

PLO/TDY

8 January 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

CHINA TRIP – Sunday 14 February to Saturday 20 February, 2016

You will be pleased to hear that the school is running a trip to **China in February 2016**. This has been a hugely popular trip in the past and is a great experience for those that take part. The trip is a 7 day tour and is open to all pupils in **Years 9 & 10 from September 2015**. The sites we will be visiting include the world famous Forbidden City of the Chinese emperors, Tiananmen Square, the Tombs of the Ming emperors, the Jade Buddha Temple and, of course, a walk on the Great Wall of China. Additionally we will be visiting Shanghai where we will get a chance to visit the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, The Bund and the Jade Buddha Temple as well as a chance to see a Chinese Acrobatic show. Details of the proposed itinerary are attached to this letter.

There will also be plenty of time to gain valuable insights into the culture of this great nation. We will be visiting several markets and shopping areas where haggling results in great bargains, especially over designer wear! Travel between Beijing and Shanghai will be on the overnight sleeper train.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1520 which includes all excursions, entrance fees, travel from the UK and in China, Visa procurement and accommodation in 3* hotels. Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day are also included in the price which makes the cost excellent value for money. If you wish to reserve a place on the trip please return the attached slip with a non-returnable deposit of £100 by Friday 13/02/2015. Places are limited on the trip and as it has been incredibly popular in recent years; places will be given strictly on a first come first served basis. A suggested payment schedule will be sent out at the start of term 4 when places on the trip will be confirmed. There will also be a parent information evening to answer any questions you may have and to give more details about the trip itinerary. If there are any other questions you would like to ask before then, please feel free to email me, ploughney@nsb.northants.sch.uk or Mrs Minai on sminai@nsb.northants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

P Loughney
Trip Leader

Reply Slip to the FINANCE OFFICE – China 14/02/16 – 20/02/16

I would like my son: (Print please) Form:.....

to take part in this trip and I am enclosing a non-refundable deposit of £100 (cheques to be made payable to Northampton School *for Boys*). I understand places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please write your son's name, form and China 2016 on the reverse of the cheque.

Signed:.....(Parent/Guardian) Date:.....

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Your coach will pick you up and transfer you to London for your overnight flight to Beijing.



Day 2: Arrive Beijing Airport and be met by your guides and coach then you will visit the Olympic Park and see the exteriors of the Stadium (also known as the Bird's Nest) and the Cube (Swimming Complex). After this you will visit Beijing Silk Street before being transferred to your 3* hotel (L- D)
Board Basis: First meal Lunch - then Full board - last meal Breakfast only.

Access to the rooms late afternoon. For early access, a supplement will apply.

Day 3: This morning you will head to the infamous Tiananmen Square before visiting the Forbidden City (home to China's Emperors from 1420 until the abdication of the last Emperor Pu Yi in 1912) and the Temple of Heaven. Rickshaw ride through the Hutongs (Old Beijing) before visiting a traditional Tea house and taking tea. After a dinner your evening will end with a visit to a Kung Fu Show (B-L-D)



Day 4: On your third day in China, you will visit one of the great wonders of the world, the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs at Changling. After dinner, take the overnight sleeper train to Shanghai. (B-L-D)
The tour includes an overnight train from Beijing/Shanghai, based on 4-berth cabins. 2 empty berths are included in your tour price.

Day 5: Today you will visit the Oriental TV Tower (to third ball), Jade Buhda Temple, Bund (the oldest Anglo-Chinese financial district in China), Night time Shopping Market (B-L-D)



Day 6: This morning you will head out to do some last minute shopping, your coach and guide will take you to Nanjing Road, Huahai Road, North Sichuan Road and Middle Tibet Road. On these streets you will be able to visit top-end designer stores to centuries old stalls. Tonight to end your tour you will visit the Chinese Acrobatic show (B-L-D)

Day 7: Transfer by coach to the airport for your flight to UK. On arrival your coach will meet you for your return transfer back to school. (B)

(B-L-D stand for Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner).