

Flight and Travel Information for the Business and Culture in China Program, Summer 2020

Please note that the prices listed below are subject to change, and are likely to increase the closer the departure date gets. Flights and availability are also subject to change.

Space on these flights may fill up quickly. The tickets prices on other flights may be significantly higher than the prices listed below.

How do I book my flights?

To make arrangements to purchase a ticket on the suggested group flight, please contact Meacham Travel Service at **319-351-1360**.

Which flights should I book to travel to/from China?

First, identify if you would like to fly from **1) Cedar Rapids, 2) Chicago, or 3) another city** and consult the appropriate section below:

1) For Students Travelling from Cedar Rapids to Shanghai:

Delta DL3877

Departure: **17 May** 1030AM Cedar Rapids Municipal Arpt (CID) Terminal:
Arrival: 17 May 0114PM Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Arpt (DTW) Terminal: EM
Duration: 1 Hour(s) 44 Minutes

Delta DL583

Departure: 17 May 0409PM Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Arpt (DTW) Terminal: EM
Arrival: **18 May** 0635PM Pudong International Arpt (PVG) Terminal: 1
Duration: 14 Hour(s) 26 Minutes

Returning to the United States from Beijing:

Delta DL188

Departure: **30 May** 0515PM Beijing Capital Arpt (PEK) Terminal: 2
Arrival: 30 May 0627PM Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Arpt (DTW) Terminal: EM
Duration: 13 Hour(s) 12 Minutes

Delta DL3804

Departure: 30 May 0820PM Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Arpt (DTW) Terminal: EM
Arrival: 30 May 0922PM Cedar Rapids Municipal Arpt (CID) Terminal:
Duration: 2 Hour(s) 2 Minutes

How much will it cost to get to China and back?

Current non-refundable ticket fare estimate for the above round trip itinerary, including taxes:	\$1393.00*
Meacham Travel Service transaction fee:	\$50

*The fare for the flights is *not* guaranteed and may change until you have purchased your ticket and your booking is confirmed. Payment in full is required to confirm. UI Study Abroad has worked with Meacham Travel Service to secure the best possible airline fare options for the group. The fare estimate here reflects non-refundable ticketing.

2) For Students Travelling from Chicago to Shanghai:

Travelling to China:

United UA3748

Departure: **17 May** 0535AM Cedar Rapids Municipal Arpt (CID) Terminal:
Arrival: 17 May 0649AM O'Hare Intl Arpt (ORD) Terminal: 2
Duration: 1 Hour(s) 14 Minutes
Booking Class:

United UA835

Departure: 17 May 1000AM O'Hare Intl Arpt (ORD) Terminal: 1
Arrival: 18 May 0135PM Pudong International Arpt (PVG) Terminal: 2
Duration: 14 Hour(s) 35 Minutes

Returning to the United States from Beijing:

United UA850

Departure: **30 May** 1200PM Beijing Capital Arpt (PEK) Terminal: 3
Arrival: 30 May 1200PM O'Hare Intl Arpt (ORD) Terminal: 5
Duration: 13 Hour(s) 0 Minutes
Status:
Booking Class:

United UA4438

Departure: 30 May 0400PM O'Hare Intl Arpt (ORD) Terminal: 1
Arrival: 30 May 0518PM Cedar Rapids Municipal Arpt (CID) Terminal:
Duration: 1 Hour(s) 18 Minutes

How much will it cost to get to China and back?

Current non-refundable ticket fare estimate for the above round trip itinerary, including taxes:	\$1,155.00 *
Meacham Travel Service transaction fee:	\$50

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worked with Meacham Travel Service to secure the best possible airline fare options for the group. The fare estimate here reflects non-refundable ticketing.

3) For students travelling from another city

Students travelling from other locations should ensure that they arrive at *Pudong Airport , Shanghai, China (Airport code: PVG) on May 18, 2019 as close to 1:30 PM or 6:30 pm as possible, and should depart at either 12:00 PM or 5:00 pm on May 30th.*

When you have purchased your plane tickets you will be uploading a copy of your itinerary to your IES portal account.

If you choose to arrive separately against our advice when there are still seats available on the suggested flights, you will be responsible for any additional costs related to special arrangements made for your ground transportation. You will need to coordinate your own alternate ground transport.

You are also responsible for meeting visa or immigration requirements that apply in any country that you travel through on your way to China. If your itinerary has a stop in another country on your way to China, you must contact UI Study Abroad to ensure you are aware of any additional immigration requirements that might apply in the country(s) you will be stopping in.

How do I book my flights?

To make arrangements to purchase a ticket on the suggested group flight, please contact Meacham Travel Service at **319-351-1360**.

If you would prefer to purchase your tickets through another travel agent, online, etc, please review the **“What if I book my ticket from another travel agent, or online?”** section below before purchasing your tickets.

When should I purchase my ticket?

In order to secure the best possible price for your plane ticket, and for IES Abroad to make arrangements for your arrival, it will be important that you purchase your plane tickets and have them uploaded to your IES portal by March 14th, at the latest.

If you are unable to purchase your plane tickets by March 14th, contact Monica Ernberger to discuss your options. You can reach Monica by email at monica-ernberger@uiowa.edu or by appointment at the UI Study Abroad office by calling 319-335-0353, or through the **Advising Appointment** section of your MyUI account.

What if I book my ticket from another travel agent, or online?

A coordinated plan to secure airline tickets has been organized for University of Iowa students by Meacham Travel Service in Iowa City. We strongly advise University of Iowa students to work with Meacham Travel Service to book your travel to and from China so, in the event of any travel-related problems, this reputable, UI-endorsed travel agent will be able to assist you.

For all students, if you are unable to book the suggested flight, it is essential that you arrive at Students travelling from other locations should ensure that they arrive at *Pudong Airport , Shanghai, China (Airport code: PVG) on May 18, 2019 as close to 1:30 PM or 6:30 pm as possible, and that you depart at either 12:00 PM or 5:00 pm on May 30th.* This will allow you to join the group for ground transportation.

If you choose to arrive separately against our advice when there are still seats available on the suggested flight, you will be responsible for any additional costs related to special arrangements made for your ground transportation. You will need to coordinate your own alternate ground transport.

You are also responsible for meeting visa or immigration requirements that apply in any country that you travel through on your way to China. If your itinerary has a stop in another country on your way to China, you must contact UI Study Abroad to ensure you are aware of any additional immigration requirements that might apply in the country(s) you will be stopping in.

I didn't book my flight through Meacham Travel. What happens if I miss my flight or need to rebook my ticket for any reason?

If your ticket is **non-refundable**, you will be paying for your non-refundable ticket and are solely responsible for covering the cost of the ticket. If you need to rebook your ticket for *any reason*, you will be responsible for all costs associated with rebooking your ticket.

This applies to rebooking for any reason, including a weather delay that prevents arrival to the airport in time for your flight, a flight cancellation due to bad weather, a lost passport, a missing visa, denial of entry to China, illness, or any other reason.

If you purchase a refundable ticket, you should contact your travel agent or the website/airline that you purchased your tickets from for more information about what happens if you miss your flight or need to rebook your tickets for any reason.

It is important to be aware of all fees related to changes or cancellation of your tickets before you finalize your purchase. If you are not sure about what fees apply to your tickets if you change or cancel your ticket for any reason, do not purchase your ticket until you have clarified what fees you may be responsible for.

You can find details about any fees related to changes in your travel plans by contacting your travel agent or airline.

What travel documentation do I need to fly to China?

U.S. citizens-

U.S. citizens are required to travel to China with a signed passport valid for six months after their return date to the U.S. (*so, the passport must be valid until at least **December 1st, 2020***). Failure to provide required documentation at check-in will result in denied boarding and possible loss of the value of your airline ticket.

Non-U.S. Citizens-

Immigration requirements for citizens of other countries varies by their country of origin. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact Monica Ernberger to discuss the immigration process you will need to follow to enter China: monica-ernberger@uiowa.edu

All students-

All students may need additional documents in addition to their signed passport. You will be contacted in the coming weeks with more information.

What happens when we arrive in Shanghai?

For students who arrive in China on the suggested group flight, ground transportation from the airport to the program site in Shanghai will be provided by IES Abroad as part of the course fee.

Students who arrive separately from the suggested group flight will be responsible for paying for individual transportation to the program site (*see the **What if I book my ticket from another travel agent, or online?** section above for more information*).

Upon arrival in Shanghai, staff from IES Abroad will identify themselves and direct you to the transportation to the program site.

You will receive specific information about the arrival process, including emergency contact information for staff in China and the US, in the coming weeks. All students must keep at least one paper copy of these arrival instructions in their checked baggage.

For your safety and to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure process, we strongly urge you to make every effort to travel with the group. Participants who do not arrive with the group may be responsible for arranging ground transportation to the program site, and will be responsible for additional costs related to their off-schedule transportation from the airport to the program site.

When you leave China at the end of the program, ground transportation will also be provided as part of the course fee for students departing on the suggested group flight. Students not participating in the group transportation will need to make their own arrangements from the program site to the airport, and will be responsible for all related costs.