

2006 Faculty Development Tour to Western China
May 23 – June 6, 2006



Travel Route:

Segment 1: Chicago-Beijing (flight, UA)

Segment 2: Beijing-Chengdu (flight)

Segment 3: Chengdu-Lhasa (capital of Tibet, flight)

Segment 4: Lhasa-Xi'an (flight)

Segment 5: Xi'an-Dunhuang (flight)

Segment 6: Dunhuang-Urumqi via Turpan (train, soft-couch)

Segment 7: Urumqi-Shanghai (flight)

Segment 8: Shanghai-Hangzhou-Shanghai (bus)

Segment 9: Shanghai-Chicago (flight, UA)

Itinerary (Tentative)

Date	Scheduled Activities	Remarks
5/23/05 Tuesday	Departure for China. O'Hare-Shanghai (possible flight #, UA 851, departure at 12:02 PM, non-stop)	Bus leaves from the Turnaround of the Union at 7:30 AM unless you go to O'Hare airport on your own.
5/24 Wednesday	Arrival at Beijing, 2:25 PM Check in hotel	Total flight time: 13.5 hours Lodging: <i>21st Century Hotel</i> (Beijing)
5/25 Thursday	Tour of <i>Great Wall/Forbidden City</i> Afternoon flight to Chengdu (CA4104, 16:40-19:15 PM), meet rep from travel agency and check in hotel	Those who had been to Beijing may choose to tour a place of their choice Lodging (in Chengdu)
5/26 Friday	Morning flight to Lhasa (CA4421, 8:40-10:30 AM), Tour of <i>Norbulingka Park</i>	Lodging: <i>Dhood Gu Hotel</i> (Lhasa)
5/27 Saturday	Tour of Potala Palace, Sera Monastery, Jokhang Temple, and the Barkhor Street	Lodging: <i>Dhood Gu Hotel</i> (Lhasa)
5/28 Sunday	Morning flight to Xian via Chengdu Tour of <i>Terra-Cotta Warriors Museum/Great Mosque</i>	Those who had been to Xi'an may choose to tour a place of their choice Lodging (in Xi'an)
5/29 Monday	Flight to Dunhuang (HU7531, 9:00 AM-12:40 PM) Tour of <i>Mogao Grottoes</i>	Lodging (in Dunhang)
5/30 Tuesday	Morning tour of <i>Moon Lake/Mingsha desert</i> , rest in the afternoon, and then overnight train (soft-couch) to Urumqi via Turpan	Overnight train
5/31 Wednesday	Arrival at Turpan in the morning. Tour of <i>Caochang Ancien City, Astana Ancient Tombs, and Flaming Mountain</i>	Lodging (in Turpan):
6/1 Thursday	Tour of Urumqi	Lodging (in Urumqi)
6/2 Friday	Flight to Shanghai (MU5632, 17:20-22:10 PM)	Lodging: <i>Shanghai Hotel</i>
6/3 Saturday	Tour of <i>Yuyuan and the Bund</i>	Lodging: <i>Shanghai Hotel</i>
6/4 Sunday	Morning bus to Hangzhou Tour of <i>Lingyin Temple, Westlake</i> and meeting with VU students/friends	Lodging: <i>Lakeview Hotel</i> (Hangzhou)
6/5 Monday	Free time	Lodging: <i>Lakeview Hotel</i> (Hangzhou)
6/6 Tuesday	Bus to Shanghai airport, flight to O'Hare (UA836, 6:00 PM-6:28 PM)	Arrival at Chicago on the same day