

## YOUTH LEADERS OF AMERICA AND CHINA (YLAC) SUMMER PROGRAM

### INTRODUCTION

Jiayu's Youth Leaders of America and China summer program (YLAC) brings together a diverse group of students from private and public high schools for language and culture immersion, *in the adventure of a lifetime*. Students will have the opportunity to experience the rapidly growing city of Beijing, the "green" coastal city of Dalian, and also journey to the beautiful and bio-diverse provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan.

The YLAC summer program is an opportunity for students to discover what it means to be a leader, exploring the joy of supporting others, while examining their own and shared definitions of what it means to contribute to the common good.

### ITINERARY Preview

#### Sat, July 7<sup>th</sup>

- AFTERNOON: Arrival at Beijing International Airport
- Transport to Changping #1 School
- Welcome Dinner

#### Sun, July 8<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Orientation to Beijing
- AFTERNOON: Guided tour of Great Wall & Ming Tombs
- Lunch: at Great Wall
- EVENING: Open time/shop the local markets for the first language challenge.

#### Mon, July 9<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese Class
- AFTERNOON: Visit and project at a migrant worker school

#### Tue, July 10<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: Visit to Lenovo corporate HQ
- EVENING: Open time (optional environmental issues seminar)

#### Wed, July 11<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: Traditional Chinese Medicine class

- EVENING: Open time (optional TV journalism seminar)

#### Thur, July 12<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: Visit and project at a migrant worker school
- EVENING: Open time (optional women's leadership seminar)

#### Fri, July 13<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: YLAC Leadership Forum
- EVENING: Open time (business entrepreneurship seminar)

#### Sat, July 14<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Tour of Temple of Heaven
- AFTERNOON: Tour of Tiananmen/Forbidden City
- EVENING: Group dinner at Beihai Park

#### Sun, July 15<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Tour of Birds Nest & Water Cube
- AFTERNOON: Visit to Sanlitun
- EVENING: Peking Duck dinner & show

#### Mon, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: local organic farm visit

- EVENING: Open time (optional calligraphy and painting class)

#### Tues, July 17<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese Class
- AFTERNOON: Packing for two-week travel
- EVENING: Overnight train to Dalian

#### Wed, July 18<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Room assignments & campus tour
- AFTERNOON: Orientation & lunch
- EVENING: Seaside tour & dinner

#### Thur, July 19<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese Class
- AFTERNOON: Meet & greet with Mayor of Dalian

#### Fri, July 20<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese class
- AFTERNOON: Work on environmental project with local NGO.

#### Sat, July 21<sup>st</sup>

- MORNING: Flight to Sichuan
- AFTERNOON: Hotel check-in & dinner

#### Sun, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

- MORNING: Hike and open time to explore
- AFTERNOON: Emei-Style Kungfu

### Mon, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

- AFTERNOON: One of the following to be determined: Panda Base; hiking the temples; hiking the springs; adventure challenges

### Tues, July 24<sup>th</sup>

- AFTERNOON: School exchange/Chengdu Culinary College

### Wed, July 25<sup>th</sup>

- AFTERNOON: Ma La Tang or Chengdu Bookworm dinner options and activities in smaller groups
- Leave for Lijiang

### Thur, July 26<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Arrival in Lijiang
- AFTERNOON: Shaolin Kung Fu and Tai Chi School and local mountain trek
- EVENING: bonfire in Lijiang central plaza

### Fri, July 27<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Walk along canal path
- AFTERNOON: Bus to Tiger Leaping Gorge

- EVENING: Hike Tiger Leaping Gorge

### Sat, July 28<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Arrival to Dali
- AFTERNOON: Bike trip to Tengching Volcanic Area
- EVENING: Bus to Buddhist Monastery before heading back to Lijiang

### Sun, July 29<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Fly back to Beijing
- AFTERNOON: Advisory group reflection
- EVENING: Photo contest

### Mon, July 30<sup>th</sup>

- MORNING: Qi Gong and Chinese Class
- AFTERNOON: Capstone youth leadership program & language acknowledgements
- EVENING: Farewell dinner

### Tues, July 31<sup>st</sup>

- MORNING: Packing & breakfast
- AFTERNOON: Depart for JFK

## Eight Project Themes

Jiayu's summer program will encourage students to choose at least one major theme from which to develop a project for their learning pleasure. By virtue of the program's integrated nature, students will of course have the opportunity to engage in nearly all these themes at some point. However, by giving greater focus to one, or in some cases two areas, students will

be able to pursue themes of their liking with greater depth. Here are some examples of dual themes: *TV journalism* with a focus on *Women's Issues and Leadership*; *Written Journalism* with a focus on *Social Trends*; *Photo Journalism* while documenting *Chinese Architectural Developments*.

Students will work together in small groups of two to five based on their primary selected theme; however, there will be the option to work individually if desired. In some instances, students may also seek approval to come up with their own theme. Gary Malmon and other program staff will support students in the theme selection and implementation process.

Projects will all start before departure through recommended readings and related materials that will be shared with students. There will be no grades; instead, students will be supported to create a final product that they are proud to share with others, both in China and back home. Jiayu's blogging space and EPals learning network will serve as a vehicle for this experiential learning process, and in establishing a virtual global classroom.

1. **Social Trends:** Examine how the Chinese have adapted to the accelerated development which has ensued after the economic and social reforms beginning in the 1980s. Issues to consider are trends in family structure, integration of western lifestyles & values, and/or even fashion. Visits to very poor migrant worker schools as well as fortune 500 companies will be an opportunity to reflect on the economic disparities that prevail in this transforming country.
2. **Sustainable Economic Development and Business:** Explore how China has become an economic superpower and what the implications are for the coming generations, within the country and abroad. Sustainable, "green" business models will be examined through meeting with representative local entrepreneurs.
3. **Environmental Protection:** Take part in environmental protection projects in Beijing as well as in other destination cities and regions. In Dalian, students will have the opportunity to work with the environmental NGO, Blue Dalian ([www.bluedalian.org](http://www.bluedalian.org)), to discover how this "green city" is setting the bar high for the rest of China and the world in sustainable development and clean energy. In Yunnan, students will journey through this province known for its biodiversity and some of China's most breathtaking scenery, reflecting on how the country is struggling to balance retaining this precious resource while developing at hyper pace.
4. **Written, Radio, TV and Photo Journalism:** Students will have the choice of these four mediums for journalistic inquiry of today's hot topics, ancient traditions, or whatever most interests them. Collaboration with BONLive TV ([www.bonlive.com](http://www.bonlive.com)) will give students the opportunity to produce and host real TV show—some of which may be broadcast in the US--about their experience in China. There will be numerous

opportunities for all the journalists to collaborate on projects, including interviews that will be set up with notable politicians, business people, and civic leaders.

5. **History and Culture:** Delve into China's rich background through a historical and cultural analysis matched to the student's interest. When traveling to historical sites and encountering extremely diverse cultural settings, students will have the chance to directly experience China's wealth of stories, old and new.
6. **Performing and Fine Arts:** Enjoy some of China's unique performing arts, from Peking Opera to Chinese Kung Fu. Students will also have the chance to learn traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy. Through scheduled workshops at the Hutong and school visits from various masters, students will have the chance to engage with experts in the field.
7. **Architecture:** China's rapid modernization has populated Beijing with an abundance of new and spectacular architectural feats. At the same time, program destinations such as Lijiang's ancient city still boast an astounding array of traditional structures. Exposure to these divergent architectural worlds will serve as a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is considering this field as a profession, or just feeding a pleasurable curiosity.
8. **Women's Issues and Leadership:** Examine the unique ways that women are taking leadership in China - in business and politics as well as in building a civil society. Students will have the chance to meet with various female leaders, and be encouraged to raise questions of women's issues both in and out of the workplace. Jiayu School will also be connecting interested students to SIAS University's World Academy for the Future of Women, through direct meetings and online networking—this effort will be supported by SIAS University founding trustee, Jerrie Ueberle, who is also a Jiayu advisor.

## SITE VISIT SAMPLE



The Fuping Development Institute offers educational opportunities to the children of Chinese migrant workers. These children are typically underserved due to their parent's transient work life. The Fuping Development Institute offers supplemental schooling, among other services, for Beijing underserved labor force.



Lenovo is a Chinese multinational personal technology company that develops, manufactures and markets desktops and notebook computers and other related products and services. Arguably China's most noticeable brand, Lenovo is currently the world's second largest PC maker with over \$21B revenue (2011). [www.lenovo.com/us](http://www.lenovo.com/us)



Tsinghua University was established in 1911, and is arguably the most prestigious university in China. Since China opened up to the world in 1978, Tsinghua University has developed at a breathtaking pace into a comprehensive research university. At present, the university has 14 schools and 56 departments with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art. With the motto of "Self-Discipline and Social Commitment" and the spirit of "Actions Speak Louder than Words", Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and to world development.

## Cities



## Beijing - 北京

Few cities in the world have served as long as the political and cultural centre of an area like Beijing. Beijing is one of the Four Great Ancient Capital's of China. It has been the heart of China's history for centuries, and there is scarcely a major building of any age in Beijing that does not have at least some national historical significance. The city is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, and huge stone walls and gates.<sup>[9]</sup> Its art treasures and universities have long made it a centre of culture and art in China



## Dalian - 大连

Dalian is a major city and seaport in the south of Liaoning province, Northeast China. The second largest city in Liaoning province, next only to the capital (Shenyang), the city has a significant history of being used by foreign powers as a port. Today it serves as a regional financial base and an important international shipping centre and logistics hub in Northeast Asia. Dalian in recent years has made significant strides in environmental protection and is the focus of national attention for efforts on cleaning its coast of pollution.

## Sichuan - 四川

Sichuan is a vibrant province with diversity in everything from its food culture to its geography. Known for its spicy food, Sichuan is often considered one of the best provinces for traditional Chinese cuisine. Sichuan is also home to one of the world's largest panda reserves and boasts a capital (Chengdu) nearly double the population of New York City. Sichuan is located in the heart of China's interior and was the scene of a massive earthquake in 2008.



## Yunnan - 云南

Yunnan is situated in a mountainous area, with high elevations in the northwest and low elevations in the southeast. It is one of the most western regions of China and borders Burma, Laos, and Vietnam. Yunnan is home to rich agriculture and diverse minorities of Chinese people and plant life.



**Approximate cost per student:**

USD \$3,700

**What's included?**

- Transportation within China
- Housing
- Tickets to all culture sites as mentioned in itinerary
- Meals (when dining as a group)
- Company visits arrangements
- Chinese language and culture classes
- 24/7 in-land support from bilingual Chinese guides
- Tour guide expenses

**What's not included?**

- Flights to and from China
- Visa expenses
- All optional activities
- Lunches and all meals not included in the detailed itinerary
- Souvenirs and gifts

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