

International Relations & Diplomacy

An Envision Global Forum

China – Sample Schedule

Day 1: Welcome to Beijing

Arrive in Beijing

Upon exiting customs at Beijing Capital Airport you will be met by an Envision representative who will escort you to your shuttle. Meet your fellow *International Relations & Diplomacy* scholars, your Faculty Advisor and your local Beijing guide.

Day 2: Introduction to the Cultures & Historical Sites of China

Chinese Cross-Cultural Introduction

Learn about East vs West communication styles and Chinese professional etiquette.

Tian'anmen Square & the Forbidden City

Tour Tian'anmen Square and discover Beijing's captivating history. Then, follow your guide back in time to the Forbidden City, the largest and most well preserved Imperial Palace.

Group Meetings

Meet the members of your group, discuss the events of the day and lay the groundwork for the focus of your group's presentation.

Day 3: Messages and Messengers – a Mission Abroad

China Foreign Affairs University

Receive an overview of China's perspective on global policy, make cross-cultural connections and create trust when you go onsite to one of China's premier diplomatic educational institutions.

The Embassies of China's Capital City

Personnel from one of Beijing's embassies share insights on the skills needed to succeed as an expatriate while advancing bilateral relations.

Day 4: The Great Wall

Hike the Great Wall

Admire the spectacular view and absorb the history of the Great Wall of China, as you hike along this New Wonder of the World.

English Corner at the People's University

Experience the English Corner, where local Beijing residents and students gather to meet and exchange ideas with English speakers in Beijing.

Day 5: Diplomatic Reflections, Contemporary Issues

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Gain insight on current issues of the day as you attend a briefing and Q&A session with government representatives from China's North American and Oceanian Affairs Department

Traditional Peking Duck Dinner

Enjoy a traditional northern Chinese delicacy, Peking Duck. Afterwards step out onto the lively Wangfujing Street as the Beijing evening and nightlife envelope you.

Group Meetings

Spend time today with your project group, applying insights gained from your experience thus far.

Day 6: Journey to Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an

Catch your early morning flight to Xi'an, one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China.

Terra Cotta Warriors

Experience firsthand the incredible 8,000-man terra cotta army built to defend the tomb of China's first emperor.

An Evening on Your Own in Xi'an

Enjoy your free time exploring the restaurants and shops of the famous Muslim Quarter, bicycle or walk along the ancient city wall of Xi'an or practice tai chi in the park with local residents.

Day 7: Grassroots Diplomacy

Diplomacy in Action

Exercise one of the needed skills of diplomacy- people building. Meet local residents as you travel outside of Xi'an to visit a local school and community.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Gain insight into the work of the world's largest independent conservation organization, the WWF, and its projects and partnerships in China.

Day 8: Bridging the Past and Future in Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai

Board your flight to Shanghai, China's largest city and home to over 20 million people.

Welcome to Shanghai

Receive a city overview and orientation from your local Shanghai guide, then head out for an evening of exploration as you stroll along The Bund and Yangtze River.

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

Shanghai Institute of International Studies

Glimpse the future trajectory of China's international relations as you explore theories of international strategic study with experts from this premier think tank.

ERA Acrobatic Show

This amazing show includes a performance with a live rock band, talented acrobatic performers and a finale that has to be seen!

Group Meetings

At this final group meeting, draw upon the culmination of your group's program experiences to present your project to your peers.

Day 10: Explore Shanghai with Your New Friends from Around the World

A Day on Your Own in Shanghai

Take a cruise along the river Bund, unwind in the Yu Gardens, hunt for bargains at a silk or Jade factory, or find the best dumplings in all of Shanghai.

Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a great feast with all of your new friends that you've met from around the world.

Day 11: Depart for the Hong Kong Extension or Head Home