Everyday China
Through the Eyes of the People
Sunday, July 17 - Wednesday, July 27, 2016

JOHNS HOPKINS
CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH
Everyday China: Program Itinerary

Sunday July 17: Hong Kong
Welcome to Hong Kong. Arrive independently to Hong Kong International Airport. Transfer and check into the Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel overlooking Victoria Harbour.
*Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place*

Monday, July 18: Hong Kong
In the morning, a bus takes us to The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) campus, located along a hillside and waterfront complex overlooking Port Shelter on the Clear Water Bay peninsula. Following a tour of the picturesque campus, we gather for a welcome lunch and orientation to the week. In the afternoon, we return to Kowloon for a guided tour of the Hong Kong Museum of History. We end the day taking the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbour. Following dinner, we ride the Peak Tram to the upper levels of Hong Kong Island and enjoy the stunning views of the harbour and skyline of Hong Kong.
*Overnight: Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (L,D)*

Tuesday, July 19: Hong Kong
This morning discover the official language of the People’s Republic of China during a morning language lesson in Mandarin. You will certainly have time to practice during your stay in China. Following lunch, we will enjoy an authentic Hong Kong market experience in the working-class neighborhood of Sham Shui Po, which means "Deep Water Pier. This area might seem intimidating at first, but with a little help from our Hong Kong hosts, you’ll be navigating this urban mecca with ease in no time. Now that we have build up an appetite, we’ll taste the allure of this area as we gather for a Giant Basin Feast, a traditional dish in New Territories. In the evening, enjoy leisure time on your own.
*Overnight: Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (L,D)*
**Wednesday, July 20: Guangdong Province: Dongguan/Guangzhou/Nansha**

Your route for the next few days will meander through Guangdong Province. Not only does this Province boast an abundance of natural scenery and historical sites, it is also China’s powerhouse for economic growth and a pioneer of reform. As such, the area offers an excellent backdrop to explore China’s past, present, and future. This morning, we depart Hong Kong and travel by coach bus to this important southern Province. Today, we will visit two factories in Dongguan city while explore the strategies the Province has employed to push forward the region’s industrial restructuring and transformation. After the tours, we head to HKUST’s Nansha IT Park in Guangzhou where we will stay for two days.

*Overnight: HKUST Nansha IT Park (L,D)*

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**Thursday, July 21: Guangdong Province: Nansha**

This morning, we take a tour of a local village, with a rare opportunity to meet village elders and learn about operations of local government. We will spend some time at a farm helping villagers with the daily activities while learning about agriculture and local farming practices. In the afternoon, we tour the Nansha Economic Exhibition Centre and Tianhou Palace, originally built in the Ming Dynasty to worship the Goddess of the sea. During our visit to these two star attractions, we will discuss how tourism has played an important role in this area. After dinner, families have some free time to relax.

*Overnight: HKUST Nansha IT Park (B,L,D)*
Friday, July 22: Guangdong Province: Guangzhou

Today, we head to Guangzhou, the capital and largest city of the Guangdong Province. Once we arrive, we head to the Guangdong Museum to discover the cultural wisdom of Southern China from the prehistoric ages to present. During an afternoon workshop, families will use special Chinese brushes, inks and paper made specifically for Chinese brush painting to create your own art piece in the tradition of Chinese painting. We finish the day with dinner and a trip to one of Guangzhou’s famous open air night markets. Following dinner, CTY families will be captivated by the beauty of the Pearl River during a two-hour evening cruise.

*Overnight: Guangzhou Shangri-La Hotel (B,L,D)*

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Saturday, July 23: Guangdong Province: Guangzhou

It is said that Chinese calligraphy is the key to understanding Chinese civilization. Discover the beauty of this traditional Chinese art during a morning workshop. Starting with the basics, this workshop will teach you how to hold a calligraphy brush and the right way to write basic strokes. This afternoon, explore Lingnan Impression Park, which resembles an old town with beautiful traditional buildings and a main street full of attractions. Each open door is worth exploring, revealing local art, history, and food plus some off-beat things such as rooms with optical illusions. After dinner, spend some free time with your family.

*Overnight: Guangzhou Shangri-La Hotel (B,L,D)*
**Sunday, July 24: Guangdong Province: Foshan**

Foshan has a long history dating back to approximately 5,000 years. In the morning, enjoy an ancestral temple lion dance. While exploring the old streets of this ancient city, we will experience first-hand the local traditional life. The town of Foshan is famous for its martial arts, containing numerous Wing Chun schools where many come to train and spar. Wing Chun is the Chinese martial art emphasizing balance, structure, and relaxation. Today’s program will show you how to make Wing Chun easy. This is your chance to learn the science of motion behind this ancient martial art. After dinner, we’ll venture to the one of the area’s night markets.

*Overnight: Foshan Marco Polo (L,D)*

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**Monday, July 25: Guangdong Province and Hong Kong**

After breakfast, we will learn about Chinese paper cutting during an interactive and customized workshop. You will hear about the history and basic techniques of this folk art and then try some paper cutting for yourself! Afterward, we head back to Hong Kong. Following dinner, families have the evening free to explore the city.

*Overnight: Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (L,D)*

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**Tuesday, July 26: Hong Kong**

Our final exciting day begins with *Dialogue in the Dark*, a unique exhibit that allows you to explore five different Hong Kong environments using sounds, smells, temperatures, textures while being completely in the dark! A festive CTY farewell lunch is served to celebrate a remarkable week with family and new friends. After lunch, we’ll have our final lecture on Chinese medicine. Families have the evening free to explore the city.

*Overnight: Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (L)*

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**Wednesday, July 27: Hong Kong**

This morning, participants depart Hong Kong on their own for independent return flights home.
Program Information

Trip Length: 11 days/10 nights

Cost per person:  
Register by March 1, 2016:  
$4,750 per person

Register on March 2, 2016 or later:  
$4,950 per person

Program includes
- Transportation within China
- Hotel accommodations for 10 nights as designated on itinerary
- All meals as designated on itinerary when taken with the group
- Daily excursions, lectures, activities as designated on itinerary
- Fully guided program by HKUST faculty and staff

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare, airport transfers to and from hotel; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; passports, visas; travel protection insurance; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included Features" section above. Please note, we strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended.

Program Notes
All prices listed are in U.S. dollars. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed price and itinerary as described, they are subject to modifications due to availability of services. Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Single supplements are available. All reservations are subject to CTY Policies, Terms and Conditions found on our website at www.cty.jhu.edu/family/travel.
Accommodations

Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (Days 1-3, 9-10)

HKUST Nansha IT Park (Days 4-5)
Guangzhou Shangri-La Hotel (Days 6-7)

Foshan Marco Polo (Day 8)