International Scholar Laureate Program
Delegation on International Relations & Diplomacy
People’s Republic of China

Sample Schedule

Day 1 Majesty and Marvels: Welcome to Beijing
Inside Beijing: China’s Many-Splendored Capital
Arrival in Beijing and Check-in at Hotel
Program Welcome and Dinner
Program Orientation: Academic Expectations and Cultural Overview

Day 2 The Importance of Effective Cross-Cultural Communication
Team Breakout Session: Identifying Goals and Networking with ISLP Scholars and Faculty
Keynote Speaker: Cross-Cultural Communication
   East Versus West Communication Styles
   The Role of Ancient Chinese Philosophy in Modern China
Out of the Pages of History: Monuments and Treasures of the Imperial Era
   Tian’anmen Square: Monument to Mao
   Forbidden City: Seat of Imperial Power
A Taste of Beijing: Traditional Peking Duck Dinner

Day 3 Messages and Messengers: Representing a Mission Abroad
Team Breakout Session: Introduction to the ISLP Case Study Competition
Site visits and Speaking Event: The Embassies of China’s Capital City
   International Relations with China in an Ever-Changing World
   Speaking Event: Crossing the Cultural Divide – An Expatriate Perspective on Living Abroad
China Foreign Affairs University
   Collaboration through Connecting Cultures and Creating Trust
   Globalization and China’s Place in World Politics
Evening Dinner and Networking Event with Students and Faculty

Day 4 The Great Wall: 4,500-Mile Wonder of the Ages
Team Breakout Session: Revisiting Your Goals and Navigating Your Personal Career Path
Excursion to the Great Wall: An Ancient World Wonder
   Pass Through Badaling Gate and Hike Along the Great Wall
Networking and Cultural Exchange with Beijing Citizens: English Corner at the People’s University

Day 5 Diplomatic Reflections, Contemporary Issues
Site Visit: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China
   Briefing in the Official Press Room
   Diplomacy in the East Asia Region: China-Taiwan-North Korea Relations
   Diplomatic Ties: The Chinese Perspective on International Relations
Small Group Discussions with Junior Diplomats
Traditional Dinner in a Local Beijing Noodle House

Day 6 Welcome to Xi’an: Through the Portals of Discovery
Early Morning Flight to Xi’an
Guardians of the Imperial Tomb: The Amazing 8,000-Man Terra Cotta Army
Evening of Independent Exploration
   Trace the Roots of the Silk Road in the Muslim Quarter
   Bicycle or Walk Along the Ancient City Wall

Day 7 Grassroots Diplomacy
Diplomacy in Action: Role of International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

This Sample Schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of the experience offered. Specific schedules, locations, and details may be modified.
China’s Rural Communities and Role at the Local Level
Insights into How Donations are Allocated at WWF
Team Breakout Session: ISLP Case Study Guided Working Session
Diplomacy at the Local Level: On Site at a Rural Chinese Primary School
Meet and Interact with Local Students

Day 8 Bridging the Old and the New: Xi’an to Shanghai
Introduction to Tai Chi (Optional)
Slow-Motion Movements that Encourage Mental and Physical Harmony
Lunch and Networking Event at Xi’an International Studies University
Air Transfer to Shanghai: Thriving Financial and Trade Center
City Overview and Orientation
Welcome Dinner of Shanghai Cuisine

Day 9 Future of Diplomacy: China’s Global Role in International Politics
Site Visit: China’s Premier Think Tank: Shanghai Institute of International Studies
Future Trajectory of International Strategic Relations
China’s International Strategy
Shanghai’s Iconic Cultural and Historic Sites
Yu Garden and the Old Town
Early European Settlements and the French Concession
Intersection of Time: ERA Acrobatics Show at Shanghai Circus City
A Combination of Traditional Chinese Acrobatic Arts and Modern Technology

Day 10 A Day for Celebration and Reflection
Team Breakout Session: ISLP Case Study Presentations and Competition
Modern China in a City Rich with Tradition: Spend Afternoon Exploring Shanghai on Your Own
Jade Buddha Temple
The Bund and Nanjing Road
Sky Scrapers and Modern Marvels
Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with Fellow Scholar Laureates, Faculty, and Colleagues

Day 11 Depart China or Fly to Hong Kong for Cultural Extension

Cultural Extension: Hong Kong

Day 11 Hong Kong: Asia’s World City
Air Transfer to Hong Kong
City Orientation and Overview
Check-in at Hotel
Welcome Dinner of Traditional Cantonese Cuisine

Day 12 The Pearl of the Orient
Morning Exploration of the Hong Kong Islands
Funicular Railway to the Top of Victoria Peak
Sampan Cruise Through Aberdeen Fishing Village
Cantonese Delight: Dim Sum Lunch Aboard the Famous Jumbo Floating Restaurant
Afternoon of Fun and Sun: Repulse Bay Beach
Open-top Bus Excursion and Laser Light Show at the Hong Kong Harbour

Day 13 Exploring the Former Colony: Independent Exploration
Create Your Own Adventure!
Kowloon Peninsula with Neon Sign-Filled Nathan Road
Vibrant Bazaars: Flower, Bird, and Jade Markets
Star Ferry with Skyline Views
Ngong Ping 360: Aerial Tramway to the Giant Buddha
Hong Kong Harbour Bauhinia Farewell Dinner Cruise

Day 14 Homeward Bound: Depart Hong Kong International Airport