

Conference Dates

Washington, DC ~ New York, NY

June 8 – June 17
June 15 – June 24
June 22 – July 1
June 29 – July 8
July 6 – July 15
July 13 – July 22

Optional Pre-Program Orientation in Washington, DC

June 6 – June 8
June 13 – June 15
June 20 – June 22
June 27 – June 29
July 4 – July 6
July 11 – July 13

Optional Cultural Extension in New York

June 17 – June 20
June 24 – June 27
July 1 – July 4
July 8 – July 11
July 15 – July 18
July 22 – July 25

Beijing ~ Hangzhou ~ Shanghai

July 14 – July 23

Optional Cultural Extension in Xi'an or Hong Kong

July 23 – July 26

Vienna ~ Prague ~ Berlin

June 28 – July 7

Optional Cultural Extension in Munich, Salzburg and Bavaria

July 7 – July 10



Global Young Leaders Conference Summer 2015

Sample Schedules
Past Participating Speakers

Programs in:

The People's Republic of China

Europe

The United States of America

These sample schedules are provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of experience offered. Specific schedules, locations and details may be modified.

2015 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.*)

Opening Gate Ceremony: Great Tang Dynasty Hospitality

City Orientation

Cuisine Artistry: Dumpling Dinner

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

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

Ancient Cures: Traditional Chinese Medicine Herb Market

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 Air 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

2015 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
Briefing by Members of the Austrian Parliament

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

Case Study 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

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

Continue to Garmisch, One of Germany's Top Alpine Towns

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.*

2015 U.S. Sample Schedule

Optional Pre-Program Orientation:

Introduction to Washington, DC & 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

2015 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & Presentations

Strategy Session: Coalition Building and Speech Writing

National Delegations Rally

Red, White & 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

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

Partial List of Past Conference Speakers

Secretary-General, United Nations	Kofi Annan
Executive Vice President, Citigroup International	Kate Sullivan
Director, Kudirat Initiative for Democracy	Hafsat Abiola
Vice Chairman & Senior Advisor, America Online Time Warner	Ted Turner
Former Director of Central Intelligence	R. James Woolsey
Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. State Department	Strobe Talbott
Chairman and CEO, Starbucks Corporation	Howard Schultz
President, Dow Jones International	Karen Elliott House
Director, Training Program for Permanent Missions, United Nations	Jean Gazarian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The People's Republic of China	Yang Jiechi
Advocacy Director for Asia, Amnesty International	T. Kumar
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations	Richard Holbrooke
Former President of the Sierra Club	Adam Werbach
Children's Movement for Peace	Julian Arturo Ortiz
Executive Vice President, Standard & Poors	Vicki Tillman
Director of Natural Resource Studies, Cato Institute	Jerry Taylor
Professor, International Communication, School of International Service, American University	Dr. Gary R. Weaver
Senior External Officer, The World Bank	Phillip Hay
Under Secretary of the United Nations and President of the United Nations Staff-Management Coordination Committee	Joseph Verner Reed
Senior Policy Analyst for International Policy and Relations, American Red Cross	Pamela D. Alesky
Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State	Elizabeth Cheney
Author and Human Rights Activist	James Mawdsley
President of the Austrian National Council, Republic of Austria	Mag. Barbara Prammer
Founder, Free the Children	Craig Kielburger
Senior Economist, Acting Director of Policy Studies, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development - London	Sam Fankhauser
Director, Joint Vienna Institute	Pamela J. Bradley
Deputy State Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister of Hungary in Charge of EU coordination	Dr. János Rapcsák
Chairman, Institute of Human Sciences	Prince Karel of Schwarzenberg
Founder and Executive Director, One World Education	Mr. Eric Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director, Sseko Designs	Liz Bohannon
Co-Founder and CEO, Safe Haven	Mr. Dave Butler
Founder and Executive Director, Room to Read	John Wood
Award Winning Author and Journalist	Ms. Janine di Giovanni
Senior Advisor and National Advocate, United Nations Foundation	Ms. Gillian Sorensen

**Note: Listed are speakers' titles at the time they addressed the conference.*

REFLECTIONS FROM PAST SCHOLARS



“The opportunity to meet so many different people from so many different places — and to gain a brief insight into so many cultures — made the conference an honor to attend.”

- Tomos O.

“I learned that I don't have to wait for the future to be a leader. I can be a leader today.”

- Cara R.



“The keynote speaker was an absolute inspiration. His experience was a testament to the fact that we all have the potential to make a difference. This is the most empowering feeling I have ever realized. This feeling has completely changed the way I view my future and myself.”

- Geoff P.



“Four hundred students from all around the world had to come together and unite in order for the summit to take place. We had to put aside our differences and focus on the big picture. When we came together in the United Nations conference room, something magical happened — we became one whole.”

- Daniel S.



“The Leadership Group Meetings were amazing: sharing thoughts and ideas with 22 intelligent, warm people including an admirable faculty advisor during the Conference is something I will always take with me wherever I go.”

- Tamar F.

