

Ross Mathematics Program/Asia

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Travel Instructions for arrival at Ross Program / Asia

FOR ROSS PARTICIPANTS FROM CHINA:

Arrival Arrangements.

Participants should arrive in Nanjing by 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 10, 2016.

BY CAR – Information about the location of Happy Villa is posted at <u>FAQ</u>.

BY AIR – Book your flight to Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG) to arrive between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on July 10. Our staff member will meet you there with a sign "**Ross Math**".

BY TRAIN – Please book your ticket to Nanjing South Railway Station to arrive between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on July 10. Our staff member will meet you there, with a sign "**Ross Math**".

Contact telephone numbers: 177-5104-1910 or 189-1126-1873.

Departure Arrangements.

Ross Program staff will transport participants to airports or train stations as needed, on

Friday August 12.

Afternoon departures are preferred because we might run a short "good-bye" session at 9:00 AM on that Friday.

It is OK to leave on Saturday August 13 if the most convenient flight leaves then. You are welcome to stay at Happy Villa for that Friday night at no additional charge.

For those leaving from Shanghai, a Ross staff member will accompany you and help you check in at the Shanghai airport (via bus to Nanjing train station, high speed train to Shanghai, and shuttle to airport).

FOR ROSS PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE CHINA:

Ross/Asia representatives will be at two airports to meet incoming Ross participants:

Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG) and Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG).

It is more convenient for Ross Program people to arrive in Nanjing, but few international flights arrive there. The only direct flights between North America and Nanjing seem to be the ones from Los Angeles (LAX) offered by China Eastern Airlines. Those flights (MU 2856 / MU 2855) don't run every day:

LAX to NKG on Tue, Thu, and Sat, arriving at 6 PM the next day.

There are several direct flights from North America to Shanghai. If you arrive there, our staff member will gather the Ross group and travel with you to the Shanghai train station, and then on a fast train to Nanjing (a couple of hours altogether).

(1) Which airport?

Participants need to arrive at the Nanjing or Shanghai airport during specified time windows. Book a flight to Nanjing (NKG), <u>provided</u> you can find a direct flight there from your home country, or you are comfortable with changing planes in China.

<u>Changing planes</u>: After completing a flight of perhaps more than 16 hours you will arrive at a major city (like Beijing, Shanghai, or Guangzhou), retrieve your checked baggage, go through Customs, re-check your baggage, and board a plane to Nanjing. No one from Ross/Asia will be there to assist you.

You may certainly contact a Ross/Asia staff member by phone if needed.

Plane changes and customs inspections are fairly routine, and will probably go smoothly. But if you are worried about changing planes in China, then please take a direct flight to Shanghai, go through customs there, and exit the secure area to meet a Ross/Asia representative. You will complete the trip to Nanjing in a Ross group traveling by train.

(2) Date of travel.

We encourage you to participate in our home-stay program, a cultural exchange opportunity during the week before the Ross Program starts.

Q. Who is eligible to join this program that is provided at no additional cost?A. Any Ross participant (student, junior counselor, and counselor) who does not know much about modern Chinese culture and would like to learn more.Further information about this home-stay opportunity appears in other documents.

Dates for participants in the home-stay program:

Please choose a flight that arrives in Nanjing or Shanghai on

Saturday, July 2 or on **Sunday July 3,** 2016, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. (Saturday may be preferred by host families.) Our staff member holding a "Ross Math" sign will meet you at the airport and then accompany you to meet your host family. (Participants arriving at Shanghai will take a high speed train to Nanjing.)

Ross/Asia contact telephone numbers in China: 177-5104-1910 or 189-1126-1873.

Dates for participants <u>not</u> in the home-stay program:

Please choose a flight that arrives at Nanjing or Shanghai on

Friday, July 8, 2016, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Our staff member holding a "Ross Math" sign will meet you there and then accompany you to Happy Villa. (Participants flying to Shanghai will take a high speed train from Shanghai to Nanjing then a bus to Happy Villa.)

Ross/Asia contact telephone numbers in China: 177-5104-1910 or 189-1126-1873.

Note: A few participants might need to arrive in China on a different date. If you arrive outside the times mentioned above, we will do what we can to assist in your travels. However, is such cases you will be responsible for the costs of local transportation (approximately \$50 - \$100 for those arriving in Shanghai).

Departure from Ross Program

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