AIAM China Trip FAQ

Q: Do you have to be a student to go on the AIAM China Tour?
A: No. The China Tour is open to anyone. It is a sightseeing tour.

Q: What are the benefits of staying for the 2 or 4 week study?
A: The China study portion is open to anyone who wants to earn continuing education credits for Acupuncture, Massage or Bodywork. AIAM students can earn internship hours for courses that they are currently enrolled in.

Q: Will an AIAM faculty member stay for the 2 and 4 week tours?
A: Yes.

Q: What do you mean by “credit for tuition paid”?
A: AIAM students already pay for clinical hours in their tuition. They are not charged additional tuition for the China study tour clinical hours.

Q: If I am a current student, will attending this trip change my graduation date?
A: No.

Q: Would this trip be cheaper if I went on my own (without AIAM)?
A: If you traveled individually, perhaps. If participating in a group tour, it is unlikely. We travel in China as a native tourist, walking, using public transportation, eating in local restaurants. However we stay in nice hotels that include a Western and Chinese breakfast buffet.
Q: Are meals included in my total cost?
A: Almost all meals are included. There are several day free days where some meals are not included so that travelers can explore or shop independently without a worry about group time restrictions.

Q: What is the deadline to sign up for this trip?
A: January 8, 2014

Q: When you say “Single Occupancy not available” does this mean I will have to pay extra for train rides ect?
A: No. The sleeper train has berths for 4 passengers in each car.

Q: What are “Continuing Education” credits?
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Q: Does “Double Occupancy” price mean I need to bring someone to room with me; otherwise I will have to pay for single occupancy?
A: The price for double occupancy is for each person sharing a room. Yes, if there are not two people in the room, there is a single occupancy charge. We will try to match up travelers wanting to travel double occupancy.

Q: Is there an estimate on how much spending money I should bring?
A: The cost of souvenirs can’t be estimated for any individual. But in recent trips, tourists rarely spent more than about $300. The study tour only includes tuition, hotel and breakfast. Plan to spend $10/day on the study tour for meals.

Q: What training will I receive during my internship?
A: There are clinical internship assignments on weekdays in the hospital in- and out-patient clinics. There are several lectures by eminent Professors on specialized topics each of the first two weeks. There are several field trips the first two weeks of study also, to the TCM history museum, the TCM supply store, an herbal market, an herbal pharmacy, and to the park for Chi Gong and Chi practice. Each week earns 37.5 clinical hours of education.

Q: Do I need to know Chinese in order to communicate with instructors during my internship?

A: No. The Professors either speak English fluently or have interpreters who do.

Q: Is the cost of transportation in China factored into total expenses?

A: Yes. All travel is included in the China tour. If a student is only going for study, transportation costs are additional.