



# La Salle College Parent Teacher Association

## *Inner Mongolia Study Tour 2014 – ‘The Eternal Flame’* *Preamble*



### **Background**

In order to help students further develop their understanding of the history and cultural development of Mongolia, the La Salle College Parent Teacher Association is organizing a study tour, *‘The Eternal Flame’*, to Inner Mongolia, on 26 June – 3 July, 2014. The study tour is a joint project with Heep Yunn School and is to be assisted by the Department of Youth Affairs Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR.

### **Formation**

Around 80 students and parents, led by 8 teachers, of the 2 schools will form a tour group to visit the north-eastern part of Inner Mongolia from the 26<sup>th</sup> June to the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014. Students of various Forms will be grouped together into 8-9 tour study groups. Each study group will be supervised by a teacher/parent advisor and a senior form student. Team work and compliance to instructions will be expected throughout the tour.

### **Accommodation & Itinerary**

All members of the tour will stay at 3-star hotels. Throughout the trip the tour group will be accompanied by local officials and qualified local tour guides. Licensed drivers and coaches will be hired for transportation and suitable restaurants will be arranged for meals. Please note that participants are not to join or leave the tour within the period as there is only one direct flight to the region each week.



### **Cultural & Educational Visits**

The tour group will visit renowned sites such as the Hulunbeier National Museum, Argun River, Mordaga National Forest Park, Hulun Lake, and Hulun Buir Grasslands. They will also have a chance to visit the Barga Mongol Tribe, Auluguya & Ewenke Tribe, Mongolian hunters, and Russian families. The tour group will also experience a stay in a Mongolian yurt, and will see the famous prairie, and the natural ecology of the Greater Khingan. Through these visits, students will gain an understanding of Mongolian history as well as a sense of the wonderful natural environment of Inner Mongolia.



The tour group will also visit famous historical and cultural sites such as the Anti-Fascism Memorial Park, Heishantou Ruins, and the Old Sino-Russia Border Crossing at Manzhouli (the largest inland port in China). In addition, the participants will cross the China-Russia Border and visit Zabaikalsk and Redstone, towns in Russia. On the tour, participants will also have a chance to taste traditional Mongolian and Russian food. For details please refer to the tentative itinerary below.

### **Pre-trip Workshop**

To provide adequate knowledge for the trip, preparation meetings and a pre-trip workshop will be conducted by teachers before the tour. In the workshop, the history and culture of Inner Mongolia, as well as appropriate school boys/girls manners will be discussed. All participating students must attend the meetings and workshops and parents are also welcome.



### **Project Learning**

Research based project learning is a requirement of this study tour. Students will be required to conduct a small scale research project. Their learning outcomes will be appraised by teachers and parents after the tour. All students must take part in one group project. Students need to collect information, prepare questionnaires, conduct interviews, analyze their findings, and carry out a presentation after the tour. Topics are as follows:

#### **A Presentation – ‘The Eternal Flame’ (永恒之火)**

In Mongolic language, the name of the tribe means ‘Eternal Flame’. Prior to the Tour the participating students will be required to collect information about the history of the Mongolian tribes. During the tour, the students will be required to investigate the changes in living conditions and culture among Mongols from their observation and discussion with residents.

#### **B Presentation – ‘Crossover: Sino-Russia’ (中俄关系)**

To attain more understanding of the Sino-Russian mixed culture, the tour group is going to pay a one-day visit to nearby towns in Russia. Prior to the tour the participating students will be required to collect information about the Sino-Russian relationship and relevant historical joint statements and events. During the tour, the students will be required to investigate the nature of the recent relationship, its characteristics, and impact.

#### **C Presentation – ‘Inner Mongolia on your tongue tip’ (舌尖上的内蒙古)**

Prior to the tour the participating students will be required to collect information on the traditional local snacks and cuisine in Inner Mongolia. During the tour, the students will be required to investigate the history and development of tribal cuisine and to report on it.



## **Finance**

All the expenditure concerning the tour will be shared by the participants. Major items of expenditure are as follows:

- Direct flight tickets including tax & fuel surcharge (a new flight route starts in April 2014)
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Transportation
- Admission fees
- Service charge of local guides and drivers
- Uniform and souvenirs
- All necessary sundry items during the tour
- Expenses of preparation meetings, workshops and reunion parties
- Partial expenses of teacher leaders



The tour is expected to cost about HK\$9,800. However, it may vary according to actual needs and final logistics. Successful applicants who have acquired financial assistance from the Student Financial Assistance Agency will attain a corresponding subsidy for the tour from the Parent-Teacher Association while other needy students may be eligible for the Community Care Fund (CCF) subsidy. No student is to be excluded for financial reasons. Please contact Dr. SIN Man Fai or Mr. CHAN Tong if you require further information.

## **Your Support**

Structured study tours have proven to be fruitful and beneficial to the personal growth of students, especially in broadening their horizons. We would highly recommend this study tour to you and your son. Please apply via eNotice on or before 1 April 2014, and submit a cheque (HK\$9,800, payable to “LSCPTA”) and a copy of travel documents to the collection box at the School Office. Student applicants may be invited to attend an interview, if necessary, at a later date. Parents are also welcome to join the tour - please note that there are only a limited number of places available. Thank you.

**La Salle College – Heep Yunn School 喇沙書院、協恩中學**  
**Inner Mongolia Cultural Study Tour 2014 Itinerary 二零一四年內蒙古文化研習團行程**  
*(This itinerary is subject to changes due to practical conditions, weather, transportation, etc.)*

Date 日期	Time 時間	Activities 活動	Remark 備註
26 Jun (Thu) 六月二十六日 (星期四)	07:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemble at Aisle N, Terminal 2, HKIA 香港国际机场二号客运大楼集合</li> <li>Depart for Hailar by direct flight 乘坐直航机前往海拉尔</li> </ul>	UO2357 10:00 – 14:40
	Afternoon 午後	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Hulunbeier National Museum 参观【呼伦贝尔民俗博物馆】</li> </ul>	
	Evening 晚上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check-in hotel 入住下榻饭店</li> <li>Arrival briefing 抵步简介会</li> </ul>	
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Hailar 海拉尔市内三星酒店	
27 Jun (Fri) 六月二十七日 (星期五)	Morning 早上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Anti-Fascism Memorial Park 参观【世界反法西斯紀念園】</li> </ul>	海拉尔 - 巴尔虎 (100 公里)
	Afternoon 午後	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Barga Mongols Tribe 探访巴尔虎蒙古部落</li> <li>Scenery at prairie 欣赏大草原风光</li> <li>Building of Mongolian yurt 搭建蒙古包</li> </ul>	
	Evening 晚上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campfire 营火会</li> </ul>	
	Accommodation: 住宿	Mongolian yurt 巴尔虎蒙古包	
28 Jun (Sat) 六月二十八日 (星期六)	Morning 早上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depart for Argun City 前往额尔古纳市</li> <li>Depart for Genhe Wetland 参观【根河湿地】</li> </ul>	巴尔虎 - 额尔古纳 (200 公里)
	Afternoon 午後	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Shiwei Town and Argun River 参观室韦镇及额尔古纳河</li> </ul>	
	Evening 晚上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russian dinner 俄罗斯风味美食</li> <li>De-briefing 见闻解读会</li> </ul>	额尔古纳 - 室韦 (160 公里)
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Shiwei 室韦镇内三星酒店	
29 Jun (Sun) 六月二十九日 (星期日)	Morning 早上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit Mordaga National Forest Park 参观【莫尔道嘎国家森林公园】</li> </ul>	室韦 - 莫尔道嘎 (87 公里)
	Afternoon 午後	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit natural ecology of Greater Khingan 参观大兴安岭自然生态</li> </ul>	莫尔道嘎 - 根河 (130 公里)
	Evening 晚上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>De-briefing 见闻解读会</li> </ul>	
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Genhe 根河市内三星酒店	

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30 Jun (Mon) 六月三十日 (星期一)	Morning 早上	• Visit Auluguya & Ewenke Tribe 参观敖鲁古雅使鹿部落、鄂温克族	
	Afternoon 午後	• Visit Mongolian hunters 探访蒙古猎户 • Depart for Argun 前往额尔古纳市	
	Evening 晚上	• De-briefing 见闻解读会	
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Argun City 额尔古纳市内三星酒店	
1 Jul (Wed) 七月一日 (星期二)	Morning 早上	• Visit Heishantou Ruins 参观【黑山头古城遗址】	额尔古纳 - 黑山头 (60公里)
	Afternoon 午後	• Depart for Manzhouli • Visit Old Sino-Russia Border Crossing 参观满州里国门景区	黑山头 - 满州里 (200公里)
	Evening 晚上	• Visit Russian Matryoshka Dolls Plaza 【俄罗斯套娃广场】	
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Manzhouli City 满州里市内三星酒店	
2 Jul (Wed) 七月二日 (星期三)	Morning 早上	• 1-Day tour at Zabaikalsk & Redstone City 俄罗斯后贝加尔斯克及红石市一天游	满州里 - 后贝加尔斯克 - 红石 (128公里)
	Afternoon 午後	- Visit Russian families 拜访俄罗斯家庭 - Shopping at Russian Shopping Mall 俄罗斯商场购物	
	Evening 晚上	- Return to Manzhouli 返回满州里 - Departure briefing 回程简介会	
	Accommodation: 住宿	3-Star hotel in Manzhouli City 满州里市内三星酒店	
3 Jul (Thu) 七月三日 (星期四)	Morning 早上	• Visit Hulun Lake 参观呼伦湖 • Visit Hulun Buir Grasslands 呼伦贝尔大草原	
	Afternoon 午後	• To Hailar Airport, depart for HK 前往海拉尔机场; 乘坐直航机返回香港	UO2358 16:00 - 21:00
	Evening 晚上	• Dismiss at HKIA 於香港国际机场解散	