The trip itinerary is as follows:

**DAY 1—Travel (Thursday, March 12, 2015)**
Transit from Chicago to Beijing. We will try to book a nonstop flight—which will take approximately 13 and a half hours. If unable to do so, we will use a one-stop flight which will increase flying time to about 17-20 hours.

**DAY 2—Arrive BEIJING (Friday, March 13)**
Arrive Beijing around 3:30 pm—Pick-up and transit to hotel.
Dependent on arrival time—plan for a later dinner at 7:30 pm with Harlee Phillips who is studying at Beijing Language and Culture University. Harlee will provide an overview of her experiences in Beijing and provide an orientation based on her time in China.

**DAY 3—BEIJING (Saturday, March 14)**
   a. Meet for breakfast in hotel at 8 a.m. Gather at 9:30 a.m. for departure to Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City
   b. Go to area 798—modern art gallery (modeled after the Bauhaus)—which was initially organized to protest government restrictions and attitude toward more modern forms of art.
   c. Late afternoon—visit tea house.
   d. After dinner, travel to Chaoyang Theater for Acrobatics show or National Center for the Performing Arts (2015 calendar not yet available—so only able to determine which performance or style of entertainment closer to travel)

**DAY 4—BEIJING (Sunday, March 15)**
   a. Meet for breakfast in hotel, Depart for Great Wall at 8 am. Climb Great Wall at the Mutianyu section, 43 miles NE of Beijing in Huairou County
   b. Tour the Thirteen Ming Tombs, (travel to the tombs in Changping), made possible since we travel to the further and less busy section of the Great Wall in that area which has a gentler slope for entry to the wall
   c. Dinner
   d. Travel by plane to Xi’an
   e. Pick up and transfer to hotel.

**DAY 5—XI’AN (Monday, March 16)**
   a. Morning—visit Tangbo Art Museum*
   b. Lunch and tour Xi’an city wall and Xi’an Mosque
   c. Visit night market at Barley Market Street for food and products favored by China’s Muslim Hui people, or the more culturally varied and integrated North Gate Market
DAY 6—XI’AN to Lijiang (Tuesday, March 17)
   a. Breakfast at hotel at 7:30 a.m. Travel to the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum and excavation site.
   b. Evening flight from Xi’an to Lijiang, leaving at 7:10 p.m. (2 hours duration).
   c. Pick up and transfer to hotel.
   d. Dinner or night market.

DAY 7—LIJIANG (Wednesday, March 18)
   a. Breakfast at hotel then early departure for Old Town.
   b. Visit Lijiang old town.
   c. Travel to the Naxi Dongba Culture Museum 
   d. Visit Black Dragon Pool
   e. Early dinner (5 pm)—eat local Naxi food at restaurant and return to hotel
   f. Group discussion of Naxi effort to preserve culture/time for personal reflection.

DAY 8— LIJIANG to SHAXI (Thursday, March 19)
   a. Early breakfast at hotel in Lijiang. Then travel to Shaxi (about 90-120 minutes travel time)
   b. Tour city center and Ming temples there.
   c. After traditional lunch, students will explore local city
   d. Travel back to Guest house for lodging.

DAY 9- SHAXI to DALI (Friday, March 20)
   a. Early rise so students can breakfast with rural farming families. Spend morning working on the farm
   b. Eat lunch and board bus for Dali
   c. Visit Walled Town of Dali—tour local area, starting at Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture Museum and walk through town.
   d. Stop at restaurant for dinner and return early to hotel.
   e. Students will have a chance to reflect and contrast the Bai to other Chinese ethnic groups and a chance to work on journaling or work on their projects. (90 minutes)

DAY 10- DALI (Saturday, March 21)
   a. Early breakfast at hotel.
   b. Bicycle around Er-hai lake
   c. Lunch in old town
   d. Take cable car up the Cang mountains.
   e. Dinner in Dali then travel to Kunming by train—soft sleepers (about 7 hours)

DAY 11- KUNMING (Sunday, March 22)
   a. Upon arrival students will settle in hotel.
b. Students will get orientation to city—visit ATM as necessary and learn about local resources. Some time for shopping, free time or to visit local sites

c. Dinner

**DAY 12**—KUNMING (Monday, March 23)

a. Breakfast in apartments, travel to campus for lecture and discussion of Chinese language and communication patterns
b. Afternoon participation in service learning—teaching English to disadvantaged children or outreach to NGO’s
c. Dinner and travel to Dynamic Yunnan profiling the different ethnic groups and their art forms

**DAY 13**—KUNMING (Tuesday, March 24)

a. Morning Tai Chi class---and observation.
b. Free morning—time to be spent moving around city or visiting with Yunnan University students. We may also offer a tour of a Chinese factory. (students will have a chance to talk about contemporary issues and identity with the students)
c. Afternoon participation in service learning—teaching English to disadvantaged children or outreach to NGO’s.
d. Dinner and opportunity for students to interact with students from Yunnan University

e. Packing for home.

**DAY 14**—TRANSIT (Wednesday, March 25)

a. Fly from Kunming to Beijing
b. Arrive in Beijing airport at 12:30 am. Connect to flight to US at 1:00 pm or 5 pm (arriving at 8-9 pm or 5 pm dependent on departure time).