



# Virginia Tech RSAP Summer 2019

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Each year, CLI partners with a select number of universities to create one-of-a-kind, fully customizable study experiences around the world. With careful guidance from CLI's team of American and international educators, Virginia Tech RSAP students will gain invaluable insight into China's cultural heritage and modern ascension.

CLI provides three core services: (1) assistance in developing your program itinerary; (2) comprehensive pre-departure support (see [www.studycli.org/rsapchina19](http://www.studycli.org/rsapchina19)); and (3) facilitation of all logistical provisions (e.g., domestic and international airfare, buses, hotel accommodations, restaurant recommendations and bookings, activity planning, and CLI program leaders).

Please note that while the spirit of the below schedule will remain unchanged, certain aspects — in consultation with VT faculty leaders — are subject to be updated. Company and university visits are typically scheduled one to four months prior to program start date. As a result, our proposal may include a few placeholders for unspecified visits. Each will be specified in the months leading up to May 2019, and this process will be completed in close collaboration with Virginia Tech faculty leaders. CLI maintains a strong track record of providing engaging and impactful company visits to both highly localized firms as well as multinational corporations. As always, please feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions, requests, and/or suggestions during the program planning and implementation process.

*Our team looks forward to welcoming Virginia Tech RSAP back to China in 2019!*

## May 19 - May 25: Beijing | Exploration of China's Cultural Heritage

### Day 1 | Sunday, May 19 (*Washington, DC to Beijing*)

**All Day** Fly from Washington, DC to Beijing, China

### Day 2 | Monday, May 20 (*Beijing*)

**Afternoon** Arrive in Beijing and transfer to our group's hotel  
*While traveling into Beijing, engage in a comprehensive orientation session to understand and conceptualize the journey ahead, and share program goals and expectations amongst your fellow travellers. Receive a quick introduction on how to use the local metro system.*

**Evening** Welcome to China! Commence with a group welcome dinner at a famed Peking Duck restaurant

### Day 3 | Tuesday, May 21 (*Beijing*)

**Morning** Explore Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City  
*The Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the largest palace complex in the world and home to centuries of ancient Chinese history.*



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<b>Early Afternoon</b>	Group lunch, followed by a walking tour of a Qing Dynasty-era hutong <i>Enjoy lunch and conversation with a local family, ascend the Beijing Drum Tower, and relax near Houhai.</i>
<b>Late Afternoon</b>	Stroll through exhibitions at the National Museum of China; optional free time
<b>Evening</b>	Dinner at a Xinjiang Uyghur restaurant <i>China is home to an incredible array of traditions, ethnicities, and cuisines. For this evening's dinner, students will enjoy an authentic Uyghur meal at a small but beautiful Xinjiang restaurant. Xinjiang is China's largest province (roughly twice the size of Texas), home to China's greatest wealth of natural resources, and often mired in controversy due to sporadic separatist movements</i>

## Day 4 | Wednesday, May 22 (Beijing)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit the Tsinghua University Schwarzman Scholars program, meet with current students, and tour campus in small groups
<b>Early Afternoon</b>	Small group lunches with Tsinghua University students, then visit the university's Science Park, Tuspark <i>TusPark was launched by the prestigious Tsinghua University's technology department. It is often referred to as China's Silicon Valley and houses many of China's most promising high-tech startups.</i>
<b>Late Afternoon</b>	Attend a guest lecture at the Beijing Foreign Language University
<b>Evening</b>	Group dinner and free time to explore Beijing

## Day 5 | Thursday, May 23 (Day Trip to Jinan, Shandong Province)

<b>Early Morning</b>	Board the bullet train to Jinan (~1.5 hours) <i>Jinan is the capital city of Shandong Province and is home to the Shandong University – Virginia Tech International Laboratory. This Sino-American effort, in part supported by a National Science Foundation grant, helps develop globally-engaged scientists and engineers by giving US students and faculty the opportunity to work internationally on ongoing research.</i>
<b>Late Morning</b>	Tour the Shandong University campus with local university students
<b>Noon</b>	Small group lunches with local students on campus
<b>Afternoon</b>	Visit Pansoft Data Solutions, then return to Beijing by bullet train
<b>Evening</b>	Free time to explore Beijing and small group dinners on your own

## Day 6 | Friday, May 24 (Beijing)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit Pratt & Whitney United Technologies <i>Gain insight into the production process for United Airlines aircraft engines with a live demonstration, factory visit, and discussion led by on-site engineers.</i>
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Noon	Group lunch nearby
Afternoon	Visit the Bird Nest and Water Cube of the 2008 Olympic Park
Evening	Free time to explore Beijing and small group dinners on your own

## Day 7 | Saturday, May 25 (Beijing)

Morning	Ascend the Great Wall of China, followed by group lunch near the wall <i>Hike atop this iconic structure, and toboggan back down!</i>
Afternoon/Evening	Free time to explore Beijing and small group dinners on your own

## May 26 - June 1: Shanghai | Introduction to China's Modern Ascension

### Day 8 | Sunday, May 26 (Beijing to Shanghai)

Morning	Fly nonstop to Shanghai (~2.5 hours) and check into your hotel
Noon	Group lunch and reflection nearby
Afternoon	Embark on a city tour of Shanghai, China's economic capital <i>Walk to the Bund and take a ferry across the Huangpu River to Pudong. Ascend the famous Shanghai World Financial Center, then explore the Shanghai History Museum beneath the Pearl Tower.</i>
Evening	Free time for small group dinners on your own near the Bund

### Day 9 | Monday, May 27 (Shanghai)

Morning	Attend a site visit at the Shanghai Baowu Steel Factory <i>Baowu Steel is a state-owned enterprise headquartered in the Baosteel Tower in Shanghai's modern Pudong District. According to World Steel Association, Baowu is the fifth-largest steel producer in the world measured by crude steel output, with an annual output of around 35 million tons.</i>
Afternoon	Explore the inner-workings of Volkswagen's Shanghai factory
Evening	Free time and small group dinners on your own in Tianzifang

### Day 10 | Tuesday, May 28 (Shanghai)

Morning	Free time
Noon	Lunch on your own in Old Town Shanghai
Afternoon	Explore the Yuyuan Garden
Early Evening	Group dinner on Yunnan Road
Evening	Attend the world famous Shanghai Acrobatic Show!



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## Day 11 | Wednesday, May 29 (*Day Trip to Suzhou*)

<b>Early Morning</b>	Travel by bus to Suzhou (~1.5 hours)
<b>Late Morning</b>	Architectural tour of Suzhou's canals and bridges, followed by group lunch <i>Suzhou, a city of 10 million just west of Shanghai, is known for its canals, bridges and classical gardens.</i>
<b>Afternoon</b>	Attend a site visit to Suzhou Taiheng Mechanical-Electrical Parts Ltd. <i>Taiheng, located in Suzhou's New Technical Zones, specializes in machinery production and elevator manufacturing.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Small group dinners on your own and shopping; return by bus to Shanghai

## Day 12 | Thursday, May 30 (*Shanghai*)

<b>Morning</b>	Visit Shanghai University of Engineering Science <i>Engage in one-on-one cultural exchange activities, tour the campus with local university students as guides, and attend a guest lecture on China's largest engineering projects.</i>
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch on campus with local students
<b>Afternoon</b>	Visit Canature Environmental Industrial Park <i>Home to nearly 20 acres of factory facilities and warehouses, the Canature Environmental Industrial Park produces an array of water filtration devices for China's water treatment industry.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Free time

## Day 13 | Friday, May 31 (*Shanghai*)

<b>Morning/Afternoon</b>	Free time and optional activities, including visiting the Shanghai Disney Resort
<b>Evening</b>	Reflect on your time in China while enjoying a program farewell dinner with program and faculty leaders

## Day 14 | Saturday, June 1 (*Shanghai to Washington, DC*)

<b>All Day</b>	Fly back to the USA
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*Please see the following page for additional information.*