

International Scholar Laureate Program
Delegation on International Relations & Diplomacy
People's Republic of China
Sample Schedule

Day 1 Majesty and Marvels: Welcome to Beijing

Inside Beijing: China's Many-Splendored Capital
Arrival in Beijing and Check-in at Hotel
Program Welcome and Dinner
Program Orientation: Academic Expectations and Cultural Overview

Day 2 The Importance of Effective Cross-Cultural Communication

Team Breakout Session: Identifying Goals and Networking with ISLP Scholars and Faculty
Keynote Speaker: Cross-Cultural Communication
 East Versus West Communication Styles
 The Role of Ancient Chinese Philosophy in Modern China
Out of the Pages of History: Monuments and Treasures of the Imperial Era
 Tian'anmen Square: Monument to Mao
 Forbidden City: Seat of Imperial Power
A Taste of Beijing: Traditional Peking Duck Dinner

Day 3 Messages and Messengers: Representing a Mission Abroad

Team Breakout Session: Introduction to the ISLP Project
Site Visits and Speaking Event: The Embassies of China's Capital City
 International Relations with China in an Ever-Changing World
 Speaking Event: Crossing the Cultural Divide – An Expatriate Perspective on Living Abroad
Afternoon at Leisure
Suggested Activities:
 Beijing Zoo
 The Summer Palace
 Temple of Heaven
Evening Dinner

Day 4 The Great Wall: 4,500-Mile Wonder of the Ages

Team Breakout Session: Revisiting Your Goals and Navigating Your Personal Career Path
The Olympic Green: Photo Opportunity Outside the Bird's Nest and Water Cube
Excursion to the Great Wall: An Ancient World Wonder
 Pass Through Badaling Gate and Hike Along the Great Wall
Networking and Cultural Exchange with Beijing Citizens: English Corner at the People's University

Day 5 Diplomatic Reflections, Contemporary Issues

Site Visit: Exchange with Official Diplomats
 Briefing in the Official Press Room
 Diplomacy in the East Asia Region
Diplomatic Ties: The Chinese Perspective on International Relations
Small Group Discussions with Junior Diplomats
Traditional Lunch in a Local Beijing Noodle House
Optional Hutong Tour with Rickshaw

Day 6 Welcome to Xi'an: Through the Portals of Discovery

Early Morning Train to Xi'an
Guardians of the Imperial Tomb: The Amazing 8,000-Man Terra Cotta Army
Evening of Independent Exploration
 Trace the Roots of the Silk Road in the Muslim Quarter
 Bicycle or Walk Along the Ancient City Wall

*This Sample Schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of the experience offered.
Specific schedules, locations, and details may be modified.*

Day 7 Grassroots Diplomacy

Diplomacy in Action: Role of International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
Past Visits Have Included:

World Wildlife Fund (WWF): The World's Largest Independent Conservation Organization
Plan International: Organization That Advances Children's Rights & Equality for Girls in 71 Countries

China's Rural Communities and Role at the Local Level

Team Breakout Session: ISLP Project Guided Working Session

Diplomacy at the Local Level: On Site at a Rural Chinese Primary School
Meet and Interact with Local Students

Insights into China's Rural Communities and Humanitarian Projects

Day 8 Bridging the Old and the New: Xi'an to Shanghai

Introduction to Tai Chi (Optional)

Slow-Motion Movements that Encourage Mental and Physical Harmony

Lunch and Networking Event at Xi'an International Studies University

Air Transfer to Shanghai: Thriving Financial and Trade Center

City Overview and Orientation

Welcome Dinner of Shanghai Cuisine

Day 9 Future of Diplomacy: China's Global Role in International Politics

Site Visit: China's Premier Think Tank: Shanghai Institute of International Studies

Future Trajectory of International Strategic Relations

China's International Strategy

Shanghai's Iconic Cultural and Historic Sites

Yu Garden and the Old Town

Early European Settlements and the French Concession

Intersection of Time: ERA Acrobatics Show at Shanghai Circus City

A Combination of Traditional Chinese Acrobatic Arts and Modern Technology

Day 10 A Day for Celebration and Reflection

Team Breakout Session: ISLP Project Presentations

Modern China in a City Rich with Tradition: Independent Exploration of Shanghai

Jade Buddha Temple

The Bund and Nanjing Road

Sky Scrapers and Modern Marvels

Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with Fellow Scholar Laureates, Advisors, and Colleagues

Day 11 Depart China or Fly to Hong Kong for Cultural Extension

Optional Cultural Extension: Hong Kong

Day 11 Hong Kong: Asia's World City

Air Transfer to Hong Kong

City Orientation and Overview

Check-in at Hotel

Welcome Dinner of Traditional Cantonese Cuisine

Day 12 The Pearl of the Orient

Morning Exploration of the Hong Kong Islands

Funicular Railway to the Top of Victoria Peak

Sampan Cruise Through Aberdeen Fishing Village

Cantonese Delight: Dim Sum Lunch Aboard the Famous Jumbo Floating Restaurant

Afternoon of Fun and Sun: Repulse Bay Beach

Open-top Bus Excursion and Laser Light Show at the Hong Kong Harbour

Day 13 Exploring the Former Colony: Independent Exploration

Create Your Own Adventure!

Kowloon Peninsula with Neon Sign-Filled Nathan Road

Vibrant Bazaars: Flower, Bird, and Jade Markets

Star Ferry with Skyline Views

Ngong Ping 360: Aerial Tramway to the Giant Buddha

Hong Kong Harbour Bauhinia Farewell Dinner Cruise

Day 14 Homeward Bound: Depart Hong Kong International Airport