

GBM 440A

We are all able to recognize a great opportunity when we see one. That is why I jumped at the opportunity to take GBM 440A. This business class gives you the opportunity to travel to China with the purpose of learning not only the culture but the way that business is conducted. Dr. Antoniou has put together a great curriculum full of great cultural and business learning but balanced enough to allow you to explore the country at your own leisure.

The trip included great sightseeing destinations such as The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and The Forbidden Palace while we visited Beijing. An overnight train brought us to Shanghai which was the second stay on our trip. There were many museums and gardens that we visited in every city, but Suzhou had by far the most peaceful and beautiful gardens of all. Along with sightseeing there were very informational meetings like the one at the Suzhou Industrial Park which was only an hour's drive from Shanghai.

A quick two hour flight brought us to Guangzhou and the meeting with the Commercial Consul. We had an

opportunity to network and take in a great presentation on trade between China and the rest of the world. Guangzhou and its surroundings play a big part in the manufacturing center of China. Because of this we were allowed to visit a factory and see the way many of our household objects are made.

Our trip concluded with a short boat trip to Hong Kong. The night time river cruise of Hong Kong Bay and its beautiful skyline was the perfect ending to our trip. But what trip could end without a little shopping. The night market in Hong Kong was an experience that can not be put into words, it was to be lived.

China is slowly opening up to the rest of the world, and there is no doubt that it is growing at a rapid pace. Tourism is growing bigger every day and it would be very easy to go there in the future. But GBM 440A and Dr. Antoniou will be able to give you a very different perspective that cannot be obtained by any tour guide. You will return with a much deeper understanding and appreciation for a different culture and its people.