

CHINA: Sample Itinerary

All itineraries can be altered in length, focus and style to fit school requirements.



DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1		Depart Australia	Depart Australia.
2		Beijing	Arrive Beijing. Arrive and transfer to Hotel. An afternoon to visit the sights of Beijing. Options could include Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Chinese Acrobats, Olympic Stadiums, markets etc.
3		Start Trek	Transfer to the Great Wall of China in the morning before commencing a 2/3 hour intro walk on reconstructed sections of the Great Wall. Accommodation is pre-booked at the Fish Pond Guesthouse.
4		Trek	A full day walking amongst the ruins of the great wall from Yellow Cliff pass to Sweet Water Village. Overnight in Farmers Houses in the village.
5		Trek	Continue walking along a classic section of the Wall from Sweet Water Village to border stone of three provinces with views of the wall as it snakes west. Return to the road for a quick transfer to Gubeko section of the wall.
6		Trek	Transfer from village to Gubeko for another full day walking from Gubeko to Jingshangling.
7		Trek and transfer to Beijing	A final day trekking with a spectacular finish at Simatei after lunch. In the afternoon transfer back to Beijing. The team will be planning and organising Xi'an & Chengdu.
8		Beijing	A free day to visit the sights of Beijing. Options could include Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Chinese Acrobats, Olympic Stadiums, markets etc. The team will be planning and organising Xi'an & Chengdu.
9		Beijing	Spend the morning exploring the sights of Beijing including a tour of the Temple of Heaven followed by a foot massage and shopping at the Fake Markets, before catching the overnight train to Xian in the evening.
10		Xian	Arrive in Xian in the morning, before spending the day exploring the old city. Options may include Drum Tower, Bell Tower, City Walls, Muslim Quarter, Silk Road History, Feng Shui museum etc.
11		Xian	Spend the day exploring the Terracotta Warriors and exploring Xian. Overnight train to Chengdu. Teams can decide to go straight to Lijang and miss Chengdu if they prefer more time around the remote, minorities hill tribes of the South West.
12		Chengdu	Arrive and transfer to hostel. The team can organise to visit the Pandas at Chengdu.
13		Chengdu	The morning may include relaxing, markets, temples in Chengdu. There's also possibility to visit Emi Shan and the Leshan Buddha. The team will move to South West China for their project.
14		Community Project	Project orientation which could involve painting, restoration or construction of classrooms, play area, school gardens and general school infrastructure.
15		Community Project	Accommodation will be at the village school or local hostel/home-stay. Projects will be with local minority hill tribe communities. Tibetan influence is strong in this region of China.
16		Community Project	The students will decide how to organise themselves and use their resources to make sure they complete their objectives.
17		Community Project	Continue with project, there's option for teaching and games with local students
18		Community Project	A final day at the project to complete the project and say thank you to local students and community.
19		Lijang	A day in Lijang to see the sites and get ready for the 2 day trek along the spectacular Tiger Leaping Gorge
20		Trek	Tiger Leaping Gorge is an amazing gorge, it can be trekked in many directions.
21		Trek	Finish Tiger Leaping Gorge and transfer back to Lijang. Options to stay in Zhongdian and visit the temple are possible.
22		Depart China	Final morning in Lijang. Transfer by bus or plane to Kunming for flight home.
23		Arrive Australia	Arrive Australia.