



# CHINESE & CALLIGRAPHY

## BEIJING, CHINA

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Chinese & Calligraphy program enables you to combine a Chinese course with calligraphy lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on art classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

#### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

The capital of the People's Republic of China, 3,000 year old Beijing, is situated in the northeast of the country. Also known as Peking, the city is one of the most populous cities in the world and beautifully blends ancient and modern Chinese cultures. The city is the center of cultural, diplomatic, business, and financial activity of this rapidly growing country and is amongst the most developed cities in China.



Beijing is home to such famous sites as the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, and Tiananmen Square to name a few. Few cities in the world have served as long as the political and cultural center of an area as immense as China. Beijing is one of the four great ancient capitals of China, and has been the heart of China's history for centuries. The city is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, and huge stone walls and gates. It was also the host of the 2008 summer Olympic games.

Given the city's historical, cultural and political heft, locals are justifiably proud to be citizens of the capital, as they go about their lives while being surrounded by some of the most spectacular historical places in the world. Beijingers are said to be some of the friendliest and straightforward people of China, as they are very interested in politics, current events and most always willing to strike up a conversation with visitors.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Chinese & Calligraphy program in Beijing, students will gain experience in foreign art programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for art into one incredible life-changing experience.

### *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 lessons per week; 50 minute lessons; group or private lessons available
- **Art Classes:** 9-16 Calligraphy Lessons
- **Lodging:** Apartment or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***  
\* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Textbook and learning material**
- **City map and study notes**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\***  
\*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

Small groups of 10 to 12 students maximum per class allowing individual attention and the opportunity for each person to actively participate during the lessons. Each lesson is 50 minutes; language classes are taught in the morning while activities are held in the afternoon.

Our teachers, all native speakers, are holders of university degrees. They are qualified and experienced in teaching Chinese as a foreign language at all levels.

Students will be placed into one of five Chinese proficiency levels, ranging from Beginner to Advanced. Tutor classes are available at all levels.

### **CALLIGRAPHY ART LESSONS**

The calligraphy lessons are taught by a professional calligraphy master during the afternoons in Chinese. Chinese calligraphy has been practiced for thousands of years and strives to combine the optimization of writing speed, esthetics and the art of self-composure. Students will be taught how to use the correct brushes and materials, posture and brush strokes and technique. At the end of the course, the students can take their own work home.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

Our families are carefully selected and offer very good standard accommodation. They live in residential areas at a reasonable distance from the school (taxi fare \$1-\$3). They provide breakfast every morning of the week, dinner on Saturdays and Sundays. Our advice: Chinese people like presents - bring them a little souvenir from your country, they will be delighted. In this residential area, live quite a lot of intellectual people in their 40/50, young people working for CCTV (China central television), software companies, freelance, but also social workers, etc, from the middle-class. Most of them are open-minded and have overseas experiences. 9 meals weekly are included.

### **STUDENT RESIDENCE**

The brand new student residence is on campus and offers superb facilities. The furniture is modern. The twin bedrooms are equipped with a very nice private bathroom (at least 3 star hotel standard). All the bedrooms in the student residence are equipped with telephone, computer (free internet access), tv, air-conditioning and even a thermos flask. Meals not included.

### **HOTELS**

3 star hotels, single (double bed) or twin-bed rooms are equipped with nice and modern furniture, bathroom, kettle (or 24 hours hot and cold spring water), cups and jasmine teabags, hairdryer, satellite TV, fridge, telephone, air conditioning. A laundry service is also available at a very reasonable price. Just ask at the reception desk. Four and five star hotels have more facilities, some with swimming pool. Meals not included. We will make your hotel reservation, and you will pay the hotel directly.

## **PRICE RANGE**

For 2 weeks of Chinese classes, calligraphy classes, and lodging, the cost ranges between:

**\$1,868 → \$2,063\***

\*Price ranges depending on lodging

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Cultural activity programs are offered each week. Some are free, others range from \$6-\$12 each (average 65 RMB). Optional field trips including meals are usually under \$40 unless they include lodging. Here is a sample activity program:

**Monday** - Lama Temple or Calligraphy

**Tuesday** - Visit of Former residence Song Qingling or Tai Chi

**Wednesday** - China Gallery or Dashanzi Art village

**Thursday** - Chinese film at school

**Friday** - Houhai bar street / tasting a cup of Chinese tea

**Other:** Tai Chi Chinese calligraphy, Chinese painting, Paper cutting, Dumpling making (tasting included!), Chinese cooking, Chinese medicine, Visit to Panjiayuan flea market, Visit to the Hutong (ancient section)

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the CHINESE & CALLIGRAPHY program in Beijing, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.

