



Summer 2002 American Student Ambassador in China

July 14 - August 2, 2002
Organized by The IEF Education Foundation

"As the traveler who has once been away from home is wiser than one who has never left his own doorstep, so a knowledge of one other culture should sharpen our ability to scrutinize more steadily, to appreciate more lovingly, our own." ~ Margaret Mead

Program Introduction

The IEF Education Foundation, a non-profit international education organization, is pleased to sponsor a three-week leadership and educational exchange program designed to give a select group of U.S. students an introduction to China's history, culture and people.

In addition to gaining an in-depth insight into China, participants will represent their college or university at several special events scheduled with Chinese students and professors. These events will provide opportunities for students to talk about their schools, share personal experiences and answer questions. In essence, participants are expected to become ambassadors for their college and the American educational system. At the same time they will learn a great deal about this fascinating culture.

Program Description

The American Student Ambassador Program gives students an educational experience they'll never forget. The action-packed itinerary features an array of cultural and academic experiences to help students understand the complex reality that is in China today. The program features:

- An introduction to written and spoken Chinese
- An overview of China's art, music, drama and cuisine
- A thoughtful review of China's history
- Seminars and social events with local students and professors
- Tours of China's cultural and historic sites

American Student Ambassadors will have the choice of either of **two** programs:

Program A: Study at the South Ocean International School in the beautiful coastal city of Qingdao with a visit to Beijing

Program B: Study at the majestic Shao Lin Temple with a visit to Beijing

American Student Ambassadors will meet at Los Angeles with IEF staff and leave for China together.

City Introduction

Beijing offers the visitor a glimpse of old China with its massive Great Wall, thought provoking Ming Tombs, extensive Forbidden City, and Tian Tan temple. In the same breath, fashion setting, contemporary shopping centers on Wang Fu Jing Shopping street, and an ultra modern air terminal welcome the traveler. Modern hotels, government buildings, universities and newly built comfortable apartment blocks extend to the horizon, together with the masses of people, cars and cycles. Beijing is on the move and will share a bit of her story with the observant students.

Shao Lin Temple was established in 495 AD by a monk Boddhidharma, the founder of Zen Buddhism. It is located at the foothills of Mt. Song Shan in Henan Province. The temple is also the legendary home of the Shao Lin Wushu (Kung Fu/Martial Arts) that is still being practice on the grounds of the temple. Experience the classical movement and techniques of Shao Lin Wushu. Practice harmonious meditation in the inner sanctum of the Shao Lin Temple. Learn to achieve physical, mental and emotional strength from ancient art of Shao Lin Wushu.

Qingdao is a delightful summer resort city. Imagine a Bavarian village, a French Riviera resort and a Chinese metropolis put together, and you have Qingdao. Sights to see include The People's Square (German town) and the Zhan Qiao (city's symbol which is a pavilion extending from the coastal end of Zhongshan Lu outwards to the sea. Catch a spectacular view from Mt. Laoshan, a Taoist holy mountain east of the city. The holiest part is the Taiqinggong Temple, where Liaozhai, an ancient Chinese collection of ghost stories, was written.

Certificate awarded after completion of

- Chinese Language and Culture learning
- Shao Lin Martial Arts

Program Cost

Program Expenses -----\$1,800

Program, tuition, tour, transportation, room and board, and insurance. Cost excludes international air fare to China, passport & visa fees, connecting flight to L.A. (If applicable), and personal expenses.

Participants have the option to purchase the air ticket to China at a group discount rate through IEF Education Foundation.

IEF Summer Intern Scholarship ----- \$500

Qualified students will be awarded the IEF Summer Internship Scholarship whereby students will intern as English Conversation Partners and serve as Ambassadors to facilitate American Culture discussions to students in China.

***Actual Program Cost ----- ONLY \$1,300**

(After qualifying for IEF Summer Intern Scholarship)

Eligibility

Students with US citizenship who are currently enrolled in accredited high schools, colleges or universities.

How to Apply

Application Deadline: May 15, 2002

Submit the following required documents:

- ***Application***
- ***A copy of your student ID***
- ***A copy of your passport***
- ***Two passport size photos***

By mail to:

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