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LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Classroom experiences at ISB will come alive through rich communicative language learning focused on the rapid acquisition of useful and adaptive language to be immediately applied through daily excursions. These acquisition experiences are designed to maximize language learning and build cultural awareness. The student to teacher ratio of 2:1 will provide opportunities for individualized experiences that stimulate and challenge learners of all language levels with exciting, unique, and real-life language experiences.

LANGUAGE ALIVE!

Daily excursions in and around the Chinese capital will engage students in a stunning blend of the old and new of the rich Chinese culture. Here, the quiet authority of ancient imperial China meets the electric excitement of present-day Beijing. Students will apply their Chinese language as they experience Beijing:

- Centuries of history and tradition; world-renowned modern landmarks
- The living legacy of ancient Chinese art forms; the vibrant modern visual-arts scene
- The imperial cuisine of ancient China; traditional Chinese home-style cooking; flavor-filled fusion gastronomy
- Rickshaw tours of the vanishing streets of Old Beijing; mastering the new Metro
- Souvenir-shopping at traditional markets; upscale clothing and gadgets at modern malls
- Museums, city living, parks, the countryside, and the magic of the Great Wall of China

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Students’ days will be rich with engaging experiences as shown in the sample schedule below:

07:15-早上好! (Zǎoshāng hǎo!) Wake-up call
07:30-Get your blood moving early in the morning with a taiji session with a taiji master (Tàijí kè); then have a hearty breakfast of Chinese cuisine.
08:45-Intensive performance-based language instruction for specific situations. Students complete a task using the phrases and concepts they have learned.
10:15-Break
10:30: Intensive performance-based language instruction (Session II)
12:00-Lunch and quiet time. Students reflect on the morning’s learning through personal blogs, a great way to share their experiences with parents and friends.
13:30-Chinese culture session, including such opportunities as Beijing Opera face-painting, tea ceremony, or cooking.
14:30-To the city! Students put into practice what they have learned, accompanied and supervised by trainee educators.
18:00-Dinner. Students will again write in their personal blogs, with emphasis on using Chinese to communicate with people around the city.
19:30: Group project time. Students meet in small groups to develop projects, such as writing a Chinese cookbook.
21:00-Free time at the hotel. Students and camp counselors will enjoy Chinese books, Chinese chess, mahjong, calligraphy, and movies.
22:00-Return to rooms and lights-out.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students will stay at the conveniently located Yosemite Club Hotel, a world-class facility located directly across the street from the International School of Beijing. Students will be lodged two to a room, sharing with another member of the program.

SUPERVISION

Supervision of students will be provided by program teachers during the day. From dinner time until breakfast, students will be supervised by carefully selected camp counselors—college students or graduate students—who will ensure the safety and positive engagement of participants. Counselors will lead by example with regard to personal appearance, dining etiquette, appropriate language use and relationships with others.

PROGRAM COSTS

Prices below are quoted in US dollars, and are exclusive of airfare
Student Two-Week Program:
USD 3,518 (including accommodation at Yosemite Club Hotel, based on double occupancy);
USD 2,950 (without accommodation)