5/12   Departing from an airport near your hometown for **Beijing**.

5/13   Arrival at **Beijing Capital International Airport Terminal 3** at 1:50 PM (*Flight CO 89*), Xinli and a tour guide will be greeting you at the airport international arrival area. We’ll have a bus tour heading to the center of Beijing to check into Sanyuan Jin’an Hotel. After a short break, the bus will take us to dinner together as the “welcome to China” dinner.

5/14   Stroll along the famous **Tiananmen Square** - the largest city square in the world, then **Mausoleum of Mao Zedong**, and then **National Centre for the Performing Arts**, and then reach the **Forbidden City**, then **Jinghshan Park**. This afternoon, you will visit **Beihai Park**. After Dinner, you’ll check into Fengze Yuan Hotel. You’ll stay in Fengze Yuan Hotel for the rest nights while in Beijing.

5/15   Morning excursion transfers you to climb **the China Great Wall** - Badaling section. This afternoon, visit the **Bird's Nest (Olympic National Stadium)** inside and its surroundings such as the **Water Cube**. Go to the **Silk Street** for some free activity. After dinner, bus will take you to an acrobatic show.

5/16   Visit the **Summer Palace**, the world's largest imperial garden, [Note that we’d not visit the Old Summer Palace but hopefully you’ll learn something about the Old Summer Palace from this link here], the new **CCTV tower**. Visit **China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing Campus, CUMTB)** and have a group discussion with CUMT students. After that, you’ll visit the campuses of **Peking University** and **Tsinghua University**.

5/17   After breakfast, you’ll visit the largest remaining ancient Chinese ritual architecture - the **Temple of Heaven Park**, and then visit the **Beijing Capital Museum** in the afternoon. After an earlier dinner, we’ll be heading for **Dalian** by train at:

- K681 (Departing 20: 20-2nd day arrival at 07: 55)
- Or Z79 (Departing at 20: 50-2nd day arrival at 07: 23)

5/18   Arrival at Dalian Train Station around 8:00 AM in the morning. Take a one-day tour in Dalian.

5/19   **Dalian Neusoft Institute of Information** Campus visit. Visit Dalian Fuyou CEO’s Office
5/20  Take the CZ6579 (14:55-19:20) flight to the "foggy city" – **Chongqing**. After a hot pot dinner, you'll tour the longest river bank overlooking **the National Park - South Sea Park**, enjoy the night view of Chongqing, the most leisure destination - Nanbin Road. View of the two rivers converge, streamer panoramic scene of the **Chaotianmen**.

5/21  Visit **the Three Gorges Dam Museum**, after an earlier dinner, you'll then be boarding the ultra-luxury four-star cruise ship (along **Yangtze River** for 3 nights 4 days cruise heading for **Yichang** where **the Three Gorges Dam** is nearby.  (Note: Board the ship from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and departs Chongqing at 11:30pm.)

5/22  In the afternoon, go ashore to visit **Fengdu Ghost City**. Tonight, you are the guests at the captain's cocktail party.

5/23  Cruise through the first of the fabled Three Gorges : **Qutang Gorge**, framed by steep mossy cliffs. Then, sail on through **Wu Gorge**, celebrated for its 12 peaks. At Badong, transfer to a small cruiser for an exciting excursion on **Shenlong Stream** to view its breathtaking small gorges. Next, sail through **Xiling Gorge**, the last and most scenic of all the gorges. Finally, pass through the dramatic Three Gorges Ship Lock.

5/24  This morning, stop at **Sandouping** to view the historic **Three Gorges Dam project**, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. Disembark **Yichang** before noon.

After having a group lunch together, you will board an overnight train heading for the ancient capital; **Xian**, K628 (Departing Yichang at 13:45 – Arriving Xian at 07:32 next day)

5/25  The tour guide will meet us at the Xian Train Station at 7:40 AM. After having breakfast, we’ll take a bus tour to **Lintong** to visit one of the **Eight Wonders of the World** – the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. Watch a large bronze-bronze chariots. Visit **Huaqing Pool** in the afternoon. Continue to visit **the Underground Palace**. Tonight and tomorrow night, you’ll stay at **Xi'an Melody Hotel**.

5/26  After breakfast, you’ll head to a city with 3650 years of history: **Xianyang**. You’ll cross the largest tributary of the **Yellow River: the Weihe River**, to visit **Qianling**, the **Wu Zetian Tomb**. Wu Zetian was buried with her emperor husband. Then visit **Famen Temple** in Famen Town and other attractions. After return to Xi’an, visit the **Bell** and **Drum** Tower Square, visit the Asia’s largest fountain Square: **the Big Wild Goose Pagoda North Plaza**. Tonight, you’ll be taken to **the Muslim Snack Street** to have some light snacks because Xian is famous for snacks.

5/27  After breakfast, you’ll visit the world’s best preserved fortress walls – **the Ming City Wall**. Fly to **Shanghai** this afternoon.
5/28 Visit GE Shanghai (CTC – China Technology Center) and Armstrong Shanghai.

5/29 “Tour the whole World in one day” -- Visit the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai. (Travel tips).

5/30 Visit Shanghai Chongming Island, the Dongtan Eco-city Project (another great link).

5/31 Visit Huntsman Shanghai facility between 9 AM and 1:00 PM. After lunch hosted by Huntsman Shanghai, you’ll have a half day tour in Shanghai (Pudong, the Bund, Lanjing Rd, Yuyuan, etc.).

6/1 Go to Huangshan via the Hangzhou Bay Bridge, the World Longest Bay Bridge (36 km or 22 miles).

6/2 Visit the Huashan Mystery Cave in the morning and Shexian old buildings in the afternoon.

6/3 Visit the “Old Street” in Tuangxi and shopping around, and then After lunch, explore the rural areas in Huangshan.


6/5 Leaving Huangshan for Shanghai in the morning. Tour the Western Lake in Hangzhou on the way to Shanghai. Farewell dinner in Shanghai.

6/6 Class concluded. Departing from Shanghai for everyone’s own destination.

Important things to remember:

1. Safety, safety, safety!! Be safe while having fun in China. If you want to leave the group during free time, leave with someone to have a group activity instead of individual activity. When you need any individual activity, please get my permission first. Whenever you get lost, call my cell no. 13699158700 to be used in China or email me at Xinli@psu.edu. I should be able to get your email shortly after you send it and I’ll try to email you back very shortly to answer any question or solve any problem you might have.

2. Carry your passport and Penn State global insurance information card with you all the time. Please have a copy of your passport and keep it separately from your passport just in case. Please also take your Penn State student ID card with you since some places
such as the Great Wall do give discount to students (the budget has already considered the discount).

3. All the airlines in China will give you **20 kg/44 lbs** for free luggage check in and one carry-on bag, any excess luggage will have to be paid from your own packet. Please only take the very necessary items with you. Many other things can be purchased in China.

4. All the transportation fees, hotel accommodation fees, entrance fees, etc. are paid through the program fees. You are only responsible for your own spending on food, laundry, cell phone, etc.

5. All the contents in the course syllabus will be integrated into the field trips/site visits and covered through the four-week period.