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A private tour designed by C.L.A.S.S. in conjunction with EF Customized Tours

### **Pre-Departure Day: First Meeting**

All travel/professional development participants meet to begin instruction on brain research as it applies in the classroom. Learn best practices in instruction, collaboration, and creating a brain affirming environment for all students. As these techniques are learned, participants will be brainstorming application ideas in their travel journal (to be used throughout the journey). Participants will also be learning about Chinese culture, trip preparation, and educational interests in Chinese schools.

### **Pre-Departure Day: Second Meeting**

Reunite with travel mates as everyone begins to understand how this trip will have an effect on their lives and the lives of their students. Understanding cultural differences, packing for international travel, and the C.L.A.S.S. instructional process of *Say it, Play it, Relay it, Weigh it* will be the focus of the presentation at this meeting. Participants will continue to build relationships with the group, participate in collaboration structures to be used in their classroom, and think of practical application of these structures within their own classroom setting.

### **Departure date: Thursday, June 9, 2011**

*(Dates below are subject to change. Required date flexibility of 4 days on either side of requested departure date)*

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Thursday, June 9, 2011</b>
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*Board your overnight flight to Beijing!*

<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Friday, June 10, 2011</b>
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### **Arrival in Beijing**

Touch down in Beijing! Recall that it was in this city that Chairman Mao proclaimed the People's Republic of China in 1949. Meet your bilingual Tour Director who will remain with you throughout your stay.

*Overnight in Beijing*

**Guided sightseeing of Beijing**

An expert local guide introduces you to the Chinese capital, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. This ancient city first received its modern name when it became the capital for the second time in Chinese history in 1402 ("Beijing" means "Northern Capital"). Traverse an otherworldly landscape of gardens and palaces at the Summer Palace, where you will also participate in a taiji lesson. See Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest public square in the world. Visit the Forbidden City (Gugong), accessible only to members of the imperial court until as late as 1949. Get a close-up look at the golden-roofed Imperial Palace, one of the world's greatest architectural achievements. Hundreds of thousands of workers labored on the construction of this palatial complex during the Ming Dynasty (1403-24). It was renovated during the 18th century (Qing Dynasty). Although situated in the heart of Beijing, the Forbidden City is surrounded by both a moat and a protective wall. The emperors who once resided here often spent their entire lives within the complex.

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**Excursion to the Great Wall of China at Badaling**

Travel north to Badaling to view one of the wonders of the world: the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against northern invaders: 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. The wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles-perhaps only a tenth of its former length!

**Summer Palace**

Formerly a summer retreat for feudal Emperors, the Summer Palace is a magnificent example of China's classical garden architecture. The Palace grounds were originally divided into three sections, one for court activities, one for imperial residence and one for sight-seeing. The Long Corridor, the Paiyun (Cloud-Dispelling) Hall, the Temple of Buddhist Virtue, the Marble Boat, the Xiequ (Harmonious -Interest) Garden, the Zhichun (Spring-Heralding) Pavilion, and the Seventeen-Arch Bridge are the palace's main attractions.

*Overnight in Beijing*

**Transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai**

Fly to Shanghai, China's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai (meaning "up from the sea") has been an important port since the Opium War. Recall that it was in Shanghai that China's Communist Part—and later the Cultural Revolution—first originated.

**Free time in Xin Tian Di**

It was within these buildings that the communist party in China was formed. It has since been renovated and transformed into a bustling entertainment district, featuring some of Shanghai's finest clubs, restaurants and boutiques.

**Huangpu River Cruise**

Cruise along the Huangpu River this evening, and enjoy spectacular views of Shanghai's nighttime skyline.

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**Visit the Shanghai Museum**

The museum design provides an architectural insight into modern China while the marvelous collection of ancient artifacts offers a glimpse into China's rich history. Built in the shape of a Ding vessel, the museum has over 10,000 square meters devoted to the preservation of countless treasures.

**Visit a Local Clinic**

Get a first hand look at traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, during your visit to a local clinic.

**Transfer to Hangzhou**

Travel southwest to beautiful Hangzhou. Founded over 2,000 years ago during the Qin Dynasty, Hangzhou was one of the seven ancient capitals of China. Today, international and domestic tourists flock here to visit famous West Lake.

**Welcome Banquet**

Join the principal and staff of the Affiliated Primary School of Hangzhou Institute for Educational Research, the first C.L.A.S.S. school in China, this evening. Enjoy dinner and conversation with your Chinese counterparts.

*Overnight in Hangzhou*

**Visit the Affiliated Primary School of Hangzhou Institute for Educational Research**

Visit the C.L.A.S.S. school this morning, where you will have a chance to continue last night's discussion. How is their instruction similar to yours? What common challenges do educators in China and the United States share?

**Home Visit**

Learn more about Chinese culture and life as you visit the home of Chinese C.L.A.S.S. teachers.

*Overnight in Hangzhou*

**School Visit**

Return to the Affiliated Primary School of Hangzhou Institute for Education Research this morning, and say "zài jiàn" to your Chinese counterparts.

**West Lake Boat Tour**

Enjoy a boat tour of scenic West Lake today. Reflect on the region's history and culture as you sail past stunning natural vistas and religious temples that dominate the surrounding hilltops.

**Return to Shanghai**

Travel back to Shanghai this afternoon for your last night in China.

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**Transfer to Longyang Rd. Station for the Maglev to the Airport**

Accompanied by your Tour Director, leave the center of Shanghai at speeds of up to 430 km/h as the Maglev takes you to Pudong International Airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

**C.L.A.S.S. Instruction**

Throughout each day of the tour, participants will engage in professional development *Power Shots* that apply directly to brain research, educational practice and their experiences in China. The C.L.A.S.S. Travel Journal will be a constant companion for each traveler during the trip to document facts, culture, memories, educational activities related to the brain, and what impact these will have in the classroom.

*Itinerary is subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions at [www.eftours.com/bc](http://www.eftours.com/bc).*



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**Tour Highlights and Details**

**Overnight stays:**

Beijing	(3)	Hangzhou	(2)
Shanghai	(1)	Shanghai	(1)

**Comprehensive sightseeing tours led by an expert local guide of the following:**

Beijing

**Entrances included to the following sites:**

- Tiananmen Square, Beijing
- Forbidden City, Beijing
- Great Wall of China, Badaling
- Summer Palace, Beijing
- Xin Tian Di, Shanghai
- Huangpu River Cruise, Shanghai
- Shanghai Museum
- Local Clinic, Shanghai
- West Lake Boat Tour, Hangzhou

**Included in the Program Fee:**

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight stays in first-class, superior tourist class or tourist class hotels (all with private bathrooms)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director
- Full-time services of a C.L.A.S.S. Instructor
- (2) pre-departure C.L.A.S.S. professional development days
- All C.L.A.S.S. Instructional Materials
- 90 Professional Development recertification hours applicable toward teaching license renewals (optional at no cost; registration for the hours is required)

**Not included in the Program Fee:**

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Public transportation to free time activities
- Visa fees (approximately \$200)
- Passport is required for this tour. If you do not have a current passport, you will need to obtain one prior to the first pre-departure professional development day.



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**Tour Name** C.L.A.S.S. Professional Development in China

**TOUR INFORMATION**

Group Leader Name Jeff Pedersen for C.L.A.S.S.  
Tour Number 577914  
Departure Date Thursday, June 9, 2011  
Return Date Friday, June 17, 2011  
Number of Days 9 Days, 7 Overnights  
Departure Gateway Indianapolis, IN (IND)

**Cost of Tour**

**Travel Costs**

(airfare/lodging/transfers/entrances/  
tour guide/meals(breakfast & dinner) \$2000

**Instructional Fees**

(pre-departure development  
days/instructional deliveries/materials) \$400

**Total Cost of Tour** \$2400\*

*\*Program Fee valid for all who enroll through August 31, 2010. Included departure fees subject to change. Prices quoted are subject to change.*

**Additional Tour Items Available (Not Included in Total)**

All Inclusive Insurance Plan \$135

<b>EF's Monthly Payment Plan</b>	Per Traveler
Average Monthly Payment	\$218/mo.

*\*Estimated monthly payment if a traveler enrolls by June 30, 2010. Estimated monthly payment does not reflect purchase of additional tour items, such as EF's All-Inclusive Insurance.*

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