

AMIS Jazz Festival October 14th-16th, 2010



International School of Beijing, China
www.isb.bj.edu.cn

Festival snapshot:

- Students will home-stay with ISB families for the 4 days of the Festival (Wednesday-Sunday morning) near ISB (usually within ½ hour) and will travel mostly on ISB buses
- Directors and chaperones will stay at the Yosemite Clubhouse, hotel accommodation that is 5 minutes walk from ISB
- The festival will include a day on the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu where the Combo musicians will play
- The concert on Saturday will be in the ISB Theatre, a 600-seat auditorium
- Students will attend a performance by Chinese Acrobats as part of the festival

Getting here

You will need to apply for a TOURIST visa to get into China. Please make sure that all the applications state this as you may have problems if you apply for any other kind of visa. Everyone will need a visa. These will cost approximately €100.

There is only one airport for Beijing, Beijing Capital Airport. This is about 20 minutes by bus from ISB.

ISB Details

International School of Beijing
10 An Hua Street
Shunyi District
Beijing 101318

For the HJB Festival:

Our community will be able to provide one extra nights' accommodation for students with host families on Tuesday October 12th with prior notice. Directors and chaperones will need to book (and pay for) an extra night in the Yosemite Clubhouse. In addition, we can book small buses or private cars for the following day (Wednesday) for sightseeing trips. Prices are approximately these, providing that the places to go are in Beijing:

Private car (4 people) 800RMB (€90) for the day
Small bus (21 seater) 1,200RMB (€132) for the day

Groups are welcome to join together but this will need to be arranged by the individual directors from the visiting schools.

There are some excellent websites that will give you lots of information on places to see in Beijing. Try these:

www.beijing-tours.com , www.travelchinaguide.com

This option must be booked in advance at the time of submitting travel accommodation. If flight times arrive either very early in the morning or late at night this option may not be possible for that night. It would be possible to arrive early Wednesday morning, drop baggage at school and book a vehicle to go some sightseeing that day. Again, this would need to be booked in advance.

Sights to see

The Forbidden City is a 'must'! I would recommend visiting the Temple of Heaven and then going shopping at Hong Qiao market (very close by). A *hutong* tour is also a great way to get the 'flavor' of traditional Beijing. The Old Summer Palace is also very nice, along with the Fragrant Hills. For those of you who like walking, visiting the Great Wall at Simitai (a wilder and unspoilt part of the Wall) would be a nice day out of the city.

Festival Photos

I will be asking you to send me a photo of the group of students you will be bringing to the Festival. This will be for the souvenir brochure that will be given to each participating student and teacher when they arrive.

If you are planning on coming to China before the festival or staying on after expect to pay at least 70\$ for a twin room and extra for another bed to be added in most decent hotels in Beijing. Check for prices of extra beds and if western breakfast is included. Any hotel should also be able to organize day trips easily for you.



What we are not able to do:

- Organize activities or sightseeing for days outside the festival (except Wednesday October 13th)
- Organize homestay accommodation for days outside the festival (except Tuesday October 12th)
- Book hotel accommodation (including Yosemite Clubhouse) for days outside the festival