



Travel to CHINA

with Friends, Students and Alumni of Florida Atlantic University
Spring Break 2012: March 1 - March 9



Join Dr. Jeffrey L. Buller, Dean of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, on this wonderful introductory tour to China.

You will see some great wonders of the world, including the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Terra Cotta Warriors in an active archeological dig, a historic hutong, the Temple of Heaven and the Oriental Pearl Tower, and attend special events such as a Peking Duck Dinner, Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show and a Shanghai Acrobatic Show.



The tour company arranging this trip is China Focus Travel (www.chinafocustravel.com).

Participation in this tour requires a minimum gift of \$650 to the FAU Foundation benefiting the Wilkes Honors College. This gift may be tax deductible to the fullest amount permitted by law. Special gift discounts are as follows (only one discount may be applied):



- Faculty/Staff/Current LLS Student\$100 discount**
- Current FAU Full-time Students.....\$200 discount**
- Prior FAU Affinity Travelers**
- (with Dean Buller's trips).....\$150 discount**

Please contact Dianne Reeves at 561.799.8665 or dreeves@fau.edu for more information on how to participate in this tremendous opportunity to see the best of China.

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Day 1 – Mar. 1 - Depart JFK to Beijing

Meals: In-Flight Meal

An exciting adventure awaits you as you embark on a non-stop flight to Beijing via [Air China](#). En route, cross the International Dateline and lose one day.

Flight detail: JFK to Beijing is 13 1/2 hours non-stop. [Air China Flight Schedule](#)

Day 2 – Mar. 2 - Arrive Beijing

Meals: In-Flight Meal

Upon arrival at Terminal 3, the second largest terminal building in the world, Beijing Capital International Airport, you will be greeted by your guide(s) and transferred to the hotel in the evening. Observe and revel at the amazing city lights and make sure to be well rested for tomorrow, which is your first official day of exploring Beijing and all its beauty. Stay at the [Chang An Grand Hotel](#) (5 stars) or Similar class.

Day 3 – Mar. 3 - Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

The first day of your journey begins with a wake-up call arranged by the tour guide. Enjoy an American breakfast before starting your day. A deluxe motor coach and your devoted tour guide(s) are ready for your memorable trip. Your first peek into the capital city of Beijing begins with a tour to the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place - [Tiananmen Square](#). Around the vast square, you can see The Great Hall of People, holding the congress of the Communist Party and National People's Congress, History Museum, Military Museum and Monuments to the People's heroes. When available, you can visit Mao's Mausoleum, where his body is in a crystal coffin. Under the famous Mao's portrait, which is positioned at the center of "The Gate of Heavenly Peace" entrance, you will walk into the [Forbidden City](#) (also known as Imperial Palace), which holds 9,999 rooms. Experience the intricate architecture and exquisitely designed layout of these grand buildings once housed by Chinese Emperors who ruled during the period of the Qing and Ming Dynasties for almost 500 years (1420-1911). Thereafter, you will partake in a tranquil visit to the picturesque landscape of the [Summer Palace](#) with historic temples, numerous pavilions, marble boat and famous 728-yard Long Corridor, situated on the man-made Kunming Lake. You will wrap up the evening with [a delicious Peking Duck Dinner](#) at one of the most prestigious restaurants in Beijing recognized for its specialty.

Day 4 – Mar. 4 - Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today you will begin the morning by setting out to the [Juyongguan section of the Great Wall of China](#), also considered as one of the greatest wonders of the world. This massive wall stretches well over 4,000 miles and once was used as the soldier's safeguard to protect the Chinese empire's northern borders against invaders. You then have the opportunity to climb up the mammoth sized wall at your own pace. Be sure to take in the experience and enjoy the breath-taking view from the top of one of the greatest achievements of civilization. After lunch, you will tour the exterior portion of the Beijing [National Stadium](#), also familiar to the world as the Bird's Nest and the home to the 2008 Summer Olympics. The stadium designed by an architecture firm in Switzerland implemented the world's largest structure built of steel. Later, you will capture the lifestyles of families residing within the [Historic Hutong](#) by rickshaw. The amazing gray brick courtyard residence is Beijing's oldest and remains infused with timeless culture and history. In the mid-1990's, most of the original Hutongs vanished rapidly and was substituted by high-rise buildings and commercial offices.

Day 5 – Mar. 5 - Beijing to Xi'an

Meals: Breakfast, In-Flight Meal, Dinner

Another spectacular day is here! Today, you will visit the [Temple of Heaven](#) where the Chinese Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties would go to pray for bountiful harvests. It was a critical task for all emperors to perform rituals and tasks in order for his empire to reap successful harvests and good fortune. Capture the detailed essence of all the rich colors blended together on the hand painted tiles and roofing of the structures. This remarkable construction is pledged highest level of Chinese traditional architecture. A plane will then whisk you away to your next destination of Xi'an, which was the ancient capital for 11 dynasties and east end of the Silk Road. It was the world's most open and prosperous ancient international metropolitan with a population of over a million before Beijing became the political and economic center of China. It has been also considered a favorite to tourists for experiencing and understanding of this amazing city with its glorious past and splendid progress of today. Make sure to get some rest and relaxation and prepare for the next day's adventure. Stay at the [Empark Grand Hotel](#) (5 stars) or similar class.

Day 6 – Mar. 6 - Xi'an

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

Today you will be given ample time to tour the exhibit of the historical [Terracotta Warriors](#) belonging to the era when the infamous Emperor Qing Shihuang had reigned. It was in 1974 when a farmer who was merely digging for water came across one of the biggest discoveries of the world which lead to the massive excavation of an army of over 7,000 life-size Terracotta Warriors and horses molded by clay. Explore the vast sea of clay warriors in all three vaults. For the next 5 years, visitors will see not only the existing warriors and horses but also can be lucky to witness some of the greatest new discoveries while the archeologists are digging the vaults in front of you. Thereafter, you will visit the well-preserved emblem of Xi'an, the [Wild Goose Pagoda](#). The towering 211.6 feet high structure completely made of bricks originated during the Tang Dynasty when Emperor Gaozong once reigned. The day will conclude with a tasteful and creatively prepared dumpling feast followed by an exquisite traditional [Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show](#). The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy!

Day 7 – Mar. 7 - Xi'an to Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast, In-Flight Meal, Dinner

After breakfast, you will take a flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you will tour the renowned [Oriental Pearl TV Tower](#) along with a visit to the [Shanghai Municipal History Wax Museum](#). Today, the TV tower is ranked the third tallest tower in the world and the tallest tower created in all of Asia. After attending a mesmerizing [Shanghai Acrobatic Show](#), you will conclude the night with a visit to [Xin Tian Di](#), which is one of the hottest new entertainment districts in Shanghai located near the former French Concession. You will have a unique opportunity to experience both Chinese and Western culture all in one place. The locals say the best time to visit Xin Tian Di is in the evening, whether you want to dance, eat, shop or simply relax and enjoy a cup of coffee. What a better way to top off the night. Stay at [Riverview Hotel](#) (4 stars) or similar class.

Day 8 – Mar. 8 - Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

Today is a [free day to explore](#) the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Shanghai. Indulge yourself by shopping at the stores along Nanjing Road, which is the main shopping street of Shanghai and one of the world's busiest shopping streets. If you're interested in more sightseeing, then visit the Jade Buddha Temple. It is still an active temple with 70 resident monks who live and work there. Another option is the Yuyuan Garden & Bazaar, which is believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty over 400 years ago. One of the highlights is the Exquisite Jade Rock that resembles the appearance of jade with its translucent nature and numerous holes caused by water erosion. If you're just looking for a relaxing time, stop by the famous Old Jazz Bar at Peace Hotel. It's open daily from 8pm to 2am where you can enjoy jazz music dating back to the 30's and 40's and experience specially prepared cocktails and Irish or Italian coffee. The local guide will be available to give you directions and advice if you cannot decide what to do. Whatever you choose, you will enjoy the splendors of this magnificent city!

Day 9 – Mar. 9 - Farewell to China - Shanghai to JFK

Meals: Breakfast, In-Flight Meal

We hope you enjoyed your time in China and will be leaving this country with endless amounts of stories memories and captivating pictures of the entire journey. You will be transferred to the airport and Air China will take you home the same day.

Tour Fare =\$2,299 (based on double or triple occupancy from JFK)
China Visa = \$170 (subject to change if visa cost increase)
Cash discount = (\$200) (pay balance by check)
Total Cost = \$2,269/person
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Post departure insurance is a benefit for our traveler with at least 6 people. Please check the attachment for coverage.

Comprehensive coverage price: \$170/person (for economy class people)

Deluxe coverage price: \$230/person (for economy class people)