

CHINA TRIP ITINERARY (SPRING VACATION)

	Key	Academic Exchange	See Xi'an	See Chengdu	See Beijing
Day	Thurs-Fri	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Date	11-12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 April
Location	Boston	Beijing	Beijing	Xi'an	Xi'an
Morning Schedule	Depart from Boston on Thursday evening and arrive in the ancient capital of Beijing on Friday evening local time. Recall that has been China's capital for over 700 years, spanning three imperial dynasties until the founding of the PRC in 1949.	Shake off the jetlag with some Tai Chi morning exercises amongst the locals in the beautiful park grounds of the Temple of Heaven before an early lunch of authentic Beijing noodles.	Climb the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu, a beautifully restored section dating back to the 5th Century, marvelling both at its impressive engineering feat and spectacular natural backdrop.	Split into groups for immersive school visits at 4 key public high schools in Xi'an , where you'll meet with Chinese school leaders and visit classrooms to observe typical Chinese classes.	Visit a rural school in Pang Liu village to learn more about education and development in China's rural areas. Meet with village leaders, teachers and students and enjoy an authentic homestyle lunch together.
Afternoon schedule		Visit Tiananmen Square , largest public square in the world and home to many major historical events, and the Forbidden City , home to all Chinese Emperors since 1420.	Spend the afternoon delving into the heart of Beijing's contemporary art scene at the 798 Art District , comprising a complex of 50-year old decommissioned military factories.	Visit the famous Terracotta Warriors , an army of 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots 520 horses built over 2,000 years ago to guard the the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang.	Stroll or bike around the perfectly intact Old City Wall , buildin the 14th century, followed by a visit to the Wild Goose Pagoda , a beautiful Buddhist pagoda build in 652 AD.
Evening		Peking Duck Dinner	Transfer to Xi'an	Muslim Street Market	Transfer to Chengdu
Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
Location	Beijing	Beijing	Xi'an	Xi'an	Chengdu
Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Date	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April
Location	Chengdu	Chengdu	Chengdu	Beijing	Beijing
Morning	Pay an early morning visit to Chengdu's most famous residents at the Giant Panda Panda Base before transferring to Anlong Village for an authentic Chinese country style lunch.	Split into groups for immersive school visits at 4 key public high schools in Chengdu, where you'll meet and have lunch with students, teachers and administrators.	Take an optional day trip to Leshan. Built during the 8th century at the confluence of two rivers, the Leshan Giant Buddha was the life's work of a Tang dynasty monk called Haitong. A work of truly massive proportions, the Buddha stands (or rather, sits) at 233 feet tall, making it the world's largest pre-modern statue. <i>Teachers can also opt for a free day to explore Chengdu at your own pace.</i>	Attend the second annual China-US High School Exchange Summit at Beijing's most prestigious high school to learn about best practices in student exchange and meet potential partners.	Depart Beijing at lunchtime and arrive in Boston on Sunday afternoon local time.
Afternoon	Spend the afternoon learning about the work Anlong is doing as a model ecovillage project to use ecological farming systems to reduce water pollution in Chengdu.	Reunite at Wuhou Temple , dedicated to the semi-historical hero of a Chinese literary epic from the 12th century. Then head next door to the ancient Jinli Street for snacks, arts & crafts.		Spend your last afternoon exploring "Old Beijing" with a tour of the city's ancient Hutong alleys and a boat ride on Houhai Lake . <i>Teachers can also opt for a free afternoon for shopping or other activities.</i>	
Evening	Hot Pot Dinner	Bianlian Performance	Fly to Beijing	Farewell Dinner	
Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	
Location	Chengdu	Chengdu	Beijing	Beijing	Boston