

CHINA

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11 Jul	Depart Denver
12 Jul	Arrive in Beijing
13 July	Tour Forbidden City, Tian An Men Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer Place, etc.
14 July	Tour Great Wall PM Fly to Changsha
15-21 July	English Camp in Changsha
22 July	Fly to Beijing
23 July	Tours/Shopping
24 July	Depart Beijing

Location: The program is held in the Changsha Economic & Technological Development Zone, a satellite town located to the east of Changsha, the capital of Hunan province. Changsha (literally Long Sand) is surrounded by fertile lands and bisected by the Xiang River. Populated by six million people, Changsha



is a lively town well known for its food, culture, military tradition and being one of Mao Zedong's haunts prior to launching his political career. By 200 BC, Changsha was a fairly populated, fortified city. Its value as a strategic location has long been recognized by the government. It was instrumental in the Qin Shihuang's unification of China.

Another important location is Yuelu Hill, located on the Xiang

River's western shores. It's one of Changsha's most historic spots and is notable for its academic establishments, the most famous being the former Yuelu Academy. This academy was built in 976 AD during the Song Dynasty to train scholars for civil exams. The area where Yuelu Academy once stood now holds a Hexi Altar, a classroom, the King's Book Pavilion, the Wen Temple and Gardens, and one stele remaining from the Song Dynasty.

Climate: Changsha belongs to a climate that is almost subtropical, with long, hot and humid summers—most days will see the relative humidity pushed well above the 80% mark. June through August is the rainy season. Annual average temperature is 63.5° F.

Food: Hunan cuisine is famous for being some of the spiciest in the land, and is perhaps second only to Sichuan on China's spice-o-meter.

Host: Changsha County Education Department

Cost: The cost of this trip (based on current airfares) is approximately \$3900/person, all-inclusive except for personal items and or souvenirs you may purchase. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due with your application. A second payment of \$2000 is due 1 Jun 2011 and the balance due 1 Jul 2011.

Travel Documents: We need a valid American Passport and a recent passport photograph. Your passport should be valid through May 2012 and have several blank pages for immigration stamps etc. If you don't have a passport that is valid at least ten months after return with ample blank pages, today is the day to start working that issue. Contact your local Post Office for details. Airlines are double-checking passports and will not permit you to board without this important document. Most Post Offices have the applications and picture taking equipment and will help you fill out the forms etc. A Chinese visa is required to enter the country. The ACCTS office will apply for the visa. Please fill out the **Visa Request**, SIGN, and DATE the application and forward it along with your passport and visa picture to ACCTS. Answer all the questions you can and our staff will contact you to fill out the others as necessary. Please do not send your passport through normal mail. Use a traceable service such as certified overnight delivery. If you use USPS the proper address is ACCTS, Box 27239, Denver CO 80227. If you use another carrier please send it to ACCTS, 7220 W. Jefferson Ave, Suite 335, Lakewood CO 80235. Our telephone number is 303.985.8808. Application package acceptance deadline: 25 May 2011.

Cancellations: Should an applicant, after having raised support, have to withdraw from the program for any reason, no refund will be given. These funds will be applied to the overall program of the ACCTS AELT mission work.

Curriculum: ACCTS uses an excellent English instruction program developed by Dr. Lois Webster. Her formal education is in English with a subspecialty of ESL. Her educational background coupled with her experience has allowed her to put together an exceptional program for teaching/training conversational English. The methodology presented in the training classes and in the manual is applicable to all skill levels. It does not depend on an interpreter or on the use of the native language. [Click here for further information.](#)

Students: Some classes will consist of about thirty high school English teachers and some will consist of about twenty high school students. The goal is to improve the teaching skills of the teachers and the general communication skills of all.



Training: The ACCTS AELT Program preparation phase includes training in conversational English instruction. Please contact ACCTS for further information.

Your Decision: After reading the above material and you wish to join us, please fill out the **Volunteer Application Form**. It will be automatically sent to the ACCTS office and we will contact you as soon as possible. Additionally, please take the **Faith Reference Form** to the appropriate person and ask him or her to complete and send it to the indicated address.

Questions: Please direct questions to Paul Neu (aelt@ACCTS.org, 303.985.8808(W) or 303.520.4439(C)) or Russ Hammerud (russbonnie@yahoo.com, 303.549.2379).