

Introduction to the Chinese Culture Experience Program for German University Students

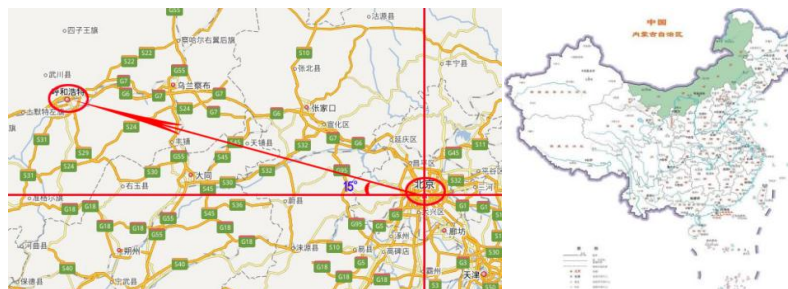
Introduction to the host city

Hohhot, also romanized as Huhehot or Huhhot, is the capital of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in north-central China. Its name, derived from Mongolian, means "Blue City" or "Green City," reflecting its historical and cultural significance.



Geography and Population

Hohhot covers an area of approximately 17,200 square kilometers, with a built-up area of 272 square kilometers. It takes about 3 hours to travel from Beijing to Hohhot by train. As of 2023, the city has a population of around 3.6 million people.



Historical and Cultural Significance

Hohhot is a city rich in history and culture, known for its ancient relics and vibrant traditions. Key historical sites include:

Zhaojun Tomb: A symbol of Han-Hun harmony, it commemorates Wang Zhaojun, a Han Dynasty palace maid who married a Xiongnu chieftain to promote peace.

Five-Pagoda Temple: A unique architectural marvel adorned with over 1,560 Buddha reliefs, showcasing intricate craftsmanship.

White Tower: A 55-meter-high Liao Dynasty structure, renowned for its exquisite carvings and historical inscriptions.

The city is also famous for its culinary delights, such as barbecue, traditional Mongolian milk products, and Shaomai (a type of dumpling).

Economic and Administrative Role

As the political, economic, cultural, and educational center of Inner Mongolia, Hohhot plays a pivotal role in the region's development. In 2023, the city's GDP reached 380.1 billion yuan, with significant growth in industrial output and fixed asset investment.

Modern Development

Hohhot is recognized for its efforts in urban modernization and sustainability. It has been awarded titles such as "National Forest City," "National Ecological Civilization City," and "China's Top Ten Happiest Cities". The city has also implemented advanced technologies like the "City Brain" system to enhance urban management and public safety.



Tourism and Landmarks

Hohhot offers a blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Popular attractions include:

Qingcheng Park: A green oasis in the city center.

Dazhao Temple: One of the oldest and most significant Tibetan Buddhist temples in Inner Mongolia.

Grassland Resorts: Nearby grasslands provide opportunities to experience traditional Mongolian culture and hospitality

Introduction to the host University

History

Inner Mongolia University (IMU) is located in Hohhot City, capital of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region(IMAR) and a famous historic and cultural city which is over 400 kilometers away from Beijing. Being the first university which was established by the Communist Party of China(CPC) and the state in ethnic minority regions after the founding of the People's Republic of China, IMU was launched at a high starting point in 1957.







IMU was approved to enroll postgraduate students in 1962, designated as one of 88 key universities in China in 1978 and authorized to confer doctoral degrees in 1984. It was included into Project 211 for the building of key universities in 1997, listed as a university co-sponsored by the People's Government of IMAR and the Ministry of Education in 2004 and incorporated into the state program for building one high-level university in each of the provinces in the mid-western region of China in 2012. The university was selected as one of the universities in China to build the first-class disciplines in 2017 and chosen as a university co-supported by MOE and the People's Government of IMAR in 2018, i.e. a university which can enjoy the treatment of those universities under the direct administration of MOE. In 2022, IMU was picked as a candidate university for the 2nd-round building under "Double-First-Class Initiative"

Itinerary and specific details

Day	Time	Itinerary		Lodging
D1 – D2	AM/PM	<p>Germany – China</p> <p>Departure from Germany</p> <p>Arrive in Beijing and check-in</p> <p>从德国出发抵达北京，入住酒店。</p>		Hotel
D3 Beijing	AM	<p>Exploring Chinese History 探索中国历史</p> <p>Visit the Palace Museum to see ancient Chinese architectural designs of the largest and best preserved ancient wooden structures in the world and the history and culture of the Ming and Qing dynasties</p> <p>参访故宫博物院，欣赏世界上规模最大、保存最完好的中国古代木结构建筑设计，以及明清两代的历史文化。</p>		Hotel
	PM	<p>City Exploration 城市探索</p> <p>Old Beijing Hutong Treasure hunting (Nanluoguxiang and Houhai)</p> <p>老北京胡同寻宝（南锣鼓巷和后海）。</p>		
D4 Beijing	AM	<p>Exploring Chinese History 探索中国历史</p> <p>Visit the Temple of Heaven Park, learn about the outdoor fitness culture of the elderly in China, visit Qiniandian, and learn about the traditional culture of the ancient royal family to pray for rain and harvest</p> <p>参观天坛公园，了解中国老年人户外健身文化，游览祈年殿，了解古代皇室祭天祈雨和丰收的传统文化。</p>		Hotel
	PM	<p>Explore the City 城市探索</p> <p>Experience the bullet high-speed train to Inner Mongolia- Hohhot</p> <p>体验子弹头高铁，前往内蒙古呼和浩特。</p>		
D5 Beijing	AM	<p>Studying in Inner Mongolia University</p> <p>Get familiar with Inner Mongolia University and visit Laboratory of Reproductive Regulation and Breeding of Grassland Livestock---Jointly Built by the IMU and the Education Ministry</p> <p>学生进入内蒙古大学熟悉环境，并参加欢迎仪式。</p>		Hotel

		参观内蒙古大学省部共建草原家畜生殖调控与繁育国家重点实验室。		
	PM	Visit University History Gallery of IMU 参观内蒙古大学校史馆。		
	After 6 PM	Student Gala Night 学生联欢晚会 Participate in cultural exchange activities and interact with students from IMU. 中德学生联欢交流活动。		
D6 Inner Mongolia	All Day	Round table Forum I: German Model vs. Chinese Speed: Comparison, Learning, and Integration in the Development of New Engineering Disciplines 圆桌论坛一 德国模式与中国速度：新工科发展的比较、借鉴与融合		Hotel
D7 Inner Mongolia	All Day	Roundtable Forum II: Dialogue of Future Engineers: A Collision from the Grasslands to the Rhine 圆桌论坛二 未来工程师的对话：从草原到莱茵河的碰撞	 	Hotel
D8 Inner Mongolia	AM	Exploring Yili Modern Health Valley 参观伊利健康谷。		Hotel
	PM	Exploring Inner Mongolia History Visit Inner Mongolia Museum 访问内蒙古博物院		
D9 Inner Mongolia	AM	Cultural Experience 文化体验 Inner Mongolia prairie tour to learn about the life and traditions of the horseback people 内蒙大草原之旅，瞭望广阔的内蒙古高原。		Hotel
	PM	Explore the City 城市探索 Visit Ethnic Minority Street in Hohhot 游览少数民族风情街。		

D10 Inner Mongolia	AM	Explore the City 城市探索 Take a bus to Rattlesnake Bay Desert 乘坐大巴车前往响沙湾沙漠。		Hotel
	PM	Explore the Nature 自然景观体验 Experience the vastness of the desert landscape, participate in desert experience activities 感受浩瀚的大漠风光，参加沙漠体验活动		
D11 Inner Mongolia	AM	Attend the graduation ceremony and receive a study certificate 参加研学结业式，颁发研学证书。		Hotel
	PM	Return to Beijing by bullet train, and return to Germany 乘坐高铁返回北京，随后返回德国。		

备注：

1. 具体日程可能根据实际情况有部分调整。

The specific schedule may be subject to partial adjustments based on actual circumstances.

2. 项目中人数控制在 20 人以内。

The number of participants in the project will be limited to 20 people.

3. 项目在中国境内发生的一切费用由中方支付。

All expenses incurred within China for the project will be covered by the Chinese side.

4. 项目报名截止时间为 2026 年 5 月 31 日。请在截止时间前提供学生报名表。

The application deadline for the project is

April 15, 2026. Kindly ensure that the student application forms are submitted by this date.