

2014 CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
CHINA ARTS TOUR
中国艺术之旅



22 November - 2 December
Shanghai, Suzhou, Beijing



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Program Overview

The 2014 Confucius Institute Art Study Tour offers a fantastic opportunity to learn about Chinese arts and culture through a ten day study tour to Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing, led by accomplished Chinese-Australian painter Mr. Xu Huawen. The tour will include gallery visits, exchanges with local artists and a visit to the Shanghai Ballet School.

Total cost covers:

- International flights
- Workshop tuition fees
- Single room accommodation
- Cost of visa application and processing
- Most meals
- In-country transport
- Tour leader (University of Melbourne staff member).

The tour is open to anyone with an interest in the arts or Chinese culture. You do not need to be enrolled at the University of Melbourne or have studied Chinese arts previously to join this tour.

Your tour leader

Xu Huawen is a professional and experienced Chinese calligraphy and painting teacher. A graduate of the Chinese Institute of Classical Art in Shanghai, he has over twenty years' experience in these arts. He has been delivering Calligraphy and Chinese painting courses at the Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne since 2009.

Itinerary

For country information, visit <http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/china/>

Date & Time	Schedule
22 November Saturday Full day activity	Participants depart Melbourne for Shanghai. Tour leader from University of Melbourne Confucius Institute will assist the group with transfers from the airport to the hotel.
23 Nov Sunday Full day activity Evening	Visit the China Art Museum (中华艺术宫) to view contemporary Chinese artworks (at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo site). Dinner with fellow travellers.

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24 Nov Monday	
Morning	Visit the Chinese Painting Institute of Shanghai (上海中国画院), exchange ideas with local painters.
Afternoon	Explore the latest exhibition at the Chinese Painting Institute of Shanghai.
Evening	Free evening.
25 Nov Tuesday	
Morning	Cultural exchange with Chinese calligraphy post graduate students at Shanghai Theatre Academy (上海戏剧学院).
Afternoon	"Amazing Race around Shanghai" (explore the city through a cultural treasure hunt).
Evening	Free evening.
26 Nov Wednesday	
Full day activity	Visit Jiading culture district outside Shanghai. Includes visit to Lu Yuanshao Art Gallery and Han Tianheng Art Museum.
Evening	Group dinner
27 Nov Thursday	
Morning	Visit the Shanghai Ballet School and meet with local dancers.
Afternoon	Shanghai Oil painting and Sculpture Museum.
Evening	Enjoy a cultural show at the Shanghai Theatre (optional, at participants' own cost).
28 Nov Friday	
Morning	Transfer to Suzhou by high speed train. Full day visit to the famed garden city of Suzhou (one hour from Shanghai)
Afternoon	
Evening	Group dinner
29 Nov	

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Saturday	
Morning	Transfer to Beijing by high speed train.
Afternoon	Explore the 798 Modern Art Precinct. Participants own choice of dinner at 798.
Evening	Transfer back to hotel.
30 Nov Sunday	
Morning	Visit to the Forbidden City.
Afternoon	The National Art Museum of China
Evening	Group dinner.
1 Dec Monday	
Full day activity	Visit the Great Wall of China. Free afternoon & evening
2 Dec Tuesday	
Morning	Free morning
Afternoon	Return flight to home ports.

This program is subject to change. Every attempt has been made to ensure that all of the information in this itinerary is correct at the time of publishing. However, Confucius Institute reserves the right to adjust the program in response to variations in transport timetables and other changed circumstances.

Study Program Costs

Total cost of the program is \$3,800.00. Cost includes flights, tuition, single share accommodation, most meals, in-country transport and tour leader.

No GST is incurred for overseas tours.

Program Registration and Payment

1. To register your interest in this program please email Confucius-institute@unimelb.edu.au or phone Emma Pitt on 9035 8203

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2. To secure your place please pay the \$500.00 non-refundable deposit through the Asialink e-cart (select "CI Art Tour") prior to 5 September <http://ecommerce.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/>
3. Pay balance through the Asialink e-cart prior to 22 September

This tour will be capped at 20 participants. A minimum 10 participants is required to travel.

Tax deductibility

Contact your tax advisor to find out whether your study program expenses are tax deductible.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in single share rooms. Hotels are generally at least 3 star. Some are unrated, but comfort, cleanliness and proximity to local facilities are the guiding factors in our choice of places for you to stay.

Meals

Some meals are included, and there are also opportunities for you to explore the local restaurants. Wherever possible we try to meet special dietary requirements but we can't always guarantee personal preferences.

Group leader

Your group will be accompanied by an employee of the University of Melbourne at all times. They will make sure your program runs smoothly. Our leaders work with our in-country hosts, guest speakers and the relevant authorities, to ensure that your experience fully meets our promise. The group leader will strictly follow risk management procedures during the trip.

FAQs

What are the tour dates?

22 November – 2 December

Who is organising the tour?

The in-country tour is organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne.

Can I organise my own flights?

Participants are requested to fly with the group. Confucius Institute has a booking arrangement with the preferred airline. The flight time is also a good opportunity to meet your fellow travellers. We will make initial bookings on your behalf and itinerary changes can be made by yourselves.

Is travel insurance included?

You will need to organise your own travel insurance. You will also be asked to sign a participant agreement with the University of Melbourne and agree to program terms and conditions.

Who will accompany us on the tour?

The tour group will be accompanied by a staff member from the CI Melbourne office.

Can I miss the Beijing component?

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The participant agreement covers the tour itinerary as a whole. For logistical ease, participants are asked to please join the tour in Beijing and travel together as a group.

What will be the group size?

The maximum number of participants is 20. A minimum of 10 participants is required to travel.

Who is eligible to join the tour?

Anyone with an interest in the arts or Chinese culture, who is fit to travel, is welcome to join this tour.

If you are a non-Australian passport holder, there may be differences in the visa application process. Non-Australian passport holders are asked to contact the CI office before registering at Confucius-institute@unimelb.edu.au or 9035 8203.