THE PANLONGCHENG ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL, CHINA

Program Information

PROGRAM SPECIFIC FIELD CONDITIONS

What are the average weather conditions during the time of the field school?

During the day, temperatures in the shade can exceed 90F and humidity is high. Our excavation units will be covered by partial-shade tarps, but we are still working outdoors. Sturdy shoes, a hat, and work clothes are mandatory. Appropriate attire includes loose clothing that protects skin. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required for excavation work. Avoid dangling jewelry. Sunglasses with UV protection are recommended. Mosquito repellent and sunblock lotion are also needed.

Please describe the site(s) where the students will work.

The site is located in an archaeological park with an archaeological museum and a workstation. Some parts of the site have also been restored and can be visited.

The Panlongcheng site is located in the northwest outskirts of the city of Wuhan, which is the largest metropolis in central China. The site is adjacent to the Fu River and occupies an area of about 3.5km$^{2.}$ The Panlongcheng site has city walls, palace foundations, and elite burials, as well as a large number of precious objects such as bronzes, jades, proto-porcelain, which show a very high social rank of the site.

Will there be other people onsite with the field school or working in the same area? For example, other researchers, staff, or community volunteers?

In addition to instructors, TAs, and students, some local workers will be hired to help with some of the work. In the meantime, some museum staff may participate in the work as well. Since this site is in an archaeological park, students will meet some visitors when they are walking around the site. However, those visitors will be prohibited from accessing the excavation area.

What does an average week look like?

Mondays through Saturdays are working days, and Sundays are for rest and free time. On working days, our schedule is: 7 am for breakfast, 8-11:30 am for work, 11:30-3 pm for lunch and break, 3-5 pm for work or lecture, and 6 pm for team meetings as well as dinner.

What are the options for students to access money? Are there ATMs nearby? Should students plan to bring a certain amount of cash?

ATMs and banks can be easily found and accessed around the site. But do not forget to alert your credit card company and ATM bank that you will be abroad, so they do not think your cards have been stolen and cancel your access. In addition, it will be convenient in China to adopt

some electronic payment methods including Alipay and WeChat, and we will have an instruction at the orientation on the first day. You might consider bringing some cash which can be exchanged locally.

ACTIVITY LEVEL & ACCESSIBILITY

Please provide information about the physical requirements of the program.

Excavation requires physical labor. Students will need to bend, lift, carry and kneel throughout the day. We do not have any physical requirements for this program. Normal health allows work in the field to be accomplished.

Please comment how accessible your site is for people with mobility challenges. Would someone using a wheelchair be able to participate? Someone who uses crutches or other assistive walking devices?

Since the site is currently an archaeological park, the roads are all paved well and for those with mobility challenges, it is still possible to move smoothly through the park. Electric vehicles are available for transportation around the park. Of course, when doing field work, larger facilities such as wheelchairs are difficult to access because of the need to get into the trench, but some smaller aids, such as crutches, can still be used.

PROGRAM COUNTRY & CULTURAL INFORMATION

What do you love about the country and area you work in? What do you think students will be most excited to discover?

The archaeological work at the Panlongcheng site not only provides jobs for local villagers but also advertises the protection of cultural heritage to the local community and at the same time provides academic support for the construction of the Panlongcheng Site Museum, so the archaeological work at Panlongcheng has a certain social impact.

For a long time, the archaeological work at the Panlongcheng site has employed local villagers as laborers in the excavations and trained them in certain field archaeological skills. At the same time, the archaeological work has contributed to the local community's understanding of the value and protection of cultural heritage. The Panlongcheng site is also known as the "Root of Wuhan City", and is currently a national heritage park with more than 200,000 visitors per year. The objects obtained from the archaeological work of Panlongcheng and the ideas related to archaeological research provide academic support for the construction of the site park and the display of the museum. In addition, the archaeological work of Panlongcheng will be opened to the public from time to time, and archaeological lectures will be conducted at the site of archaeological excavation to propagandize the value of the cultural heritage of Panlongcheng and to promote the local community to better understand the history and culture of Wuhan city.

How large is the community where students will be staying? Will students have opportunities to interact casually with local residents? Please describe.

Wuhan is a large city, though students will be living out of the downtown area. The summer school will organize visits to local museums and universities to fully understand the protection of cultural heritage and local cultural life in Wuhan. At the same time, the students will work together with locally recruited excavators to complete the excavation tasks during the fieldwork practice. The important remains and scientific research results obtained from the fieldwork will further promote the construction of the Panlongcheng Site Museum and enhance the spiritual and cultural life of the local residents.

Primary languages spoken by people in the area:

Chinese.

What cultural enrichment opportunities are students likely to have outside of the program?

Through the subway near the hotel, students can reach downtown (Hankou) within 20 minutes and downtown (Wuchan) within 40 minutes. Many museums, performance venues, restaurants, cafes, and other facilities can be easily found. Students can choose according to their preferences.

Will students have opportunities to explore other areas of the country?

During our time at the field school, we do not schedule activities away from Wuhan. However, students may consider taking a day trip around Wuhan via high-speed rail during their weekend break. However, we need to be informed in advance.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Please describe student accommodations.

During the period of the field school, students will live in a hotel near the Panlongcheng site. Two students live in a room, and each room is equipped with its own bathroom and toilet. There are treadmills and other exercise equipment in the common areas on the second floor.

Please describe how/how often students can do laundry.

There are some laundry facilities on the first floor of the hotel, and students can make their laundry schedule by themselves.

How are room assignments made? If rooms are assigned according to gender, how will you assign rooms for non-binary, trans and queer students?

In general, rooms are assigned according to gender. If students have specific requirements, please let us know in advance, and some changes will be made accordingly.

Are there options for single rooms? Would there be an additional charge ?

Yes. Typically, students are housed two to a room, and the cost is included in the program fee. For a single room, he/she needs to apply in advance and pay an additional fee. The exact amount depends on the cost at the time and exchange rate.

Please describe typical meals that are offered by the program.

Food is provided Monday to Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Breakfast for participants will be provided by the hotel in the hotel restaurant, while lunch and dinner will be provided by the canteen at the workstation of Panlongcheng. The daily diet in Wuhan is heavily based on rice, noodles, and vegetables. Specialized diets (kosher, gluten free, etc.) are not very easy to maintain in this location. We will try to be as flexible as possible and offer some special diets, but you need to let us know in advance.

VISA AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Indicate the visa requirements, if any, for US citizens. If there is a visa requirement, what type of visa should students apply for?

Non-Chinese participants are required to secure a tourist visa to China prior to arrival. You should apply for the visa several months ahead of time. Please visit the visa page of the Chinese Embassy in your own country for more information and the required paperwork. Here is a guide for your reference.

All students could apply for a short-term study visa (F visa), and you will receive an official admission letter from School of History, Wuhan University after you are accepted by this summer school.

TRAVEL (TO AND DURING THE PROGRAM)

If students will fly, what airport should they fly into?

Students may travel to Wuhan by train to the Wuhan Station and Hankou Station or may fly to the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport (WHU). Please note that train tickets often sell out in summer and should be purchased well in advance through a website such as trains.ctrip.com or www.12306.cn. There are many domestic flights and trains to Wuhan from different points of entry into China, such as Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing, and some international flights go to Wuhan directly.

Where will you meet students? If not at a primary arrival point, like an airport, how should students get to the meeting point?

The address of Jingcui Huanyi Hotel (Wuhan Tianhe Airport Panlongcheng Subway Station Branch) is：Building 21 and 22, Bao'an Shanshui Longcheng, Yedian Village, Huangpi District, Wuhan City, Hubei Province，China. 京翠欢驿酒店（武汉天河机场盘龙城地铁站店），中国湖北省武汉市黄陂区叶店村宝安山水龙城第 21 幢、22幢

From **Wuhan Tianhe International Airport**:

➢ Take the subway (Wuhan Metro Line 2) to the Panlongcheng (盘龙城) at the airport, then go outside through Exit C (totally 4 CNY).

➢ Take a taxi at the airport directly to the hotel and it will take about 40 CNY.

From **Wuhan Station** (high speed railway station):

➢ Take the Wuhan Metro Line 4 (Bolin Direction 柏林方向) at Wuhan Station (武汉站),then transfer to Wuhan Metro Line 8 (Jinyintan Direction 金银潭方向) at Yuejiazui, then transfer to Wuhan Metro Line 2 (Tianhe Airport Direction 天河机场方向) at Hongtu Dadao (宏图大道), eventually arrive at Panlongcheng (盘龙城) and then go outside through Exit C (totally 7 CNY).

➢ Take a taxi to the hotel directly, and it will take about 80 CNY.

From Hankou Station:

➢ Take the subway (Wuhan Metro Line 2) to the Panlongcheng (盘龙城) at the train station, then go outside through Exit C (totally 5 CNY)

➢ Take a taxi at the airport directly to the hotel and it will take about 40 CNY.

If the field site is not close to student accommodations, how will students get there? How long does it take?

From the hotel, it takes about 5 minutes to walk to the main entrance of the site, and then a further 3 minutes by an electric vehicle to reach the workstation.

PACKING LIST

Required

- Passport & Visa for China
- Wide brim hat
- sunglasses
- Close toed shoes
- Long sleeve shirts and long pants for excavation
- Sunscreen
- Prescription medications (enough for the entire program) and written prescription
- Extra glasses or contact lenses if worn
- Electrical adapters
- Credit/Debit cards

If you want to use your phone, alert your carrier that you will be abroad and ask about rates, or plan to obtain a local SIM card.

Recommended

- **Will students need formal or nicer clothes?**
  No, we recommend that students bring comfortable, cool clothes for field work. It is also a good idea to have some sun-protective clothing or supplies.
- **Are there items that are hard to get locally, such as tampons or sunscreen?**
  These are readily available locally, including supermarkets and malls near the site.
- **Shower shoes or indoor shoes?**
  This is up to the individual's decision. If you mind what the hotel provides, it would be better to prepare them yourself. Also, you can buy them locally.
- **Hiking boots/socks?**
  We suggest that you can prepare a pair just in case.
- **Swimwear?**

No.

- **How often can students do laundry?**
  This is up to the individual's decision. There are some laundry facilities on the first floor of the hotel.