



PROPOSAL

HONG KONG

*Rediscover Your City
Primary Family Winter Camp*

Dec 21 - 23, 2020

Prepared for Hong Kong Academy

Destination

Hong Kong

With its towering skyscrapers, colonial landmarks and verdant mountains, Hong Kong is one of the world's most iconic cities. Internationally known as the global financial hub where East meets West, Hong Kong has also a vibrant natural landscape, rich with volcanic rock formations, subtropical plants and wildlife, where rugged mountain peaks overlook lush forests and secluded bays.

From sea to sky, a destination of endless beauty and thrilling complexity, Hong Kong is packed with opportunities for outdoor activities and discovery. It provides an abundant natural environment with nearly 40 percent of its territory consisting of protected country parks.

The Hutong is offering a Hong Kong Winter Camp specifically for the HKA community, designed for families to rediscover the city we call home. Over three days, we will not only experience the thrills of outdoor wilderness activities, but will also explore different aspects of Hong Kong's history and cultural heritage, and will engage with community members who are striving to make the city a better place for all.





Itinerary

Program Overview

The following pages describe your daily itinerary, from meeting The Hutong staff in the morning on campus, up to the end of each day.

We've broken down the key structure of each day and included summaries of the program's daily highlights.

Module 1

Hike through History

Meals: Not provided

Morning

- Meet on campus
- Bus transfer to Shing Mun hike start
- Welcome introduction
- Begin hike, through WWII tunnels, with historical stops

Afternoon

- Packed lunch
- Historical storytelling activities and games around Pineapple Dam with children
- Optional further hike for adults
- Wrap up and bus transfer back to HKA

(itinerary may vary slightly, depending on group size)





Module 2

Dialogue in the Dark

Meals: Not provided

Morning

- On campus briefing and workshop
- Transfer to Lai Chi Kok
- Dialogue Experience Rotation #1
 - Silence Experience (Group 1)
 - Dark Experience (Group 2)

Afternoon

- Lunch around the area in small groups
- Dialogue Experience Rotation #2:
 - Silence Experience (Group 2)
 - Dark Experience (Group 1)
- Wrap up and bus transfer back to HKA

(itinerary may vary slightly, depending on group size)

Module 3

Winter Holidays Community Day

Meals: Not provided

Morning

- Meet on campus
- Go Game holiday-themed scavenger hunt in Sai Kung, including:
 - Creative challenges
 - Location challenges
 - Planted secret actor challenges
 - Head-to-head family challenges
 - Trivia

Afternoon

- Lunch in small groups in Sai Kung
- Fun family lawn games at HKA
- Final presentation and awards ceremony



Seeking challenge and learning
history along the route



Day 1 Hike Through History

On the morning of the Pearl Harbor attacks, the U.S.A. was not alone in feeling the might of the Japanese Imperial Armed Forces. As the American fleet was bombarded thousands of miles away, across the Pacific, the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong found itself confronted with a massive invading force.

Allied forces would bravely hold the city over 18 days of onslaught before relinquishing control of Hong Kong on Christmas day 1941, surrendering the colony to 3 years and 8 months of Japanese rule.

In this module, we will investigate this unique and often overlooked chapter of Hong Kong's modern history as we hike through the tunnels and hills where soldiers sheltered from artillery bombardments, taking in spectacular views over a city much changed since then.

Along the way, we will trace the stories of three individuals from different backgrounds, depicting what life might have been like for the residents of a Hong Kong under siege.

Day 2 **Dialogue in the Dark**

This day focuses on helping children build empathy by approaching and seeking to understand some of the issues facing people with disabilities in Hong Kong. Our series of experiential activities and discussions will involve learning what life is like for blind and visually impaired people, as well as people with hearing impairments.

Using the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for engagement, we will join the team at The Dialogue Experience for a day of immersive activities including their “dark” experience and “silence” experience. The day will build awareness of what is currently being done in vulnerable communities, and we will consider how we, as families, might engage in action to assist or promote positive change.





Day 3
**HKA Winter
Holiday
Community Day**

We will get the day started with a Go Game: one part high-tech scavenger hunt, two parts Amazing Race, with a dash of talent show, and a sprinkling of trivia competitions. Families will be split into teams of 4 - 6 players, and will be guided through Sai Kung by instructions sent to them on their smart phones. Challenges include: location-based puzzles, trivia, inter-team (head to head), planted actors, and fun creative challenges (photos and videos).

After lunch in Sai Kung town, we will head back to campus for a few outdoor lawn games. Here, families will compete in a series of fun challenge stations. Think "field day" with a creative twist. Each station offers a different physical or mental challenge, sure to delight the athlete and non-athlete alike. Families may build towers out of dry spaghetti, get dressed up in costumes to complete a relay race, or play a game of Giant Jenga.

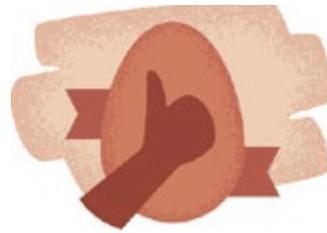
We will end the day in the auditorium with a culminating media presentation, and a laugh-filled awards ceremony.

Our principles

Hutong Core Values

Throughout our programs, we challenge students to not only push their boundaries and explore their surrounding culture, but we encourage them to take responsibility for their actions through embracing sustainable travel, making good decisions and supporting their classmates.

These notions are born out of our six Hutong Core Values.



BE A GOOD EGG

We are honest, respectful and 100% reliable. We're a basket full of good eggs.



EMBRACE DIVERSITY

We learn from others and broaden our minds by seeking out different perspectives and proactively embracing diversity.



LIGHT A SPARK

We love what we do and are eager to share our enthusiasm. Our passion lights a spark



GO THE EXTRA 'LI' (MILE)

Our dedication leads us to deliver more than expected and always go the extra 里 (li).



SEEK CHALLENGE

We view obstacles as opportunities to work together, step outside of our comfort zones, and grow.



SMILE MORE

We have fun, laugh a lot and always make time to play. That's why we smile more!

References

Don't just take our word for it

We have been running innovative, custom-crafted educational tours since 2009 with responsible professionalism, and while maintaining an exemplary safety record. We encourage all new partners to contact references for an objective perspective on their experiences with The Hutong.

Below is a list of top administrative contacts for international schools that we regularly run programs for. We are also happy to provide contact information of teachers who have been trip leaders on our programs, and with whom we have worked closely.

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This was another superbly organized and led program by The Hutong. The team connected really well with our students, bringing good humor, rigor, compassion, and sincerity to everything we did. This was a high quality experience at every level.

Craig Jenkinson

Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong

“*The Hutong is the best group I have had the opportunity to work with in my 16 years of doing Week Without Walls programs.*

They are safety-oriented, engaging to students, understand the importance of building solid relationships, great communicators, detail-oriented, problem solvers, and an all around fun group of people work to with.”

Craig Gingerich

Concordia International School Shanghai





The Hutong
**A Bit
About Us**

The Hutong creates unforgettable travel experiences throughout China for students from international schools around the world. Since 2009, we have been running educational programs to off-the-beaten-track destinations across China: from the rainforests of southern Yunnan to the grasslands of the Mongolian steppe, all of our programs are meticulously researched and planned to optimize student learning and to offer fun, innovative, and immersive experiences.

As well as being a licensed travel operator across Greater China, The Hutong is at heart a transformative education company. We partner with leading schools to build programs that incorporate learning objectives and life skills, all the while maintaining absolute professionalism, and an impeccable safety record. From our team of international educators to our travel specialists, each and every Hutonger shares a passion for providing exceptional learning experiences.

Students who attend Hutong programs engage with global issues and leave with broadened horizons, a renewed sense of their strengths and abilities, and a more solid understanding of ethical tourism and global development. No matter where we go, we aim to make a positive impact on the communities we visit, and on the student groups we lead.



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