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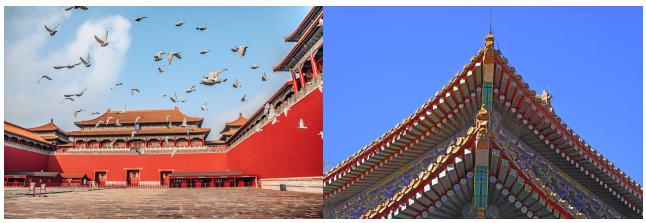
Beijing Central Axis Immersive Study Tour - 6 Days

Engineered specifically to match the cognitive patterns, curiosities, and energetic rhythms of international middle and high school students, this premium 6-day educational study tour offers an unparalleled deep-dive into the heart of Beijing. Driven by a core academic triad—"Central Axis Panoramic Survey, Imperial Ritual & Music Lineage, and Hands-on Master Crafts"—this itinerary transforms the historic alleys of Qianmen, the Temple of Heaven, and the Drum Tower into interactive living classrooms.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1: Beijing	airport - hotel transfer

2	Day 2: Beijing	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **09:00–09:20 Academic Briefing:** Group assembly in the hotel lobby. Education directors distribute the **Bilingual Student Field Notebooks**, outline daily safety protocols, and highlight the core historical questions of the day. **09:20–10:00** Board Metro Line 8 to the Qianmen Tourist Hub to arrive at the "Da Mei Zhong Zhou" (Magnificent Central Axis) Heritage Tram Station. **10:00–10:30 Mobile Tram Seminar:** Board the exclusive **Central Axis Heritage Dangdang Tram** moving Northward to the Drum Tower. Guided by bilingual educators, students analyze the layout of the old city and compare the architectural logic of Beijing's central axis with Western grid systems. **10:30–11:30 The Mechanics of Time at the Drum Tower:** Disembark for an intensive architectural and acoustic study of the **Drum Tower**. Learn about the engineering behind ancient timber tower support systems and decipher old Chinese timekeeping rules like *"Shichen"* and *"Gengdi"*. Includes a 15-minute interactive QA session and sketching window. **11:30–12:00** Take Metro Line 8 from Shichahai Station back to Qianmen using their custom **Beijing Pass** smart cards. Walk to the Quanjude Qianmen Flagship "Taste & Vision" Immersive Digital Dining Hall. **12:00–13:00 Educational Culinary Workshop:** Enjoy a specialized lunch. Mentors explain traditional Chinese dining etiquette and use digital projections to illustrate the historic culinary craftsmanship behind Beijing Roast Duck. **13:00–13:30** Take the Metro to the Temple of Heaven. **13:30–15:00 The Acoustics of Heaven at the Divine Music Administration:** Enter the Temple of Heaven. Attend an **exclusive youth lecture and live performance of ancient court ritual music** at the historic *Shenleshu*. Students listen to ancient bells, stone chimes, and zithers; learn about the traditional Chinese "Eight Tones" (*Ba Yin*) material classification system; and compare Eastern and Western classical tuning. **15:00–17:00 Cloisonné Enamel Masterclass:** Take Metro Line 5 to the Cloisonné Art Museum of China. After exploring the royal gallery, students enter the studio workshop. Guided by a certified Master Craftsman, students engage in a **hands-on wire-pinching or enamel-coloring lab**, firing and polishing their own custom Cloisonné metal plate to take home as an academic keepsake.
		08:30–08:40 Morning check-in and notebook overview in the hotel lobby.

3	Day 3: Beijing	**08:40–09:10** Walk to the Forbidden City. **09:10–12:00 Decoding the Forbidden City:** A comprehensive, expert-guided exploration of the **Palace Museum**. Focus on the spatial geometry of how the Central Axis anchors the palace layout. Investigate the Halls of Supreme Harmony, Central Harmony, and Preserving Harmony to map imperial hierarchies, timber bracketing (*Dougong*), roof-top guardian creatures, and administrative insignias.  **12:00–13:00** Exit via the Gate of Divine Prowess; transfer via transit to the elegant *Hetang Dian* courtyard restaurant for a structured group lunch. **13:00–14:00 Shichahai Hutong Eco-Survey:** Ride traditional three-wheeled rickshaws through the classic Hutongs to observe courtyard lifestyle patterns. Board traditional hand-rowed sculling boats (*Yaolu Chuan*) on Shichahai lake for an onboard youth tea forum accompanied by live classical pipa music. **14:00–17:00 Hongqiao Market & Terrace Geography Lab:** Spend 2 hours analyzing local handicraft economies and historical market structures inside Hongqiao Market. Move to the *Yuchu Dongshan Aesthetics Space* at the Qinian Hong Living Room for an open-air afternoon tea lounge. Students document the landscape connection between the historic Temple of Heaven parkland and modern urban high-rises. **17:00–18:00** Group dinner at the scenic Guantan Restaurant. **18:00–18:30** Transit to the night-cruise boarding gates at Qianmen. **18:45–19:45 Central Axis Night-Glow Cruise:** Board the evening Dangdang Tram for a night-time architectural evaluation, observing how lighting design accentuates historical monumentality in a modern global capital.
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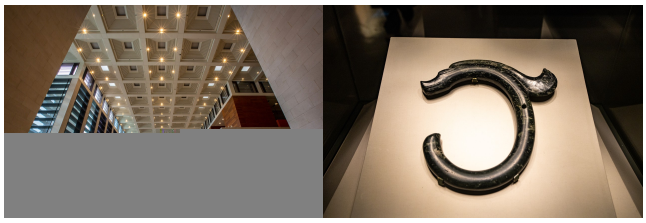
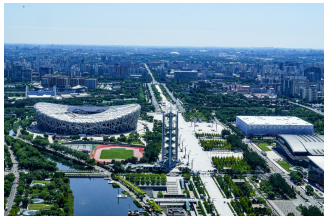
4	Day 4: Beijing	**08:10–08:20** Morning assembly and briefing. **08:20–08:40** Metro transit to **the National Museum**. **08:40–11:00 Archaeological Chronologies at the National Museum:** A targeted student expedition through the permanent "**Ancient China" galleries**. Guided by bilingual history mentors, students analyze technological transitions from Paleolithic stone tools to complex Shang Dynasty bronzes, Tang ceramics, and Ming/Qing artistic expressions, building a coherent timeline of Chinese material culture.  **11:00–11:20** Walk to the lunch venue. **11:20–12:50** Group lunch at the Haishun Restaurant (Siji Minfu Forbidden City Complex). **12:50–13:30** Ride Metro Line 5 to the historic Guozijian station. **13:30–15:30 Confucian Philosophy at the Imperial Academy:** Explore the **Confucius Temple and Guozijian Museum**. Examine the traditional administrative spaces of China's highest historical institution of learning and imperial examination management. Students analyze how Confucian philosophy shaped administrative governance and the civil service system across the Yuan, Ming, and Qing Dynasties. **15:30–16:10** Board Metro Line 8 to the bustling Wangfujing commercial spine. **16:10–17:30 Literary Literacy at the Wangfujing Bookstore:** Visit the historic "First Bookstore of the Republic." Students study modern Chinese print cultures, examine bilingual text translations, and participate in a seminar on how public reading spaces and community literacy brands drive urban public education. **17:30–18:00** Move to the Inner Mongolia Grand Hotel via transit. **18:00–19:00 Grassland Culture Exchange:** A traditional Mongolian dinner experience, featuring an authentic Hada welcoming ceremony and a hands-on workshop learning to stir-fry traditional nomadic milk tea. **19:00–19:30** Supervised metro group return to the hotel.

5	Day 5: Beijing	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **08:00–08:10** Morning roll-call and weather/safety briefing. **08:10–10:00** Board our private student charter coach to travel to **the Mutianyu Great Wall**. **10:00–12:30 Alpine Fortifications at the Mutianyu Great Wall:** Field exploration of the **Mutianyu Great Wall**, inclusive of double-trip mountain shuttle transfers and safe scenic cable cars. **12:30–13:00** Coach transfer to the lunch venue. **13:00–14:00** Group lunch. **14:00–15:30** Scenic coach transfer to the northwest imperial plain. **15:30–17:00 Landscape Hydrology at the Summer Palace:** Deep field study of the **Summer Palace**. Students investigate how Qing Dynasty engineers modified natural waters to create Kunming Lake, balancing aesthetic garden landscapes with flood mitigation and water supplies for the old capital. **17:00–17:30** Coach transfer to the Olympic Green. **17:30–18:00 Engineering Modernity at the Bird's Nest & Water Cube:** An outdoor architectural photography and mapping session in front of the National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and National Aquatics Center (Water Cube). **18:00–18:30** Transfer back to the hotel. **18:30–19:30** Farewell group dinner. 
6	Day 6: Beijing	hotel - airport transfer Breakfast Service ends.

Note: Please note that the schedule, daily timing, and sequence of site visits are subject to variation and adjustment according to real-time operations, weather, or institutional policies.

Tour Includes :

- **Accommodations:** 5 nights lodging at the centrally

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- All international or cross-province domestic flight tickets,

located hotel (Four-Star International Standard or verified educational equivalent), based on twin-share parameters with daily student breakfast.
- **Dedicated Field Experts:** 1 professional English-speaking Study Tour Director plus 1 bilingual educational logistics coordinator throughout the journey.
- **Chartered Fleets:** Premium private air-conditioned motor coaches provided for Days 1, 5, and 6.
- **Smart Transit Cards:** Pre-loaded **Beijing Pass** smart cards allocated to all students for immersive public transit labs on Days 2, 3, and 4.
- **Specialized Transit Experiences:** Tickets for the Qianmen-to-Drum Tower specialized historical Dangdang tram route.
- **Academic Catering:** All student lunches and dinners detailed within the program itinerary.
- **Admissions & Craft Labs:** All entrance ticketing for listed historical parks, standard school-group bookings for the Forbidden City, all masterclass studio costs.
- **Academic Hardware:** High-frequency digital wireless translation audio headsets (*wireless audio guides*).
- **Group Security:** Comprehensive domestic youth group travel accident insurance and daily replenishment of quality bottled drinking water.

high-speed rails, or long-distance student transit to Beijing.
- Personal spend categories (e.g., individual retail purchases, snack additions, hotel laundry, room upgrades).
- Any secondary museum sub-exhibits, unlisted garden-in-garden tickets, or extra optional sports add-ons.

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