

## **Sydney Girls High School**

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Just returned from a tour to China with China Bestours (CBT) with colleagues from other schools around Australia. This tour was organised to show us what our students would experience if they were to go to China with CBT. Some schools on tour had already used the services of CBT and vouched for the similarity in experience of our trip compared to those that students would enjoy.

The organisation was faultless; guides were there to meet us at every place, coaches were comfortable and sites chosen were spectacular. The hotels on our itinerary were well-chosen too. In all but one case, they were situated in the heart of the city visited, allowing us the freedom to visit surrounding places when our scheduled events for the day were finished. In some places, we were offered supplementary outings which we had the choice to take up. Flexibility is always good to have when travelling in another country.

Each guide we had knew their region extremely well and understood the nature of our group so each outing was informative as well as enjoyable. The right number of activities were organised for each day so while we did a great deal, we were not completely exhausted at the end of a day, thereby allowing us to enjoy the next stage.

The food was of high quality at every location, we were able to sample specialties from the different places we visited. This included vegetarian organic food the day we went to Shaolin Temple, what a treat!

In 12 nights we managed to see a great range of places and have a variety of experiences. From the bustling cities of Shanghai and Beijing to the smaller city of Cyan and the even smaller city close to Shaolin temple and the Longmen Grottoes, the latter my favourite, we saw jaw-dropping acrobatics, beautiful ageless temples, amazingly modern high-rises and even a traditional water village, to mention but a few.

All in all, a wonderful introduction to an amazing country with a very competent travel agent. I am inspired to organise a tour from our school and highly recommend this provider to any group looking for a successful and stress-free trip.

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