

PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Chengdu & Chongqing

An Education and Cultural Immersion Trip to China

PROSPECTIVE DATES	OPEN TO	IN CHINA	CITIES
March 12 to 20, 2027	Students and parents, grades 6 to 10	8 days	Chengdu, Chongqing

A TRIP WE KNOW WELL

Plumstead Christian School has taken 10 trips like this one. Every time, we have been received warmly by the schools who host us. The classroom immersion, together with the cultural experience, has been enriching for our students.

In March 2027, we invite students and parents to join us for eight days in two of western China's most interesting cities.

THE TRIP

Eight days, two cities, life-changing cultural experience

Students will spend the week in Chengdu and Chongqing, two cities in western China. Each weekday we spend time at local schools, highly engaged with Chinese students through peer-to-peer activities such as ancient Chinese papercutting, Tai Chi, art classes, PE games, music and interactive fun. The rest of the time is for exploring: a panda research base, a cliffside night market, a train that runs through an apartment building, and plenty of Sichuan food.

We begin in Chengdu, famous for its giant pandas and relaxed tea houses, then take the bullet train to Chongqing, a city of towers built on steep hills. Students come home with friendships, new skills and a better understanding of how other people live and learn.

HIGHLIGHTS

What students will do



Spend the day with Chinese students

Take part in peer-to-peer activities at partner schools in both cities, and make friends your own age along the way.



PE games and music

Play, sing and make music together in lively, interactive sessions with Chinese students.



Hands-on culture and art

Try ancient Chinese papercutting, Tai Chi and art classes side by side with Chinese students.



Evenings and afternoons out

City orienteering challenges, Hongyadong, Jiefangbei, the Yangtze River Cableway and the panda base.

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Day by day

DAY 1 Saturday	CHENGDU	**Arrive in Chengdu** We are met at the airport and head to a welcome dinner, then to the hotel to rest and recover from the long flight.
DAY 2 Sunday	CHENGDU	**Chengdu city walk** We stand in Tianfu Square at the center of the city, then stroll to busy Chunxi Road, where the shopping and the street food are some of the best in Chengdu.
DAY 3 Monday	CHENGDU	**School visit and pandas** **Morning:** peer-to-peer activities with local students at Beijing International Studies University Chengdu Affiliated High School. **Afternoon:** the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
DAY 4 Tuesday	CHENGDU	**A full day at Chengdu Jianyang High School** Morning and afternoon peer-to-peer activities with local students.
DAY 5 Wednesday	CHENGDU TO CHONGQING	**Chengdu Jiaxiang Foreign Language School** Morning and afternoon peer-to-peer activities with local students, then the bullet train to Chongqing.
DAY 6 Thursday	CHONGQING	**Students and old Chongqing** **Morning:** peer-to-peer activities with local students at Chongqing Depu Foreign Language School. **Afternoon:** Ciqikou Ancient Town and Shancheng Lane.
DAY 7 Friday	CHONGQING	**Culture day** **Morning:** peer-to-peer activities at Chongqing Depu Foreign Language School. **Afternoon:** cultural activities with Chinese students, such as papercutting, Tai Chi, art and music. **Evening:** Chongqing city walk.
DAY 8 Saturday	CHONGQING TO THE USA	**Yangtze River and the flight home** We look out over the Yangtze River, ride the Yangtze River Cableway and visit Hongyadong Wharf before flying back to the USA.

PLACES WE WILL SEE

Sights worth the trip



Giant Panda Breeding Base

Founded in 1987 in Chengdu's northern suburbs, the base has grown from a small rescue station into a natural habitat of more than 3 square kilometers. It is home to more than 200 giant pandas, one of the largest panda populations in the world. Students can watch pandas of different ages eat, play and climb trees. The base also cares for red pandas and black-necked cranes, and runs research and education programs on panda conservation.



Hongyadong, Chongqing

Built into the cliffs above the Jialing River, Hongyadong is a stilted complex in the style of old Bayu architecture that glows after dark. Its 11 levels are linked by zigzag staircases, with teahouses and craft workshops above and snack streets and shops below. At river level, the Dazheng Ancient Stage hosts cultural performances.



Liziba Light Rail Station

At Liziba, Metro Line 2 trains run straight through the 6th to 8th floors of a residential building. Chongqing's steep hills made ordinary track hard to build, so the engineers went through the building. A viewing platform below lets visitors watch a train come out every few minutes.

THE CITIES

Chengdu and Chongqing



Chengdu: pandas, spice and ease

Chengdu sits in western China and mixes deep cultural heritage with modern energy. It is the home of the giant panda and a UNESCO City of Gastronomy, known for authentic Sichuan food and its hotpot.

Traditional tea houses and lively neighborhoods give the city a relaxed pace.



Chongqing: the mountain city

Chongqing stands where the Yangtze and Jialing rivers meet, with towers cascading down green hillsides. It is often compared to a Manhattan of the mountains, and it is at its best after dark.

It is also a major economic center of western China. Jiefangbei, the Liberation Monument built in 1945 to mark the victory of World War II, stands in the middle of a busy pedestrian shopping district.

OUR HOST SCHOOLS

Where students will learn

CHONGQING

Chongqing Depu Foreign Language School

Founded in 2015, Depu is a private K-12 boarding school known for its bilingual and international approach to education. Its goal is to raise students who understand both China and the world.

The Banan District campus has an indoor basketball arena, an indoor swimming pool, a fencing hall, a climbing wall and a mini-golf course. Classes stay small, under 30 students.

CHENGDU

Beijing International Studies University, Chengdu Affiliated High School

Founded in 2018 by the Wuhou District Government and Beijing International Studies University, this public senior high school combines a strong STEM foundation with language training.

Students can study up to eight additional languages, including German, French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and Arabic. Math teachers serve as head teachers, so each one gets to know a single class well.

TRIP DETAILS

At a glance

WHERE	Chengdu and Chongqing, China
PROSPECTIVE DATES	March 12 to 20, 2027
OPEN TO	Students and parents, grades 6 to 10
GETTING AROUND	Coach bus and bullet train
WHERE WE STAY	School dormitory or hotel
ACTIVITIES	Papercutting, Tai Chi, art classes, PE games, music and more with Chinese students
ALSO VISITING	Chengdu Jianyang High School and Chengdu Jiaxiang Foreign Language School









Interested in joining us?

Talk with the Plumstead Christian School office about cost, dates and how to sign up for the March 2027 trip.