

**2014 CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
STUDENT AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
STUDY TOUR**

Beijing, Nanjing, Shanghai



12 – 25 July, 2014

Program Overview

The 2014 Confucius Institute Student and Young Professionals Study Tour offers a fantastic opportunity for students and young professionals (aged 18-40) to learn about Chinese language and culture through a Nanjing University language short-course. The tour also includes a number of cultural activities, briefings and visits in Beijing, Nanjing and Shanghai.

This two week tour is subsidised by Confucius Institute Headquarters, offering a cost-effective option for participants. Total cost of the program is \$2,600. Total cost covers:

- International flights
- Nanjing University tuition
- Twin share accommodation
- Cost of visa application and processing
- Most meals
- In-country transport
- Tour leader (University of Melbourne staff member).

The tour is open to any students or young professionals aged 18-40. Those studying or working in international relations, politics, languages, business, economics or legal fields are strongly encouraged to apply. You do not need to be a student of the University of Melbourne or have studied Chinese previously to join this tour.

Itinerary

For country information, visit <http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/china/>

Date & Time	Schedule
12 July Saturday Full day activity	Participants depart Melbourne for Beijing. Tour leader from University of Melbourne Confucius Institute will assist the group with transfers from the airport to the hotel.
13 July Sunday Full day activity Evening	Visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City Cultural experience: Beijing Opera, Gong Fu or Acrobatic show.
14 July Monday Morning	Early morning departure for the Great Wall

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Afternoon	Visit the Office of the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) Headquarters. Learn about the latest developments in Chinese pedagogy from the principle body for overseas Chinese Education
Evening	Group dinner. Over dinner, enjoy a cultural literacy workshop combined with Chinese language lesson and getting to know your fellow travellers
15 July Tuesday	
Morning	This morning checkout of the hotel. Transfer from Beijing to Nanjing by high speed train. Opportunity to experience the vast transport networks being rapidly developed in China.
Afternoon	Program briefing – Introduction to Nanjing University Program and visit to Nanjing University Museum. Complete placement test.
Evening	Group dinner. Meet your Nanjing University Language Partner (feel free to arrange language exchanges with your language partner over the next week).
16 July Wednesday	
Morning	Attend language class.
Afternoon	Cultural class conducted in your target language (e.g Taichi, painting, calligraphy).
Evening	Group dinner.
17 July Thursday	
Morning	Attend language class.
Afternoon	Cultural class conducted in your target language (e.g Taichi, painting, calligraphy).
Evening	Free evening.
18 July Friday	

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Morning	Attend language class
Afternoon	Cultural briefing about the latest developments in the Chinese economy and society.
Evening	Free evening.
19 July Saturday	
Morning	Cultural exploration - Visit Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum (Zhongshan Ling)
Afternoon	Cultural exploration - Confucius Institute Temple Fuzimiao
Evening	Evening cruise on Qinhuai River and free evening to explore the night markets.
20 July Sunday	
Morning	"Amazing Race around Nanjing" (explore the city through a cultural treasure hunt)
Afternoon	Explore Nanjing at your leisure. Recommended activities include a visit to the Nanjing Massacre Museum or Changjiang bridge
Evening	Free evening
21 July Monday	
Morning	Attend language class
Afternoon	Preparation for "Student Showcase" with your Language Partner
Evening	Group dinner
22 July Tuesday	
Morning	Attend language class
Afternoon	"Student Showcase"
Evening	Nanjing University Farewell dinner
23 July Wednesday	
Morning	Transfer to Shanghai by train
Afternoon	Spend the afternoon visiting Shanghai's Pearl Tower / Yu Garden (optional site visit to ANZ Shanghai office)

Evening	Group farewell dinner
24 July Thursday	
Morning	Utilise your final morning in Shanghai to further explore personal interests prior to transferring to the airport in the afternoon.
Afternoon	Return flights to home ports

This program is subject to change. Every attempt has been made to ensure that all of the information in this itinerary is correct at the time of publishing. However, Confucius Institute reserves the right to adjust the program in response to variations in transport timetables and other changed circumstances.

Study Program Costs

Total cost of the program is \$2,600. Cost includes flights, tuition, twin share accommodation, most meals, in-country transport and tour leader.

No GST is incurred for overseas tours. In-country costs are subsidised by the Office of the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban).

Program Registration and Payment

1. To register your interest in this program please email Confucius-institute@unimelb.edu.au or phone Emma Pitt on 9035 8203
2. To secure your place please pay the \$500.00 non-refundable deposit through the Asialink e-cart (select "CI Student China Study Tour") prior to 12 May
<http://ecommerce.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/>
3. Pay balance through the Asialink e-cart prior to 31 May.

This tour will be capped at 20 participants. A minimum 10 participants is required to travel.

Tax deductibility

Contact your tax advisor to find out whether your study program expenses are tax deductible.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in twin share rooms. Hotels are generally at least 3 star. Some are unrated, but comfort, cleanliness and proximity to local facilities are the guiding factors in our choice of places for you to stay.

Meals

Most meals are included, but there are also opportunities for you to explore the local restaurants. Wherever possible we try to meet special dietary requirements but we can't always guarantee personal preferences.

Group leader

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You group will be accompanied by an employee of the University of Melbourne at all times. They will make sure your program run smoothly. Our leaders work with our in-country hosts, guest speakers and the relevant authorities, to ensure that your experience fully meets our promise. The group leader will strictly follow risk management procedures during the trip.

FAQs

What are the tour dates?

12 July – 25 July

Who is organising the tour?

The in country tour is organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne in conjunction with our partner Nanjing University. Tour costs are subsidised by Hanban. Hanban is a public institution headquartered in Beijing and affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Can I organise my own flights?

Participants are requested to fly with the group. Confucius Institute has a booking arrangement with the preferred airline. The flight time is also a good opportunity to meet your fellow travellers. We will make initial bookings on your behalf and itinerary changes can be made by yourselves.

Is travel insurance included?

You will need to organise your own travel insurance. You will also be asked to sign a participant agreement with the University of Melbourne and agree to program terms and conditions.

Who will accompany us on the tour?

The tour group will be accompanied by a staff member from the CI Melbourne office.

What is the structure of the Nanjing University Language Program?

Students will be required to sit a placement test on arrival. Depending on your level you will either be placed in the dedicated CI group class or allocated to a stream in the wider NJU program with other international students. Those new to learning Chinese, or of a more advanced standard, will most likely need to join the wider NJU program.

Classes will be approximately 4 hours each morning. In the afternoon sightseeing activities or cultural classes will be arranged.

Can I miss the Beijing component and meet the group in Nanjing?

The participant agreement covers the tour itinerary as a whole. For logistical ease, students are asked to please join the tour in Beijing and travel together as a group.

Be assured that utmost care will be provided to your safety and wellbeing. Restaurants, accommodation and activities will be carefully arranged to maximise your enjoyment.

What will be the group size?

The maximum number of participants is 20. A minimum of 10 participants is required to travel.

Who is eligible to join the tour?

Any students or young professionals aged 18-40 are welcome to join the tour. You do not need to be a student of Melbourne University or have studied Chinese previously.

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If you are a non-Australian passport holder, there may be differences in the visa application process. Non-Australian passport holders are asked to contact the CI office at Confucius-institute@unimelb.edu.au or 9035 8203.