

Insights into China's Culture and Society

— A China You May Not Know

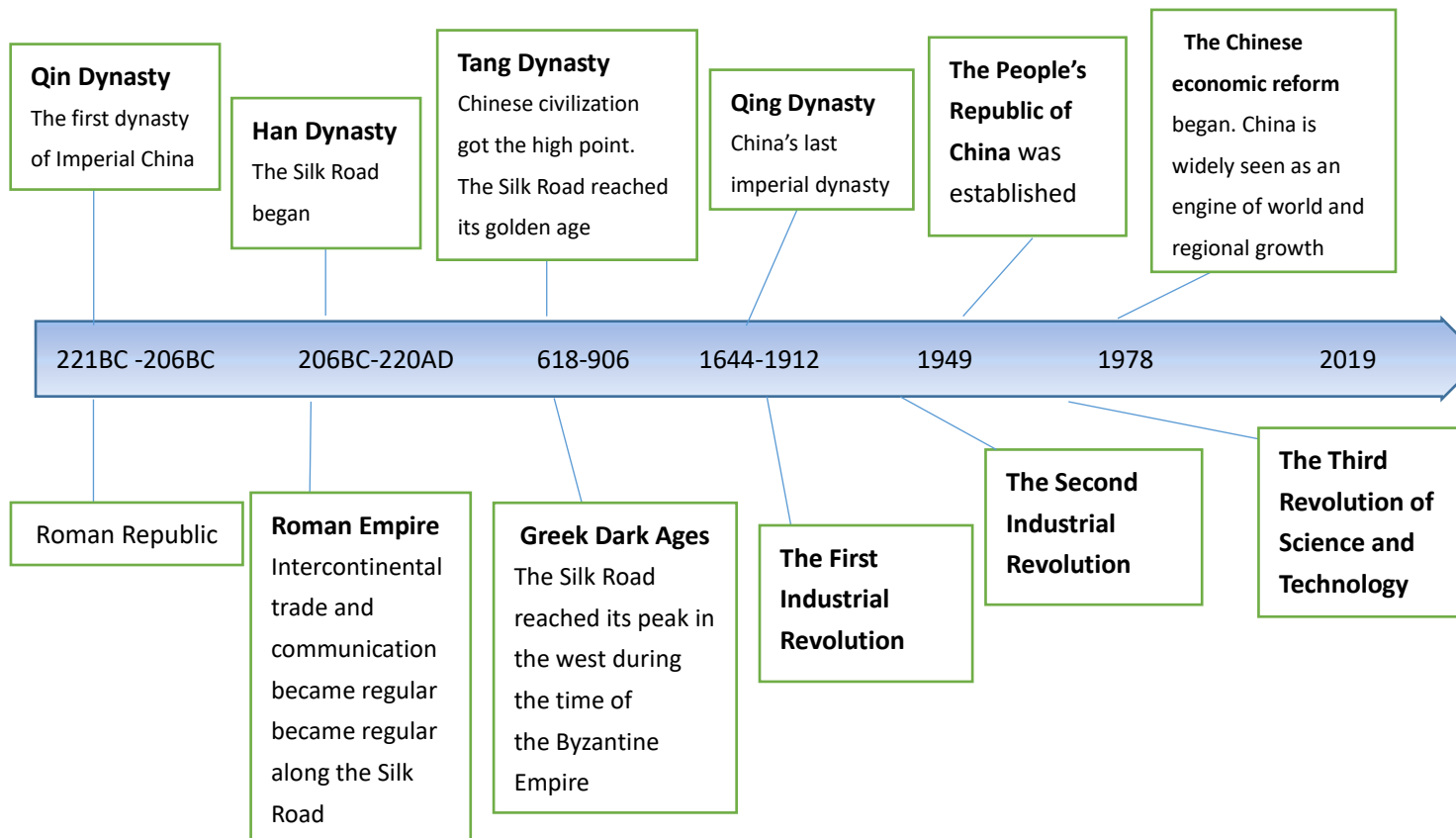
Overview

The National University of Singapore (Suzhou) Research Institute (NUSRI) is pleased to offer the programme conducted in English for undergraduate students and graduate students with no major restriction from 8 December to 22 December 2019. Comprised of a blend of practical teaching sessions, field trips and cultural immersion activities to Xi'an and Beijing, the programme gives participants a unique perspective to better understand China.

NUSRI (www.nusri.cn) is the first overseas research institute of NUS that is located within Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), China. With the unveiling of its new building in 2013, NUSRI has admitted groups of students from NUS, SMU, NTU and overseas universities.

China emerged as one of the world's earliest civilizations. Now China is the second largest economy in the world. From the first imperial dynasty to the People's Republic of China, Chinese society, economy and culture have developed and changed throughout the millennia. This programme will bring you to the heartland of China and give you the best opportunities to see a China you may not know.

Timeline in China and western world





You could never know where China will go if you don't know where China comes from.

Eligibility

- ◆ Students must be enrolled as undergraduates or graduates at home universities.
- ◆ Adequate English proficiency (at least IELTS 6.0 for students from non-English speaking countries/areas).

PROGRAMME COST

The programme fee is \$2,380 and includes the following:

- ◆ Double occupancy lodging throughout the programme
- ◆ Local transportation for planned activities
- ◆ High-speed train from Xi'an to Beijing
- ◆ Activities and lessons in Xi'an and Beijing
- ◆ Meals during major occasions

The accommodation will be double occupancy lodging (3-star hotels or above).

Basic accident insurance of RMB300K will be purchased for each student.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application (Deadline: 11 November 2019)

Please apply through NUSRI website:

(<http://en.nusri.cn/edu/ipgm/ocp/>)

Trip Details (tentative):

Date	Activities
Dec 8 (SUN)	Airport Pick-up Participants will fly from home country to Xi'an. Shuttle bus will be arranged from Xi'an International Airport to hotel. Timing: 10:30 and 17:00
Dec 9 (MON)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Programme Orientation<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To have an overall impression of the programme• To get the general understanding of China2. Ice breaking<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting to know each other via some activities.3. Welcome Dinner (Xi'an Dumpling Banquet)
Dec 10 (TUE)	Topic: Chinese History <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Wandering at the Long River of Chinese History<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To have the basic understanding of Chinese history• To understand some of the key evolutions and changes in Chinese history2. On-site visit: Shaanxi History Museum<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To appreciate the beauty of Chinese civilization• To better analyze Chinese civilizations from the perspectives of time and geography
Dec 11 (WED)	Topic: Cultural Inheritance <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On-site visit: Emperor Qin's Terracotta Warriors and Horses<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The eighth wonder of the world• The first emperor in China who established the first united, multi-ethnic country of China• Unified metric unit, words, currency, law and so on to make cultural inheritance possible2. Cultural Art Appreciation & DIY: Making of terracotta warriors

Dec 12 (THU)	<p>Topic: China Economy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk: Overview of China Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the development and current status of China economy • To get to know China's role in global market 2. On-site Company Visit: TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the on-site visit and interaction with higher management, participants will know China's economy in practical way • How enterprises develop in China's economy?
Dec 13 (FRI)	<p>Topic: Development of Chinese City- Take Xi'an as an example</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-site Lecture: Xi'an City Planning Exhibition Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View the development of Chinese city • Understand the development of Chinese architecture 2. On-site visit: Xi'an City Wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most complete city wall survived in China and one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world 3. On-site visit: Bell Tower and Drum Tower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the key elements of ancient architecture of China • What does such kind of buildings mean to a city?
Dec 14 (SAT)	<p>Topic: Food Culture and Folk Culture Exploration</p> <p>On-site Learning @ Yuan Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand why Xi'an could be the top 10 food court in Asia • To experience the village life of China • To appreciate Chinese traditional arts
Dec 15 (SUN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience high-speed train from Xi'an to Beijing
Dec 16 (MON)	<p>Topic: Government Structure in China</p> <p>Visit to one university in Beijing Interaction with local students Lecture: The Evolution of China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the basic landscape of China • To get to know main policies of current China and their influence to Chinese society
Dec 17 (TUE)	<p>Topic: National Fusion of China</p> <p>On-site learning @ Great Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the military defense in ancient time look like? How does

	<p>it work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Wall's influence on China's culture and economy • What kind of role does Great Wall play on national fusion?
Dec 18 (WED)	<p>Topic: Ongoing Transformation of China</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk: Developing between Traditions and Modernity: A Real China in Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clarify some misunderstanding of China in foreigners' view and help participants to know real China and real Chinese • To realize the fundamental transformation that China goes through 2. On-site Learning @ the Summer Palace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 4 gardens in China • To appreciate the beauty of imperial garden
Dec 19 (THU)	<p>Topic: Understanding Chinese People</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk: Chineseness of the Chinese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand fundamental traits of Chinese culture • Develop your own way to deal with Chinese 2. On site visit: 798 ArtDist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating contemporary art, architectural space, cultural industry, history and urban environment together • To have a general idea of new trends of current Chinese culture
Dec 20 (FRI)	<p>Topic: Wisdom of Ancient Chinese</p> <p>On-site learning @ the Palace Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have the general understanding of Ming and Qing history • Social hierarchy in ancient time and imperial culture • How does the architecture of Forbidden City combine with Chinese Zhou Li, Yi Jing and Feng Shui culture?
Dec 21 (SAT)	<p>Topic: Farewell Day</p> <p>Farewell Party</p> <p>Farwell Dinner @ Baijia Courtyard to experience the imperial culture of China</p>
Dec 22 (SUN)	<p>Home-sweet-home</p> <p>Flight back to your own country</p>

Note: The schedule is subject to modifications (without compromising its overall objectives) due to unforeseen circumstances.