Join us in China!

You’ve heard about these places all of your life: Tian’anmen Square; the Great Wall; the Forbidden City; the Chang Tomb; the Temple of Heaven; the Longmen Grottoes; the Shaolin Temple; the Terracotta Warriors; the Xianyang Museum; the Muslim Quarter; Pingyao Ancient Town. These renowned sites are now on our schedule as we proudly announce our first trip to China!

Join the University of Wisconsin–Madison on an unforgettable journey to the ancient land of China, visiting Beijing, Luoyang, Xian, and Pingyao. Explore the ancient cities of the north with four nights in Beijing, two nights in Luoyang, three nights in Xian, two nights in Pingyao, one night in Taiyuan, and concluding with another night and a free day in Beijing.

With exposure to China’s architectural masterpieces, artistic treasures, religious icons, historical museums, modern infrastructure, and ancient ways of life, this trip will provide an extraordinary introduction to the vast scope of China’s unique and unparalleled culture.

Group size will be limited to 25 people.
**ITINERARY**

**April 29**
Depart Chicago to Beijing, China

**April 30**
Arrive Beijing
We'll take it easy today after our long flight, and then enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

**May 1**
Beijing
On our first day in Beijing we’ll walk through Tian'anmen Square, visit the Forbidden City, Jingshan Hill, and the National Center for the Performing Arts.

**May 2**
Beijing
We'll drive into the mountains to the Mutianyu section of a truly extraordinary creation: the Great Wall of China. On our way back to Beijing we’ll stop at the Chang Tomb, the best-preserved of the Ming Dynasty Tombs.

**May 3**
Beijing
Highlighting today in Beijing is the beautiful Temple of Heaven, the Confucian Temple, and a Rickshaw tour through the narrow streets and alleys of old Beijing.

**May 4**
Beijing to Luoyang
After breakfast we’ll board a bullet train to Luoyang to visit the majestic Longmen Grottoes, containing tens of thousands of Buddha statues and inscriptions.

**May 5**
Luoyang
A big day for the martial artists in our group! Today we visit China’s oldest Buddhist Temple, Lingyin Temple, and the Shaolin Martial Arts!

**May 6**
Luoyang to Xian
Upon arrival in Xian we’ll visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and this evening attend a Tang Dynasty Show.

**May 7**
Xian
You won’t believe your eyes when you step inside the immense gallery containing one of the 20th century’s most significant archaeological finds: over 6,000 Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Emperor QinShiHuang. It is as impressive as anything you will ever see. We will also visit the archaeological village at the Banpo Museum and Xian’s famous Bell Tower.

**May 8**
Xian
This morning in Xian we’ll visit the Xianyang Museum and the Qianling Mausoleum, and in the afternoon we’ll tour the Famen Temple and Museum.

**May 9**
Xian to Pingyao
Before today’s bullet train journey we’ll have some time to wander around Xian’s famed Muslim Quarter and enjoy a visit to the Great Mosque, one of four grand Islamic mosques in China.

**May 10**
Pingyao
Today we’ll explore Pingyao, one of China’s best-preserved ancient towns, with strolls along Ming and Qing Streets and the museum of the Rishengchang Exchange Shop.

**May 11**
Pingyao to Taiyuan
In Taiyuan we’ll visit the Jinci Temple, the Qiao Family Compound, and the Twin Pagoda Temple.

**May 12**
Taiyuan to Beijing
Today you’ll have some free time in the morning before returning to Beijing for a farewell dinner and an overnight.

**May 13**
Depart for USA
You’ll have some time to yourself today before we make our way to the airport for our flight home.

**Arrive in USA**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**PLEASE NOTE—Everyone is welcome to join us,** and we assure you an amazing educational experience. You will enjoy comfortable private ground transportation, first-class tickets on the bullet trains, fine hotels, outstanding cultural sites, stupendous archaeology and architecture, and real Chinese cuisine throughout your journey with us.

We ask you to please understand, however, that this trip will include a good deal of walking, as all trips to China must. You can expect crowded historical sites and city streets, uneven ground, stairs, and thick crowds in many of the places that we will visit; but it’s going to be a great time! China is a fantastic destination that simply must be seen to be believed. Join us!

**~LIVE AND LEARN~**

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**LODGING**

Listed below, in order of visit, are the names and websites of all lodging. We encourage you to go online and consider their quality, services, and amenities.

Beijing
Novotel Peace Hotel
[acorahotels.com/gb/hotel-3115-novotel-beijing-peace]

Luoyang
Hua-Yang Plaza Hotel
[acorahotels.com/gb/hotel-3115-novotel-beijing-peace]

Xian
Grand Noble Hotel Xian
[acorahotels.com/gb/hotel-3115-novotel-beijing-peace]

Pingyao
Hong Shanyi Hotel
[pyshy.com/en/]

Taiyuan
Longcheng International Hotel
[sxhotel.com/]

**COST**

The price of this trip is $5,999 based upon double occupancy. The price includes your roundtrip airfare to China from the U.S., all of your lodging, entry fees, coach services, train tickets, local guides, escorts, and university services. Included in this price are daily breakfasts, most lunches, and most of your evening meals, but we’ve also allowed several opportunities for you to explore Chinese cuisine by dining wherever you wish on several occasions. Drinks are not included.

Visa fees are not included in this price. Instructions on how to obtain a Chinese visa will be provided. For information, contact Doug Whittle, 608-263-7787, or Kim Seymour, 608-262-3731.

Visit our website—uwtravel.org

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**TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

Doug Whittle is the UW-Madison Continuing Studies director of educational travel. He served for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire and has traveled independently in Asia, Africa, Europe, and throughout Central, South, and North America. He has led over 70 trips on five continents for UW-Madison.

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**REGISTRATION FORM CHINA: APRIL 29 TO MAY 13, 2017**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE ( )  DATE / EVENING

E-MAIL

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

☐ Reserve a room for two people (standard package). My roommate is:

☐ I am interested in a roommate. Please let me know if one becomes available.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

☐ Enclosed is a check payable to UW-Madison for the trip deposit of $1,000/person.

*Note: We accept credit cards for all subsequent payments. Your deposit is nonrefundable. We urge you to purchase trip cancellation insurance to recover your costs if you must cancel your plans to join us. Travel insurance information will be included in your registration confirmation packet.*

Return this registration form and deposit to: Kim Seymour Educational Travel Program 21 N. Park St., 7th Floor, Madison, WI 53715

For tour information contact:
Doug Whittle, director
Phone: 608-263-7787
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Visit us online at: uwtravel.org

**Thank you very much for your registration. We look forward to traveling with you soon.**

If you would like to request an accommodation, please contact Andy Richardson at 608-262-0557 or email andy.richardson@wisc.edu. Requests are confidential. These programs are offered by UW-Madison in cooperation with UW Extension.