China is impossibly vast and fascinatingly diverse and remains a travel destination with an unquestionable mystique. As exciting as that sounds, it also makes travelling to China for the first time an incredibly daunting prospect.

China is massive. Really, it's unbelievably large. It contains the world's highest mountains, some of the world's largest deserts, remote jungles, seemingly endless grasslands, and, of course, many of the world's largest cities. You would need months and months of travelling to even begin to do it justice. So, rather than skimming the surface of the whole country on a first trip, it is best to choose one region, and explore it properly. Aside from Beijing and Shanghai, I have chosen two provinces, Hunan and Anhui to explore simply because, even if one has no knowledge of the history, the landscape is absolutely awe-inspiring. These are also regions which not to many westerners get to see, but it represents some of the best portions of rural, traditional China. Aside from the history and the topography, the standout attraction is the food. Cuisine varies tremendously from region to region - even breakfast time can be an assault on the senses.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of the tour is $4,645* on a twin share basis.
(* Flights in the China as well as hotel accommodation are costed in US dollars. Fluctuations in the exchange rates will occur. When we have a sufficient number of deposits we will buy forward on currency thus ensuring that we are unaffected by changes in the exchange rate. This cost is based on a current exchange rate of 1 Australian dollar buying 70 American cents.)*

**HOW DO I SECURE A PLACE FOR MYSELF?**

As we expect this tour to be popular, we ask that a deposit of $500 be paid to the College bursar in order to secure your place when the College reopens in January 2016.

All Cheques and payments are to be made to St. Patrick’s College, and handed to the bursar- Mrs Gail Gibbs. Final payments are to be made on or before 1 July 2016. (Please note that departure taxes are subject to change until paid in full.

**NB. This deposit is non-refundable.**

*Please do not commit funds unless secure in the knowledge that the expense is manageable and that either you or your son/daughter is desirous of the experience. Requests for refunds of the deposit cannot and will not be entertained either by St. Patrick’s College, the tour operator, or the travel agent.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

- All accommodation on a **FULL BOARD** basis. (**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**)
- 13 night’s accommodation
- All flights.
- Departure Taxes (which are subject to change until paid in full)
- All transport services using air-conditioned coaches and high speed trains
WHAT ISN’T INCLUDED?

- Travel insurance.
- Visa

WHO CAN GO AND HOW MANY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE?

The tour is open to all current St. Pat’s students. The tour is costed on 30 students.

WHO WILL LEAD AND ESCORT THE TOUR?

It will be under the joint leadership of Mr Geoghegan and Mrs Agius.
(* Please note: flights and accommodation for Mr Geoghegan and Mrs Agius are included in the overall cost of the tour).

WILL WE HAVE FREE TIME OR TIME TO OURSELVES?

Yes, sometimes the best parts of a tour are the times when you make your own personal discoveries and there is so much to see. However, we do want your discoveries to be memorable and pleasant. Therefore, mindful of the safety and well-being of our students, there are clear guidelines in place. Most accidents, injuries and mishaps are avoidable, and they usually occur because someone is not abiding by instructions. Refusal by a student to abide by the reasonable rules will earn them an immediate flight home, with NO refund. This is to ensure the smooth functioning of the tour and the enjoyment of all concerned.
Overview

Day 0  Depart Mackay, overnight Brisbane
Day 1  Arrive Beijing
Day 2  Beijing – Great Wall, Summer Palace
Day 3  Beijing - Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven
Day 4  Beijing afternoon flight to Zhangjiajie
Day 5  Zhangjiajie,
Day 6  Zhangjiajie,
Day 7  Phoenix town
Day 8  Dehang Miao
Day 9  Huangshan
Day 10  Hongcun- Shanghai
Day 11  Shanghai
Day 12  Shanghai
Day 13  Depart Shanghai
D1 Arrival at Beijing, met by guide, transfer to hotel. Rainbow Hotel, 3*+

D2 Visit to Great Wall, Mutianyu section, Summer Palace.

D3 Visit to Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven.

D4 Afternoon flight to Zhangjiajie. Met and transfer to hotel. Zhuanjiacun Hotel (4*)

D5 Zhangjiajie  Visit the Yellow Stone Village (cable car up and down): Six Wonder Pavilion, Star Gathering Stage, etc. After lunch, casual walking along the Golden Whip Stream (about 7.5 km). Zhuanjiacun Hotel (4*)

D6 Sightseeing in the Tianzi Mountain (cable car): The Marshal Helong Park, the West Sea, Imperial Pen Peak, etc. Shuttle bus to Yuanjiajie. After lunch, sightseeing in Yuanjiajie (Bailong Elevator down):

D7 After breakfast, Bus to Phoenix Town (about 4 hours). Visit the Phoenix Town in the afternoon: Hongqiao art bridge, East gate tower, the former residence of the great writer Shen Congwen (1902-1988), the former residence of Xiong Xilin-- the first prime minister of China of People (1870-1937), and Yang's family divine yard, built in Qing dynasty with history of 300 years. Boat tour in Tuojiang River is also an unforgettable experience; we can view long rows of stilted houses of the ancient city on both sides of the river. Walk through the ancient town at night. Jiangtian Hotel (3*)

D8 Bus to Dehang Miao minority village (2 hours), visit the original village, and enjoy the typical Miao food for lunch in the village. Bus to Huaihua for high speed train to Hefei, then high speed train to Huangshan. Overnight at Tiandu hotel, 4*

D9 Huangshan city-Mt.Huangshan-Huangshan city
In the early morning, drive to the foot of Huangshan mountain, and board a cable car for the summit. Known for its knurled and knotted pine trees, its rugged rock formations, and its mist shrouded vistas, Huangshan has inspired poets and painters for more than a thousand years. You will have a full day private time on top of the mountains. Travel by cable car down to the mountain and back to the downtown city in the later afternoon.

**D10 Huangshan city-Hongcun village—Shanghai**

All the houses, in black, white and gray colors, were built in the 18th and 19th centuries. Each has white walls, with elaborated shaped eaves and courtyards. The design of the streets and lanes are what they used to be, maintaining their ancient style of life and architecture. So in Jan. 2000, it was named by UNESCO as a world cultural heritage site.

**D11 Huanghsan city-Huashan mysterious grottoes -Shanghai city**

Morning tour to Huashan Mysterious Grottoes scenic area. Up till now, 36 grottoes have been discovered and 5 of them are open to public. According to archaeologists, these grottoes have experienced a history of human habitation stretching back possibly 17000 years. After lunch, coach to Shanghai city. Overnight in Shanghai.

**D12 Shanghai**

Guide tour in Shanghai. TV Tower, Bund, Yu Garden, old city, Nanjing Road.

**D13 Departure.**
# St. PATRICKS COLLEGE CHINA 2016 BOOKING FORM

Please complete one booking form per passenger and supply with deposit payment and passport copy to St Patrick’s office.

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## PASSENGER DECLARATION

I agree that my/all bookings and travel are subject to the International Booking Conditions outlined by The Travel & Cruise Company and Nationwide Travel as per the conditions on the St Patricks College China itinerary. Where I make a booking for others, I warrant that I have their authority to do so. If under 18 years at the time of booking, parent’s or guardian’s signature.

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