

2016 China Sample Schedule

Beijing ~ Hangzhou ~ Shanghai

Day One: Majesty and Marvels

Welcome to Beijing

Inside Beijing: China's Many-Splendored Capital

Welcome Session and Dinner

Day Two: Immersion in a Cross-Cultural Global Society

Leadership Group Meeting: Identifying Your Role in a Cross-Cultural Global Society

A Call to 21st Century Global Young Leaders: Speaker on Cross-Cultural Communication

Beijing Zoo: On-Site with China's Iconic and World-Famous Pandas

Summer Palace: Exploration of a Grand Imperial Retreat

Leadership Group Meeting: Communicating and Collaborating in a Cross-Cultural Community

Day Three: Out of the Pages of History

Diplomatic Reflections, Critical Thinking, and Contemporary Issues: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

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

Leadership Group Meeting: Essential Decision-Making Skills in Today's Global Society

Day Four: Perspectives from International Organizations

Leadership Group Meeting: Creative and Collaborative Approaches to Conflict Resolution

Global Partners in Action: International Organizations in China

Excursion to the Great Wall: Passing through History at Badaling Gate and Hiking Along the Great Wall of China

Day Five: Journey to Paradise on Earth

Air Transfer to Hangzhou: China's Ancient Capital of Commerce and Culture
Hangzhou City Orientation

A Step Back in Time: Bucolic West Lake, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Hangzhou Welcome Dinner Featuring Local Cuisine

Day Six: Global Agenda Council

The Global Agenda Council: Creativity and Collaboration in Action at the Simulation Assembly

Peaceful Reflection: Laughing Buddha at Ling Yin Temple

Traditional Boat Excursion on the Secluded and Scenic West Lake

Dinner on Old Street Followed by Independent Exploration

Day Seven: The Dragonhead of Asia: Shanghai

Guo's Villa: Traditional Private Gardens of China's Ancient Elite

Tea Plantation Visit: Economic, Social, and Cultural Impact of Longjing's Tea on Hangzhou

21st Century Innovation and Technology in Action: High Speed Train Transfer to Shanghai

Shanghai Welcome Dinner

Leadership Group Meeting: Achievement through Goal Setting

Day Eight: Bustling Shanghai: A Celebration of Business and Culture

Shanghai City Orientation

European and Chinese Influence: The Bund and Frenchtown

Nanjing Lu: Symbol of China's Capitalism Boom

Business and Leadership in China: Cultivating Social Entrepreneurs

A Night of Spectacular and Daring Feats: Chinese Acrobatics Show

Day Nine: Taking it Home: A Call to Action

Empowering the Next Global Generation of Leaders: Closing Keynote Speaker

Final Group Meeting: Looking Forward To a Shared Future

Lunch at Yu Gardens and Exploration of Old Shanghai

Farewell Dinner Dance: A Time to Celebrate Achievements and Friendships

Day Ten: Farewell to China

Depart Shanghai International Airport or

Depart for Optional Cultural Extension to Hong Kong or Xi'an

Optional Cultural Extension

Hong Kong

Optional Day Ten (continued): Hong Kong: China's Cosmopolitan City

Air Transfer to Hong Kong (*One-way flight from Shanghai to Hong Kong is included in the Cultural Extension tuition.*)

City Orientation

Hotel Check-In

Welcome Dinner

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

Optional Day Eleven: The Pearl of the Orient

Morning Exploration of the Hong Kong Islands

Victoria Peak

Aberdeen Fishing Village

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

Afternoon Fun and Sun: Repulse Bay

Optional Day Twelve: Exploring the Former Colony

Exploration of Kowloon Peninsula

Nathan Street

Jade Market

Hong Kong Bauhinia Farewell Dinner Cruise

Optional Day Thirteen: Homeward Bound

Depart Hong Kong International Airport

Optional Cultural Extension

Xi'an

Optional Day Ten (continued): Xi'an: The Ancient Capital of China

Morning Air Transfer to Xi'an (*Flight from Shanghai to Xi'an is included in the Cultural Extension tuition.*)

City Orientation

Cuisine Artistry: Dumpling Dinner

Optional Day Eleven: Flint, Stone, and Dynasties: Through the Portals of Discovery

Guardians of the Imperial Tomb: Excursion to the Amazing 8,000-Man Terra Cotta Army

Perspectives on China: School Visit

Optional Day Twelve: Xi'an Exploration: China's Many Cultural Influences

Rickshaw Ride on Xi'an's Ancient City Wall

Great Mosque and Market Area: Center of Xi'an's Muslim Quarter

Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Evening Transfer to Beijing (*Transportation from Xi'an to Beijing is included in the Cultural Extension tuition.*)

Optional Day Thirteen: Homeward Bound

Depart Beijing International Airport

2016 Europe Sample Schedule

Vienna ~ Prague ~ Berlin

Day One: Heart of Europe: Welcome to Vienna

Arrival at Vienna International Airport

Coach Transfer to Albertina Platz

Welcome Dinner Featuring Authentic Austrian Cuisine

Leadership Group Meeting: Program Orientation, Academic Expectations, and Cultural Overview

Day Two: An Exploration of Global Leadership

Welcome to Vienna: Where Art, Music, and History Collide

Walking Among Vienna's Architectural Wonders: Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral

A Call to 21st Century Global Young Leaders: Speaker on Cross-Cultural Communication

Day Three: Perspectives from International Organizations

Leadership Group Meeting: Creative and Collaborative Approaches to Conflict Resolution

Global Partners in Action: International Organizations Field Study Exploration
Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
United Nations Vienna

Museumsquartier Exploration: One of the World's Ten Largest Cultural Complexes

An Evening of Traditional Viennese Dining and Music in the Austrian Countryside

Day Four: The European Union

Leadership Group Meeting: Cultural Exchange

21st Century Opportunities and Challenges: The European Union and the Austrian Parliament

Briefing by a Parliamentarian

Leadership Group Meeting: Essential Decision-Making Skills in Today's Global Society

Music without Borders: A Private Symphonic Exploration of European History and Music at Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Day Five: Welcome to the Czech Republic

Leadership Group Meeting: Achievement through Goal Setting

Coach Transfer to Prague, Czech Republic

Prague Welcome Dinner: Local Czech Cuisine

Day Six: The Modern Look of Diplomacy

Examining the Role of 21st Century Diplomatic Leaders: A Modern Look at
Global Diplomacy Speaking Event

Walking Exploration of Prague and its 1,000 Years of Culture

Josefov: Historic Prague Neighborhood

Iconic Charles Bridge: Crossing Over the Vltava River

Old Town Square: The Pedestrian Pulse of Prague

Malá Strana: Lunch and Exploration

Wenceslaus Square: Heart of the Velvet Revolution

Day Seven: Welcome to Germany

Global Agenda Council: Creativity and Collaboration in Action at the
Simulation Assembly

Coach Transfer to Berlin, Stopping in Dresden

Dresden: The Jewel Box of Germany

Welcome to Berlin, Capital of Germany

Germany Welcome Dinner: Authentic Local Cuisine

Day Eight: Exploring Human Rights

Exploration of 'East' Berlin: The Transformation of a City

Brandenburg Gate: Gateway Between Former East and West

Checkpoint Charlie: Stories Behind the Wall

Potsdam Platz: From Rubble to Berlin's Dynamic Business Center

A History of Human Rights: On Site at Two of Berlin's Moving Memorials

Holocaust Memorial: Remembering Victims of War

The Berlin Wall Memorial: Site of the Largest Remaining Section of the
Dividing Wall

Day Nine: Taking It Home: A Call to Action

Empowering the Next Generation of Global Leaders: Closing Keynote Speaker

Exploration of 'West' Berlin

Reichstag: Welcome to the Home of Germany's Government

A View Above Berlin from the Summit of the Reichstag Dome

Final Group Meeting: Looking Towards a Shared Future

Farewell Dinner Dance: Time to Celebrate Achievements and Friendships

Day Ten: Farewell to Europe

Arrive at Berlin Brandenburg International Airport or

Depart for Optional Cultural Extension to Munich, Salzburg, and Bavaria

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Optional Cultural Extension *Munich, Salzburg, and Bavaria*

Optional Day Ten (continued): The Heart of Bavaria

Depart for Munich

Exploring Munich: World-Renowned Bavarian Capital of Science, Technology, Arts, and Culture

Guided and Independent Orientation of Munich's Old Town: Altstadt District

Marienplatz: Munich's Most Scenic Square

New Town Hall: Home of the Famous Glockenspiel

St. Peter's Church: Altstadt's Oldest Church

Traditional German Dinner and Music

Optional Day Eleven: Alpine Mountain Experience

Travel to Beautiful Neuschwanstein Castle: One of the Most Visited

Destinations in Europe and the Inspiration for Disney Castles

Alpine Adventure: Travel by Foot, Train, and Cable Car to the Top of

Germany's Highest Mountain, Zugspitze

Summer Glacial Walk: Visit to Germany's Only Year-Round Glacier

Optional Day Twelve: Salzburg, The Baroque Jewel of the Austrian Alps

Depart for a Day Excursion in Salzburg

Guided and Independent Exploration of UNESCO's World Heritage

Site: Historic Center of the City of Salzburg and Home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mozartplatz: City Center Honoring the Music Master

Mozart's Geburtshaus: Birthplace of a Genius

Mirabell Gardens and St. Peter's Abbey: Icons of Salzburg

Hellbrunn Summer Palace and its Gardens

The Sound of Music: Sights and Scenes of the Iconic Film

Authentic Austrian Dinner

Optional Day Thirteen: Endings and New Beginnings

Depart from Munich Airport*

**Please note that students are departing from Munich, Germany to their final destination, and conference staff do not accompany students back to Berlin, Germany.*

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2016 U.S. Sample Schedule

Optional Pre-Program Orientation:

Introduction to Washington, DC and University Admissions

Washington, DC

Orientation Day One: Welcome to Washington, DC

Arrival and Check-In to Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel

Program Orientation: Overview of the Global Young Leaders Conference Experience

Arrival Night Meet-and-Greet Activities

Orientation Day Two: Acclimating to the U.S. Capital

Navigating Nuances and Norms: An Introduction to American Culture

Tips, Do's, and Don't's: Best Practices When in the USA

Visit to Washington, DC Memorials

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Group photo on steps of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Finding the Right Fit: A University Admissions Workshop with George Washington University

Ice Cream Social

Orientation Day Three: Exploring Your Next Step – University Admissions

Visit a Washington, DC University: American University or Georgetown University

Speak with an Admissions Advisor

Tour the University Campus

Interview Preparation: Commonly Asked Questions

Structure of the SAT and ACT Standardized Tests

Components of a Compelling Essay

Lunch and Shopping in Georgetown Historic District

Return to the Hotel to Register for the Global Young Leaders Conference

2016 U.S. Sample Schedule

Washington, DC ~ New York City

Day One: Welcome to Washington, DC

Arrival in Washington, DC and Conference Registration

Setting the Stage: Global Young Leaders Conference Overview

University Admissions Seminar: Questions and Answers with George Mason University

Gateway to Leadership: Welcome Session

Leadership Group Meeting: Orientation and Country Briefing

Day Two: Discovering Common Ground

Leadership Group Meeting: Communicating and Collaborating in a Cross-Cultural Community

Cross-Cultural Communication and Leadership Speaker: Increasing Global Literacy

Dr. Gary Weaver, Founder and Executive Director, Intercultural Management Institute, American University

Visit to Washington, DC Memorials

Lincoln Memorial

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Korean War Veterans Memorial

World War II Memorial

Launching the Leadership Journey: Keynote Address

Day Three: Exploring the Diplomatic Community

Leadership Group Meeting: Security Council Scenario Analysis

Diplomacy at the Highest Level: Briefing at the U.S. Department of State

Lunch in Dupont Circle Historic District

Diplomacy at Work: Explore the Embassies of Washington, DC

White House Photo Opportunity

Leadership Group Meeting: Security Council National Policy Drafting

Day Four: 21st Century Global Issues

World Bank Speaker: Building Prosperity and Working to End Poverty

Global Issues Workshops

Environment

Global Public Health

Technology

Maintaining World Order: A United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Simulation
Security Council Negotiations and Proposals

The Olympic Games of the Global Young Leaders Conference

Day Five: Reflecting on Our Past, Impacting Our Future

Group Photo in Front of the U.S. Capitol

Smithsonian Institution Visit

Lunch on the National Mall

Explore the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Cultural Exchange: Learn From and About Peers from Around the World

Day Six: Birthplace of America

Lunch in Philadelphia and College Campus Expedition at the University of Pennsylvania

Arrival to New York City and Manhattan College

Leadership Group Meetings: Commission Selection and Leadership Team Elections

Day Seven: Exploring the Big Apple

Leadership Group Meetings: Preparations for Global Summit

Lunch in Chinatown or Little Italy

Museum Exploration

Museum of Modern Art (MoMa): Masterpieces of Modern and Contemporary Art

The Guggenheim: Frank Lloyd Wright's Architectural Icon

The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met): The United States' Largest Art Museum

The Crossroads of the World: Experience Bustling Times Square

Day Eight: Creating Solutions to World Issues

Catalyst for Global Change: A Briefing from a United Nations Representative

Commission Meetings: Resolution Writing, Analysis, and Presentations

Strategy Session: Coalition Building and Speech Writing

National Delegations Rally

Red, White, and Blue Barbeque – Enjoy a Traditional American Cookout

Day Nine: Seeking Global Consensus: The Global Summit Convenes

The Global Summit Simulation: Capstone of the Conference

Lunch at Rockefeller Center

Visit the United Nations: the World's Home of International Peacekeeping

Farewell Dinner Cruise on New York Harbor

Enjoy Views of the Statue of Liberty and Brooklyn Bridge

Day Ten: Looking Forward

Leadership Group Meeting: Certificate Presentation

Commencement Ceremony

Depart or Begin Optional Cultural Extension in New York City

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Optional Cultural Extension
New York City
At Manhattan College

Optional Day Ten (continued): The Urban Island of Manhattan

Central Park Sightseeing

Tour the Financial District

Tales of U.S. History: Walk Along Wall Street

Photo Stop Outside New York Stock Exchange

National September 11th Memorial

Journey to the Top of the Empire State Building

Optional Day Eleven: Navigating the Empire City

Shopping Along Iconic 5th Avenue

Times Square

Home of the New Year's Eve Countdown and Ball Lowering Celebration

World's Most Visited Tourist Attraction

A Slice of New York: Dine at a Traditional NYC Pizzeria

A Night Under the Lights: Attend a Broadway Musical

Optional Day Twelve: Visit New York City's Elite Universities

Columbia University

Exploration of Campus and Local Neighborhood

SoHo: One of New York's Trendiest Shopping Destinations

Greenwich Village: Home to Artists, Students, and Professionals

New York University

Exploration of Campus and Washington Square Park

Union Square: A Historic Intersection

An American Pastime: Bowling at Chelsea Piers

Optional Day Thirteen: Farewell and Safe Travels

Check Out and Depart for Airport