

*A China Tour especially designed to establish*  
**CHINA CONNECTIONS**

**Ringling College of Art and Design**  
**with**  
**Chinese Art Colleges & University Art Departments**  
in Hong Kong, Xiamen, Shanghai, Beijing  
May 24 – June 7 (14 days)

**Meet with administrators, faculty, and students in some of China's leading art colleges:**  
**Discover commonalities and explore exchange possibilities**



Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute [www.polyu.edu.hk](http://www.polyu.edu.hk)  
Fuzhou University Xiamen College of Arts and Crafts [www.fzu.edu.cn/h17/NO3/scenery.htm](http://www.fzu.edu.cn/h17/NO3/scenery.htm)  
Xiamen University Art Department <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/>  
Shanghai University College of Art (Shanghai) <http://www.shu.edu.cn/>  
Beijing Film Academy <http://www.bfa.edu.cn/>  
Central Academy of Fine Arts (Beijing) <http://www.cafa.edu.cn/channel.asp?id=10>

with  
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Day 1	May 23 Saturday	Fly from US to China. (Crossing the International Dateline, we lose a day, but make up for it on the return trip when we again cross the Dateline)
Day 2	May 24 Sunday	Arrive <b>HONG KONG @ 4pm</b> . After checking-in at the <b>Regal Kowloon Hotel</b> **** off Nathan Road in Kowloon, we enjoy dinner at a neighborhood restaurant, and turn in early.
Day 3	May 25 Monday	After hotel buffet breakfast, we walk to the Hong Kong Historical Museum. Following lunch at a nearby dim sum restaurant (and a rest if needed), we stroll

down Nathan Road to the ultra-modern Space Museum and Art Museum on the waterfront. We take the Star Ferry across to Central and taxi to “The Tram”, a funicular railway that takes us up Victoria Peak, where we enjoy a fabulous dinner and spectacular views of Hong Kong both before and after dark, following which, feeling very relaxed and satisfied, we make our magical nighttime return across the harbor to Kowloon on the Star Ferry.

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| Day 4  | May 26<br>Tuesday   | After hotel buffet breakfast, we visit <b>Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute</b> in the morning and early afternoon, including being hosted to lunch. Late afternoon we visit the Jade Market followed by dinner and shopping at the Night Market.  |
| Day 5  | May 27<br>Wednesday | After hotel buffet breakfast, we check out of the hotel and fly (@ 1½ hours) to <b>XIAMEN</b> where we are met at the airport by officials of the Siming District (Xiamen City) government. We check into the water-front <b>Lujiang Hotel***</b> and lunch at the hotel’s top-story full-vista restaurant overlooking the harbor and Gulangyu Island. Afternoon: on your own -- rest or explore the nearby restored Zhongshan Lu shopping area. Sister City welcome dinner hosted by Xiamen government.   |
| Day 6  | May 28<br>Thursday  | After hotel buffet breakfast, we take a 5-minute ferry-ride to Gulangyu Island, where we meet with faculty and administrators at <b>Fuzhou University’s Xiamen Arts and Crafts College</b> , who will host us to lunch. In the afternoon, after visiting the Piano Museum and other interesting sites, we will dine at a seafood restaurant, and return to the hotel by ferry after dark.  |
| Day 7  | May 29<br>Friday    | After hotel breakfast buffet, we taxi to <b>Xiamen University</b> , where we meet with art department faculty and administrators, who host us to lunch. Afterwards we visit the Shi Wan Botanical Gardens, listen to the Namputou Buddhist Temple monks’ sunset chant, and enjoy a vegetarian dinner feast.  |
| Day 8  | May 30<br>Saturday  | After hotel buffet breakfast, we check out of hotel and fly to <b>SHANGHAI</b> (@ 2 hours); check into historic Art Deco <b>Shanghai Mansions *****</b> overlooking the Bund. After lunch in the hotel we cross under the river to ascend the Oriental Pearl Tower and marvel at the spectacular 360° view of Shanghai. Then we taxi to the Yu Yuan Garden and adjacent shopping market. After dinner at the hotel we enjoy a relaxing 2-hour cruise on the Huangpu River. Night-owls can chill out at the nearby Peace Hotel’s famous Jazz Bar. |
| Day 9  | May 31<br>Sunday    | After hotel buffet breakfast we visit the astonishing Shanghai City Planning Museum and the award-winning Shanghai Museum. In late afternoon we enjoy a walking/shopping tour in the restored Xintiandi district, stroll the gardens at the Rui Jin Guest House, a remodeled 1920’s-’30s villa, and savor dinner at Face, an internationally renowned restaurant specializing in Classical Thai and North Indian Frontier cuisine.   |
| Day 10 | June 1<br>Monday    | After hotel buffet breakfast, we <b>visit Shanghai University College of Art</b> , who host us to lunch. In the evening, we may attend a performance at the new Shanghai Grand Theatre.  |
| Day 11 | June 2<br>Tuesday   | After hotel buffet breakfast, we check out of the hotel. Afternoon activities TBA. Early evening we board an overnight train to <b>BEIJING</b> , arriving late   |

morning the next day.

- Day 12 June 3 Wednesday After checking into the **Tianxing Courtyard Hotel\*\*\*\***, a state protected cultural heritage site built in the Qing dynasty, and one of only a few well-preserved ancient buildings in Beijing, we tour the nearby Forbidden City, Great Hall of the People, and Tiananmen Square, enjoy a traditional Chinese tea ceremony, visit the centuries old Tong Ren Tang pharmacy, and receive an introduction to traditional Chinese medicine. After a rickshaw ride through old Beijing hutongs, we enjoy an Imperial cuisine dinner at the Bai Family Restaurant and attend an evening performance of Kungfu Ballet and Acrobatics show..
- Day 13 June 4 Thursday After hotel buffet breakfast, we visit Great Wall and Ming Tombs. In the evening, we savor dinner at a traditional Beijing Duck restaurant, and afterwards stroll Beijing's famous and recently modernized Wangfujing shopping street.
- Day 14 June 5 Friday After hotel breakfast buffet we visit Beijing Film Academy, who will host us for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit the Central Academy of Fine Arts, who will host us for dinner.
- Day 15 June 6 Saturday After hotel breakfast buffet, we check-out and take return flight to U.S., leaving early afternoon, and arriving home same day, .

