



# Canadian International School of Beijing – Pingyao - School Excursion

Grade 9

17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April

**Group Name  
[Grade Level]**

**Destination**

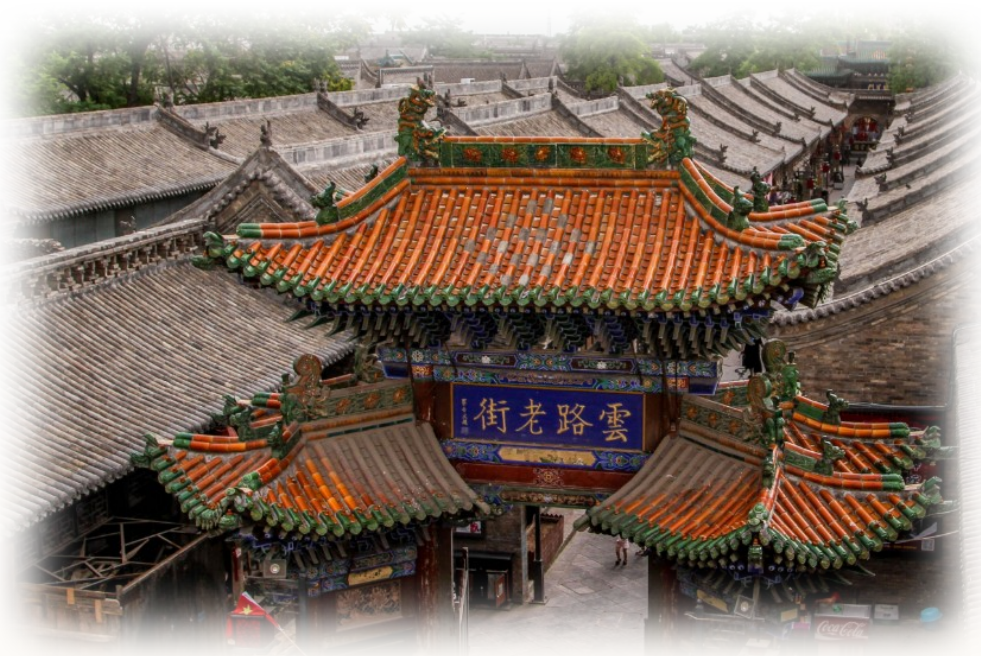
**Travel Time  
(incl. rest stops as  
necessary)**

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# PROGRAM

# DESTINATION



## Pingyao, Shanxi

Bordering the southern edge of the Taiyuan Basin and joining the Loess Plateau to the south, Pingyao was once considered **the Wall Street of China**.

During imperial China, Pingyao's banks had subsidies throughout Asia. However, though Pingyao was once on the cutting edge, it is now **the only city** in China that has **completely maintained its ancient building structures**.

There are no modern buildings in the city, only gorgeous dark wooden buildings with bright red lanterns dangling from the roofs, a throwback to ancient China.

# Your Learning Goals



## Learning Outcome >

Learning about Pingyao's traditional social structures and organizations to promote social responsibility and contribute to understanding the importance of social institutions and civil society (UNSDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).



## Learning Outcome >

Participating in local crafts workshops to promote skills development and creativity, contributing to employability and sustainable economic growth (UNSDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth)





# Program Schedule



# Timetable

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES
<b>Day 1</b> <b>(April 17<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Home – Pingyao (L, D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:30 Meet WildChina tour leaders and guides on your campus</li><li>• 7:40-8:40 Transfer to <b>Beijing Fengtai Train Station</b> and await boarding</li><li>• 10:38-14:26 Take G train <b>625 (1038/1426)</b> from Beijing Fengtai to Pingyao; Packed subway lunch en route</li><li>• 14:30-15:30 Arrive at Pingyao and transfer to <b>Pingyao old town</b> for hotel check in. A luggage cart will transfer the luggage to the hotel while students visit the old town.</li><li>• 15:30-16:00 Check in at the Harmony Guest house and relax</li><li>• <b>16:00-17:30 Pingyao ancient town scavenger hunt</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Visit <b>Rishengchang Museum</b>. Rishengchang, established in 1823, was China's first private bank</li><li>2) Visit the <b>Temple of City God</b></li><li>3) Visit the <b>North China First Bodyguard Vehicle</b></li></ol></li><li>• 18:00-19:00 Dinner</li><li>• 19:00 Back to guesthouse</li></ul>

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TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES
<b>Day 2</b> <b>(April</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Pingyao (B, L, D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:30-8:45 Morning call and breakfast</li><li>• 8:45-10:00 Walk to West Gate of Ancient City to transfer to <b>Wang Family Courtyard</b></li><li>• <b>10:00-12:00 Explore the Wang Family Courtyard</b>, known as Chinese folk Forbidden City</li><li>• 12:00-13:00 Lunch</li><li>• 13:00-13:45 Transfer to <b>Zhangbi Village</b></li><li>• 14:00-16:00 Visit <b>Zhangbi Underground Castle</b> and explore <b>the ancient village</b></li><li>• 16:00-16:50 Transfer back to the guesthouse</li><li>• 17:30-18:30 Pizza Dinner</li></ul>



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<b>Day 3 (April 19<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Pingyao (B, L, D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:00-9:00 Morning call and breakfast</li><li>• <b>9:00-10:00 Historical roleplay</b> at the Magistrates Court</li><li>• 10:00-10:30 Take a walk on the <b>Ancient Wall</b></li><li>• 10:30-12:00 Learn <b>Kungfu</b> from a master and then visit <b>Kungfu Museum</b></li><li>• 12:00-13:00 Lunch</li><li>• <b>13:30-16:30 Rotation of local artists workshops</b> in guesthouse (Noodle making, face painting &amp; paper cutting)</li><li>• 16:30-17:30 Free time to shop at <b>Mingqing Street</b>, a network of commercial streets that date back to the Ming and Qing Dynasty</li><li>• 18:00-19:00 Return to the guesthouse and have dinner</li><li>• 19:00-21:00 Movie night</li></ul>



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<b>Day 4 (April 20<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Pingyao - Home (B, L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:30-8:15 Breakfast and check out.</li><li>• 8:15-8:30 Transfer to <b>the West Gate</b></li><li>• 8:30-10:00 Transfer to <b>Taiyuan Train Station</b>; pack lunch from the guesthouse</li><li>• 11:38-14:46 Take G train <b>G610 (1138/1446)</b> from Taiyuan South to Beijing Fengtai</li><li>• 14:50-16:20 Arrive in Beijing and transfer to campus</li></ul>

# Highlights



- Scavenger hunt



- Noodle making



# Accommodation

# WHERE YOU'RE STAYING

## Your Accommodations

All accommodations have been risk assessed, booked and confirmed. WildChina staff will assist with check in upon arrival.



### HOTEL

Heyichang Guesthouse

和义昌客栈



### ADDRESS

No. 1, West Street Section Lane, Pingyao County,  
Jinzhong City, Shanxi Province

山西省晋中市平遥县西大街段巷1号



### TELEPHONE

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## Heyichang Guesthouse

Shanxi Heyichang Inn (Pingyao) is only 100 meters away from the south gate of the ancient city, is the first inn in Ming Qing Street, was built in the middle of the Ming Dynasty, covers an area of 600 square meters, with more than 30 rooms of various grades. It was the first hostel in Pingyao 50 years ago, and now the inn maintains the original Ming and Qing dynasty style on the basis of the original building, and its style is simple and elegant, fresh and chic.

# Your Host Contacts



## Meet and Greet

Your trip begins when your WildChina academic managers, Dana, meet you at campus by holding a WildChina sign. From there your academic managers will escort you to the train station where you can begin your journey.

Abraham, your WildChina travel consultant will be your office contact and will assist you on your journey. Feel free to call him with questions or concerns at any time and he will be happy to help.

## Hospital Information



### HOSPITAL

平遥县人民医院

Pingyao County People's Hospital

## Your Main Contacts

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### ADDRESS & TELEPHONE

**Address:** Southwest of the intersection of Huitong Road and Liugen West Street in Pingyao County, Jinzhong City, Shanxi Province (west of Shulin Homestead Road)

山西省晋中市平遥县汇通路与柳根西街交叉口西南侧(书林家园路西)

**Tel:** +86 0354-5624109



# Staffing Guide

# Roles and Responsibilities of WildChina Staff on the Program

## Program Leader

- Ultimately in charge of the program
- Coordinating between the school, WildChina offices, teachers, and each group's Academic Managers

## Academic Manager

- Explains games, activities and the overall program for their own group
- Is responsible for a group of students and delivering the program learning goals

## Logistics Staff

- Arranging transportation, meals, accommodations, bookings and site safety
- Ensuring equipment integrity

## Experts

- Specialize in a specific activity or sport and are responsible only for the module/activity they are delivering

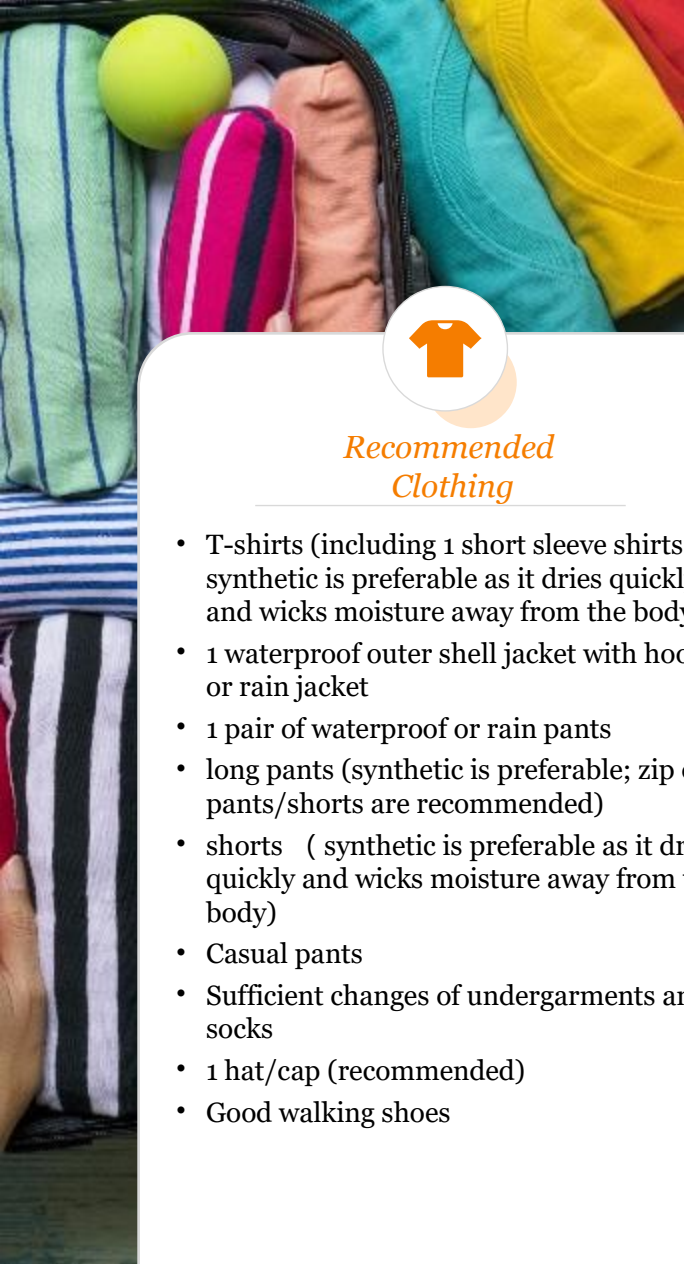
## Drivers

- Road and transport safety on buses
- Ensuring transportation runs on time



# Packing List





## SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

# What to Bring



### *Recommended Clothing*

- T-shirts (including 1 short sleeve shirts; synthetic is preferable as it dries quickly and wicks moisture away from the body)
- 1 waterproof outer shell jacket with hood or rain jacket
- 1 pair of waterproof or rain pants
- long pants (synthetic is preferable; zip off pants/shorts are recommended)
- shorts (synthetic is preferable as it dries quickly and wicks moisture away from the body)
- Casual pants
- Sufficient changes of undergarments and socks
- 1 hat/cap (recommended)
- Good walking shoes



### *Recommended Toiletries*

- Lip salve, such as Blistex or Carmex
- Moisturizer
- A personal hand/face towel
- Face Masks
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Special toiletries
- Small bottle sun block
- 1 travel towel
- Personal Toilet Paper
- Personal Hand Sanitizer



### *Other Recommended Items*

- 1 suitcase
- 1 day-bag (15-30 Litter)
- 1 liter water bottle
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- Books, journals
- Rain poncho



### *Packing Reminders*

- Passport and visa/ID card
- Please inform WildChina if you have any food allergies so we can tell restaurants ahead of time
- Medication for motion sickness if necessary
- Medication for minor cuts
- All necessary medication

# Weather



Month	High / Low(°C)	Avg days of Rainfall
April	10/23	3

We will be able to give a better estimate of the weather as we get closer to the date.



# Health & Safety

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At WildChina, we are committed to ensuring that all our programs meet the latest health and safety standards, and these are available to your administration and parents upon request. To do this, we adhere to the British School Travel Forum's strict code of practice and safety standards to vet accommodations, transport, activities and food service providers used on your trip. Our program audits are available to your administration once your program is confirmed.



## **WildChina is covered** Insurance & medical assistance

As a fully licensed Travel Company we maintain General Liability Insurance for all our clients. For all programs, an emergency vehicle is provided to enable swift transfers to the closest hospital. For extremely remote locations, WildChina staff have the contact details of the appropriate 'airlift' medical evacuation services.

At least one member of the WildChina staff carries a functioning GPS phone to contact emergency services.



## **WildChina maintains** Incident & Near Miss Reports

Using specialized software and systems, WildChina Education maintains constant contact in times of near misses and incidents with our crisis management team.

Our team then takes these near miss reports and integrates them into our preventative measures to ensure next level safety.



## **WildChina has risk expertise** Experts

On our crisis management team are veterans in the industry and include Mr. Simon Drayton, a former international search and rescue professional corp member and former British Coastguard manager.

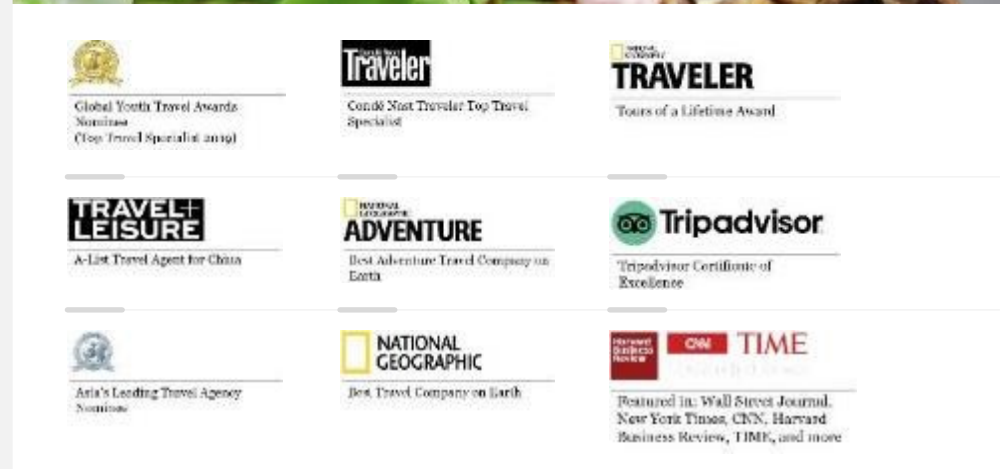
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# About WildChina Education

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Whether it is for IB CAS, longitudinal service learning, STEM studies, the International Award, or subject-focused curricula, our team of in-house academic managers works with each school and organization to design programs that enriches and connects classroom learning to real-world situations.



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We now also offering internationally accredited certification courses such as Wilderness Medical Association's (WMAI) Wilderness First Aid and Leave No Trace (LNT) certificate trainings. We hope that, by providing these courses, we can help to enable greater safety and awareness for both individuals and educators involved in the outdoor industry.

Sincerely,

Haena Seongsin Kim

Information **Director**

# References – Don't just take our word for it

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“A truly remarkable trip. A survey went out to all 122 explorers, and the trip received an overall rating of 4.74 out of 5. A true testament to the magnificent work done by your team to make this unique and extraordinary vision a reality”

**Dulwich  
College, Beijing**

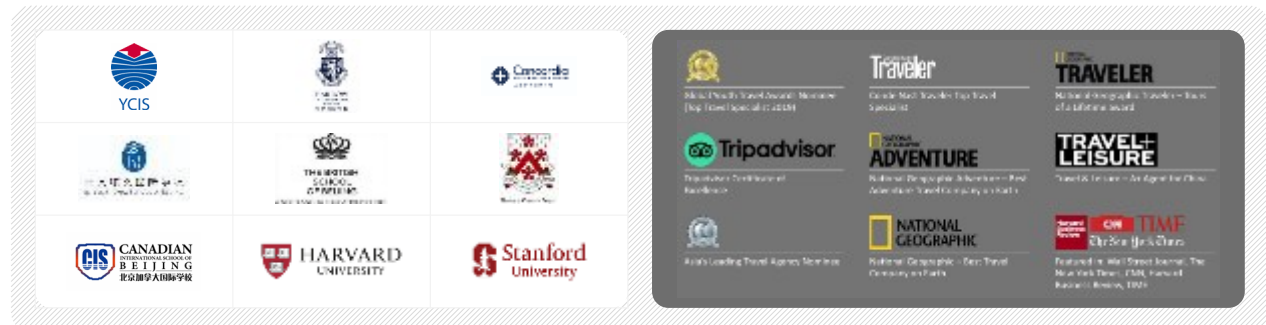
“It was an epic trip to a beautiful part of the world with a real sense of remoteness and challenge. Exactly what we wanted.

**Shatin College,  
Hong Kong**

“Adam, Sonam and Susan were wonderful teachers in every setting and did a great job running reflection sessions for the group

**Stanford  
University, USA**

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# Any questions, get in touch

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