

China AMPD

“Sure, you can go to China whenever you want, but gaining the experience and connections with the companies and people we met can only come from a program like this one. I couldn’t be happier with my experience in China and with the group we traveled with!!”

What’s the best advice you can give future students to maximize their experience abroad?

“When you have free time go explore the city. Do not be afraid to try new foods or do new things. On your trip you are not supposed to do everything like you would do it in America. Go have fun and love every minute of what you are doing.”

“Be in the moment for everything. Being abroad is not just about getting the college credit. It is about being in the moment and experiences a new culture first had.”

“Ask the locals where to eat or go out for a night on the town. Go out and walk the streets during free time and dinner, especially in the cities like Shanghai or Hong Kong. TRY the foods at least once. Try, try, try!!”

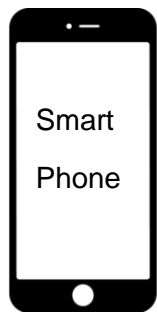
What items did you not bring that you wish you had?

- American snacks
- Emergen-C
- Refillable water bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Blister band-aides

What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?

- Over packed business clothes
- Laptop – not used often

Which devices would you recommend others take in the future?



Most common ways to communicate with family and friends back home:

#1. Through WiFi-enabled smart phones apps

- Skype
- Whatsapp
- iMessage

#2. International calling/text plan through US cell phone carrier

Approximately how much did you spend out of pocket during the program (in USD)?

	Max Value	Average Value
Communication (cell phone, Internet charges, etc.):	50.00	3.89
Food:	600.00	314.00
Going out/free time:	400.00	158.0
Lodging:	2,000.00	200.00
Personal travel/excursions:	400.00	56.00
Program related travel/excursions:	500.00	90.00
Required books/supplies:	100.00	153.33
Souvenirs/gifts:	1,300.00	640.00

What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?

“Set your budget and stick to it. Find the "hole-in-the-walls" that are cheaper but still delicious. Some places will have specials on certain days. Find those days and go!”

“Be aware that the pearl market is expensive and if you want pearls, bring an extra \$500-\$1000 dollars.”

“Prepare a budget beforehand and be honest with yourself. If you plan to shop a lot, that is going to be a big expense.”

How did you pay for things on a daily basis?

1. Cash (exchanged from U.S. currency)
2. Credit/Debit cards
3. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM)

What credit cards were most accepted?

