



Wilkes News

Wilkes University Offering Two-Week Excursion to Far East

Wilkes University is offering a two-week educational excursion to the Far East, directed by professor of anthropology James Merryman. Open to the general public, the custom-designed tour is scheduled for June 20 – July 3, 2009 and includes tours of the highest place on earth.

Travelers will journey through China and Tibet starting in Beijing, the modern capital of the world's fastest growing country. The China-Tibet connection will be made via the Sky Train the highest train in the world and an engineering marvel that travels above 16,000 feet.

From the window of the Sky Train, travelers will see the vast diversity of the Chinese landscape and the Tibetan plateau. An optional one-day trek through the Himalayan foothills gives travelers an opportunity to converse with yak herding nomads, and enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Tibet.

The trip was designed by Jeff Levinson of Lune Tours in Dallas, Pa. Levinson, who speaks fluent Mandarin, is a seasoned traveler and has visited every destination in the itinerary.

Cost is \$3,950 per person, all inclusive. Space reservations can be made for \$400 deposit by March 1, 2009. For more information, contact Dr. Merryman at james.merryman@wilkes.edu or 570-408-4043.

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