



Virginia Tech RSAP Summer 2018

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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/rsapchina18); 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 visits are typically scheduled one to four months prior to program start date. As a result, our proposal includes a few placeholders for unspecified visits. Each will be specified in the months leading up to May 2018, 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 2018!

MAY 14 - MAY 19: BEIJING | EXPLORATION OF CHINA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

DAY 1 | SUNDAY, MAY 13 (WASHINGTON DC TO BEIJING)

All Day Fly from Washington DC to Beijing

DAY 2 | MONDAY, MAY 14 (BEIJING)

Afternoon Arrive to Beijing and check into the Beijing Heyuan International Youth Hostel
While traveling by private coach into Beijing, engage in a comprehensive orientation session to understand and conceptualize the journey ahead.

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

DAY 3 | TUESDAY, MAY 15 (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.



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Early Afternoon	Tour a Qing Dynasty-era hutong on rickshaws, followed by group lunch <i>Enjoy lunch and conversation with a local family, ascend the Beijing Drum Tower, and relax near Houhai.</i>
Late Afternoon	Company visit
Evening	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 16 (BEIJING)

Early Morning	Visit Tsinghua 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>
Late Morning	Visit the Tsinghua University Schwarzman Scholars program with 2017 Virginia Tech alum and current Schwarzman Scholar Grey Weissend
Early Afternoon	Group lunch with Tsinghua University students
Late Afternoon	Explore the Summer Palace (<i>time permitting</i>)
Evening	Free time

DAY 5 | THURSDAY, MAY 17 (DAY TRIP TO JINAN, SHANDONG PROVINCE)

Early Morning	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>
Late Morning	Tour the Shandong University campus with local university students
Noon	Group lunch with local students
Afternoon	Company visit; return to Beijing by bullet train
Evening	Free time

DAY 6 | FRIDAY, MAY 18 (BEIJING)

Morning	Visit the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu
Noon	Group lunch near the Great Wall
Afternoon	Explore the Beijing 2008 Olympic Park, followed by free time



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DAY 7 | SATURDAY, MAY 19 (BEIJING)

- Morning** Attend a guest lecture on Sino-American Politics and Culture at the Beijing Foreign Language University
- Afternoon/Evening** Free time on your last day in Beijing!

MAY 20 - MAY 26: SHANGHAI | INTRODUCTION TO CHINA'S MODERN ASCENSION

DAY 8 | SUNDAY, MAY 20 (BEIJING TO SHANGHAI)

- Morning** Fly nonstop to Shanghai (~2.5 hours) and check into the Jinjiang Inn
- Noon** Group lunch near Jinjiang Inn
- Afternoon** Embark on a city tour of Shanghai, China's economic capital
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.
- Evening** Free time and small group dinners on your own near the Bund

DAY 9 | MONDAY, MAY 21 (SHANGHAI)

- Morning** Free time
- Afternoon** Site visit to the Shanghai Baowu Steel Factory
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.
- Evening** Free time and small group dinners on your own in Tianzifang

DAY 10 | TUESDAY, MAY 22 (SHANGHAI)

- Morning** Explore the inner-workings of Volkswagen's Shanghai factory
- Noon** Free time and 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

DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 (DAY TRIP TO SUZHOU)

- Early Morning** Board a bullet train to Suzhou (~25 minutes)
- Late Morning** Architectural tour of Suzhou's canals and bridges, followed by group lunch
Suzhou, a city of 10 million just west of Shanghai, is known for its canals, bridges and classical gardens.
- Afternoon** Company visit
- Evening** Small group dinners on your own and shopping; bullet train to Shanghai



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DAY 12 | THURSDAY, MAY 24 (SHANGHAI)

Morning	Visit a major university in Shanghai <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>
Noon	Free time and small group lunches on your own
Afternoon	Company visit to Shanghai Disney's engineering unit
Evening	Free time

DAY 13 | FRIDAY, MAY 25 (SHANGHAI)

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

DAY 14 | SATURDAY, MAY 26 (SHANGHAI TO WASHINGTON DC)

All Day	Fly back to the USA
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Please see the following page for additional information.