

International Scholar Laureate Program
Delegation on Diplomacy & International Relations
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

Day 2 Artistic and Ancient Treasures

Cross-Cultural Communication Briefing by a Member of China's Professional Community
East Versus West Communication Styles
The Role of Ancient Chinese Philosophy in Modern China
Career Success: An Overview of Chinese Professional Etiquette
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

The Embassies of China's Capital City
International Relations with China in an Ever-Changing World
Crossing the Cultural Divide: An Expatriate Perspective on Living Abroad
China Foreign Affairs University
Connecting Cultures, Creating Trust: Meeting with China's Future Diplomats
Globalization and China's Place in World Politics
Dinner and Networking Opportunity with Students

Day 4 The Great Wall: 4,500-Mile Wonder of the Ages

Excursion to the Great Wall: An Ancient World Wonder
Pass Through Badaling Gate and Hike Along the Great Wall
Visit the Site of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, Including the National Stadium ("The Bird's Nest")
Networking and Cultural Exchange with Beijing Citizens: English Corner at the People's University

Day 5 Diplomatic Reflections, Contemporary Issues

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
Museum of Antiquity: Arts and Artifacts of the Qin Dynasty
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)
World Wildlife Fund (WWF): The World's Largest Independent Conservation Organization,
Working in More Than 100 Countries
China's Rural Communities and Role at the Local Level
Insights into How Donations are Utilized at WWF
Turn Your Passion into a Career
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 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

Shanghai Institute of International Studies
Future Trajectory of International Strategic Relations
Theories for International Strategic Studies
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

Modern China in a City Rich with Tradition: Spend Afternoon Exploring Shanghai on Your Own
Cruise Along the Huangpu River
Jade Buddha Temple
The Bund and Nanjing Road
Sky Scrapers and Modern Marvels
Enjoy a Farewell Dinner Banquet with Your New Friends

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