AIS China Immersion Program

Shanghai 上海 | Guilin 桂林 | Yangshuo 阳朔 | Daxu 大圩

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EdOdyssey creates one-of-a-kind, fully customized immersion experiences. With careful guidance from our Western and Chinese educators, this program has been designed for Atlanta International School students and faculty so that they will gain invaluable insight into China's long history, rich cultural heritage and contemporary importance in Shanghai, Guilin, Yangshuo and Daxu. For this program we will be collaborating with our long-time partners, Chinese Language Institute (CLI), to create an incredible and educational student experience with a special focus on Chinese culture to complement students' Mandarin language study.

March 31 – April 6, 2019: Shanghai | AIS Sister School Program

March 31, 2019 (Atlanta to Shanghai)

9:30am — **Meet at Korean Air Desk at Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson Airport**

12:30pm — **Fly from Atlanta to Shanghai**
ATL - ICN, Flight 36 (12:30pm - 4:20pm, +1 day)
ICN - PVG, Flight 895 (6:55pm - 8:10pm, on 1 April 2018))

April 1 - April 6, 2019 (Shanghai)

The Shanghai portion of the China Seminar will be organized by Atlanta International School and its local sister school, Shanghai High School.

April 7 – April 13, 2019: Language & Culture on the Li River

Day 1 | Sunday, April 7 (Shanghai to Guilin)

3:55pm — **Fly from Shanghai to Guilin and check into Junshe Guest House**
PVG - KWL, Flight FM9349 (12:15-14:40)

Evening — **Welcome to Guilin! Participate in comprehensive program orientation**

Enjoy a welcome dinner with the local team, then explore the famous "Two Rivers, Four Lakes" scenic downtown area.

Day 2 | Monday, April 8 (Guilin)

Morning — Attend intensive small group Chinese classes (3-4 students per class)
Our intensive Mandarin classes provide a formal setting to strengthen your language skills before applying them throughout the rest of the trip.

Afternoon — **Discover Guilin: Scavenger Hunt**
The scavenger hunt is a cultural icebreaker designed to introduce students to their new surroundings both geographically and culturally. It facilitates organic interaction between students and members of the local community, and is a perfect opportunity to put your language skills into practice!

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Evening	**Group dinner and reflection downtown**

Day 3 | Tuesday, April 9 (Guilin)

Early Morning	**Learn Taiji Quan with a Taiji master and use vocabulary related to Taoism** *Taiji Quan, often spelled Tai Chi in the West, is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and health benefits.*
Late Morning	**Explore a Buddhist monastery built into the side of a karst mountain; chat with local monks and stroll through the underground prayer caves**
Afternoon	**Participate in a Chinese calligraphy lesson led by a local artist** **Meet with local students to hike Chuan Shan and enjoy Guilin's spectacular karst mountain scenery!**
Evening	**Group dinner and reflection at a Xinjiang Uyghur restaurant & foot massage outing** *One of the greatest misconceptions of China is that it lacks diversity; in fact, the PRC is home to an incredible array of traditions, ethnicities, and cuisines. For this evening's dinner, they will enjoy an authentic Uyghur meal at a small but beautiful Xinjiang restaurant.*

Day 4 | Wednesday, April 10 (Guilin)

Morning	**Learn about Chinese tea culture while picking tea at a local farm, then enjoy a traditional tea ceremony**
Afternoon	**Visit the stunning and colorful Reed Flute Caves of Guilin**
Evening	**Enjoy a hot pot dinner and reflection followed by KTV karaoke outing with Chinese friends!**

Day 5 | Thursday, April 11 (Day Trip to Yangshuo)

Morning	**Cruise down the famous Li River to Yangshuo**
Afternoon	**Explore West Street, Yangshuo's famous shopping and cultural district**
Evening	**Group dinner before attending the Liusanjie river performance; take part in group reflection while returning to Guilin by bus** *This outdoor performance is directed by Zhang Yimou who also directed the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.*

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Day 6 | Friday, April 12 (Guilin)

Morning	**Walk through the stone paths of ancient Daxu village (~40 min from Guilin)**
Afternoon	**Explore Guilin's Wood Carving Village and Wayao Market to practice shopping vocabulary in Chinese**
Evening	**Group dinner and reflection at a local restaurant**

Day 7 | Saturday, April 13 (Guilin to Shanghai)

Morning	**Early good-bye breakfast**
7:15am	**Fly from Guilin to Shanghai** KWL - PVG, Flight GM9382 (7:15am-9:30am)
	(Stop-over time at airport)
1:40pm	**Fly from Shanghai to Atlanta** PVG - ICN, Flight 898 (1:40pm-4:45pm ICN - ATL, Flight 5305, operated by Delta (6:40pm-7:24pm on 13 April 2019)
8:15pm (approx.)	**Parent/guardian pick-up at ATL around 8:15pm on April 13, 2019** Kindly track the flight en route in the even of early/late arrival

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