



Travel Arrangements

Travel has been arranged with Cathay Pacific Airlines through the school's travel agent. Details of the flight booking are provided below.

1. CX766 15OCT SGNHKG 1125 1510
2. KA996 15OCT HKGPEK 1645 2000
3. KA907 20OCT PEKHKG 1000 1340
4. CX765 20OCT HKGSGN 1620 1750

Parents should make arrangements for their child to travel directly from home to Tan Son Nhat airport on the morning of Thursday 15 October, **arriving no later than 9.00am**. We will meet near the Cathay Pacific check-in counters. Private arrangements also need to be made to collect your child from the airport when we return on 20 October. Parents or drivers should be waiting outside the terminal building at 6pm.

Itinerary

Day 1 Travel to Beijing; transfer to hotel and briefing.

Day 2 Visit Tiananmen Square, the National Museum, Chairman Mao's Mausoleum, and the Forbidden City.

Evening study sessions (History: representations of the Chinese revolution in monuments and public spaces. Chinese A1: the historical background of the selected literature works in the Chinese A1 course.)

Day 3 Visit the Marco Polo Bridge, Japanese War Museum, Laoshe Tea House, and silk market.

Evening study sessions (History: the impact of Western and Japanese imperialism on China. Chinese A1: the social and cultural atmosphere in the Laoshe Tea House, in comparison with the descriptions in the drama *Tea House*.)

Day 4 Visit the Great Wall, a cloisonné factory, and the Ming Tombs.

Evening study sessions (History: the making of the 'Middle Kingdom'; Chinese A1: the image of the "dragon" and its symbolic meaning in Chinese literature.)

Day 5 Visit the Temple of Heaven, a *hutong* (traditional neighbourhood of courtyard residences), and Drum Tower, participate in a calligraphy class, and eat lunch at the

home of a *hutong* family. In the afternoon, visit the Summer Palace and Olympic stadium.

Evening study sessions (History: China's internal transformation and changing role in the world since the death of Mao Zedong. Chinese A1: the observation of common Chinese people's life, as reflected in the selected literature works in the Chinese A1 course.)

Day 6 Return to Ho Chi Minh City.

What to bring

- One piece of check-in luggage (weight up to 20kg) and one small piece of hand luggage only
- Warm casual clothing and shoes suitable for travel and sightseeing, including a jacket, as it is likely to be cold in Beijing in October
- Personal toiletries and essential prescribed medications. (Please note the airlines' restrictions on carrying liquids and gels in hand luggage).
- Notebook and pen
- Money for snacks and gifts, if desired. Bring US dollars or Chinese currency

Conduct

The behaviour of students is expected to be excellent at all times. Students must follow the directions of their teachers and act with courtesy and respect in their dealings with local people. In accordance with school policy, the use of cigarettes, alcohol and illicit drugs is strictly prohibited.

Final costing

The breakdown of costs is as follows.

• Flights	410
• Accommodation, ground transport, tour guide, entry fees and lunches (organized by Easy Travel)	420
• Evening meals and entertainment	100
• Insurance	15
• Additional expenses	25
• Total	970

Additional expenses include local costs in Beijing such as tips, taxi fares, and currency exchange fees. Any money remaining after the trip will be returned to parents.

Field Trip Permission and Medical Forms

Please complete the attached permission and medical forms and return to Mr. Clement or Ms Liu **no later than Thursday 1 October**, by which time every student should have obtained their own visa.

We look forward to a very enjoyable and rewarding visit to Beijing.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Clement
Ms Q Liu