

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT AYJ PRESENTS...

CHINA

China Exchange

(March 24 – Apr 6)

To sign up, go to: AYJ.ca

We have been sending 10 to 14 AYJ students on this trip for the past decade. Our partner school is located in Suzhou, China (the Venice of the East). The trip starts in Beijing where students stay in a hotel. We then travel south to Suzhou and stay with the families of Chinese students for a week. During the day, AYJ students tour the region and visit nearby cities such as Shanghai, Quzhou and Suqian to see both modern and ancient China. The Chinese students they are paired with speak English and many enduring friendships have been made over the years. This is a one-way exchange as the Chinese students do not come here to visit.

This trip runs for 14 days over the Easter holidays in 2018. It is one of our more popular trips as students get a much deeper cultural experience than taking a bus tour. There are also grants you may be eligible for to help reduce the cost for this exchange. Students will get 110 hours toward their ICP (International Certificate Program) hours for this trip.



Great Wall



Suzhou: Venice of the east



Shanghai Oriental Pearl Tower

Parent meeting

Tues Sept 19, 6 pm

*\$200 deposit refundable
until Sept 30.

Sample Itinerary:

Day 1 Goodbye Ottawa

Day 2 to 4 Hello Beijing!

Stay at hotel like Holiday Inn

Tour cultural and historical sites like

Great Wall Olympic Stadium,
Forbidden City Silk Street shopping,
Tiananmen Square

High speed train to Suqian

Day 4 to 7 City of Suqian

Billet with students

from International School

Activities with billets and at school.

Cultural visits such as Qianlong Palace,

Bird Park, Xuefeng Park

High speed train to Quzhou

Day 7 to 11 City of Quzhou

Activities with billets and at school.

Cultural visits such as Ancestral Temple of the Southern Confucian Clan

High speed train to Suzhou

Day 11 to 13 City of Suzhou

Activities with billets and at Soochow University High School.

Cultural visits such as Yunyan Pagoda Tower, Beisi North Temple Pagoda,

"X shi" stone bridge, amusement park

Day 13 Day trip to Shanghai

Bazaar shopping, Tour of the Bund
Oriental Pearl Tower

Day 14 Back home in Ottawa!

In the early morning

How to reserve your spot!

We will be taking 10 to 14 students on a first come basis. (there is room for 5 gr 9 students)

1. go to: AYJ.ca & look for the **China/Panda** link
2. Fill out application & payment information
3. Review and confirm all information & submit

Payment Plan \$3400.00

1. \$200 refundable* deposit.
2. \$800 last day of each month starting Sept 30*
3. Billed automatically to your credit card or chequing account.

Registration/link opens at 8:30am Thursday Sept 14th

Questions? Email us! ted.capeling@ocdsb.ca or roxanne.venier@ocdsb.ca