

## 2025 TCI China Study Tour

### Project and Itinerary Introduction

#### Project Overview

The **2025 TCI China Study Tour** is a two-week immersive program in **Chinese language and culture**, presented by the [Tourism Confucius Institute \(TCI\)](#) at [Griffith University](#), in partnership with the [China University of Mining and Technology \(CUMT\)](#).

Since its launch in 2014, this program has offered Griffith students a good chance to experience China beyond the classroom — through local interactions, cultural workshops, language practice, and visits to world-renowned historical sites.

Ideal for students passionate about the Chinese language, this tour blends **hands-on cultural exploration** with **real-world language application**, helping participants build both fluency and intercultural understanding.

#### Key Objectives

##### 1. Language and Cultural Immersion

Participants will engage in daily **Chinese language practice**, **hands-on cultural workshops**, and **community interactions**, offering a rich, immersive experience that enhances both language proficiency and cultural understanding.

##### 2. Educational and Cultural Exchange

Through visits to partner universities and participation in **peer exchange activities** with Chinese students, the tour promotes **mutual learning**, **global awareness**, and the building of lasting **intercultural friendships**.

##### 3. Historical and Cultural Discovery

The program features guided visits to iconic cities such as **Beijing**, **Suzhou**, **Xuzhou**, and **Qufu**, providing deep insight into China's **ancient traditions**, **cultural heritage**, and evolving modern identity.

#### Expected Outcomes

By the end of the program, participants will:

- **Strengthen practical language skills** and cultural competence through real-life immersion and daily interaction.
- **Deepen their understanding** of Chinese society, history, traditions, and everyday life.

- **Build meaningful connections** with peers and local communities, enhancing cross-cultural communication and collaboration.
- **Experience personal growth** by stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new cultural perspectives.

## Itinerary Highlights (Detailed Itinerary will be updated)

**Dates: 1–14 November 2025**

**Day 1–5 (01–05 Nov.): [Beijing](#)**

- Arrival in Beijing
- Explore iconic cultural landmarks: **Forbidden City, Great Wall, Temple of Heaven**, and more.
- Participate in **introductory Chinese language sessions** and basic communication practice.
- Experience local cuisine and daily life through guided cultural immersion activities.

**Day 6–7 (06–07 Nov.): [Suzhou](#)**

- Visit Suzhou Museum and UNESCO-listed Classical Gardens.
- Stroll through a traditional water town to experience ancient Chinese lifestyle and architecture.
- Language and culture focus: Traditional Chinese aesthetics and daily expressions.

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**Day 8–12 (08–12 Nov.): [Xuzhou](#)**

- Travel to Xuzhou and hotel check-in
- Activities include:
  - Welcome ceremony and orientation
  - Campus tour at local university
  - Chinese language immersion program (daily sessions)
  - Hands-on cultural workshops: paper cutting, calligraphy, martial arts, Chinese painting, tea ceremony
  - Visits to local museums and historical sites
  - Closing ceremony and group reflection on experiences

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**Day 13 (13 Nov.): [Qufu](#) (Day Trip)**

- Visit Confucius Temple, Mansion, and Museum
- Participating in cultural exchange activities focused on Confucian heritage and values

### Day 14 (14 Nov.): Departure

- Pack and prepare for return travel
- Transfer from Xuzhou to airport for flight back to Brisbane

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the China Study Tour, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **TCI Students:** You must be a current or former TCI student. Students who have participated in this program within the past three years are **NOT** eligible.
- **University Students in Queensland:** You must be currently enrolled at a university in Queensland, either in a Chinese language program or another program with some Chinese language background.
- **HSK Certification:** You must have completed the HSK Level 1 exam or higher prior to departure. If you have not taken the exam before departure, you will be required to sit for the HSK Level 1 exam during the study tour, as arranged by the program organizers.

*Please note: TCI organizes monthly HSK exams at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses.  
Please visit the [TCI website](#) for exam schedules and registration details.*

- **Valid Passport:** You must hold a passport valid for at least six months beyond the planned departure date.

These criteria are designed to ensure participants are well-prepared to make the most of this valuable cultural experience. We look forward to welcoming you to the program and exploring China together!

## Cost Profile: What's Included in the Program

- **Accommodation:** Complimentary accommodation arranged by the program.
- **Meals:** Complimentary meals during the tour.
- **Transport:** Complimentary transport within China for all program-related activities.
- **Cultural Excursions:** Complimentary participation in cultural tours and excursions.
- **Language Learning:** Complimentary immersive Chinese language learning sessions.
- **Pre-Departure Briefing:** Informative sessions to help you prepare for your journey.

## What You Pay:

- **International Flights:** Participants are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their own round-trip international flights. TCI will suggest a team flight option and coordinate with participants for group booking discussions.
- **Travel Insurance:** You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own international travel insurance. We strongly recommend choosing comprehensive coverage to protect against unforeseen events during the trip.

## Contact

For more information about the China Study Tour Program, please email us : [tci@griffith.edu.au](mailto:tci@griffith.edu.au)

**Registration Deadline:** 11:59 PM, 10 May 2025

**Register Now:** <https://forms.gle/8P3fn5zBwyLm4Xt56> *Limited to 20 places only!*



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## Testimonial:



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*Our week at **CUMT, the China University of Mining and Technology** in Xuzhou, was action packed as well. We were treated to classes in **paper cutting, block printing, traditional nail less building technique, tai chi, cooking and a tea ceremony as well as Chinese instrumental and vocal performances**. The TCI and CUMT staff as well as the lovely volunteer students went out of their way to show us so much of their country's beautiful culture and tradition, of which they can truly be very proud.*

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*"My name is Phil (白飞龙) and I would like to share some of my thoughts about our amazing tour to China with Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) in 2023. Firstly, I should thank TCI and The China University of Mining and Technology for arranging the tour and, of course, teacher Liu and teacher Yang our hard-working tour leaders, translators, confidants, fixers, mentors and generally fantastic people. I had never been to China and so I didn't know what to expect. My textbook taught me how to say hello and goodbye but didn't*

*prepare me for crossing the road in Beijing and being 'attacked' by electric scooters, cars, buses and bicycles. Also not prepared for so many dishes of tasty food rotating on the table at lunch and dinner. Smiling faces on the street asking to take a photo. Magnificent*





palaces of emperors. Awe inspiring 8000 kilometres long wall. The elaborate garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou and the tomb with a kitchen and toilet. Black swans on a university lake. Brocade robes woven with peacock feathers. A museum room filled with hundreds of Ming vases. Children staring and saying 'hello'. A jade shroud, a silver shroud, a copper shroud. Strike a temple bell, pay with Alipay, drink some oolong tea.

*I was only there for 14 days, but my memory is already full. Thank you, China, I now know what to expect and will visit again soon.*”- **Phil**



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*“I have been very privileged to tour China with the Confucius Institute, these last two weeks. I have had a front row seat at a series of significant historical and cultural locations and events as varied as a Beijing opera performance and the opportunity to experiment with a new building system based on ancient temple construction techniques. Perhaps the biggest surprise is a 1,000 year old loom that is programmed, computer style, with knotted strings that hold the instructions for weaving incredibly fine brocade woven from gold thread and peacock feathers. I kid you not.”*—**Geoff**

## Participation Agreement

I understand that once I have submitted my registration for the *2025 China Study Tour with Griffith University Tourism Confucius Institute*, my participation is final, and withdrawal is not permitted.

I acknowledge that this policy is necessary due to budgeting and financial planning requirements.

In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond my control (e.g., serious illness, family emergency, or other force majeure events), I may apply for withdrawal by submitting a written request with supporting documentation.

Withdrawal requests will be assessed based on reasonable grounds and are subject to approval by the program organizers.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The agreement must be signed and submitted to **tci@griffith.edu.au** by the specified deadline, once your place in the China Study Tour has been confirmed.