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June 22 - July 12, 2014

A Unique Interactive Opportunity in the Chinese Capital

A Lifetime of Memories

For more information about the Real Beijing Summer Program:

www.wildchina.com/china-educational-travel/k-12-school-trips-in-china/1
REAL BEIJING EDUCATORS’ ACADEMY

Join the International School of Beijing and WildChina in a summer experience designed to engage Mandarin Chinese educators in hands-on strategies and interactive workshops bringing Chinese to life inside and outside of the classroom.

Offered in conjunction with a Chinese language summer experience for students aged 13 to 18, the Real Beijing Educators’ Academy offers participating educators the opportunity to acquire tools to bridge the gap between knowing and doing. A student-to-educator ratio of 2:1 will provide educators with opportunities to stimulate and challenge learners of all language levels with exciting, real-life language experiences. Active, practical, and innovative classroom experiences focus on the rapid acquisition of useful and adaptive language, which students will immediately apply through excursions in the city.

Designed and overseen by experienced ISB educators and WildChina, Real Beijing will offer effective and innovative language-learning experiences for educators, teaching them instructional approaches and techniques that meet the needs of young learners.

ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

Week 1 (Jun 22 - 28) - For educators only; intensive workshops introducing hands-on experiential learning framework

Weeks 2 & 3 (Jun 29 - Jul 12) - Lead educators facilitating performance-based learning opportunities and language seminars as well as experiencing Beijing with students demonstrating their learning on excursions throughout the city.

• June 29th: Students arrive; first chance to put into practice the methods and strategies from week 1
• July 5th-6th: Social excursions to hike the Great Wall, explore the Forbidden City, and experience a hutong neighborhood

ACCOMMODATIONS

Educators will stay at the conveniently located Yosemite Club Hotel, expatriate designed accommodations located directly across the street from the International School of Beijing. Educators will be lodged two to a room, sharing with another member of the program (single room option available; single supplement applies).

PROGRAM COSTS

Prices below are quoted in US dollars, and are exclusive of airfare

Teachers’ Three-Week Program:
USD 2,718 (including accommodation at Yosemite Club Hotel. Based on double occupancy; single supplement applies.)
USD 2,150 (without accommodation)

REAL BEIJING

The International School of Beijing (ISB), a learning environment engaging educators in authentic experiences with their students, is partnering with WildChina, an innovative educational travel provider, to create an unforgettable learning experience offering intensive Chinese language learning coupled with cultural excursions where participants will apply their Chinese in authentic experiences. Educators and students learn, live, and explore alongside one another in real Beijing.

ACADEMY GOALS

This Academy seeks to share the spirit and tradition of the Chinese experiences at ISB through:

• Creating a hub for professionals to develop and sharpen instructional strategies and impact student learning
• Providing a forum for collaboration beyond the Academy time
• Offering intensive and innovative pedagogical practices through workshops
• Designing interactive demo classes and in-depth reflection seminars to aid teachers in creating a learner-centered, performance-based, experiential environment that will prepare students for the lifelong study of Chinese

All experiences are designed to maximize learning, communication skills, and cultural competence. Participating educators will:

• Acquire ready-to-use, field-tested lesson plans and student-learning focused strategies
• Develop skills to leverage language-learning technology to enhance student learning
• Have the option to receive 3 graduate credits from Buffalo State University (for US$90 per credit)