

Beijing & Xian Mandarin trip

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Departing:	10 Feb 2018
Duration:	8 days / 7 nights (1 overnight on plane)
Returning:	17 Feb 2018
Board Basis:	Full Board
Transport:	Flight
Price per Person:	£1500
Quote Valid Until:	30 Jun 2017

Itinerary



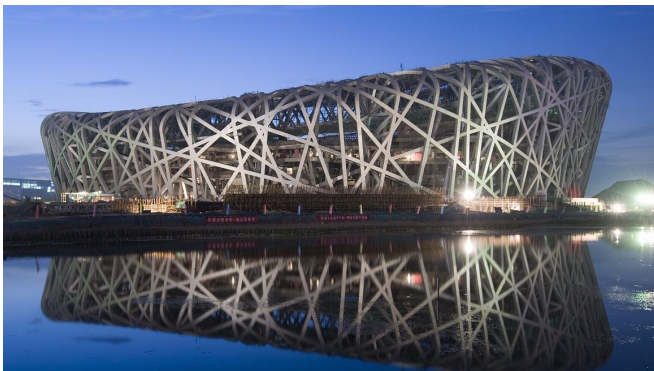
We will be travelling to China during the Chinese Spring Festival and we will be in Beijing on Chinese New Year. This should offer our students the opportunity of an amazing cultural experience as the Chinese celebrate the start of the Year of the Dog.

Day 1 - Fly to China

Fly from London to Beijing on your overnight flight.

Day 2 - Arrive Beijing (Lunch, Dinner)

Arrive in Beijing. Meet your tour guide at the airport. *Olympic Park with Bird Nest & Water Cube* (both outside) Transfer to Suyuan Phoenix Hotel or hotel similar. Please note that access to the rooms will be late afternoon. (Lunch and dinner at local restaurant)



Day 3 - Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast at hotel. *Tian'anmen Square* and *Forbidden City* (complex only) home to China's Emperors from 1420 until the abdication of the last Emperor Pu Yi in 1912. Lunch at local restaurant. *Summer Palace* (excl. theatre, Longevity Hill and boat ride on Kunming Lake). Dinner at local restaurant. Transfer to hotel.

Day 4 - Beijing-Xi'an (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast at hotel. You will visit one of the great wonders of the world the *Great Wall of Juyongguan Section*. Lunch at local restaurant. Then visit the *Temple of Heaven* considered to be one of the most beautiful buildings in China. Dinner at McDonald's or packed dinner. Transfer to train station for your soft sleeper train to Xi'an (4-berth sharing cabin).



Day 5 - Xi'an (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Arrive Xi'an in the morning. Transfer to Quest Hotel or hotel similar. Breakfast at hotel. *Calligraphy Lesson in Tangbo Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda* (excl. climbing the tower). Lunch at local restaurant. *Ancient City Wall* (excl. cycling tour). Dinner at local restaurant. *Night market*.

Day 6 - Xi'an -Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast at hotel. *Terra-Cotta Army*. Lunch at local restaurant. *Huaqing Hot Spring*. Dinner at local restaurant or packed dinner. Transfer to the train station for your soft sleeper train to Beijing (4-berth cabin).



Day 7 - Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Arrive Beijing in the morning. Transfer to Suyuan Phoenix Hotel or hotel similar. Breakfast at hotel. *Mandarin Lesson* (1 hr). Lunch at local restaurant. Shopping in *Wangfujing Street* and *Evening Kung Fu Show* (tourist

class side seat or back seat)
Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 8 - Beijing-Exit (Breakfast)

Breakfast at hotel, this may be a packed breakfast.
Transfer to the airport. Take the flight back to London where you will arrive just after 10am the same morning.

B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner

The flight/train schedule is subject to the final timetable of 2017-18 and we reserve the right to amend the schedule due to any change occurred in flight/train timetable.

Learning Outcomes

Subject focus

Students can:

- take Mandarin language practice beyond the classroom and engage in spontaneous, unscripted conversations with native speakers
- develop confidence by speaking the language in practical situations
- gain a greater understanding of Chinese culture through the experience of visiting the country and exchanges with local people
- develop their interest and enthusiasm for the country and its language
- experience learning outside the classroom in another country – the culture, history, politics, geography and art



Student outcomes

Students will have had an opportunity to:

- develop speaking and listening skills by communicating with native speakers in real-life situations
- gain confidence through learning and testing their capabilities
- build a deeper understanding of Chinese history and politics
- develop an understanding of China's economic and political role in the modern world

What's included?

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Price Includes

Transport

- Return international flights from London to Beijing
10th Feb BA039 LHR PEK 1620-1025 +1 day
17th Feb BA1038 PEK LHR 0635-1000
- All transport as in the '**Suggested Itinerary**' tab

Accommodation

- Hotel accommodation in Beijing (3 nights), Xi'an (1 night)
- 2 overnight sleeper trains between Beijing-Xi'an
- First included meal in resort is lunch on arrival on Day 2, last included meal is breakfast on Day 8

Guides

- A national guide is included throughout your tour as well as city guides

Excursions

Please refer to the '**Suggested Itinerary**' tab

China Visas (**included** in your tour price)

Group Visas are arranged for eligible passport holders. Please refer to the section 'Chinese Visa Information' and enquire if you have a disallowed nationalities in your group. Visas are arranged as a group visa. All participants must travel on the same dates, same flights.

Safety

- 24 hour emergency assistance whilst on tour

- Financial protection ABTA, ATOL, IATA
- Members of School Travel Forum and LOtC Quality Badge holders

Price per person

£1,500.00 based on 30 students



What's not included

- School to London Airport transfers
- Tips

Beijing Excursions

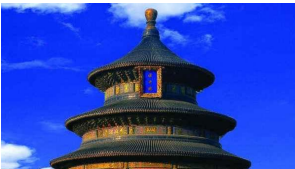
The Great Wall of China



One of the wonders of the world, this impressive 600km long wall was built to protect the Chinese Empire from northern invaders. An amazing feat of defensive architecture, it winds a path over rugged country and steep mountains. The wall was built between the 5th century BC and 16th century AD and sections within easy reach of Beijing have been restored so that visitors can walk on the wall and see the watch towers.

Allow: Half day

Temple of Heaven



Once used by emperors in the heaven worship ceremony, the temple park in Beijing is now one of the grandest examples of China's sacrificial buildings open for tourists. First built in 1420, the temple has been enlarged and rebuilt by both the Ming and Qing dynasties. At the heart of the Temple is the Hall of Prayer for good harvest, where the Emperor came each year to request good harvests in his divine capacity as the son of heaven.

Allow: 2-3 hours

The Summer Palace



Situated just outside Beijing, the Summer Palace is the grandest and most well preserved park in China. Construction began in

1750 on these luxury gardens for the royal family, and gradually they have been developed into the magnificent expanse of lawns, streams, bridges, secret gardens and pavilions scattered across the shores of the Kunming Lake.

Allow: 3 hours

Tiananmen Square



It was here on October 1st 1949 that Chairman Mao Tse-Tung announced the founding of the People's Republic of China to the world. Built during the Ming Dynasty the square is named after Tiananmen Gate, which lies to the north. It's the third largest of its kind in the world and a significant cultural landmark with the People's Heroes monument in the centre.

Allow: 1 hour

The Forbidden City



This palace lies at the heart of Beijing and was the home of the emperors for over 500 years. Completed in 1420, it is the biggest palace complex in the world covering 74 hectares. Surrounded by a 52m-wide moat, it's an adventure to explore the labyrinth of rooms, halls and gardens with magnificent decoration and rare curiosities throughout.

Allow: 3-4 hours

Xian Excursions

Big Wild Goose Pagoda



This is a Buddhist Pagoda built in 652 during the Tang Dynasty and originally had five stories. The pagoda is a holy place for Buddhists. If you visit in the morning you are likely to see locals doing their morning exercise in the squares around the pagoda and in the North Square there is a musical fountain display that can be watched through the year (except November).

Allow: Half Day

Terracotta Warriors



Visit this marvellous exhibition of treasures from an archaeological dig that began in 1974 near the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. During his reign (246-221BC) an army of nearly 7,000 warriors was made and then buried in pits to guard the emperor in the afterlife.

Allow: 2-3 hours

Tip: Each statue has individually carved features and represents the ancient imperial guard uniform.

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Payment Schedule

What happens next?

Deposit Schedule

1st Deposit	£200.00 per paying person by 30th June 2017
2nd Deposit	£600.00 by 15th September 2017
Final Balance	£700.00 per person by 30th October 2017

Your tour price is based on the numbers shown in 'What's Included'.

Chinese Group Visa Information

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Allowed On Group Visa	Embassy Contact Required to confirm if allowed on Group Visa	Requires an Individual Visa
Argentina	Cambodia	Afghanistan
Armenia	Cuba	Albania
Australia	Ecuador	Algeria
Austria	Bahrain	Angola
Belarus	Benin	Antigua and Barbuda
Belgium	Brunei Darussalam	Azerbaijan
Bolivia	Indonesia	Bangladesh
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Botswana
Brazil	Lao	Cameroon
Bulgaria	Lesotho	Congo
Burundi	Mauritius	Cyprus
Canada	Moldova	Egypt
Chile	Singapore	Guinea
Colombia		Ethiopia
Cote d'Ivoire		France
Croatia		Gabon
Czech Republic		Ghana
Korea		Guyana
Denmark		India
Estonia		Iran
Finland		Iraq
Germany		Jordan
Greece		Kazakhstan
Hungary		Kenya
Iceland		Kuwait
Ireland		Kyrgyz
Israel		Lebanon
Italy		Libya
Latvia		Mali
Lithuania		Mauritania
Luxembourg		Mongolia
Madagascar		Morocco
Malaysia		Mozambique
Malta		Myanmar
Mexico		Namibia
Netherlands		Nepalese
New Zealand		Niger
Northern Ireland		Nigeria
Norwegian		Oman
Peru		Pakistan
Poland		Palestine
Portugal		Papua New Guinea
Romania		Philippines
Russia		Uganda
Sierra Leone		Qatar
Slovakia		Rwanda
Slovenia		Saudi Arabia
Spain		Somali
Suriname		South Africa
Sweden		Sri Lanka

Switzerland		Syria
Thailand		Tajikistan
Togo		Tanzania
Ukraine		Tunisia
United Kingdom		Turkey
Uruguay		Turkmenistan
Venezuela		United Arab Emirates
		United States of America
		Uzbekistan
		Vietnam
		Yemen
		Yugoslavia
		Zambia
<i>Please note: Visa policies are subject to change and Travelbound will need to confirm whether the Non- UK passport is still valid on the Group Visa according to current policy</i>		Zimbabwe

Required Action to apply for Chinese Group Visa



In order for Travelbound to organise the group visa, the school will need to do the following:

Email a passport photo of each passenger (students and adults) with a blue background (see example picture on left). There must be one photo per person, as a JPEG file, 15-18KB in size. 472-pixel by 354-pixel picture. The same standards as a passport photo are required e.g. no hats, no glasses, both ears showing etc.

Email a colour copy of each person's passport. Photo page, observation page and last visa page (if no previous visas the Chinese government still require you to send a copy of a blank page of your passport). Again, there must be one copy per person, as a JPEG file (one file per passport), 15-30 KB in size. Travelbound suggest that you scan the passport individually onto your computer, then put the JPEG files in a folder, zip/compress the folder and email it. A scanned passport photocopy will be fine as long as it is readable, clear and in colour.

Put the JPEG files (photo and passport scans) into a named folder, 1 per passenger. You may want to collect a few of these into a larger file, then zip/compress the folder and email it to your Tour coordinator.

Each passenger must hold a valid passport to enter China. Your passport must be valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of entry into China. All members of the group who are included on the visa need to enter and leave China together. **As above, any passengers, with non-British Passports might have to arrange their own individual visas as certain nationalities are unable to travel on a group visa to China**

Please submit all visa information and files as early as possible and at least 3 months prior to departure.