in applicants' school), a live-in resident adviser HIGHLAND staff will also provide round-the-clock supervision. When students arrive in China, each local high school will provide a teacher responsible for supervision.



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5. Will there be someone to meet us at the airport?

Yes, HIGHLAND representatives will provide airport pick-up service and travel with students throughout the trip.

6. Do I have access to school facilities in China?

Yes, students in our program have access to local schools' classrooms, laboratories, libraries, computer labs, fitness center, and student activities centers.

7. What does the school dormitory look like?

The school dormitory varies from school to school. Most dorms have private bathrooms. Students may live in double, or triple rooms. All dormitories have a common living space with television for the enjoyment of all the residents.

8. What items do I need for dorm living?

You are expected to bring your own bedsheet, pillows, slippers, toiletries and other personal stuff while staying in the school dorm. If you don't want pack too much, it's also convenient and cheap to purchase these items when you arrive in China.

9. How do you select certificated host families?

Host family selection process is very selective. First, we review the home location and quality of the home. We also compare the family's profile against the HIGHLAND program criteria. Next, we do a background check on the family to assure a safe placement. Finally, we conduct a personal interview and a home visit with all host family members. Once a family has been approved, we match families and applicants according to the information on the application form.



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10. How will I stay in touch with my family in the US?

We will provide each student a local phone card with sufficient funds. Students can use it to make inland/international phone calls. As for staying touch with their family, we highly recommend that students and their parents both download WeChat on their cellphone, which is as popular as WhatsApp in the US. It is free as long as Internet is accessible.

11. What happens if I do not like the food?

Most schools will provide Chinese food for students. If you do not like the food, please never be too shy to speak up. Different food can be ordered outside school with your own money.

12. What behaviors will get a student sent home?

Student should always observe the Student Behavior Code as follows:

- i. Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- ii. Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- iii. Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- iv. Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code. Attend school every
- v. Respect all property
- vi. Do not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- vii. No bullying, harassing, intimidating or discriminating against anyone in the schools

Anyone who breaks the Student Behavior Code will be sent home.



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13. How do I secure a visa to China?

The Chinese visa application fee is \$300, which is NOT covered in the program fee. HIGHLAND will assist students with the whole visa application process. To secure your visa, we recommend you submit your camp application form as soon as possible.

You will need passport with at least 6 months remaining validity and available blank pages and 2 professional passport photos. Photo services are provided in the building of the Chinese Embassy when going for the visa interview.

14. What happens if I get sick during the trip?

Please speak up if you are not feeling comfortable. We provide round-the-clock guardian service during the trip. Necessary medicine will be prepared during everyday activities in case of common illnesses. If a student gets a serious illness or injury, we will take the student to a hospital nearby for further treatment.

We highly recommend that you purchase health insurance for the trip. If you already have insurance, your trip preparations should include calling your health insurance carrier to find out what coverage you have when overseas.