

ELO

Handbook

June 2025



北京顺义国际学校
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BEIJING

The HS ELO program is grounded in the belief that experiential education is an important component of student learning. The HS ELO choices reflect a desire to develop students through their engagement in experiences that serve others, that challenge them physically as well as mentally, and that allow them to explore history, culture and ideas.

The ELO program seeks to challenge all students. It is designed to offer a wide range of choice, but within those choices are opportunities that do not exist in the regular school week.

For the 2024-2025 school year, ELOs will take place during the week of June 9th to June 13th. Please note that while many experiences will occur during the normal school day, there are some experiences that will go later into the day and there may be a very few experiences where an activity takes place into the evening or overnight. **This year some of the experiences will occur over a weekend. Please check the dates carefully when the experiences are taking place.**

Requirements

Global Competency (see below) is a graduation requirement for all HS students. Students fulfil this by completing an ELO each year. For this reason, tracking attendance is important. Please follow HS attendance policies to ensure that the Global Competency requirement can be fulfilled.

Commitment to Culturally Aware Global Citizenship

In order to graduate from ISB, students must demonstrate “commitment to culturally aware global citizenship” . That commitment by a student is demonstrated via full and active participation in the high school programme, both in classes and in the co-curricular program.

Faculty members (including teachers, mentors, advisors, or administrators) may initiate a review for any student whose words or actions (or lack thereof) raise concerns about their “commitment to culturally aware global citizenship” . Those concerns will be explained in writing to the Principal before May 1 of the school year in which they arise. The Principal will meet with the faculty member, the student and the students’ parents before deciding whether or not the student has met the graduation requirement. If the Principal concludes that the student clearly has not demonstrated “commitment to culturally aware global citizenship”, alternative means of demonstrating that commitment will be discussed and agreed. If the student chooses not to demonstrate their “commitment to culturally aware global citizenship” via those alternative means, they will be deemed ineligible for graduation.



ELO themes

Service

- Serve alongside others to make a difference to an issue of significance.
- Serve by collaborating with peers and other stakeholders to improve lives and contribute to our local and global communities.

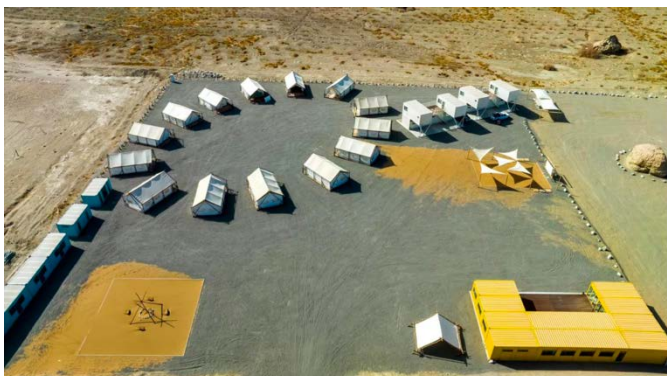
Exploration

- Explore issues and ideas of personal, local and global significance
- Explore local and global history and culture

Challenge

- Challenge yourself to experience the natural world through undertaking a physical and mental journey
- Challenge yourself to contemplate our connection to the natural world and the significance of this connection

Once students are assigned their ELO, their group will meet 3-5 times in the lead-up to ELO week in order to get to know each other, create group and individual learning outcomes for their experience, and learn important background knowledge and skills to help them make the most of their experience. The experience begins once students start meeting in their groups and does not end until the experience has been debriefed and any arising activities or work from the experience has been completed.



ELO Selection Process and Important Dates

All students are required to take part in an ELO. Students will select four different ELOs and they will be placed into one of those four choices.

Completed selection forms need to be signed by a parent and returned to the student's mentor teacher by the date indicated below.

ELO changes will not be allowed once students are placed into an experience.

January 7th - ELO options will be provided to students and handbook made available.

January 17th - Signed student selection forms are returned to mentor teachers.

February 7th - Students are informed of their ELO placement.

March 22nd - Supplementary Fees must be paid by this date.

March 22nd - Parents must update travel documents in PowerSchool

Student choice

Many experiences have limits in terms of number of participants. For this reason, students are asked to pick their top **four choices**. Every effort will be made to meet student choices, but students are asked to choose their second, third and fourth choices carefully as their first choice may not always be met. Also, many of the experiences offered have minimum requirements for numbers of students in order to be viable to run. Therefore, ELOs that have few sign ups may not be feasible to run, and those students will be assigned their second, third or fourth choice

Travel Documentation and PowerSchool

ISB will use student passport/ID information listed in PowerSchool to for all trip purposes (including COVID-19 precautions required by a variety of venues around Beijing). **Parents must ensure that the passport/ID information listed in PowerSchool is up-to-date and accurate.**

Travel Documents Requirements for Trips

Students need to bring valid identification on trips if required to that location. Student **MUST** travel with the identification that is listed in PowerSchool. Failure to do so will result in the student not being able to travel or engage in that ELO. If your child's information is not up to date in PowerSchool, please scan the QR code below.

ISB Dragon Connect

Dragon Connect, ISB's very own WeChat mini program, provides ISB families a more convenient way to access some tools and information. It allows families to access PowerSchool, our data portal for enrolled families, rent one of our Dragon bikes, book specific venues on campus, report students as absent, and more. We continue to develop this mini program and add more functions and updates through the school year.

Information on how to follow can be found here in [English](#), [Chinese](#), or [Korean](#) to start using the service.



Proposed 2024-2025 ELO offerings (for Grade 9 – 11 students)

Serve	<p>Jining (Keru) Service with local school</p> <p>Qinhuang Dao (Keystone Adventures) Working with local Communities.</p> <p>Sandwatch and Surfing (Indier) Coastal Environment.</p> <p>Zunyi Guizhou (YMCE) Service in local Villages.</p>	<p>Longshan Guilin (Wild China) Service Projects to choose from.</p> <p>Kangding/Dunba (Extravagant Yak) Working with local Tibetan peoples</p> <p>Yunnan Rainforest (3X-Power Exploration) Rainforest protection</p> <p>Huangshan (Wild China) Resorting old houses</p>
Explore	<p>DIY Cooking School Activities on campus and in Beijing</p> <p>Fun With Food (The Hutong) Beijing based cooking food.</p> <p>Shaanxi through the Lens Photography with Urban and Rural backdrops</p> <p>Silk Road (The Hutong) Explore the ancient Silk Route</p> <p>Study French (Les Elfes) French immersion in Switzerland</p>	<p>Ceramics On campus with an expert visitor</p> <p>College Visits California (TS College Tours) Visiting Colleges in the LA / San Diego area</p> <p>Music Production On campus</p> <p>Lijiang (SEED) Exploring Lijiang area</p> <p>Osaka / Hiroshima Explore beautiful Japan</p>
Challenge	<p>Sailing and Water Sports (Beijing Sailing) Sailing in Beidaihe.</p> <p>Great Wall Hiking (Imagine) Camping at various locations (DoE Level 1)</p> <p>Ice Hockey/Ice Skating On campus and at a Beijing-based rink</p> <p>Yangshuo (The Hutong) Activities in and around Yangshuo.</p> <p>Xinjiang (YMCE) Kashgar (Kashi) Challenge</p>	<p>Silk Road (The Hutong) Follow the Silk Road in Gansu/Xinjiang</p> <p>Sea Kayaking (ISB) Sea kayaking in Exmouth WA (DoE Level 2)</p> <p>Astronomy Sci Fi (Shi 老师) Discover heavenly bodies and sci-fi landscapes in Qinghai.</p> <p>Wellness Lantau (IBS) Discover your own peace of mind.</p>

Dear Students & Parents:

All students are required to take part in an ELO as this fulfils the graduation requirement of Global Citizenship. **ELOs will take place during the week of June 9th to June 13th this school year.** Please note the time frame of the experiences below.

Completed selection forms need to be signed by a parent and returned to the student's **mentor teacher by Friday January 17th.** ELO changes will not be allowed once students are placed into an experience. View the HS ELO Guidebook for additional information: <https://www.isb.bj.edu.cn/dg/learn/hs/hs-elo-guidebook>

Students select four (4) different ELOs, **labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4.** We will do our best to fulfil student choice, however students will get one of their four choices.

Choice #	Experience	Provider	Leaving Date	Returning Date	Min - Max #	Supplementary Fee
Service						
	Jining	Keru	June 9 th	June 13 th	10 - 30	¥ 6,000
	Sandwatch & Surfing Hainan	Indier	June 9 th	June 13 th	15 - 30	¥ 7,000
	Qinhuang Dao	Keystone Adventures	June 9 th	June 13 th	15 - 35	No
	Kangding/Dunba	Extravagant Yak	June 8 th	June 13 th	16 - 30	¥ 7,000
	Long Shan Guilin	Wild China	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 35	¥ 5,000
	Zunyi Guizhou	YMCE	June 9 th	June 13 th	25 - 30	¥ 10,000
	Huangshan	Wild China	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 40	¥ 5,000
	Yunnan Rainforest	3 X Power	June 9 th	June 13 th	10 - 40	¥ 10,000
Explore						
	DIY Cooking	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	10 - 15	No
	Music production	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	10 - 15	No
	Lijiang	SEED	June 8 th	June 13 th	10 - 35	¥13,000
	Ceramics	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	10 - 18	No
	College Visits California	TS College Tours	June 7 th	June 15 th	20 - 30	¥35,000
	Xian through the Lens	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 40	¥1,000
	Fun With Food	The Hutong	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 30	No
	Jiangmen Guangzhou	Peninsula Outdoors	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 30	¥ 7,000
	Study French	Les Elfes (Switzerland)	June 8 th	June 13 th	20 - 30	¥15,000
	Osaka Hiroshima	ISB	June 7 th	June 12 th	20 - 30	¥12,000
Challenge						
	Sailing Beidaihe	Beijing Sailing	June 9 th	June 13 th	24 - 50	No
	DoE (Level 1)	Imagine	June 9 th	June 13 th	14 - 30	¥1,000
	DoE (Level 2)	ISB	June 8 th	June 14 th	12 - 17	¥23,000
	Ice Hockey	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	18 - 30	No
	Yangshuo	The Hutong	June 8 th	June 13 th	20 - 35	¥ 9,000
	Silk Road	The Hutong	June 9 th	June 13 th	20 - 35	¥ 10,000
	Wellness Lantau	ISB	June 9 th	June 13 th	15 - 25	¥ 12,000
	Astronomy Sci-Fi	Astro Link	June 9 th	June 13 th	15 - 25	¥ 12,000
	Xinjiang (Kashi)	YMCE	June 8 th	June 13 th	20 - 30	¥ 13,000

By signing below, parents agree to their child's **four** choices. Parents also acknowledge that it is their responsibility to update their child's passport/travel ID and Chinese visa details in PowerSchool before March 31st, 2025, especially for those if their child's passport/travel ID and/or Chinese visa will expire within 6 months before the trips in June 2025. Signing also allows ISB to buy and claim Travel Insurance as needed.

Student Passport Name (printed)

Mentor Teacher's Name

Grade Level

Parent Signature

EMBARK ISB ELO Service Trip to Jining, Shandong

With 450 students and 25 teachers, Hua Village Elementary School is located in Shengshuiyu town in Jining, Shandong. Due to low income from agriculture, most parents choose to work as migrant workers in other cities, leaving their children to live and study in their hometown with grandparents or relatives.

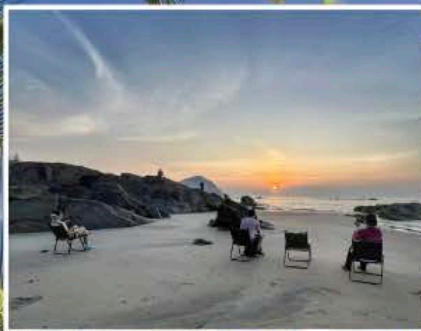
These children have limited access to learning resources and extracurricular activities. During this service trip, you will not only gain a better understanding of China's rural education and society but also bond with and serve children using your talents and attitudes.

- Serve local children by delivering real-time, in-person lessons.
- Bond with and support local children by introducing new methods of art and sports.
- Deepen your understanding of China's cultural core values at the birthplace of Confucianism.



HAINAN ISLAND ADVENTURE

Surfing
SUP
Beach Games
Jungle Hike
Waterfall
Fisherman Village



EXCITING

FUN

EDUCATIVE



QINHUANGDAO GREAT WALL SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM



Students on this program will take part in a service learning project involving two sections of the Great Wall, in Qinhuangdao, Hebei, China. Trails here require continuous upkeep, especially in controlling overgrowth and erosion. Students will work to maintain and improve trails that are used to access the Great Wall, by clearing brush, removing litter, digging steps, and planting trees to minimize erosion.

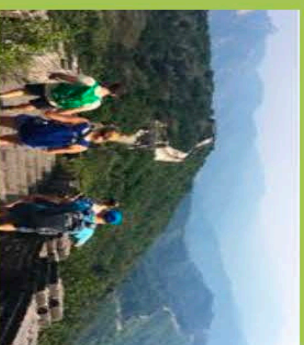
RAFT-BUILDING CHALLENGE



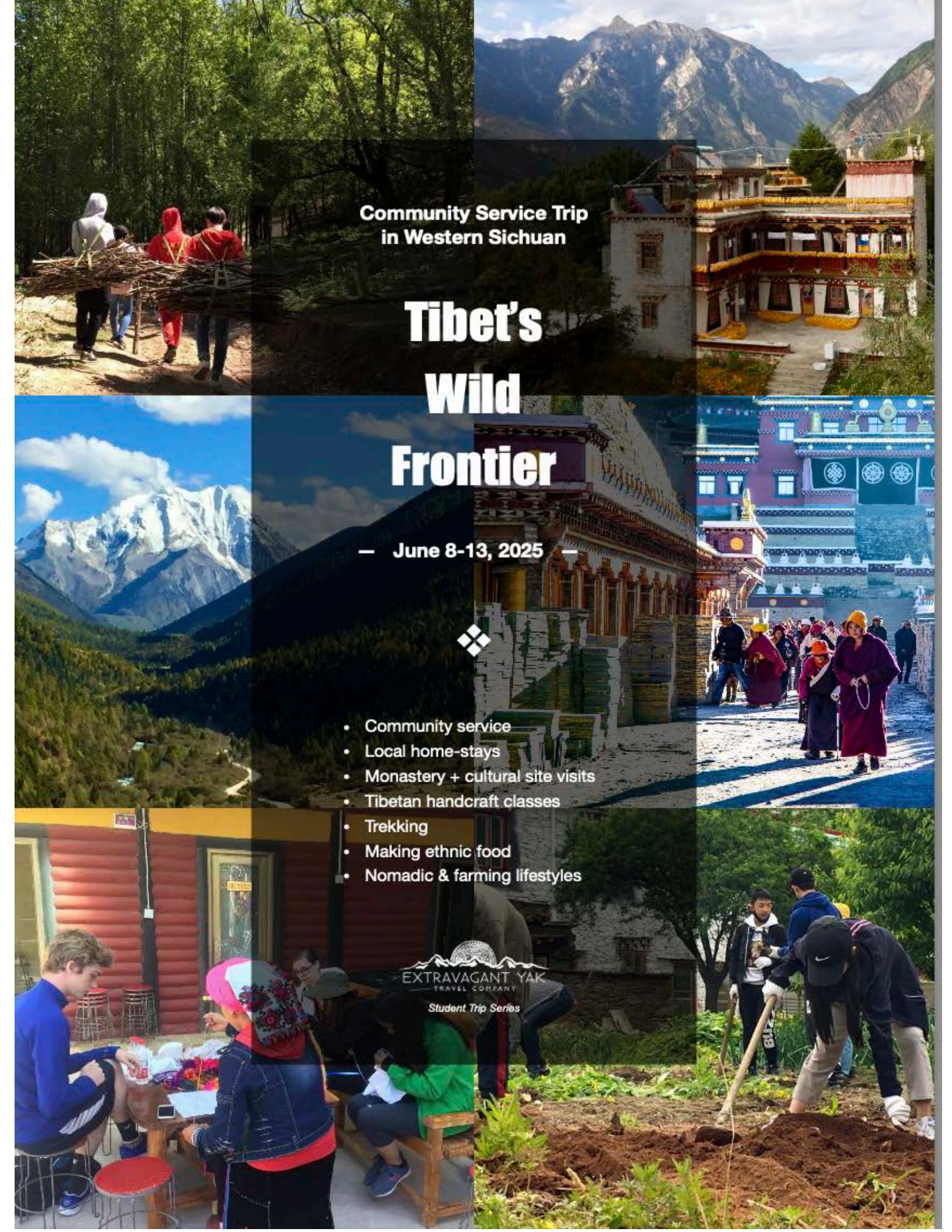
TREE PLANTING



SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT



WILD GREAT WALL HIKE



Community Service Trip
in Western Sichuan

Tibet's Wild Frontier

— June 8-13, 2025 —



- Community service
- Local home-stays
- Monastery + cultural site visits
- Tibetan handcraft classes
- Trekking
- Making ethnic food
- Nomadic & farming lifestyles

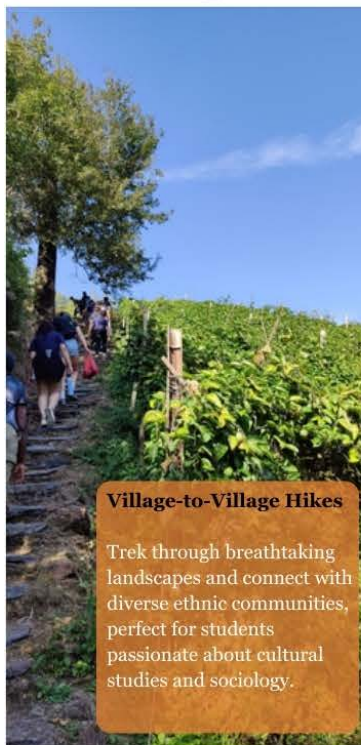
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Join us in the stunning rice terraces of Longsheng for an unforgettable adventure of cultural immersion, outdoor exploration, and meaningful community service.

Be Inspired. Create Impact. See the World Differently.



Village-to-Village Hikes

Trek through breathtaking landscapes and connect with diverse ethnic communities, perfect for students passionate about cultural studies and sociology.



Hands-On Community Service

Make a meaningful impact while learning about sustainable development and community collaboration.



Interactive Cultural Workshops

Dive into local traditions, cooking, and performances, offering a unique lens into the lives of the Zhuang and Yao communities.



Capture & Share Your Journey

Develop creative storytelling skills through vlogging and photography workshops, tailored for aspiring filmmakers keen on exploring cultural narratives.

Join us for an experience you'll never forget!

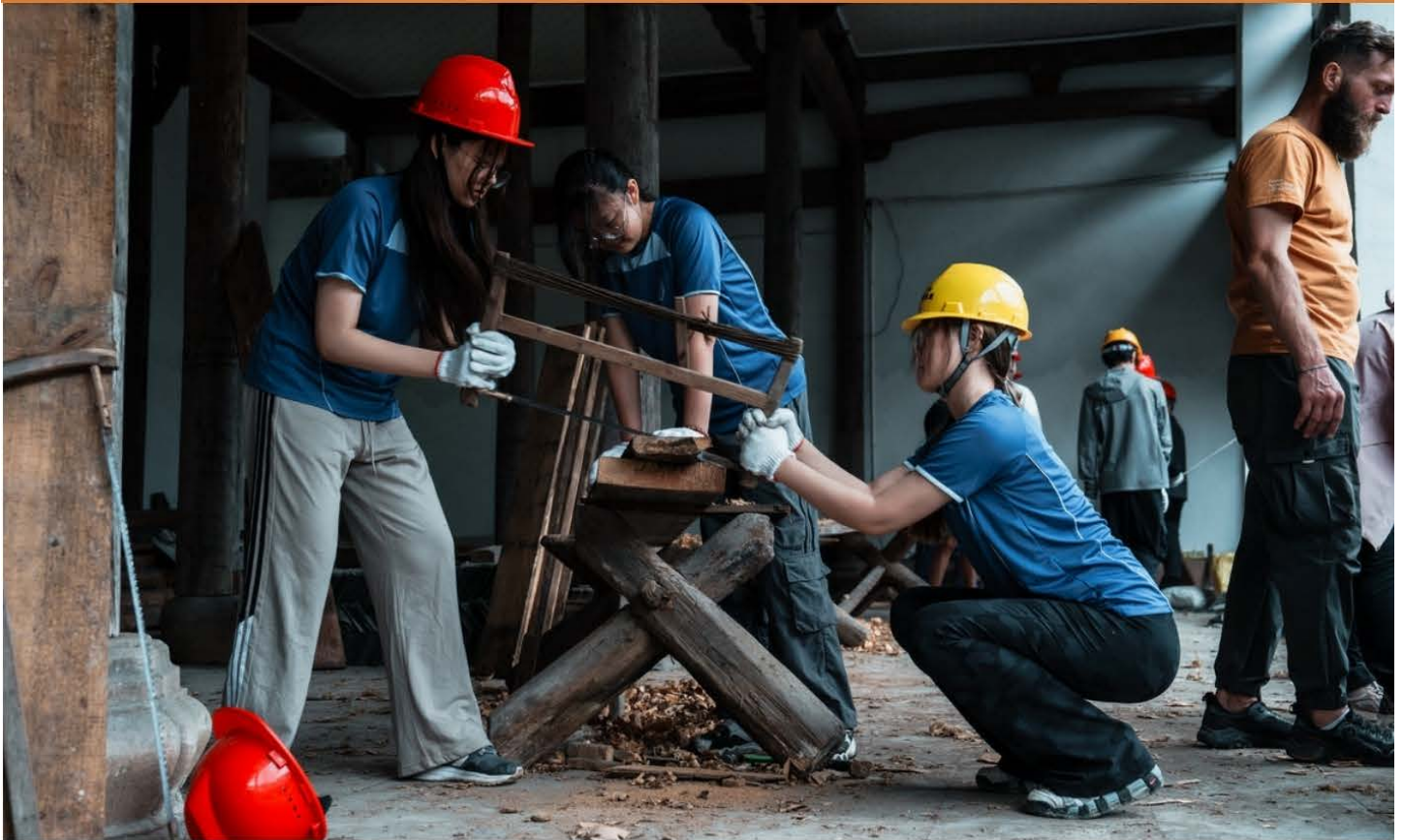


游美
YACE Corps



THE GUIZHOU CAVE ADVENTURE

Restore History. Preserve Legacy. Write Your Own Story.



Explore the rich stories and timeless traditions intertwined in the enchanting landscape of the Yellow Mountain.



Ancient Abode Restoration Project

Learn traditional methods for restoring ancient homes, including stone masonry and carpentry.

Cultural Exchange

Visit a local school to engage in shared lessons, sports, and a collaborative project.



Traditional Arts

Immerse yourself in Anhui Opera, bamboo carving, and a tea-picking experience.

Sustainable Tourism

Present innovative ideas to locals on promoting eco-friendly cultural tourism.

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Exploring the Rainforest | Survival Skills | Hiking in Ailao | Team Challenge | Public Welfare Action

The background of the entire page is a dark green, textured surface. It is decorated with a collage of various food items and kitchen tools. At the top, there are cinnamon sticks, a lemon, a small pie, and some dried flowers. In the center, above the title, is a white chef's hat, a yellow rolling pin, and a purple whisk. Below the title, there are more food items like a wooden cutting board, a bowl of fruit, a pie, and some herbs. At the bottom, there are more pies, a cake, and some fruit. The overall theme is cooking and food.

DIY COOKING SCHOOL

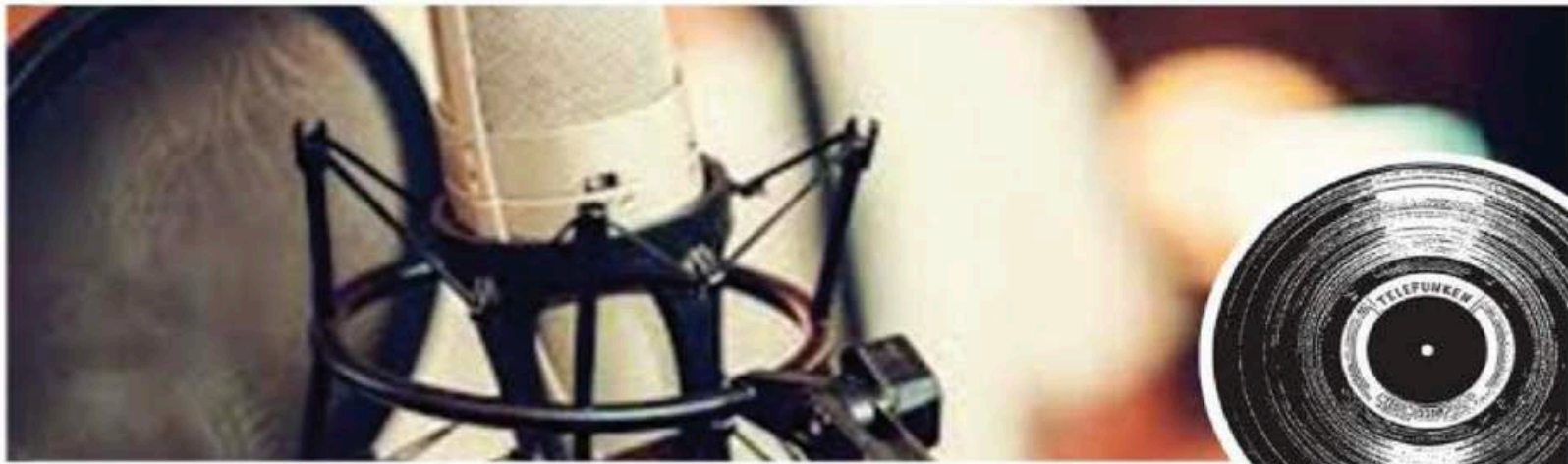
Food connects us to our families and our own senses, to other cultures as well as our own heritage, and to the environment and earth's biota.

Through setting their own goals and planning for what they want to learn to cook and bake, students will study recipes and acquire kitchen techniques in order to produce and perfect one or two delicious dishes.

Past ELO participants have learned to cook traditional cultural foods such as Indian curry and Cantonese BBQ pork, as well as gourmet treats such as French macarons. Our time during the ELO week will be balanced between time in the ISB cooking lab and visiting fresh markets/farms, restaurants, and bakeries, so that students can learn about home and professional kitchens from real-life chefs.



MUSIC PRODUCTION



Make a Record

Record and produce professional sounding music.....
Use ISB's recording studio to complete an ELO album.....
Work on pre-production through to recording, mixing, and mastering.
Join us with a song in mind or
....write and develop your music during the week.....
EDM, Classical, plain old Rock or anything in-between.....
.....the choices are yours.

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cater to your level!



ELO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!



June 7-15, 2025



XIAN THROUGH

THE LENS

Snap the warriors

Night photography

Document the city wall

Biking and nature



Fun with Food BEIJING MASTERCHEF

China is a feast for the senses, especially when it comes to taste. Our Masterchef program walks participants step-by-step from farm to table. We will start from the basics of flavor and spices to cooking full-fledged dishes.

In our cozy courtyard kitchen, budding chefs will learn how to safely handle a Chinese cleaver as they practice time-honored cooking techniques. Participants will be side by side working together and having fun in the kitchen using their creative skills to put together unique flavors of their own design. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and seek guidance from our in-house chefs who have years of industry experience.

Our fun, relaxed *Beijing Masterchef* program will culminate in a "cook-off" challenge with participants planning their own dish, purchasing ingredients, and cooking up a storm!

TRIP TO LOCAL FARM



LEARNING GLOBAL CUISINE



MASTER THE CLASSICS



Highlights

Jiangmen, Guangdong

Legacy of Overseas Chinese

Created by Peninsula Outdoor School



Uncover Jiangmen's Overseas Chinese heritage, from historic Cangdong to vibrant Chikan, through immersive exploration of architecture, cuisine, and community, highlighting the power of cultural preservation in shaping identity and resilience.



The Jiangmen program empowers cultural confidence and sustainable development by immersing students in the revitalization of Cangdong, where heritage preservation and architectural conservation shape the village's future.



OBSERVATION

Sharpen observation of how culture shapes communities.

Gain insights into traditions shaping identities.

Understand the continuity of cultural practices.



EXPERIENCE

Engage with culture to bring history to life.

Boost creativity through hands-on activities.

Appreciate local craftsmanship and cuisine.



IMMERSION

Deepen understanding of cultural identity through local customs.

Enhance communication by engaging with the community.

Reflect on the link between tradition, modernity, and identity.



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EXPLORE JAPAN

Visit Osaka, Kyoto, and Hiroshima and explore the culture and history of Japan (Sun-Fri). Travel by shinkansen and local trains across the region. Itinerary to include:

- OSAKA CASTLE
- HIROSHIMA PEACE MUSEUM
- JAPANESE BASEBALL (TBD)
- KANSAI STREET FOOD
- KYOTO TEMPLES
- NARA DEER



Supplemental Fee
¥12000



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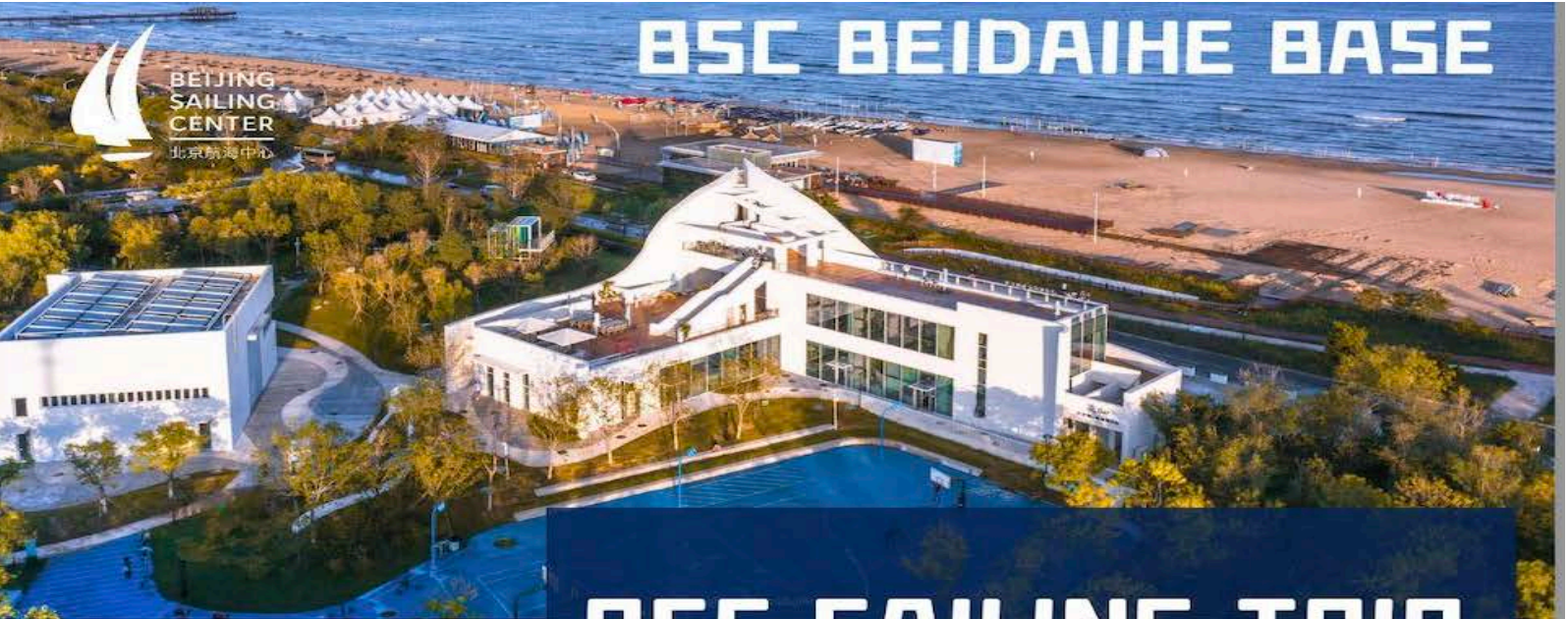


The "Atomic Bomb Dome"
in Hiroshima



BEIJING
SAILING
CENTER
北京航海中心

BSC BEIDAIHE BASE



BSC SAILING TRIP



Beijing Sailing Center is a sailing club delivering internationally recognized water sports and sail related training.



This program is designed to challenge students to learn the technical and scientific aspects of sailing, while having the opportunity to collaborate and problem solve in a team as they learn and practice sailing together.



BSC's vision is to help people be the best they can be so that we build a community of excellence and develop winners



We hope that you can enjoy your time with us.

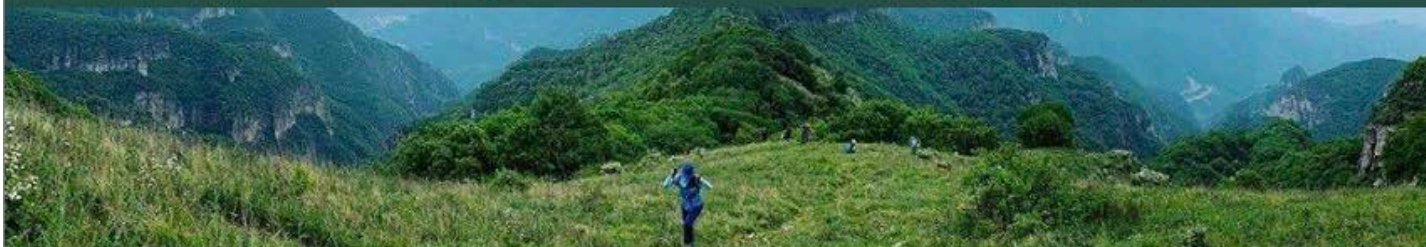


Duke of Edinburgh Level 1 (Bronze)



Backpacking Beijing

Introduction to trekking in the mountains of Beijing for all grade levels.



Progressive challenge
to start your outdoor explorations.

Start at school and end in the mountains.
Includes wild camping and a night at home.

Day 1: ISB skills and campout

Day 2: Huanghuacheng Great Wall practice
journey, sleep at home

Days 3, 4, 5: Lingshan Trek, wild camping



Duke of Edinburgh Level 2 (Silver/Gold)



Ningaloo Expedition

Sea Kayaking and Snorkelling Expedition

(Grades 10 & 11 Only, limited to 17 students)



High adventure expedition
on Ningaloo Reef in remote
Western Australia

Supplementary fee: 23,000RMB

10 days of incredible experiences.
Departs Friday afternoon of exam week and
returns the Sunday after ELOs.

Important Notes

- You must be a **competent swimmer** (life jackets available)
- You need to **attend several fun skill training sessions** near ISB to prepare (including snorkelling, kayaking, and camp skills).
- Spaces are **limited to 17 students**.
- You don't have to do the Duke of Ed award to join the trip, however, preference will be given to those who have completed their Bronze Award, sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver or Gold awards, or at least have camping experience.





Learn to Skate
Strength & Conditioning
Skills & Games
Guest Speaker
Try Something New



Karsts, Caves and Cultures

YANGSHUO

Yangshuo feels like something straight out of a fairy tale. Lush rice terraces, meandering rivers, breathtaking karst mountains, and remote minority villages make this a destination like no other. Yangshuo is a mecca for domestic and international outdoor enthusiasts alike, who use it as a base camp for exploring the vibrant countryside surrounding this travel-friendly town. Located within the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the area is home to 11 different ethnic minorities and 16 beautiful rivers. Since its rise to popularity as a backpacker haven in the 1980s, Yangshuo has remained one of China's top tourism draws ever since.

Yangshuo offers something for everyone, whether they are foodies, thrill seekers, budding anthropologists, or simply nature enthusiasts. There is something otherworldly about the magical waters of Yangshuo giving a oneness with the land that keeps us coming back to explore again and again. Join us on this journey to explore more.

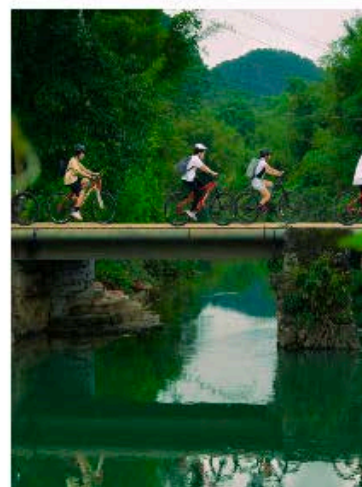
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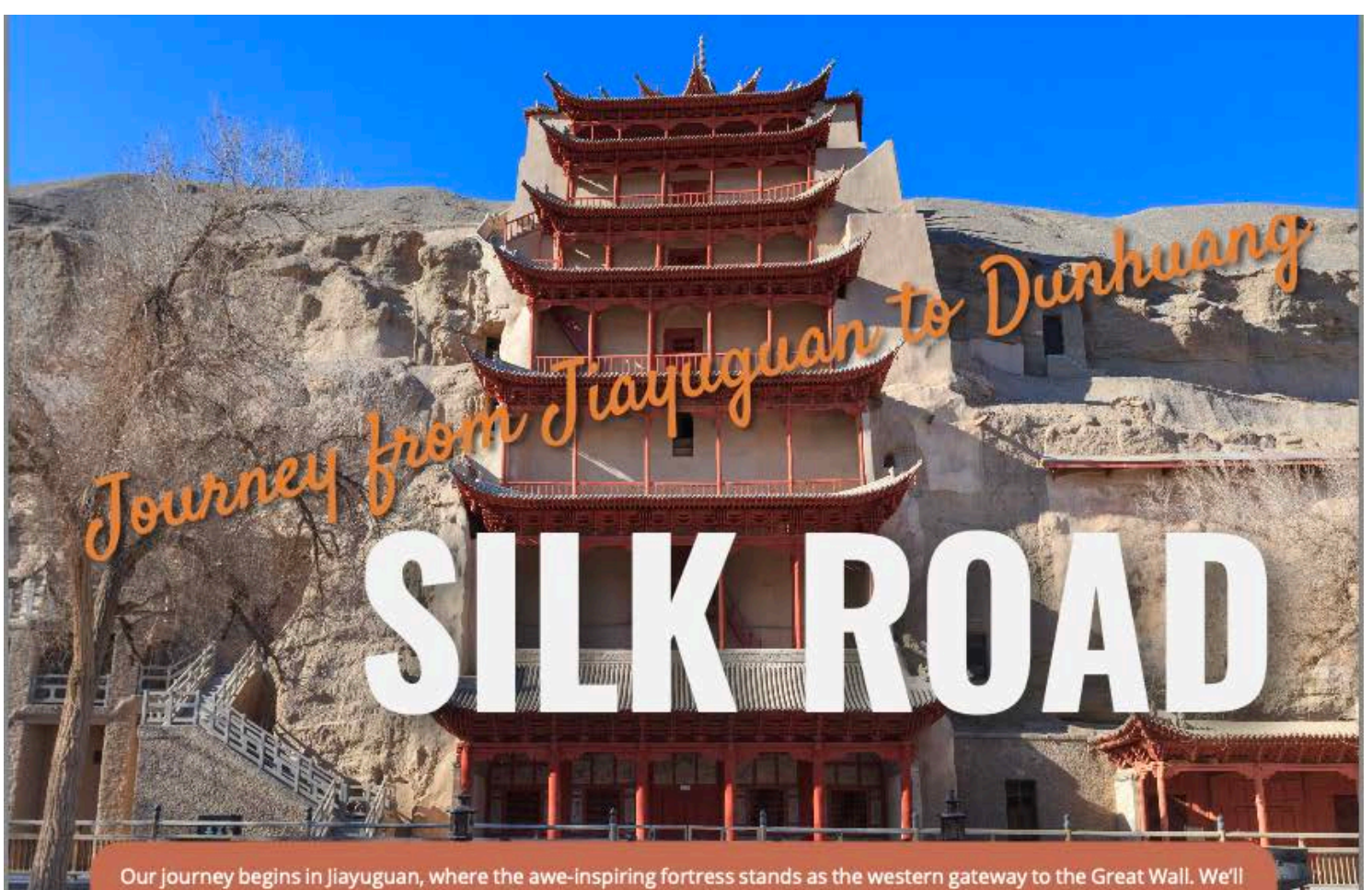
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YULONG RIVER RIDE



Highlights

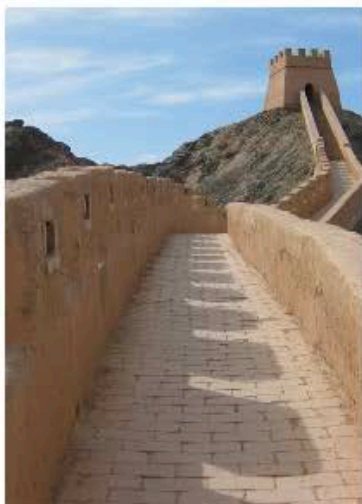


Our journey begins in Jiayuguan, where the awe-inspiring fortress stands as the western gateway to the Great Wall. We'll unravel the tales of the ancient merchants and soldiers who traversed these routes, before heading onwards to Guazhou and Dunhuang.

Dunhuang, located in Gansu province, is an oasis town that has thrived for millennia as a crucial junction on the ancient Silk Road. The city is renowned for its historical significance and breathtaking desert landscapes. At the heart of Dunhuang's allure lies the Mogao Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with intricate Buddhist art and murals that date back over a thousand years. Here, students will immerse themselves in Silk Road's rich history, explore cave temples and learn ancient legends, and try their hand at designing and painting their own frescoes.

Our "Silk Road Journey" aims to combine education and adventure, providing students with a comprehensive understanding the area's cultural and historical treasures whilst providing a truly fun, memorable experience.

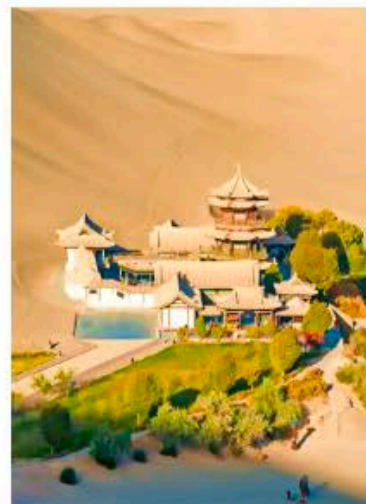
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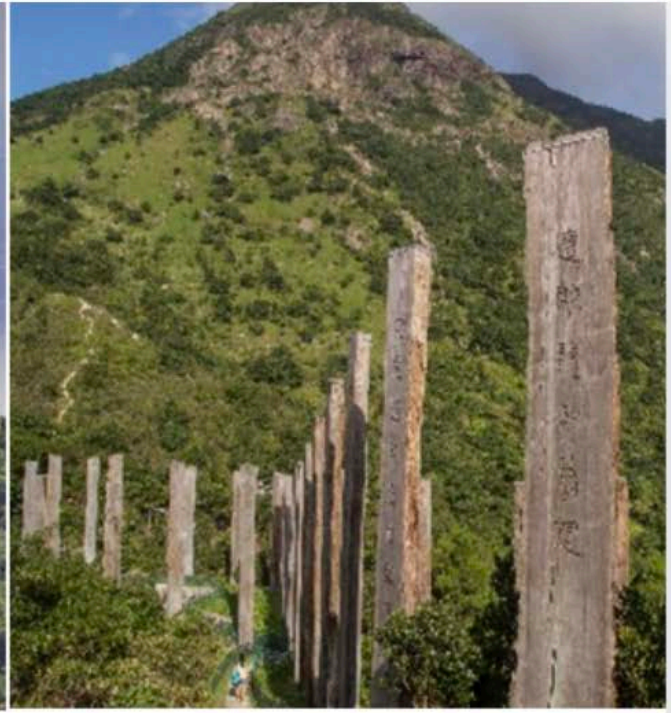
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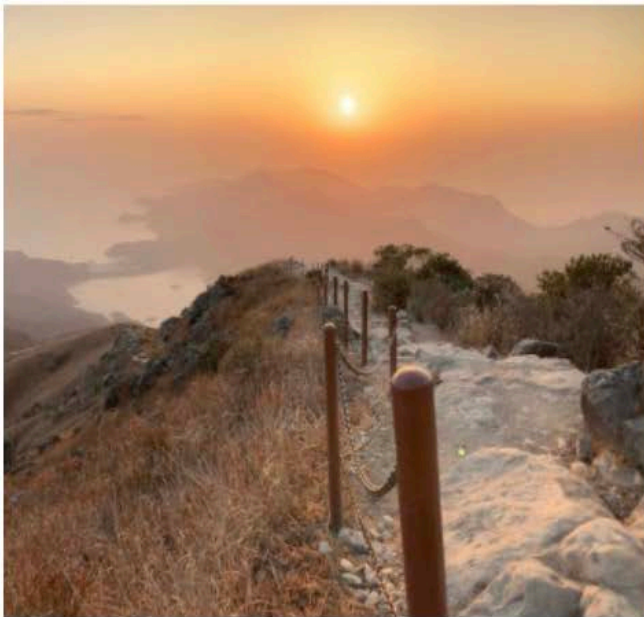
Highlights



JUNE 9TH-13TH

DRAGON **WELLNESS**: LANTAU ISLAND MIND & BODY

THIS ELO IS NOT JUST A TRIP; IT'S AN EXPERIENCE FOR THE MINDFUL, CONTEMPLATIVE STUDENT SEEKING SOMETHING DEEPER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL—A WAY TO BETTER CONNECT WITH THEMSELVES, EACH OTHER, AND NATURE.



Astronomy Sci-fi in Qinghai



Starry Sky Check-in Project

Endorsed by International Astronomical Union (IAU)
Recommended project by Office of Astronomy for Development (OAD)

Experiences

Milky Way over the Observatory
The most Mars-like place on Earth
The most Lunar-like place on Earth

Learning and Outcomes

Astronomical Knowledge
Interdisciplinary Learning
Exploration and Adventure
Service to Promote Sustainable Development
Global Competence

Project Sites

Lenghu Town
Yardang landform
Heidu Mountain
Eboliang Yardang

Mentors

Astronomers
Professionals with PhDs
Astrophotographers
Outdoorsmen



ASTROLINK



游美
YMCE Camps



XINJIANG THE WESTERN HORIZON