

8 Day Beijing Learning Adventure

4th to 11th September 2010

Join us as we travel to China on a cultural exchange with students and teachers from Beijing Kindergarten and Primary School.

This exciting family excursion aims to introduce children to the joy of using language in real-life situations, as they experience a host of fun and interesting activities with their peers and their parents. Additionally, the children's confidence to use Mandarin increases as they develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture and values along the way.

The itinerary includes four days of immersion programmes at schools for the children, supported by teachers from the Mandarin Department at Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning. Our teachers will remain with the children to ensure a smooth transition to their new environment. Meanwhile, parents can take the opportunity to explore the fascinating historical sites of Beijing, indulge in some shopping and sample the many delights of the famous local cuisine.

Our teachers from Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning look forward to sharing this exciting opportunity with you and your children.

School level

- Nursery 1 and 2
- Kindergarten 1 and 2
- Primary 1 to 6

Class Activities

- Traditional Chinese arts and crafts
- Children's Chinese folk songs and rhymes
- Music and Movement
- Local school academic curriculum
- Sports and games
- Outdoor activities

Closing Date : Registration is based on first-come-first-served basis and will close when the trip is fully booked.

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Itinerary

Day

Activities

- 1** **Afternoon** arrival in Beijing. Upon arrival, enjoy dim sum lunch and then check into Hotel. After dinner, enjoy city tour of Beijing (Meals on board/L/D)
- 2** This morning we visit the **Forbidden City**, also known as the Palace Museum. This was the residence of the last twenty-four emperors of China for a period of almost 500 years. Its construction took 200,000 labourers fifteen years to complete. Today, the Forbidden City is the largest ancient Chinese architectural structure still standing.
- In the afternoon, parents and children visit **Hutong**, a local residential area. Children learn to make dumplings and enjoy the dumplings at the local residences. Dinner at the famous Quan Ju De which offers the most delicious Peking Duck in Beijing. (B/L/D)
- 3** After breakfast, parents and children attend the Welcoming Ceremony at **Beijing Kindergarten and Primary School**.
- Children begin their first day of immersion programmes with the local children while parents spend their time at a book shop in the morning.
- After lunch, children further experience traditional Chinese culture as they learn clay modelling at the **Youth Palace**. In the afternoon, visit fruit orchard. This fruit orchard offers children opportunities to experience fruit plucking through fun and play. (B/L/D)
- 4** While the children continue their immersion programme at Beijing Kindergarten and Primary School, parents visit Beijing's grandest place of worship and the most famous Buddhist temple outside Tibet, **Yonghegong Lama Temple**. In the afternoon, parents and children visit the Beijing Planetarium. (B/L/D)
- 5** In the morning, children proceed to the Beijing Kindergarten and Primary School while parents go shopping at **Wholesale Market**.
- In the afternoon, children join their parents for a leisurely stroll in **Beihai Park**. Beihai Park is one of the oldest, largest and best preserved ancient imperial gardens in China, located in the centre of Beijing. Dinner at the famous **Fangshan Restaurant** which offers luxurious Imperial Court Cuisine. (B/L/D)
- 6** Today, children spend their last day at school while parents spend their time at **Hong Qiao** market in the morning.
- After the graduation ceremony in school, we proceed to the **National Stadium** (or 'Bird's Nest') which served as the main venue for the 2008 Olympic Games. In the evening, parents and children enjoy a Kongfu Legend performance. (B/L/D)
- 7** After breakfast, we will visit one of the seven wonders of the world, the **Great Wall of China**. China's Great Wall is the world's longest architectural structure that stretches for 6,700 kilometers. The wall snakes through the countryside over deserts, hills and plains, and took successive dynasties centuries to build! After dinner, everyone will be treated to an **Acrobatic show**. (B/L/D)
- 8** Morning for free leisure time and lunch at own expense. In the afternoon proceed to the airport for flight back to Singapore. (Meals on board)

