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# SUMMER FIELD STUDY AND CULTURAL LEARNING FOR EDUCATORS



## Summer Field Study for Educators

ACES International provides a comprehensive learning tour to professionals in the field. Customized to the educator, this annual experience is focused on a country’s educational system, culture, cuisine, arts, and history. It provides real-world relevance for school districts and classrooms as participants bring their experiences back to their students and into the curriculum.

*“It is our responsibility to prepare our students for their world.”*

Jason Hiruo, Director



## Comprehensive Programming

The AI Field Study is for teachers, administrators, and board members that seek to advance their own growth while ultimately enhancing student achievement and global perspectives in a community.

Participants receive fully inclusive cultural preparation and training seminars leading up to the tour. Preparatory learning allows each participant to deepen understanding and awareness of societal expectations, cultural practices, and knowledge of the educational system. In turn, the educator can focus on their personal experience while abroad rather than being overwhelmed with the unfamiliarity of a society's culture and practices.

Site visits to campuses, classrooms, and seminars allow participants to connect commonalities to colleagues around the world, identify relevance in the field, and tour learning environments to apply greater understanding.

## Educator-Centered

The ACES International team is a dedicated group of educators dedicated to create global opportunities that help bring learning communities together. We foster the development of understanding and mutual respect within communities by promoting the exchange of ideas and experiences. We help to give students, educators, and aspiring professionals from across the world skills that make them active and responsible global citizens.

The AI Field Study is successful because we:

- offer a time-tested itinerary with reliable resources and professional network of committed educators;
- design an experience that prioritizes safety and well-being first;
- assemble the greatest resources in our partnered countries and the most committed, experienced, and passionate staff in the field;
- work to ensure that each opportunity and experience informs perspective and expands the horizons of all stakeholders.

## The 2018 AI Field Study

will highlight an all-inclusive itinerary that exposes participants to the modern and historical culture of China and Thailand. Customized for the educator, participants will experience the arts, the cuisine, the people, and the magnitude of China and Thailand in an all-encompassing cultural itinerary. We personalize this with up-close and personal discussions with artists, innovators, city planners, and educational leaders; strolls through the back streets of family neighborhoods, art galleries, and art districts; school site visits; on-your-own time to explore, and historian guided tours.

*“I truly enjoyed the field study and found it to have had the perfect balance of educational, social, and cultural experiences.”*



*“Not only was the field study incredible but I also very much enjoyed the meetings leading up to the trip. I found them well-structured, informational, and interesting.”*



# The ACES International 2018 Summer Field Study

## Southern China and Thailand: Education, Arts, and History

**Hong Kong:** Situated on China's south coast and surrounded by the Pearl River Delta and South China Sea, Hong Kong is renowned for its glittering skyline and magnificent natural harbor. As the entry point into China for the world, it makes for a memorable introduction to Chinese culture and an easy transition to mainland China. The field study connects participants to master teachers and a progressive school campus in China. (3 Nights)

**Guangzhou:** Among the wealthiest and most forward-thinking cities in China, Guangzhou blends tradition with progressive commerce and education. Linked to the metropolis of the South China Sea, this city is famed for its dim sum cuisine. A university visit and a meeting with administrators highlight the best practices intended for rapid STEM development. (2 Nights)

**Shenzhen:** A bustling economic zone bordering Hong Kong, Shenzhen is an economic center for overseas commerce. Shenzhen is a fascinating culture that represents the rapidly-changing China. Educational priorities are changing as this region looks to echo European education models that balance the importance of societal traditions. Up close and personal visits with vocational educators and a local university highlights teacher preparation and training. (2 Nights)

**Thailand:** With its eight million inhabitants that have a reputation for friendliness and hospitality, Bangkok is a teeming metropolis, but it's customs and commitment to growth are the foundations to its communities and local cultures. Its progressiveness and care for history balances contemporary architecture, Buddhist temples, and new priorities in education. (3 Nights)

### Extended Tour:

**Beijing:** An extended tour of the AI Field Study, Beijing allows participants to experience a city steeped in tradition and world influence - the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, the famous 798 Art District, and The Great Wall of China. This extended tour promises to be intriguing and exciting for both returning and new participants alike. (2 Nights)



"I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with educators and ask questions."

"4 out of 4 Stars. I have never met a team like AI that were so enthusiastic, watchful, and committed to my experience!"



"This experience wasn't just about the immersive learning opportunities I had. It brought our team together in ways that you can't duplicate. This will stay with us as colleagues forever."

"Hotels, great. Meals, great. AI, awesome."

## PARTICIPANT SPACE IS LIMITED

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, 11/15/17 (Non-refundable security deposit \$450.00)

**The Price of the AI Field Study abroad includes** (Final Payment due before May 15, 2018):

- Cultural Preparation Workshops on introductory language basics, societal expectations, etiquette, and travel planning.
- Chinese visa and handling fees; \*Visa fees may be subject to change due to U.S. Consulate Policies.
- Economy-class flights, round-trip
- 4-5 star luxury hotels in China and Thailand with full American and Asian cuisine breakfasts.
- All China domestic intra-city airfare, train fares, and/or chartered buses as specified in the itinerary.
- All entrance fees, meals, English-speaking guides; Historians; Private Bus Driver
- Three meals each day, including one beverage, (Additional beverages are the expense of participant).

**Total Cost is determined by Double or Single Occupancy Hotel Room**

*Final Payment due before May 15, 2018.*

**Double Room Occupancy**      \$3,300.00 *per team member*  
(July 8, 2018 – July 19, 2018)      (Non-Refundable Security Deposit of \$450.00 is included in the total cost.)

**Single Room Occupancy**      \$3,850.00 *per individual*  
(July 8, 2018 – July 19, 2018)      (Non-Refundable Security Deposit of \$450.00 is included in the total cost.)

**Extended Beijing Tour**      **Single Room Occupancy:** Add \$450.00  
(July 19, 2018 - July 21, 2018)      **Double Room Occupancy:** Add \$350.00

<b>1st Payment</b>	Non-refundable Security Deposit due before November 15, 2017
<b>2nd Payment</b>	due before January 15, 2018
<b>3rd Payment</b>	due before March 15, 2018
<b>Final Payment</b>	due before May 15, 2018

## Requirements:

- All delegates must have a passport valid for at least 6 months *after* the date of departure from Asia. (Without a valid passport, participants may be refused entry to China at the port of immigration-DHS).
- Participants with underlying medical issues are strongly advised to consult their physician(s) or a travel medicine practitioner well in advance of November deadline to ensure that their travel health needs are met.
- All participants are advised to purchase travel insurance.

## Payment to:

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