

EXPLORE YOUR SENSES!
EXCURSIONS THROUGH
CHINESE CULTURE AND THE
PSYCHOLOGY OF CENSORSHIP

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

- Day 1: Arrive in Beijing and rest
- Day 2: Day tour of the city of Beijing, including the symbolic association with the censorship of past government crimes, Tiananmen Square
- Day 3: Visit the Great Wall and the Olympic Station. Participants will also get to go downtown and walk through the local market.
- Day 4: Visit the Summer Palace and take the Hutong tour. Take a flight to Xi'an.
- Day 5: Cultural immersive lunch with a local Chinese family. Discussions on censorship and its effect on the average citizen.
- Day 6: Cultural Excursion through the Muslim Quarters to visit the Great Mosque and the market place in order to discuss the everyday effects of the persecution of Muslims. Then take a flight to Zhangjiajie.
- Day 7: Visit the Yuanjiajie scenic area. Tianzi Mountain Nature Reserve, Golden Whip Stream, and a ten-mile gallery.
- Day 8: Explore the Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon and a boat excursion along the Baofeng Lake.
- Day 9: Take the world's longest cable car and ascend Tian Men Mountain. Then fly to Shanghai.
- Day 10: Visits the Shanghai Museum, Yu Garden, and take a short cruise tour along Huangpu River.
- Day 11: Take a Train ride to Wuxi and have a discussion with local High School students about the modern-day effects of censorship. Return to Shanghai
- Day 12: Culminating discussions and Depart back to Atlanta

China

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Program Lead

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Description

Come be a part of an incredible journey around the country of China. This trip guarantees an eye-opening perspective into another culture. Moving through four cities, travelers will have the chance to experience the vast differences in the culture by exploring urban cities, small villages, and natural reserves. The advanced ability to censor in China allows the government to have full control over everything the people know and believe. There is a deep-rooted belief between the citizens that this eradication of freedom is for the betterment of themselves. It has cognitively shaped their view of history and the future of the country. The censorship of politics will be explained through a tour of Tiananmen Square. This first segment will also take the travelers through some very well-known sites such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, and see the Terracotta Warriors. The second segment will follow the censorship of religions, highlighted by a visit to the Muslim Quarters in Xi'an. This city will also feature the Terracotta Warriors, a dance performance, and a chance to eat with a local family. The final segment will involve the censorship of social media and psychological issues. The travelers will be given the opportunity to talk to some local students about the ways they get around censorship laws and still have a presence on social media.

Eligibility

This program/course is open to students over the age of 18. Students must be in good standing with their University at the time of the program to participate and receive credit. All participants MUST attend two mandatory one-day orientation sessions before the trip in order to travel. The program involves quite a bit of moving around from city to city and walking in hot temperatures, so students should plan accordingly. Program size is limited to 30 and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Program Cost

The program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations. The cost is tentatively set at \$2,900, plus any fees for tuition form the university. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.