

Business, Culture and Education Study Tour in China

May 17th - May 29th, 2010

**Organized by Marshall University, Center for International Programs
Hosted by Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai**

Better City, Better Life

Visit 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, Pavilions from 192 Countries!!!

See the Great Wall, Imperial Palace and Capital City of Beijing!!!

Visit Suzhou, the Beautiful Garden City known as Heaven of the Earth

In coordination with the South West Virginia Higher Education Center, Marshall University is offering this exciting summer 2-week program to China for the 3rd year in 2010. Apart from visiting the capital and historical city of Beijing where the Great Wall is located, this May 2010 study tour will be highlighted by attending the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai. 2010 World Expo is a showcase for the latest technology of "Better City, Better Life" and diversity of different cultures by over 195 participating countries.

Program Highlights

The 2-week program offers:

- Chinese and US Speakers on selected topics on Chinese education, history, economy, and culture
- Visits to major cultural and historical sites in Beijing and Shanghai
- Visit to the 2010 World Expo pavilions in Shanghai (highlight of this year!!!)
- Visits to higher education institutions

Program Dates and Length

Depart US on Monday, May 17th and return to US on Saturday, May 29th (2 weeks)

Participants enrolled in the program will be scheduled to arrive in Shanghai on **Tuesday May 18** and return to U.S. from Beijing on **Saturday May 29th**.

Eligibility

- Faculty, staff and administration from education institutions and organizations

Program Cost

- \$2,200/Person (\$2,000/Person if sharing room with a spouse/family member/friend)
- The program fee includes program administration, hotel rooms and Internet connection at all three cities, China local and domestic transportation between the cities, all tickets to the cultural sightseeing sites, some breakfasts, lunches and dinners on the touring days, visa fee and services, and an *International Teacher's ID Card (ITIC)* which includes basic travel accident and sickness insurance.

- This program fee does NOT include international airfare.

Application Deadline and Payment Schedule

A deposit of **\$1200** must accompany the application. Application received by **January 26th, 2010** receives \$100 discount. Applications are accepted until **February 5, 2010**. The remainder **\$1000** (\$800 for a spouse or friend applying together to share the hotel room) is due by **February 16th, 2010**.

Please see details of the application documents and payments on the application form.

Hotels

- **Hotels:** Participants will be housed in hotels in convenient downtown locations. The rooms are equipped with central air-condition, refrigerator, Internet access, television, bath towels, tooth brush and paste, shampoo, tea bags and cups, hot water boiler, and telephone. Besides, ATM, foreign currency exchange, beauty salon, coffee bar are available in the hotels or right outside of the hotels.

Chinese Host Institute Information

Shanghai International Studies University (SISU), Shanghai, China

- Founded in 1949, located in Shanghai, China
- One of China's top 100 universities rated by the Chinese Ministry of Education
- One of the best and earliest universities in China offering Chinese language and culture courses to international students
- Has a current enrollment of over 1500 international students and collaborative relationships with more than 100 universities in over 30 countries and regions

Shanghai Fast Facts

- Largest city in China located on China's east coast line with a population of over 20 million.
- One of the world's fastest growing cities and of the new center of Asia's economic hubs.
- The very symbol of China's rise to economic powerhouse status.
- The host city for the 2010 World Expo from May 1st through October 30th with over 192 countries and over 50 international organizations participating.
- A mixture of eastern and western culture

Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be arranged in late March, 2010 for the group going to China. Details about the time, date and location of the orientation will be announced at a later time.

Passport

- Applicants with no passports will need an original birth certificate and two photos to apply for a passport. Please allow at least **six weeks** to obtain a passport. See <http://www.state.gov/travel>

for detailed passport information and forms. Passport application forms and instructions are also available at the Post Office at Virginia Avenue in Huntington.

- Passport must be obtained and submitted to the program coordinator **by March 5th** in order to give enough time for Chinese visa application.

Visa

All participants will need a travel visa to China. The Center for International Program of Marshall University will assist with the visa applications in groups. To obtain visa in time for May departure, participants must submit his/her passport and 2 passport size photos **by March 5th** to the program coordinator.

Insurance

- The program will purchase and issue an *International Teacher ID Card (ITIC)* for all participants. *ITIC Basic* card provides basic sickness and accident travel insurance through Travel Guard International. Please visit [ITIC](#) website for [Insurance Benefit Summary](#). You can also choose to pay additional \$68 with your program fee to upgrade from the *ITIC Basic* to *ITIC Premium* policy. *ITIC Premium* will significantly increase the benefits.

China Travel Flight Arrangement and Reservation

Round trip travel arrangements from the U. S. to Shanghai and return from Beijing will be made by our travel agency, *China International Travel Service*. Plane tickets will be booked on one of the US airline carriers. All plane ticket reservations will be made soon after the application is final. Plane tickets shall be paid preferably by no later than March 12th to lock down flights.

West Virginia and Marshall University participants will depart from Charleston, WV.

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center participants will depart from Knoxville, TN.

If any participants need to depart from a different city, please inform us before we book the flights.

Tentative 2-week program agenda attached on next page