

La Salle College Parent Teacher Association
The Silk Road Study Tour 2016 – ‘Back to The Future’
Preamble

Background

In order to help students develop further their understanding of the Silk Road, its rich culture and history, and its future development, the La Salle College Parent Teacher Association is organizing a study tour ‘Back to the Future’ the Silk Road (Dunhuang - Lanzhou) from 11th to 18th July, 2016. The study tour is a joint project with St Paul’s Secondary School Parent-Teacher Association and is to be assisted by the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR. Most probably we will be the first group of Hong Kong students visiting the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center (酒泉卫星发射中心) which is not opened to visitors in general.



Formation

Around 90 Form 1 to Form 5 students and 10 teachers or parent helpers of the schools will form a group visiting Dunhuang - Lanzhou for 8 days. Students of various Forms will be grouped together into 9 groups. Each 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 group will take direct flights and stay at 4-stars hotels. Throughout the trip the group will be accompanied by a local reception body and qualified local tour guides. Licensed drivers and coaches will be engaged for transportation and well-known, popular and hygienic restaurants will be arranged for meals. Students will also experience modern transportation in China on the renowned high-speed train. A high standard of professional arrangements for sight-seeing, accommodation, transportation, catering, and safety has been negotiated.

Cultural Visits

The group will start the journey from Dunhuang and travel towards Lanzhou. The tour will include visits to famous sights such as the Mogao Caves (莫高窟), Mingsha Shan (鸣沙山), Yueyaquan (月牙泉), and Jiayu Pass (嘉峪关). In addition, the tour will include visits to spectacular cultural sites such as the Zhangye Danxia National Geological Park (七彩丹霞地貌公园), Binggou Danxia (冰沟丹霞), Wuwei Grand Buddha Temple (大佛寺), Wuwei Wu Temple (海藏寺), Confucius Temple (文庙), Mother of the Yellow River Statue (黄河母亲像), Lanzhou Waterwheel Park (水车园), and the Yellow River Bridge (黄河铁桥).



To extend participants' understanding of the history of the Silk Road, the group will also visit museums such as the Dunhuang Museum (敦煌市博物馆), Gansu Provincial Museum (甘肃省博物馆), Jiayuguan Wei and Jin Tombs (魏晋壁画墓), and Leitai Han Tombs (雷台汉墓). Through a seminar to be conducted by archaeologists on the tour participants will have an intensive understanding of the remarkable history and culture of the Mogao Caves. A visit to the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center (酒泉卫星发射中心) will be a highlight of the tour as participants will observe in person the high-tech development of China and her space industry.



Pre-trip Workshop

To provide adequate pre-requisite knowledge preparation meetings and a pre-trip workshop will be conducted by teachers before the tour. In the workshop the history and development of the Silk Road, as well as appropriate school (boys/girls) manners, will be elaborated. All participating students must attend the meetings and workshops, and parents are also welcome.



Project Learning

Research project learning is to be embedded on this tour. Students will be required to conduct small scale research projects. Their learning outcomes will be appraised by teachers and parents after the tour. All students must take part in one group project. The 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 – ‘Save Our Heritage’ (失落的宝藏)**

Prior to the tour the participating students are to collect information about the Mogao Caves and the flow of Buddhism into China. During the tour students will investigate the current condition of the heritage structures and reflect on the importance of cultural conservation.

B **Presentation – ‘Dream of the Dragon’ (龙之梦)**

Prior to the tour the participating students are to collect information about the development of the space industry in China over the past decades. During the tour students will investigate the possible challenges and opportunities in peaceful and beneficial usage of space technology.

C **Presentation – ‘Back to The Future’ (回到未来)**

Prior to the tour the participating students are to collect information about the history of the Silk Road and its diversified trading routes at different periods. During the tour students will investigate the recent development and possible roles of the Silk Road in the future.



Finance

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

- Flight tickets (inc. tax & fuel surcharge)
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Transportation
- Admission fees
- Uniform and souvenirs
- Partial expenses of teacher leaders
- All necessary sundry items during the tour
- Expenses of preparation meetings, workshops and reunion parties



The tour is expected to cost about HK\$9,800. However, it may vary according to actual needs and final logistics. Applicants attaining financial assistance from the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) or Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme please indicate in your application for possible subsidy from our Parent Teacher Association. Please also note that it is Lasallian philosophy that no one will be deprived of the opportunity of joining programmes or activities for financial reasons.

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. Parents of interested students please apply for their son via the eNotice before Sunday 13th March 2016, and submit a cheque of HK\$9,800 (payable to 'LSCPTA') and a copy of their sons HKID and Home-Return Card (passport not recommended) on the same side of an A4 paper to the collection box placed at the School Office on or before Monday, 14 March 2016. If over-subscribed the normal selection process will be applied by teachers and cheques will be refunded to those unsuccessful applicants. Withdrawal will not be entertained after confirmation that the application has been successful. Thank you.



**The Silk Road Study Tour 2016 二零一六年「丝绸之路」历史文化研习团
Tentative Itinerary 暂定行程 (2016-02-24)**

(This itinerary is subject to change due to practical conditions, weather, transportation, etc.)

Date 日期	Time 時間	Activities 活動	Remark 備註
Day 1 11 Jul (Mon) 七月十一日 (星期一)	07:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemble at Aisle N, Terminal 2, HKIA 香港国际机场二号客运大楼 N 行集合 Depart for Dunhuang by Hong Kong Express direct flight 乘坐香港快运直航包機前往敦煌 	UO 09:20 – 14:20
	Afternoon 下午	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Dunhuang Museum 参观敦煌市博物館 BBQ buffet dinner 自助烧烤晚餐 	
	Evening 晚上	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp fire 篝火晚会 Arrival briefing 抵步简介会 	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Dunhuang 住宿：敦煌 4 星级酒店		
Day 2 12 Jul (Tue) 七月十二日 (星期二)	Day time 日间	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mogao Caves 莫高窟 Mingsha Shan 鸣沙山 Yueyaquan 月牙泉 	
	Evening 晚上	Seminar on history of Dunhuang Mogao Caves 敦煌莫高窟专题讲座	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Dunhuang 住宿：敦煌 4 星级酒店		
Day 3 13 Jul (Wed) 七月十三日 (星期三)	Morning 早上	Depart for Jiayu Pass by coach 乘车前往嘉峪关	Dunhuang – Jiayu Pass 敦煌 - 嘉峪关 (~5 hours)
	Afternoon 午後	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jiayu Pass Tower 嘉峪关城楼 Ancient military pass 古代将军关口 Cantilever Great Wall 悬臂长城 	
	Evening 晚上	Daily debriefing 见闻解读会	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Jiayu Pass 住宿：嘉峪关 4 星级酒店		
Day 4 14 Jul (Thu) 七月十四日 (星期四)	Morning 早上	Depart for Jiuquan by coach 乘车前往酒泉	Jiayu Pass - Jiuquan 嘉峪关 - 酒泉 (~3.5 hours)
	Day time 日间	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre 酒泉卫星发射中心 Jiuquan Park 酒泉公园 	
	Evening 晚上	Daily debriefing 见闻解读会	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Jiuquan 住宿：酒泉 4 星级酒店		
Day 5 15 Jul (Fri) 七月十五日 (星期五)	Morning 早上	Depart for Zhangye by coach 乘车前往张掖	Jiuquan - Zhangye 酒泉 - 张掖 (~3 hours)
	Day time 日间	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jiayuguan Wei and Jin Tombs 魏晋壁画墓 Zhangye Danxia National Geological Park 七彩丹霞地貌公园 Binggou Danxia 冰沟丹霞 	
	Evening 晚上	Daily debriefing 见闻解读会	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Zhangye 住宿：张掖 4 星级酒店		

Day 6 16 Jul (Sat) 七月十六日 (星期六)	Morning 早上	Depart for Wuwei by coach 乘车前往武威	Zhangye – Wuwei 张掖 - 武威 (~2 hours)
	Day time 日间	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wuwei Grand Buddha Temple 大佛寺 • Wuwei Wu Temple 海藏寺 • Wuwei Confucius Temple 文庙 	
	Evening 晚上	Daily debriefing 见闻解读会	
	Accommodation: 4-Star hotel in Wuwei 住宿：武威4星级酒店		
Day 7 17 Jul (Sun) 七月十七日 (星期日)	Morning 早上	Depart for Lanzhou by coach 乘车前往兰州	Wuwei – Lanzhou 武威 - 兰州 (~4 hours)
	Day time 日间	Visit to 参观: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leitai Han Tombs 雷台汉墓 • Gansu Provincial Museum 甘肃省博物馆 • Mother of the Yellow River Statue 黄河母亲像 • Lanzhou Waterwheel Park 水车园 • Yellow River Bridge 黄河铁桥 	
	Evening 晚上	Departure briefing 回程简介会	
	Accommodation: Sleepers carriage on high-speed train from Lanzhou to Dunhuang 住宿：於兰州往敦煌高铁/动车上硬卧车厢		
Day 8 18 Jul (Mon) 七月十八日 (星期一)	Morning 早上	Tour in Dunhuang city area 参观敦煌市	
	Afternoon 午後	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Dunhuang Airport 前往敦煌機場 • Depart for HK by Hong Kong Express direct flight ; 乘坐香港快运直航包機返回香港 	UO 16:50 - 20:05
	~ 21:00	Dismiss at HKIA 於香港國際機場解散	