Study Abroad in China and Mongolia
June 28 to July 16, 2007
Asia 1: Modern Pacific Asia: An Introduction

This course is an exploration of China and Mongolia’s ancient traditions; of their political, religious and social institutions; and of the historical relationship between the settled, agrarian Chinese world and the nomadic, horse-mounted cultures of the Mongols and their predecessors. We will also examine the development of this relationship into the modern era and its influence on modern geopolitics. Finally, this course is a survey of the history, art and architecture of Buddhism in China and Mongolia; and the enduring consequences of this major world religion for both.

Lectures and informal discussions will be in English. These will take place at museums, monuments, rural villages, temples and other sites. A syllabus and course outline will be distributed to participants at an orientation that will take place approximately one month before departure. Participants who successfully complete the course requirements will receive three units transferable to the UC and CSU systems. Students may request an option of Credit (CR) or No Credit (NCR).

Program Faculty
Bob Jones is a professor at City College of San Francisco. He has taught a variety of classes in the art, anthropology and history of China. He conducted archaeological fieldwork in Taiwan, where he lived for nearly a decade. He has led over 50 groups abroad since 1986. This is his ninth year with the Summer in China program.

Itinerary

Day 1
Thursday, June 28, 2007
SAN FRANCISCO Group departure. Leave on Thursday from San Francisco International Airport via United Airlines.

Days 2-4
Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1.
BEIJING Arrive Beijing and overnight at the Qianmen Hotel. Beijing, sometime capital of China since the Yuan dynasty, is replete with antiquity. We visit the Forbidden City and Tian’anmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. We take a pleasant morning ride through the hutongs (old residential alleys) of the city and have lunch with a local family.

Days 5 & 6
Monday & Tuesday, July 2 & 3
GREAT WALL & CHENGDE This morning we drive a few hours outside Beijing to the Simatai section of the Great Wall of China. From here, we have the option of hiking the 10 kilometers on the Wall to Jinshanling, where we will overnight in a small hotel. The Great Wall, one of the world’s most impressive feats of engineering, was China’s definitive statement of separateness and isolation. It was built and rebuilt to separate the settled, agrarian Chinese and the nomadic horsemen of the north. The next day we drive to Chengde, the summer capital of the Manchus, who ruled China from 1644 to 1911.

Day 7
Wednesday, July 4
CHENGDE In Chengde we tour the temples and palaces. The Manchus, who adopted Buddhism from the Tibetans, built in Chengde a smaller version of the Potala Palace in Lhasa. In the afternoon we drive back to Beijing, where we overnight.

Days 8 & 9
Thursday & Friday, July 5 & 6
DATONG In the morning we drive to Datong in neighboring Shanxi Province. At one time the capital of the foreign Northern Wei dynasty, we visit the Yungang Grottoes, one of the four great Buddhist cave complexes in China, the construction of which was initiated by the Northern Wei. In our two days here, we also visit the Huayan and Shanhua Temples, two of the oldest wooden structures in China, and the Hanging Monastery and Wooden Pagoda in nearby Yingxian.

Days 10-12
Saturday-Monday, July 7-9
TRAIN TO ULAAN BAATAR On Day 10 we take the train from Datong or drive to the Mongolian border where we take the overnight train to Ulaan Baatar, capital of Mongolia. After arriving on Day 11, we have two days to tour the city, visiting museums and Gandan Monastery, the most important monastery in Mongolia.

Days 13 & 14
Tuesday & Wednesday, July 10 & 11
KARAKORAM On Tuesday we drive to Karakoram, the old capital of the Mongolian empire established by Jenghiz Khan in 1220, and visited by Marco Polo and other western visitors. Erdene Zuu, Mongolia’s first Buddhist monastery, is built upon the evocative remains of the huge encampment. At Karakoram, we have two days to experience the great mid-summer festival of Naadam, the highlight of our visit to Mongolia, where Mongolian wrestling, archery, and horse racing take center stage for three days.

Day 15
Thursday, July 12
NAADAM & KHOGNO KHAN MOUNTAIN After spending the morning at the Naadam festivities, we drive to Khogno Khan Mountain for a hike and return to our ger camp for the evening.

Day 16
Friday, July 13
KARAKORAM TO KHUSTAIN NURUU NATIONAL PARK After spending the morning at the Naadam festivities, we drive to Khogno Khan Mountain for a hike and return to our ger camp for the evening.
One of two remaining populations of indigenous Mongolian wild horses has been successfully reestablished in the park. This species of horse is called ‘takhi,’ a word that reflects a reverence for horses. Takhi means spirit in Mongolian. The takhi is called the Przewalski horse elsewhere, after a Tsarist explorer who made the horse known to science. In 2002, the CCSF Summer Program ‘adopted’ a newborn takhi foal during its visit. We spend the night in a local ger camp.

Days 17 & 18
Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15
ULAAN BAATOR TO BEIJING Today we drive back early to the capital airport where we board our flight back to Beijing. We spend the next two nights in Beijing where there will be time for personal exploration, reflection on your travels and relaxation. On Day 18, we visit the new Capital Museum. In the evening we enjoy our Peking duck farewell dinner.

Day 19
Monday, July 16
RETURN TO USA. We transfer to the airport for departure. We board our flight home and arrive on the same day.

Important note: Trip itinerary is subject to change!

**Program Cost**
$3595 per person
based on minimum of 20 participants
Single supplement: $450 (except ger camps in Mongolia, where all accommodations are quadruples)

**Program Costs Include:**
- Round-trip airfare between San Francisco/Beijing/San Francisco
- International air transportation from Ulaan Baator to Beijing on Air China Airlines
- All transportation by bus/train in China/Mongolia
- Lodging at 2-3 star hotels based on double occupancy in China and Mongolia
- Ger camp accommodations in Mongolia based on quadruples
- All meals in China and Mongolia (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as listed
- Airport taxes
- Services of English-speaking national and local guides
- Orientation and academic counseling
- Geographic Expeditions Emergency Medical and Evacuation Insurance coverage

**Program Does Not Include:**
- CCSF Tuition and Fees
  - $72.00 for three units for California residents
  - $504 for Non-Residents of California
  - Students should contact the CCSF Study Abroad Program Office at (415) 239-3778 for more information. Fees are set by the State of California and are subject to change.
- Single supplement ($450), which is not applicable for staying in Ger camps
- Books and school supplies
- Passport, China double entry visa
- Travel except as specified in the program itinerary
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel porters
- Items of personal nature, such as phone calls, laundry, postage, and so on

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Trip members

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