5/5 Departing from an airport in or near your hometown for Beijing.

5/6 Arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) Terminal 3, the 2nd largest airport terminal in the world (Video: The World’s Biggest Airport – Beijing International) at 1:50 PM (Flight CO 89, CX0390, UA 897, UA 0089, etc.). Xinli and a tour guide will be greeting you at the PEK Airport International Arrival area of Terminal 3. Please note that if you arrive at PEK Airport at a different terminal other than Terminal 3, take a free shuttle bus to get to Terminal 3 and wait for everyone to show up at the International Arrival Area at Terminal 3. We’ll be leaving the airport around 5:00 PM the latest and have a bus tour heading to a Peking duck restaurant for a welcome dinner. We will check into our hotel “Beijing Jingtailong International Hotel” (Hotel Address: 19 Zhushikou E St, Dongcheng Qu, Beijing Shi, China, 100050. 北京 东城区 珠市口东大街 19 号，近前门大街。Show the address in Chinese to a taxi driver if your flight is delayed or you arrive at PEK Airport later than 5:00 PM on May 7.) after the dinner.

5/7 After breakfast in the hotel, 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 Jingshan Park. This afternoon, you will tour the Wangfujing Street. After dinner, bus will take you to a Kungfu show. Watch the video “ENGINEERING AN EMPIRE CHINA” when you get a chance this evening.

5/8 Morning excursion transfers you to climb the China Great Wall – Badaling section. This afternoon, visit the Bird's Nest (Video: 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. Feel free to experience the Beijing Metro System when you get a chance.

5/9 After breakfast, you’ll visit the National Museum of China. In the afternoon, visit China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing Campus, CUMTB) and have a group discussion with CUMT students. Visit the night scene of the Changan street.

5/10 Visit the Summer Palace, the world's largest imperial garden, [Note that we’ll 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. After lunch, you’ll visit the largest remaining ancient Chinese ritual architecture - the Temple of Heaven Park. After an earlier dinner, we’ll be heading for Dalian by train with soft sleeper and arriving Dalian in the morning.
5/11 Arrival at Dalian Train Station around 8:00 AM in the morning. Check into our hotel and have breakfast. After breakfast, we’ll visit Rockwell Automation Dalian Facility in the morning, and then take a city tour in the afternoon.

5/12 Dalian City tour.

5/13 We’ll be visiting a high school in Dalian in the morning, and then fly to Xian (Video) in the afternoon after lunch. The tour guide will meet us at the Xian International Airport Terminal 3. We’ll leave the airport and have a bus tour heading to the center of Xian to visit the Bell and Drum Tower Square, and the Asia’s largest fountain Square: the Big Wild Goose Pagoda North Plaza, and then check into our hotel. Relax in Xian tonight.

5/14 After having breakfast in the hotel, 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. After return to Xian city in the afternoon, you’ll visit the world’s best preserved fortress walls – the Ming City Wall. (Video). If time permits, you’ll be taken to the Muslim Snack Street to have some light snacks because Xian is famous for snacks. Relax in Xian tonight.

5/15 Take an early morning train from Xian to Yichang where the Three Gorges Dam is nearby today. Board a 5-star cruise ship Century Legend (along the Yangtze River) for 4 nights 5 days cruise heading for Chongqing between 19:00 and 21:00 at Yichang. Click here for the detailed itinerary of the cruise tour.

5/16 This morning, stop at Sandouping to view the historic Three Gorges Dam project, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. The ship will pass through the dramatic Three Gorges Ship Lock. Tonight, you are the guests at the captain's welcome cocktail party.

5/17 Cruise through the first of the fabled Three Gorges: Xiling Gorge. At Badong, transfer to a small cruiser for an exciting excursion on Shenlong Stream to view its breathtaking small gorges. Then, sail on through Wu Gorge, celebrated for its 12 peaks. Next, sail through Qutang Gorge, framed by steep mossy cliffs.

5/18 In the morning, go ashore to visit Shibaozhai Pagoda. Tonight, you are the guests at the captain's farewell cocktail/dinner party.

5/19 Arrive Chongqing in the morning. Visit the Three Gorges Dam Museum, and then the City Hall Plaza. 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. We’ll stay two nights in Chongqing.
5/20 Visit **Ford-Changan Auto (CAF): Address: 重庆市北部新区金山大道 666 号** in the morning. (And possibly visit the Chongqing Cigarette Production Plan in the afternoon.)

The following is the program/agenda for the Changan Ford visit:

1. Participate in a brief summary of CAF history and develop an insight into the Manufacturing sites
2. Tour newest Ford Assembly Plant
3. Tour Changan Ford’s soon to be launched Engine Plant
4. Brief overview of the new Transmission Plant that is currently being built
5. Presentation by Changan Ford’s administrator.
6. Q&A Session

5/21 Take a morning flight to **Hangzhou**. A bus will pick us up at the Hangzhou International Airport to the city of Hangzhou to tour [the West Lake](https://www.hangzhou.com.cn/eng/westlake) (weather permitting), and visit the **Hangzhou Bay Bridge (Video)**, the World 3rd Longest Bay Bridge (36 km or 22 miles) while in Hangzhou (weather permitting). We’ll stay in Hangzhou for one night.

5/22 We will have a bus tour to **Huangshan (video)**. We will stay for 5 nights in Huangshan.

5/23 Visit the **Huashan Mystery Cave** in the morning and the “**Old Street**” in **Tuangxi** in the afternoon.

5/24 Visit some local business in Huangshan.

5/25 Visit the surrounding area of Huangshan City and its rural area to get a complete picture of China. Visit Xinli’s mother’s house. Xinli’s mother will host a dinner for us tonight.

5/26 Free activity day today.

5/27 Bus tour to **Suzhou**. Visit the [great landscape in Suzhou](https://www.suzhou-tourism.com) in the morning, and then visit [the Grand Canal (China)](https://www.chinagrandcanal.org) in the afternoon. We’ll stay one night in Suzhou.

5/28 Experience [the high speed train in China](https://www.chinatrains.org) from Suzhou to **Shanghai (Video)**. We will stay for six nights in Shanghai. We’ll stay five nights in Shanghai.

5/29 Visit Shanghai **Chongming Island**, the **Dongtan Eco-city Project** (another [great link](https://www.dongtaneccity.com)). Shanghai city tour after returning from Chongming Island.

5/30 One day tour to **the Shanghai Disney Resort**.

5/31 Visit **the Shanghai Tower**.
6/1    Class discussion/reflection and presentation. Quiz. A farewell dinner will be held tonight in Shanghai!

6/2    Class concluded. Departing from the Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) for everyone’s own destination.