



Life on the Rivers:

Study Tour to the People's Republic of China

March 18, 1993 — April 4, 1993

Sponsored by the Cowles-Kruidenier Program in Chinese Studies

Trip Description

In March of 1993, Grinnell College will offer a Study Tour to the People's Republic of China. This 17-day tour will begin with an orientation session in San Francisco, conducted by the members of Grinnell's Chinese Studies Program. The group will then fly to Shanghai and begin exploring water transport — the lifelines of southern China — by touring the Huang-pu River and the port of Shanghai. From Shanghai we will fly west to Chongqing, China's capital during the War of Resistance Against Japan (1937-1945). At Chongqing we will board a steamship and begin our five-day journey downstream on the Yangtze, through gorges scheduled to be submerged behind hydroelectric dams in the near future. Disembarking at Nanjing University, participants will attend lectures on contemporary China given by faculty members of Nanjing University. After the last leg of our journey in China, by train back to Shanghai through Suzhou, we will explore the Grand Canal and the metropolis in the Yangtze delta. We return to San Francisco via Hong Kong on April 4.

Prerequisite

Successful completion of at least one course on China. Students of Chinese language will be given priority.

Itinerary

- March 18. Early morning departure from Des Moines. (13-hour flight)
- March 19. Evening arrival in Shanghai. Shanghai Hotel.
- March 20. Jade Buddha Temple. Boat ride on the Huang-pu River.
- March 21. Departure for Chongqing (Chungking, 2-hour flight). Renmin Hotel.
- March 22. Loquat Hill. Jialing Bridge. The US-KMT Criminal Acts Exhibition Hall.
- March 23. Departing for Nanjing. (5-day boat ride through the Yangtzu Gorges.
- March 27. Arriving Nanjing. Foreign Students Dormitory, Nanjing University.
- March 28. Sun Yatsen Mausoleum. Confucian Temple.
- March 29. Workers' Hospital. Nanjing University Attached School. Local Opera Performance.
- March 30. Early morning departure for Suzhou (3-hour train ride). Mambou Grove Hotel. Tiger Hill.
- March 31. Afternoon departure for Shanghai(1-hour train ride). Shanghai Hotel.
- April 1. City-God Temple. The Bund.
- April 2. Leaving for Hong Kong.
- April 3. Free time.
- April 4. Departing Hong Kong. Same day arrival in San Francisco.

Costs

As of November 15, 1992, the tour cost is estimated to be \$3200, and the Grinnell College tuition for two credits, based on 1991-92 fees, is \$900.

Program price includes round-trip transportation from Grinnell; accommodations in twin rooms in China and Hong Kong; three meals daily; all rail, air, and water transportation within China; excursions, sightseeing, museum and theater visits as specified in the itinerary; transfers, portage of one bag, guidebooks and tour notes; and visa fee and processing.

Program price does not include passport and visa photos; personal expenses; special beverages with meals; independent excursions; and travel to and from San Francisco within the United States.

Dates, schedules, program details and price are given in good faith and are based on a minimum number of paying participants and prices estimated as of October 15, 1992. While everything possible will be done to maintain the listed cost, it is subject to change, and we reserve the right to levy a surcharge at the time of invoicing if this becomes necessary.

Itinerary Modifications

The itinerary described here is subject to change, but every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned.

Application Procedures

Application forms may be obtained from Professor David Keenan or Professor Andrew Hsieh. Completed applications, together with a deposit of \$300, are to be submitted to Professor Keenan or Professor Hsieh by February 1, 1993. The balance is due by February 15, 1993.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those students who are already on aid at Grinnell College. Please confer with the Office of Student Financial Aid for further details.

Please direct all inquiries to Professor David Keenan, ARH 217B, (515) 269-4248 or Professor Andrew Hsieh, Carnegie 215, (515) 269-3093.

Tour Guides

David Keenan, who teaches Chinese at the College, grew up in Asia. In 1988 he directed the New England Consortium's Peking Program. This past summer he helped to guide the Grinnell Delegation through Hong Kong and the PRC.

Andrew Hsieh, who teaches East Asian history at the College, was Resident Director of the CIEE/Nanjing Program and the CIEE/Shanghai Program. He led Grinnell's first Study Tour in China in 1991 and travelled with the Grinnell's China Delegation this past summer.