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**Sacramento – Jinan Sister Cities “Youth Ambassador” Trip to China  
(Beijing – Jinan – Qufu)**

**Highlights:**

-  **Represent Sacramento and the U.S. to meet Chinese students in Jinan, Sister city of Sacramento since 1984**
-  **Visit Beijing, Capital of China. Climb the Great Wall.**
-  **Stay with host family and experience the local life style. Interact with local students.**
-  **Visit Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius**

**Itinerary:**

Day 1 San Francisco (SFO) to Beijing (PEK).

Day 2 Arrive in Beijing. Transfer to Hotel. (D)

Day 3 Great Wall, Olympic Center, Hutong Neighborhood on foot, Tea Demonstration (B-L-D)

Day 4 Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City. High speed rail to Jinan. 'Fly' at 180 miles an hour and reach Jinan in around 2 hours. Lunch on your own on the train. Host family to meet you at the train station. Dinner with host family. Stay with host family. (B-D)

Day 5 Jinan sightseeing with the host family including Quancheng City Square, Shandong Museum, Yellow River (cradle of Chinese civilization), etc. Stay with host family. (B-L-D with host family)

Day 6 Jinan exchange activities including visit to the Children's Palace and a local school, etc. Stay with host family (B-L-D with host family)

Day 7 Breakfast with host family. Group together for a day trip to Qufu, birthplace of Confucius (B-L), return to Jinan for dinner with host family. Stay with host family.

Day 8 6/28 Jinan sightseeing and shopping. (B-L-D with host family)

Day 9 Breakfast with host family. Train to Beijing in the morning. Lunch on your own on the train. Last minute shopping on Wangfujing Ave. Peking duck farewell dinner. Donghuamen Night Market (featured on the Food Network) after dinner. (B-D)

Day 10 Fly back and arrive in SFO on the same day. (B)

JSSCC offers **five days of free stay in Jinan** (including lodging, meals, transportation and sightseeing with host family, and group sightseeing) through our sister-city exchange program with Jinan.

Students will be selected based on the following criteria:

- 1) Age 13 – 18
- 2) Attending a middle school or high school in the Greater Sacramento Area
- 3) Honor Students
- 4) Artistic and/or athletic talents
- 5) Interests in Chinese culture and language
- 6) Health condition fit for travel on hot and humid summer days with somewhat polluted air

\*B-L-D Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner

\*\* This summer exchange program to China has been carried out annually since 2006. The travel dates are around late June to early July. Details of the itinerary may vary upon notification every year. Please contact the JSSCC Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@jsscc.org](mailto:scholarship@jsscc.org) for details.