Unseen China

DYNASTIES OF POWER:
PAST AND PRESENT

April 8 to 22, 2019

a program of the stanford alumni association
We affectionately refer to our Unseen China trip as “China 2.0.” We worked with faculty leader Thomas Fingar to develop an itinerary that takes us to famous as well as often bypassed sites that illuminate the past and present of this immense country. Add cultural experiences and visits with local contacts, and we have a trip that is the culmination of our years of Stanford know-how and connections. In the midst of its thriving economy, China has managed to create harmony between its ancient treasures and the glittering skylines of its metropolitan cities, resulting in a destination that’s an extraordinary and unforgettable one for travelers. We’ll be catching up with all of China’s recent rush of changes on this program. Join us for this fascinating “in-depth course”!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

EXPLORE the World Heritage site of Longmen Grottoes in Luoyang that house Chinese Buddhist art from the late Northern Wei and Tang dynasties.

VISIT the Chengdu Panda Research Base and take an optional excursion to the Dujiangyan Panda Volunteer Center to meet and feed a panda.

DELVE into the relationship between religion and the martial art of kung fu with a visit to Shaolin Temple, China’s oldest Zen Buddhist temple.

COVER: SHAOLIN TEMPLE, ZHENGZHOU
“Thomas was a great asset to our Travel/Study trip—always available and engaged and he obviously loves to teach.”

SANDRA BARBOUR, ’73, BANGKOK TO BALI, 2016

THOMAS FINGAR, MA ’69, PHD ’77, is a Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center Fellow in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. From 1975 to 1986 he held a number of positions at Stanford before being appointed chief of the U.S. State Department’s China Division. He began to study East Asia at Cornell in the mid-1960s and focused on it more intensively as director of the State Department’s Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific from 1989 to 1994. He returned to Stanford in 2009 after a 23-year career in Washington that included serving as assistant secretary of state for intelligence and research and chairman of the National Intelligence Council and bearing responsibility for the president’s daily brief. Dr. Fingar’s lectures for this trip, which will examine U.S. policy toward China, Chinese challenges and choices, and China’s foreign policy, draw upon his experience as a senior U.S. government official and on his recent books and courses concerning China’s relations with its neighbors.

— Okenberg-Rohlen Distinguished Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University, 2010–2015
— Payne Distinguished Lecturer, Stanford University, 2009
— First deputy director, National Intelligence for Analysis and chairman, National Intelligence Council, 2005–2008
— Editor, Uneasy Partnerships: China’s Engagement with Japan, the Koreas, and Russia in the Era of Reform, Stanford University Press, 2017
— BA, government and history, 1968, Cornell University
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STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

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Itinerary

MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 8 & 9
U.S. / SHANGHAI, CHINA
Depart the U.S on overnight flights, crossing the international date line en route and arriving in Shanghai on Tuesday. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. HYATT ON THE BUND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
SHANGHAI
Start experiencing this immense city with a walk in the oldest part of town, the maze of lanes and alleys surrounding the Yu Garden. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the civic center area known as People’s Square and view China’s best collection of traditional art at the Shanghai Museum. Gather for our welcome cocktail reception and dinner at our hotel tonight. HYATT ON THE BUND (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
SHANGHAI
Spend today learning about Shanghai’s unique colonial past, and how the city has become China’s most important financial and commercial metropolis. Explore sites in the French Concession area and meet with local experts. This evening, enjoy an acrobatics performance. HYATT ON THE BUND (B,L)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
SHANGHAI / NANJING
Experience China’s impressive high-speed rail network today as we travel through the upper Yangzi River Delta to Nanjing, a highly developed provincial capital and economic center, that has twice served as the capital of all of China. After checking in to our hotel this afternoon, visit the Hopkins-Nanjing School of International Studies. SHANGRI-LA HOTEL NANJING (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
NANJING
Take an excursion to Purple Mountain for a view of the city below and visit some of Nanjing’s most historic sights, including the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat Sen (the “George Washington” of China), the original Ming Tombs site and the magnificent Linggu Buddhist Temple. SHANGRI-LA HOTEL NANJING (B,L)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
NANJING / YANGZHOU
Begin today with a visit to the Nanjing Massacre Memorial, which commemorates events from WWII. At our next stop, learn about the 19th-century Taiping Heavenly Kingdom, led by a man who considered himself the brother of Jesus, then visit the impressive Nanjing Museum with its exhibits on regional Jiangnan art, history, culture and customs. Leaving Nanjing, drive to our next destination, the garden city of Yangzhou. SHANGRI-LA HOTEL YANGZHOU (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 15
YANGZHOU
Located in the rich Yangzi River Delta and sitting astride the Grand Canal, Yangzhou has prospered and enjoyed a highly cultured lifestyle for centuries. Today explore Slender West Lake, the Geyuan and Heyuan Gardens, and Han Guangling Tombs Museum. SHANGRI-LA HOTEL YANGZHOU (B,L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
YANGZHOU / LUOYANG
Drive back to Nanjing and continue on to Luoyang by high-speed rail. Luoyang is one of the so-called “Four Great Ancient Capitals” of China,
Together with Beijing, Nanjing and Xi’an, playing a major role in China’s history and politics.

**HYATT PLACE LUOYANG (B,L,D)**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

**LUOYANG**

Today enjoy an extended visit to the Longmen Grottoes, one of China’s greatest Buddhist pilgrimage destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Carved from limestone cliffs overlooking the Yi River, these 2,000-plus caves ranging from one inch to more than 50 feet high contain some of China’s finest Buddhist art.

**HYATT PLACE LUOYANG (B,L,D)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

**LUOYANG / ZHENGZHOU / CHENGDU**

Travel southeast to Zhengzhou today to explore Shaolin Temple and Monastery, one of China’s oldest “Zen” Buddhist temples, perhaps most famous as the home of kung fu. Learn how religious and martial arts training are merged into one discipline. This afternoon, fly to Chengdu. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CHENGDU (B,L,D)**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

**CHENGDU**

Visit the extensive Chengdu Panda Research Base this morning to learn about efforts to increase and strengthen the population of greater pandas and lesser pandas. For the remainder of the day, explore the landmark sites of Chengdu itself and take a walk along Jinli Pedestrian Street. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CHENGDU (B,L,D)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

**CHENGDU**

Take an optional excursion to the Panda Research Base in Dujiangyan County, located about 35 miles from Chengdu. Interact with the pandas receiving care, learn from experts and volunteer for the various activities required to care for these charming bears, including preparing their daily foodstuffs. The fees for this full-day excursion contribute to the support of the project. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CHENGDU (B,L)**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**CHENGDU**

Today visit Sanxingdui, new archaeological site where discoveries have catapulted this region into the forefront of China’s stone age civilizations, rewriting the history books. This evening, enjoy a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at our hotel. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CHENGDU (B,L,D)**

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**

**CHENGDU / U.S.**

Transfer to the Chengdu Airport for flights home. (B)

**Optional Post-trip Extension**

**APRIL 22 TO 27**

**XI’AN AND BEIJING**

Travel by train to Xi’an and visit some of the highlights of the region, including the Great Mosque, Bell Tower and terra-cotta army excavation. Fly to Beijing for a visit to the Forbidden City, site of the Imperial Palace of omnipotent Chinese emperors. Walk through Tiananmen Square and take an excursion outside of Beijing to see the wondrous Great Wall at Mutianyu, one of the best-preserved sections of the wall.

Details and pricing for the extension will be sent to confirmed participants.
Trip Information

D A T E S
April 8 to 22, 2019 (15 days)

S I Z E
36 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

C O S T* $7,995 per person, double occupancy $9,195 per person, single occupancy
*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

I N C L U D E D
13 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 8 dinners • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • Internal flight from Luoyang to Chengdu on 4/18 • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the programs

N O T I N C L U D E D
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

W H A T T O E X P E C T
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and very busy. Daily excursions involve two to five miles of walking, often on uneven terrain, including stairs without handrails, high thresholds and cobbled paths. You will need to handle your own luggage at airport customs points where porters are not permitted. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Terms & Conditions

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space for this program. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the optional post-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?china2019 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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"A Stanford Travel/Study trip ensures the camaraderie of intelligent fellow travelers and the bonus of outstanding educational lectures and dialogue with a Stanford faculty leader. I wouldn’t want to travel internationally any other way!"

SANDRA BERRIS, ’67, CHINA SUITCASE SEMINAR, 2011