



SPIRAL International's China History & Culture Tour

Overview

April 15th to 27th 2019

Tour fee: **\$3,600**

Price includes round-trip airfare to Beijing, travel within China, hotels, meals, entertainment, and travel insurance. Visa application fee is not included.

To Participate:

Send the following documents to SPIRAL International (7 Kilburn St, Suite 209, Burlington VT 05401)

- ✓ Completed registration package (one per participant);
- ✓ Photocopy of passport (*important: your passport must be valid for 12 months after your departure*);
- ✓ Deposit check of \$600 made out to SPIRAL International.

Deposit deadline is October 31, 2018.

Please note: if your passport expires before **April 15th 2020**, you will need to renew it as soon as the tour is confirmed since the Chinese government requires all passports be valid for 12 months after visitors' departure.

Scholarship application information (for students)

SPIRAL will be offering a certain number of partial scholarships (\$1000, \$1500 and \$1800).

Professional Development Fund information (for teachers)

Participating teachers may request PD funds from their supervisory union, in which case they will be expected to work with another participating teacher to co-plan and co-teach a demo lesson in China at least twice during the tour. In addition, teachers will create and implement a project about China at their home school after the trip.

Payment Schedule

Oct. 31, 2018	\$600 deposit with your registration form. The deposit is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by SPIRAL.
Dec. 1, 2018	Final decision to schedule the trip made by SPIRAL, based on the number of participants.
Dec. 15, 2018	50% of balance due (\$1,500). Tickets will be bought shortly thereafter, after which only non-ticket costs may be refunded.
Feb. 15, 2019	Remaining balance due (\$1,500). Refunds after this date will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis only.
Mar. 1, 2019	Visa applications with passports, photos and fees will be submitted to the Chinese Consulate.

For more information, contact Michele Hirsch (admin@spiralinternational.org or 802-540-0305)

At SPIRAL, we make every effort to ensure that our tours are both safe and enjoyable for all participants. We have been working closely with the same Beijing travel agency (Datang) for the last four years, and they have consistently provided outstanding service. Tour participants stay in 3 and 4-star hotels and are accompanied at all times by reliable, highly qualified guides and translators. Furthermore, group chaperones are all experienced educators who have previously traveled with young people. In addition, SPIRAL President, Dr. Emily Guo, is looking forward to joining the group during at least part of the tour.