

# EXPERIENCE WEEK 2015



MARCH 23 - 27, 2015

## Experiencing Life. Building Relationships.

Experience week is an off-site program during which TIS students enrich their understanding and gain valuable hands-on learning experience. Through adventure activities and cross-cultural interactions,

students grow in independence while gaining a better understanding of the diverse world around them. Trips are built around learning. Teacher teams plan the activities and destinations, keeping in mind the

educational components of environment, service, and culture. Experience week forms an integral part of the secondary program at TIS and all students are expected to participate in Experience Week.



ADVENTURE



COMMUNITY SERVICE



CULTURE

## SKI TRIP - JAPAN

Always a popular choice, this will be the fourth TIS ski trip. This year we are off to Niseko, renowned as one of the top 5 ski destinations in Japan. 3 full days skiing with ski school and all equipment included will give students of all ability levels an exciting time. A site seeing tour of Otaru, a small harbour city that has served as a major trade and fishing port since the 1800s wraps up the trip.



**MOP 20900 for 5 days / 4 nights**  
**(minimum 30 students, maximum 42 students)**

## For all trips:

- All trips will be chaperoned by teams of teachers
- All trips will have a parent meeting where more details are provided
- Trips are fully inclusive: meals, transportation, accommodation, local guide and activities.
- Every effort has been taken to make the cost as accurate as possible, however lower than projected participation can impact cost and result in higher fees.
- Trips are arranged with experienced, professional educational service providers.
- The school arranges and includes additional travel insurance, however some parents may elect to purchase additional personal insurance.
- Costs of visas are **not** included. TIS will assist with the visa process where possible, but it is the responsibility of the student and parents to obtain the necessary visas.
- A deposit of MOP 5000 will be billed on the Nov.1 school fee invoice, due Nov 28. Balance invoiced Feb. 1, due Feb 27.
- Students who are unable to participate due to medical or financial concerns must meet with Mr. Spreadbury or Mr. Stribbell.

## INDIA FOR ADVENTURE



After an extremely successful trip in 2014, we are once again off to the Himalayas. This trip aims to introduce students to the natural and cultural heritage of India. The program includes a variety of soft adventure activities in the Himalayas such as white water rafting, trekking and zip lining. There is also an interactive day at an Orphanage as well as visits to monuments of world importance such as the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

**MOP 14500 for 7 days / 6 nights**      **(minimum 20 students)**

## NEPAL

We start by exploring Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, which is full of historic sites, ancient temples, and shrines. We will visit Durbar square and get a bird's eye view of Kathmandu valley from the Monkey Temple. We travel to Pokhara and spend a day white water rafting in the Trishuli River. The next day we depart Pokhara for a 4 day 3 night trek in the Annapurna Region to wrap up the trip.



**MOP 20300 for 8 days / 7 nights**  
**(minimum 15 students)**

## SINGAPORE

Join us as we explore Singapore: a cultural melting pot and a garden city with a blend of old-world and new architecture. Highlights will include Changi Prison, Universal Studios, Sentosa Island, Bugis St. Night Market and Little India. There will be a service project with a local school and of course, shopping time on Orchard Road.

**MOP 15000 for 7 days / 6 nights**  
**(minimum 20 students)**



## YINGDE, CHINA



Yingde, situated two hours north of Guangzhou on the shores of the Beijiang river in Guangdong province, is most famous for its black tea grown in plantations and exported around the world. This multisport and organic farm week will provide students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, participate in service learning at an organic farm, and get active. Adventure activities include leave no trace hiking, fire-building, orienteering, and an exciting multi-stage adventure race.

**MOP 5500 for 5 days / 4 nights**

## MT. KINABALU



This adventure starts with 3 days exploring Kota Kinabalu City, formerly known as “Singgahmata” or “the place where the eye lingers”. You will visit Manukan Island for some swimming and snorkelling, explore Kota Kinabalu’s heritage culture, tour Klias mangrove swamp forest and watch fireflies decorate the mangroves. Finally, for the highlight of the trip, you will climb the stegosaurus-backed Mount Kinabalu, standing at an

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impressive 4,095.2m. Enjoy the spectacular view of the sunrise before heading down to end the trip relaxing at the hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

## DIVE SCHOOL - INDONESIA

Do you want to find Nemo? Do you have dreams of being a pirate or a mermaid? If so, come SCUBA dive with us! Located on the Northern shore of the beautiful island of Sulawesi, Thalassa is a 5 star dive resort where we will be staying for 6 days. Water covers 71% of the earth’s surface, and this trip will include a PADI Open Water dive course that will get you certified to dive in these open waters. Students will dive with PADI certified instructors, as well as learning important skills and safety principles associated with diving. Students who are already Open Water Certified may take advanced courses (additional costs may apply). Are you ready to explore the unknown?



**MOP 12500 for 6 days**  
**(\*Maximum 24 students)**

## JAPAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Osaka, Kyoto and Nara



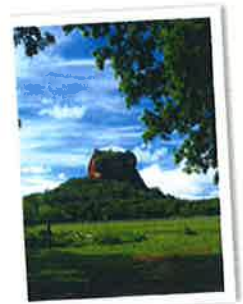
Toshodai-ji came into being when the Buddhist monk Ganjin came to Japan from China in 759. We will visit this World Heritage site as well as many other important cultural sites. We will also visit the Toei Uzamasa Movie park (Ninja show etc), as well as have some time for shopping at the Dotonbori Riverwalk Shopping Street and Rinku outlet mall.

**MOP 13300 for 5 days**

## SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is a land of misty highlands and tea plantations, dense jungles and National Parks that are ideally suited for trekking and day walks. Our journey will visit world heritage sites of Sigiriya Rock Fortress and Cobats gap, give you the opportunity to trek through the rain forest and experience some adventure activities such as white water rafting and zip lining.

**MOP 14500 for 8 days / 7 nights**  
**(minimum 20 students)**



## SING BURI, THAILAND

You will live in a traditional Thai property homestay located in central Thailand, about 150Km north of Bangkok. The trip includes visits to see old Khmer temples and the region around Sing Buri and Lop Buri, famous for its old Khmer temples, farms and local Thai pottery. You will get to see deeper into how Thai people live as well as help teach in a local school. As well as earning a certificate for teaching, you will be able to try your hand at Thai cooking, take some Thai boxing classes and practice Thai dancing.

**MOP 6000 for 6 days / 5 nights**      **(minimum 15 students)**



## SHENZHEN COASTLINE

Students will have the opportunity to explore the trees and the wildlife at the Baguang Village mangrove refuge before venturing out onto a nearby beach where they can see unique, local architecture and do a bit of a beach cleanup. Baguang Village is one of the best-protected original settlements in Shenzhen and is home to the rare looking-glass mangrove, which is only found in a few Asian countries. Adventure activities include sea kayaking, surfing, hiking, biking, snorkeling, paddle boarding and a mangrove environmental studies night hike.

**MOP 6500 for 5 days / 4 nights**      **(minimum 15 students)**

## AUSTRALIA: SYDNEY - CAIRNS

We start our journey in Sydney, exploring it's best loved sites which of course includes the Opera House. Then, head through the sand dunes in Royal National Park to get to the beach and full day surfing (lessons provided by professional instructors) followed by a beach BBQ.

Now its off to Cairns and the Great Barrier reef, perhaps the world's best classroom. For 2 days, we explore the undersea world of this UNESCO World Heritage site from our live aboard boat. We will snorkel the best sites and have an optional opportunity to try an intro SCUBA dive or, for certified divers, a chance to log up to seven dives (SCUBA diving is extra cost). There is a Marine Biologist guide on-board who will review some marine biology basics, conduct mini-lectures, and provide practical hands-on assignments for you to try in the water.

Now, it is back to Cairns and a morning spent on an Aboriginal culture and food gathering walk. You will learn to throw a spear and try catching food the traditional way. The indigenous guides will take you to their homes where you will have a chance to feast on what you've caught. The day wraps up with a visit to a wildlife refuge.

The final morning is free for last minute shopping or souvenir purchases before we fly home.

**MOP 26700 for 7 days/ 6 nights (minimum 20 students)**

## CONGUA, GUANGDONG

Conghua, a mountainous village located near the large city of Guangzhou, isn't geographically far from large urban environments – but it feels like a world away. Hakka villages are a relic of China's past, but many continue to live on today. We will eat in Hakka-run restaurants, visit the unique walled villages of Gutian and Xitou and experience the Hakka culture. We will participate in a community service project to help us give back to these local communities. We will also have the opportunity to do river kayaking, hike to a waterfall and swim in its cool waters, along with bamboo rafting, camping and campfire activities.

**MOP 6400 for 5 days / 4 nights (minimum 15 students)**

## DANCE CAMP - MACAO

This 5 day dance camp will include many styles of dance as well as introduce the world of the professional dancer. Students will have a chance to learn styles from Commercial Jazz to Contemporary to Pyramid Building as well as skills to create their own choreography. Students will also get a taste of dance as a part of the entertainment industry. Previous dance experience is not required.



\*Meals are not included.

**MOP 1000 for 5 days**



## SPORT CAMP - MACAO

This activity based 5 day sport camp runs from 10:00am - 3:00pm daily at TIS. It will include a physical fitness component, skill development in such sports as badminton, swimming and orienteering, along with some friendly competition and scrimmage. It is focused on participation and fun, all ability levels welcome.

\* Meals are not included. **MOP 1000 for 5 days**

# Experience Week Selections Due Oct. 23!

Please indicate your first and second choice of trips by completing the google form located at:

<http://bit.ly/ExpWk2015>

or click on the link from the TIS student page on the school website [www.tis.edu.mo](http://www.tis.edu.mo)

NOTE: Trips with insufficient interest to meet the minimum numbers may be cancelled.