DISCOVER CHINA 2018

Knowledge comes from books and from experience of the world.

—Qichang Dong, Ming Dynasty

读万卷书，行万里路—明 董其昌
China is an ancient civilization going through immense change. It is a country of vast deserts, snow-capped peaks, lush jungles, high altitude grasslands, vibrant cultures, mighty rivers and buzzing metropolises pulsing with the energy of a population playing the biggest game of catch-up the world has ever seen.

China offers timeless culture in areas little changed by market reforms. It offers world class sights such as the Great Wall and Terra Cotta army and it also offers the travellers new experiences that have been hidden from the world for decades. China has so many destinations little known outside of its borders that even 30 years of opening up has yet to introduce them to the rest of the world.

City College Plymouth is delighted to offer the opportunity to spend 3-4 weeks in China again this summer to a group of City College, Plymouth University and other UPC colleges students at our partner Chinese universities to learn about China.

What you will do in China

● Basic Chinese language study
● Visit local museums and local area
● Learn to make dumplings and other Chinese food
● Learn Martial Arts and Beijing Opera
● Sightseeing in surrounding cities
● Optional 4-5 days Beijing trip
● Learn Chinese Painting
● Learn Chinese Craft and Calligraphy
● Visit local Chinese families

Host Partners in China

● Huzhou University
● Hebei Normal University of Nationalities*

Programme Length

● Early June until end of June (exact date to be confirmed)
● 3-4 weeks

Price and what’s included

● Course fee—FREE (will be provided by City College Plymouth)
● Accommodation fees— FREE (will be provided by host partners)
● Daily food on campus—FREE (will be provided by host partner)
● Approximately £1,500** per student to pay to cover:
  — International return flight
  — Chinese visa fees
  — Transportation and some sightseeing cost

*This is going to be confirmed.

** This cost may vary depending on the number of students participating.

Please note that participants are responsible for their own personal expenditure, insurance and any other independent local trips/activities.
Where you will stay in China

In Huzhou University, you will stay on the campus:

- In a foreign visitors/teachers/international student block building
- Basic, like hostel type accommodation
- Twin rooms, with balcony and bathroom
- Desks and storage space available in each room
- Lift to all floors
- Air-conditioning, TV, Wi-Fi, fridge in all rooms
- Laundry room available
- One English channel on TV-CCTV 9, possible to pay extra for movies
- Bedding packs included

Campus Tips

- Huge campus—nice lake on one side with bridges and pagodas
- 20,000 students on campus
- Convenient bus between campus and city centre
- Shops on campus
- Gym facilities available, also other sports facilities like tennis and basketball courts
- Warm weather: around 26-30 degrees in June, get prepared
- Students will have a card to use in cafeteria for free

*Accommodation and campus information of Heibei University of Nationalities is to be confirmed
Students’ Quotes...

“China was an incredible experience, one that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I have met some wonderful students and lecturers that have been really welcoming and took time out of their studies to accommodate us and take us on trips. I could not believe how different the culture was and at first it came as a shock to me, but as we visited more cities and learnt about the history, I saw the true beauty of China and its culture. I was amazed by how each person we met wished us good luck and good health, alongside the deep meanings of symbols we learnt about in Calligraphy classes. Whilst at the University, I enjoyed the Chinese language lessons, even though I found them incredibly difficult, the teacher was brilliant and very supportive. The highlights of the trip for me was the homestay as the family was so lovely and we are still in contact now, also visiting Shanghai and seeing the rapidly developing infrastructure and economy of China.”

Greta, Plymouth University, China Trip 2017

“I had a very positive experience with the trip and I very much enjoyed it. I really hope to return to China in a couple of years’ time to study and learn Mandarin thanks to the trip, I loved it! My favourite part of the trip was seeing the Great Wall but the whole university experience was a very close second...Visiting Shanghai was fantastic as was seeing the Sheraton Hotel along with seeing all the temples and palaces. I just want to say thank you very much for giving me the opportunity. It opened my eyes and was a really enjoyable experience; I highly recommend it to anyone thinking about it, just go! You won’t regret it.”

Philip, Plymouth University, China Trip 2016

“I experienced some once in a life time trips and for that I will always be thankful. The students and teachers were very welcoming and I loved the friendly atmosphere surrounding the College...I had a wonderful time and I did enjoy the classes that were more practical like martial arts and calligraphy. Again, I am very thankful for the whole experience and I will look back on it with fond memories.”

Phoebe, City College Plymouth, China Trip 2016

“My favourite parts of the trip were the homestay, Shanghai and Beijing. The homestay was a real insight into how Chinese families live and me and Francesca plan to stay in touch with our family. The group planned trip to Shanghai was fantastic, a student from the University and a friend came with us and the friend’s uncle showed us around. Beijing was a great cultural experience as we saw all the temples and the guide was really nice.

Overall China was an amazing experience and I encourage anyone who has the chance to visit and if they’re a student to go on this trip.”

Mary, City College Plymouth, China Trip 2017

CONTACT US

We are delighted to share our knowledge of this extraordinary destination with you. So, if you are interested in this trip, please do not hesitate to email me for your interest, then I could provide further information and advice about the travel planning, Chinese visa, course details, accommodation, fees, etc.

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