Beijing

Beijing is the political center of China, and has commanded attention and inspired controversy for decades. The capital is unique in its physical and spiritual terrain. The massive city walls protected the Imperial and the Forbidden City. The Great Wall marks China’s northern border. As China opens its door to outside influences, the prospect of visiting Beijing is one that has fascinated people of many kinds. Today, Beijing society stands at a crossroads. Taking global Cities: Beijing during Q4 will help you experience the changes of this international metropolis: from the magnificent Great Wall to narrow streets (hutong), from the gigantic Imperial Palace to courtyard houses (siheyuan), from historical Ming Tombs to 2008 Olympic settings. The course will also provide you with an opportunity to experience Chinese culture and life, such as tasting imperial cuisine and the famous Peking Duck, enjoying an acrobatic performance and the Peking Opera, and visiting a giant panda. Participants’ understanding of international issues, such as rampant economic growth, will also be enhanced.

Tentative Itinerary

**Tuesday, May 18:** Departure from the U.S.

**Wednesday, May 19:** Arrive in Beijing. Transfer to hotel.

**Thursday, May 20:** Day trip to the Forbidden City. Special dinner of Imperial cuisine. Evening acrobatic performance.

**Friday, May 21:** Visits to the Great Wall of China and Ming Tombs. Special dinner: Peking Duck Banquet.

**Saturday, May 22:** Morning visit to Tiananmen Square. Free afternoon in Wang Fu Jing District. After dinner visit Beijing Laoshe Teahouse.

**Sunday, May 23:** Full day excursion includes visits to the Temple of Heaven and the 2008 Olympic setting including the National Stadium, “Bird’s Nest,” and the National Aquatics Center, nicknamed the “Water Cube.” The afternoon will continue at the Hutong and Siheyuan - a unique form of community that exists only in China.

**Monday, May 24:** Day visit to Beijing Zoo to see the giant panda.

**Tuesday, May 25:** Morning visit to Capital Normal University (optional). Afternoon and evening free.

**Wednesday, May 26:** Morning departure to the airport for return flight to the U.S.
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Housing and Meals
Students will be housed in a hotel in central Beijing. Breakfast is provided each morning.

Program Costs
The cost information below lists all costs included in the program fee, and estimates for additional expenses. There is no additional tuition charge for this program.

Program Fee: $2195.00

The program fee includes the following:

- International flight;
- Visa;
- Tours and excursions;
- Repatriation insurance coverage;
- Hotel accommodation; and
- Some meals.

The following are not included in the program fee:

- Connecting flight (varies);
- Passport cost: $100.00;
- Food costs: $200.00;
- Spending money: $300.00

The above are estimates and vary per individual spending habits.

Course Enrollment & Requirements
The study visit is a required component of the 3 credit “GLS 100: Global Cities - Beijing” course. The course meets weekly during Q4, and a course syllabus will be provided with course requirements.

Qualifications
Participants must be matriculated Oswego students. Interested students will be registered for Q4 course “GLS 100: Global Cities - Beijing” during course registration by the Office of International Education and Programs.

Payment Dates
December 1, 2009 $250 deposit due
January 15, 2010 Program Balance due

Applications
Submit completed application with $250 deposit by December 1st to the Office of International Education and Programs. Earlier applications strongly encouraged. Refer to http://www.oswego.edu/intled for application and registration instructions.

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