

## 2019 China Trip

### Meeting Agenda ~ Jan 14, 2019( updated)

1. Teacher Introduction
2. Never have I ever
3. Trip expectations
4. Airfare information and Trip insurance
5. Behavior Expectations and Behavior Contract
6. Trip and Travel Advisory Waiver
7. Health Form- will be discussed at the March 20 meeting
- 8. World Traveler Club ( students) -begins Wednesday, Feb 6, from 11:40-12:15**
- 9. Communication- contact information reviews**

Parent/Student Meeting Dates and Payments (Parents & Students are required to attend monthly meetings)

Date & Time	Payment Due	Documents Needed
Monday, Jan 14, 2019	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal name and birthdate</li> </ul>
<b><u>Tuesday, Feb 19, 2019</u></b> <b><u>(5:30-6:30) Visa application</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Notary service</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/19- 6pm-6:30pm</li> <li>2/19-2/22 8:40am-3:00pm ( email Susan Reader before walk in.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of inside of the front cover and the signature page of your child's passport ( if available )</li> <li>Behavior Contract/Expectations</li> <li>Trip Waiver</li> <li>Trip advisory Waiver</li> </ul>
Wednesday, Mar 20, 2019 (6pm-7pm)	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Form</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (6pm-7pm)	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel Consent Form</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 30, 2019 (6pm-7pm)	\$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passport and valid Visa</li> </ul>



## **Yinghua Academy 2019 China Trip**

### **Behavior Expectations**

Participation in this trip is a privilege. Students' behavior reflects on themselves, on their classmates, on Yinghua Academy, on Minnesota and on the United States. We expect of ourselves and of our classmates our most mature, considerate behavior.

Success of this trip requires that each person abide by a set of common behavior guidelines for the benefit and safety of all. Failure on the part of anyone to abide by these guidelines creates needless problems for everyone else, and wastes valuable trip time. Every one of us is responsible to the group for our own behavior. Read these guidelines with your parents. Ask any questions of Yinghua staff. Sign once you thoroughly understand and agree to all guidelines.

1. I promise to speak Chinese whenever possible. I promise to try, even if I do not know every exact word. I promise to take advantage of this opportunity to hear, speak and absorb Chinese language.
2. I promise to keep an open mind. I promise not to jump to conclusions based on my imperfect language skill. If I do not understand when someone addresses me in Chinese, I promise not to judge him/her. I promise to be slow to criticize. I know and admit that I will not understand everything I hear. I will discretely ask about puzzling situations or troubling conversations during private or group time with Yinghua teachers.
3. I will remember that I am a guest in China. I will treat people I meet with respect.
4. I agree to be respectful when a Yinghua teacher, or China host or guide, or classmate, is speaking to our group. This means not talking to a classmate quietly while another person is speaking. I know that having a side conversation while someone else is speaking, may prevent me and my classmate from hearing important information.
5. If I am using an iPod, book, personal entertainment of any kind, I promise I will use it when Yinghua staff specifically permit it. If instead of watching and listening, I am doing a private activity; my full attention is divided from the people and sights around me.
6. This is an opportunity to get to know a new country and new people, including my own classmates and teachers. I promise not to sit always with the same person or people. I promise to sit with different people at every meal. If Yinghua staff suggests I sit with a specific person, I will do so cheerfully and listen to my new companion.
7. I promise to remember that I am part of a group. Even if there is something I really want to see or do, I understand that all decisions will be made with the whole group in mind. I understand that I can suggest ideas, but accept that all my wishes may not be granted. I will participate cheerfully anyway.
8. I agree to be flexible about with whom I share a room.

9. I will know where my assigned group members and assigned teacher are at all times. I promise never to go anywhere alone.

10. I agree to be on time, at the time and meeting point decided by Yinghua staff. Even if the meeting time feels too early, I will wake up and be ready every single day. I will remember that every day I am in Taiwan is a rare and precious opportunity!

11. I will participate in all planned activities.

12. I will abide by stated bedtimes and remain in my assigned room during rest times and bedtime.

13. I will keep my general health strong by getting a complete night's sleep every night, eating properly and drinking water throughout the day.

14. If I purchase souvenirs or gifts during the trip, I admit I may feel excited. However, I will be sensitive to the feelings of my classmates. I will not show off too much, in case their feelings get hurt.

15. I will be responsible for keeping my money in a safe place. I will discuss with my parents where this safe place is and how to carry it while traveling.

16. If I have worries, or concerns, however small or large, I promise to speak to one of Yinghua's teachers immediately.

17. I will be discrete and not tell personal information (my full English name, my phone number, my email address) to strangers. If I am not sure whether this person is a stranger or not, I will find a teacher to join my conversation.

18. I will not participate in the use or handling of tobacco, alcohol, drugs. I understand that in China I am subject to China's laws and authorities.

19. I agree to abide by Yinghua teachers' rules. I accept their word as final.



## 2019 China Trip Behavior Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my participating in a Yinghua Academy trip to China binds me to all existing school policies and rules. These include any provision governing behavior found in the Student and Family Handbook.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise I will behave in a manner consistent with all Yinghua Academy rules and policies.

In the event of disciplinary action being required by the school for violations occurring on the trip to China:

- I understand that if I break a major school rule during the trip, My parent(s) will be required to purchase an airline-companion return flight home.
- I understand that my parents will have to pay all extra expenses for any such extra trip.
- Upon return, Yinghua Academy will determine further response for dealing with Handbook violations.

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student, have read, understood and agree to the terms of this behavior contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Director

## Yinghua Academy 2019 China Trip Trip Waiver

The undersigned acknowledges there may be changes in itinerary and other aspects of the trip to China. Changes could include possible cancellation. Changes may occur due to circumstances over which Yinghua Academy has no control. Yinghua Academy may also determine the trip should be cancelled based upon exigencies or factors which were unforeseen when the travel arrangements were committed.

You are encouraged to think about trip insurance, medical insurance and baggage insurance and purchase it if you judge it to be necessary. Keep in mind that the option of buying insurance against various risks is yours and is solely between you and the insurance carrier.

Yinghua Academy has provided the current, as of January 3, 2019, U.S. State Department issued Travel Advisory for China.

In order for your student to participate in the trip, it is necessary that you sign and date the waiver below.

I hereby acknowledge, understand and agree that Yinghua Academy, its Board of Directors, its authorizer, administrators and employees shall not be responsible or liable for any damages of any type whatsoever arising in relation to the China Trip June 2019, including but not limited to personal injury, property loss or damage, inconvenience, shortened duration of trip, act, default or negligence of any company or person engaged in carrying out any arrangements in connection with the trip, war or other hostilities, trip cancellation or interruption for whatever reason, and additional expenses of any kind, unless such damage or loss is the direct result of the willful or grossly negligent act of Yinghua Academy, its Board of Directors, authorizer, administrators or employees.

I have read the U.S. State Department's Travel Advisory, issued on January 3, 2019, and hereby release Yinghua Academy from responsibility and liability...

_____ Legal Guardian #1 signature	_____ Legal Guardian #2 signature	_____ Date
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_____ Student signature	_____ Student name (print)	_____ Date
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# U.S. Department of State: China Travel Advisory

## Travel Advisory

January 3, 2019

### China - Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

Exercise increased caution in China due to **arbitrary enforcement of local laws as well as special restrictions on dual U.S.-Chinese nationals.**

Chinese authorities have asserted broad authority to prohibit U.S. citizens from leaving China by using 'exit bans,' sometimes keeping U.S. citizens in China for years. China uses exit bans coercively:

- to compel U.S. citizens to participate in Chinese government investigations,
- to lure individuals back to China from abroad, and
- to aid Chinese authorities in resolving civil disputes in favor of Chinese parties.

In most cases, U.S. citizens only become aware of the exit ban when they attempt to depart China, and there is no method to find out how long the ban may continue. U.S. citizens under exit bans have been harassed and threatened.

U.S. citizens may be detained without access to U.S. consular services or information about their alleged crime. U.S. citizens may be subjected to prolonged interrogations and extended detention for reasons related to "state security." Security personnel may detain and/or deport U.S. citizens for sending private electronic messages critical of the Chinese government.

Extra security measures, such as security checks and increased levels of police presence, are common in the Xinjiang Uighur and Tibet Autonomous Regions. Authorities may impose curfews and travel restrictions on short notice.

China does not recognize dual nationality. U.S.-Chinese citizens and U.S. citizens of Chinese heritage may be subject to additional scrutiny and harassment, and China may prevent the U.S. Embassy from providing consular services.

Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information page](#).

If you decide to travel to China:

- Enter China on your U.S. passport with a valid Chinese visa and keep it with you.
- If you are arrested or detained, ask police or prison officials to notify the U.S. Embassy or the nearest consulate immediately.
- If you plan to enter North Korea, read the [North Korea Travel Advisory](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Follow the U.S. Embassy on [Twitter](#), [WeChat](#), and [Weibo](#).
- Review the [Crime and Safety Reports](#) for China.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>