

Lee's Summit School District to China
March 10 – 21, 2011
Tentative and Abbreviated Day to Day Itinerary

As of: September 13, 2010

<p>Thursday, March 10 Day 01</p>	<p>Departure from Kansas City</p> <p>Check in with the American Airlines ticket counter at the Kansas City International Airport. Luggage will be checked through to Beijing and your passport and Chinese visa will be reviewed!</p> <p>3:25 PM – Depart Kansas City International Airport on American Airlines (AA) flight 1326 for Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.</p> <p>4:55 PM - Arrive Chicago. Proceed to your connecting flight.</p> <p>7:55 PM – Depart Chicago on AA 187 for Beijing, China Overnight: On the airplane</p>
<p>Friday, March 11 Day 02</p>	<p>Arrive Beijing</p> <p>11:55 PM – Arrive Beijing International Airport. Once through Chinese Customs and Immigration, you will be met by representatives of Travel Leaders before luggage is loaded on your private motor coach. Transportation to your hotel via private transportation.</p> <p>Shortly after check in at the hotel, continue on to your room and to bed. It has been a long day.</p> <p>Overnight: Beijing International Hotel (www.bih.com.cn)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 12 Day 3</p> <p>Saturday, March 12 Day 3, continued</p>	<p>Arrive Beijing (B, L, D)</p> <p>After breakfast, today will be a full day of sightseeing including Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world with a capacity of half a million people, the Forbidden City, the imperial palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (1368-1911); and later, the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 as a venue for Chinese emperors to offer sacrifices to Heaven and pray for the harvest.</p> <p>This afternoon a visit to one of Beijing's old neighborhoods, or hutongs, on a bicycle rickshaw. These neighborhoods are quickly disappearing as China is rapidly modernizing the life of its citizens.</p> <p>Visit the Olympic venues of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube. <u>If they are open</u>, there will be additional admissions cost.</p>

	<p>After dinner visit the Wangfujing Night Market before returning to the hotel.</p> <p>Overnight: Beijing</p>
<p>Sunday, March 13 Day 4</p>	<p>Beijing / Xian (B, L, D)</p> <p>After breakfast, travel to the outskirts of Beijing to visit the Mutanyu section of the symbol of ancient China, the Great Wall, a massive defensive work which extends nearly 4,000 miles across northern China.</p> <p>Later a visit to Yonghe Temple , “also known as the "Palace of Peace and Harmony Lama Temple", the "Yonghe Lamasery", or - popularly - the "Lama Temple" is a temple and monastery of the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism located in the northeastern part of Beijing, China. It is one of the largest and most important Tibetan Buddhist monasteries in the world. The building and the artworks of the temple combine Han Chinese and Tibetan styles.”</p> <p>After dinner, transfer to Beijing Railroad Station for overnight train to Xi’an. Depart Beijing by Z 19 at 9:18 PM.</p> <p>Overnight: Beijing/ Xi’an (soft-sleepers)</p>
<p>Monday, March 14 Day 5</p>	<p>Xi’an / Chang’an</p> <p>Upon arrival in Xi’an at 8:19 AM, no services required since group will be met at the Xian Railroad Station by your hosts who will take the group to the city of Chang’an, the ancient and capital city of Shaanxi Province, where you will stay with families in their homes.</p> <p>Overnight: Local arrangements for home stays in Chang’an.</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 15 to March 17</p>	<p>Chang’an</p> <p>Home stays in Chang’an. No services required of Travel Leaders. Overnight: Own arrangements in Chang’an.</p>
<p>Friday, March 18 Day 9</p>	<p>Xi’an/Shanghai (L, D)</p> <p>Chang’an hosts will provide your transportation to the Xi’an International Airport.</p> <p>Depart Xian for Shanghai by mid-day flight (tickets by CITS).</p> <p>Upon arrival in Shanghai, local guide to meet / transfer you to lunch (Western Style Lunch – pizza, etc). Afterwards enjoy an overview of the city including a drive on The Bund, a showcase of world architecture, a visit to Yuyuan Gardens built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), and the Jade Buddha Temple built</p>

	<p>in 1882.</p> <p>Afterwards, check in at your hotel before going out to dinner which is included tonight and afterwards enjoy a performance of Chinese acrobats.</p> <p>Overnight: Shanghai Broadway Mansions Hotel</p>
<p>Saturday, March 19 Day 10</p>	<p>Shanghai / Suzhou / Shanghai (B, L, D)</p> <p>Breakfast at your hotel. Today, enjoy an excursion to Suzhou, a city located in the lower area of the Yangtze River and on the shores of Lake Taihu in the province of Jiangsu, China. The city has gorgeous stone bridges, pagodas, and meticulously designed gardens which have contributed to its status as a great tourist attraction. Since the Song Dynasty, Suzhou has also been an important centre for China's silk industry and continues to hold that prominent position today. The city is part of the Yangtze River Delta region.</p> <p>Overnight: Shanghai Broadway Mansions Hotel</p>
<p>Sunday, March 20 Day 11</p>	<p>SHANGHAI (B, L, D)</p> <p>After breakfast, a must for all visitor's to Shanghai, the Shanghai Museum on the People's Square.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 20 Day 11 continued</p>	<p>This afternoon time is free to spend on Nanjing Road for shopping and exploring.</p> <p>Overnight: Shanghai Broadway Mansions Hotel</p>
<p>Monday, March 21 Day 12</p>	<p>Shanghai/Kansas City (B)</p> <p>Morning – Plans are still being arranged.</p> <p>Later today, check out of your hotel. Your motorcoach will transfer you to the Maglev Train Station for a ride to the airport. Then check-in for your flight home from the Shanghai's Pudong International Airport.</p> <p>6:00 PM – Depart Shanghai's Pudong International Airport for Chicago on AA 288.</p> <p>Later today, arrive Kansas City.</p> <p>Welcome Home!!!!!!</p>