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A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

DESTINATION

SHANDONG 山东

Shandong has played a major role in Chinese history from the beginning of Chinese civilization along the lower reaches of the Yellow River and served as a pivotal cultural and religious site for Taoism, Chinese Buddhism, and Confucianism.

Shandong's Mount Tai is the most revered mountain of Taoism and one of the world's sites with the longest history of continuous religious worship. The city of Qufu is the birthplace of Confucius, and was later established as the center of Confucianism. The province is also home to both the kite capital of China in Weifang, as well as the vegetable capital in nearby Shouguang.

Shandong's coastline was used during the Olympic sailing of 2008, and going back much further, the city of Qingdao was established as a German colony, and then later taken over by the Japanese. The province's motto is "Friendly Shandong," reminding all locals to recall Confucius' famed opening line in his analects, "Isn't it a pleasure to greet a friend from afar?"



ITINERARY & DAILY SCHEDULE

Meals provided indicated in schedule as Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), and Dinner (D)

DAY	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES
10/14	Beijing - Qufu - Confucius Temple Accommodation: Qufu Hotel Meals: <i>L, D</i>	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Packed breakfast- High-speed train from Beijing South to Qufu East. Train G119 10:05 - 12:18 Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bus transfer to Lunch- Transfer to Hotel and check-in- Bus transfer to Confucius Cemetery (10 minutes)- Confucius Cemetery visit Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bus transfer to dinner (10 minutes) - Evening reflections- Music show at the hotel
10/15	Qufu - Lingyan Temple - Tai'an Accommodation: Tai'an Hotel Meals: <i>B, L, D</i>	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakfast- Bus transfer to Confucius School (10 minutes)- Cultural Handcrafts at Confucius School:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Calligraphy Writing, Ancient stamp printing, 'Clay' Playdough sculptures. Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lunch- Bus transfer to Buddhist UNESCO Lingyan Temple (90 minutes)- Temple exploration Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dinner and reflections- Bus transfer to Tai'an Hotel for check-in (60 minutes)
10/16	Tai'an, Mt. Tai Accommodation: Tai'an Hotel Meals: <i>B, L, D</i>	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakfast- Bus transfer to Dai Temple (30 minutes)- Temple exploration and story telling activity.- Transfer to foot of Mt. Tai, transfer by shuttle bus to Mt. Tai midway point (20 minutes) Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lunch in small groups on hike up mountain- Hiking up to the top of the mountain- Poetry writing on Mt. Tai- Hike down to midway point, shuttle buses to bottom of mountain (20 minutes)- Transfer back to hotel Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buffet dinner and reflections- Transfer to hotel (20 minutes)

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DAY	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES
10/17	Tai'an Accommodation: Tai'an Hotel Meals: B, L, D	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakfast- Bus transfer to Outdoor Base Center (25 minutes) Outdoor Base rotational activities:- High ropes course- Spiderweb and Drum Team-building games Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- LunchOutdoor Base rotational activities:- Lawn Games- Confucius themed team-building activities Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dinner and reflections
10/18	Tai'an - Beijing Meals: B, L	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakfast- Bus transfer to Tai'an Train Station (20 minutes)- Packed Lunch at Train station- High-speed train return to Beijing. Train G204 10:08 - 12:13 from Tai'an to Beijing South Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transfer to from Beijing South Train Station to BSB.

TRIP LEADERS



TRIP LEADER: OLUFEMI LAWAL

Femi is originally from Lagos, Nigeria and has lived in China since 2009 where he studied Mandarin and Computer Science and taught English. He is passionate about photography, poetry, songwriting, and singing. He enjoys creating and running interactive, creative and accessible experiences for educational groups. In his spare time he enjoys performing with the Beijing Improv Group and at open-mics.



LUKE GILES

From Adelaide, Australia, Luke has been in and out of China since 2008. A fluent mandarin speaker he loves exploring far flung parts of the country and is getting closer and closer to having visited every province (4 to go!). An avid cyclist and runner he has cycled the complete circumference of Taiwan and earlier this year completed his first marathon in the mountains of Sichuan. His favourite Hutong programs are those in the farflung reaches of Qinghai province where the sky seems so close, as well as those in Beijing where you can constantly feel surrounded by the long and changing history of the place.



LOGISTICS MANAGER: IRIS (WEI QUN) 尉群

Iris is a Beijinger. She spent 4 years in ShangHai for her university, after that she went to Minsk, Belarus for her postgraduate education. She worked as a journalist and an editor for 2 years. She is a good communicator and a listener. She is always looking for adventure and enjoys exploring more about her hometown Beijing and the world. Apart from work, she likes boxing, travelling, reading and cooking.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

TRAIN NUMBERS

10/14: Beijing South to Qufu East

Train G119: 10:05 - 12:18

10/18: Tai'an to Beijing South

Train G204 10:08 - 12:13

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

HOTEL ADDRESSES

Queli Hotel: 阙里宾舍

#1 Queli Jie, Qufu, Shandong 山东曲阜市阙里街1号

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Tai'an Welcome Regent Hotel 泰安唯客印象泰山酒店

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CLIMATE AND PACKING LIST

CITY	MONTH	AVERAGE HIGH	AVERAGE LOW
Tai'an, Qufu	October	20°C	10°C

Autumn in Shandong is ideal, with clear skies and crisp air. The key to comfort is bringing layers, so you can easily bundle up in the event of cooler days. The top of Mt. Tai can also get quite cold so ensure you have a warm jacket.

There is no need to bring formal wear. Please keep packing to a minimum, and do not bring unnecessary items.

RECOMMENDED BAGS

- 1x large backpack (Medium size is sufficient 35L-50L)
- 1x smaller day pack

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING

- 4x long trousers
- 2x shorts
- 5x T-shirts
- 2x lightweight fleece/vest/jumper/hoodie/sweatshirt
- 1x breathable waterproof jacket or poncho
- 5x underwear
- 5x socks
- 1x pair of pajamas
- 1x sunhat/cap
- 2x pair of comfortable walking/sports shoes

RECOMMENDED TOILETRIES

- Sunscreen
- Small bottle of insect repellent
- Toiletries (minimum)
- Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- Soap/body wash
- Any required medication
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Wet wipes

OTHER RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- Sunglasses
- Pens & Notebook
- Camera
- Water bottle (**recommend 750ML - 1L**)

REMINDERS

- Passport/ID!
- Pocket Money (recommended **400RMB maximum** - need for purchasing lunch at train station on final day as well as drinks and snacks during Mt. Tai hike)

ABOUT THE HUTONG



At The Hutong, we offer a range of interactive, educational, unique, and fun activities to students and school groups of all different ages. Our interactive programs are designed to broaden participants' understanding of Chinese culture and allow them to experience an authentic side of China. We aim to adapt our programs and work closely with schools and teachers to create customized cultural activities for various Grade Levels and subject areas. By incorporating grade and subject-specific learning targets into the design of our onsite and offsite excursions, The Hutong strives to offer top-notch activities that are engaging and relevant.

Combining our staff's expertise in both tourism and education, we have been running unique and creative study tours to off-the-beaten-track destinations since 2009, with thorough professionalism and maintaining an impeccable safety record. We aim to broaden students' horizons by exposing them to memorable experiences throughout China. Our typical educational tours focus on a combination of cultural immersion and outdoor education. We place an important emphasis on experiential learning. We do not just visit tourist spots, but we experience the places we visit and take a step deeper. The majority of our team has a background in both travel and education and this is where we look to excel.

Each year we expand our destinations and topics. Our goal is to work closely with schools to incorporate their curriculum and learning objectives in our educational travels, and give the students and staff exceptional experiences. The Hutong is happy to propose customized offsite programs that build upon the units of inquiry taught in your school.

The Hutong places particular emphasis on experiential learning, and works increasingly to give its students the opportunity to service the communities they visit. Students who attend Hutong trips engage with global issues by collaborating to plan and execute community service programs. They leave the trip with a renewed sense of their strengths and abilities, as well as a more solid understanding of ethical tourism and global development.

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