

SCIS: Diandian Tibetan Orphanage School Project

Kangding is the largest city in Western Sichuan, it is mainly ethnically Han Chinese with a notable Tibetan presence and flair, particular in its shops, restaurants and the lama local temple. For centuries it has been the meeting place of many cultures and therefore is home to memorial to the Tea Horse Road. It serves as one of the last outposts before the wild Tibetan mountains and passes of the Chengdu-Lhasa highway and the historical Tibetan region of Khamba.

Located in such a remote and impoverished area of China, the Tibetan children are not only in need of assistance to improve their school's facilities but are also in need of inspiration from the outside world with regards to exposure to different religions and beliefs. Insight provides assistance built on communication and collaboration between our school students and Tibetan children. Through working together for the kitchen renovation, we aim to create a collaborative environment with the Diandian students and our partner school.

Trip Objectives

- To act as a volunteer for the local canteen
- To attend religious classes with the Tibetan students
- To renovate the whole kitchen area of the school
- To teach English, play and interact with the student community at Diandian

Itinerary	Times	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Breakfast	08:00		Hotel Breakfast	Hotel Breakfast	Hotel Breakfast	Hotel Breakfast
Morning	08:45	Arrival to Chengdu Transport to city	Transfer	Transfer Lunch Prep.	Tibetan School	Transport to Airport
Lunch	12:30	Hot Pot	Local Cuisine	School Canteen	School Canteen	Packed Lunch
Afternoon	13:30	Wide and Narrow Alley Check-in to Hotel	Kangding Hike Local Community Engagement	Tibetan School	Tibetan School	Fly out to Shanghai
Dinner	18:30	Local Cuisine	School Dinner	School Canteen	Hotel Buffet	
Evening	19:30	Hot Spring	Community Service Goal Setting	Debrief and Reflections	Farewell Party and Appreciation Ceremony	
Night	21:00	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel	

Program Outcomes

- This Tibetan School has been Insight's established community partner since 2013. The Tibetan children were extremely grateful to our past partner schools for constructing the wooden floor for their classroom as well as sending them winter jackets and heating machines to get through the bitterly cold winter.
- The Tibetan children are eager to see Insight come back with another school and stay with them for the project week. Local students enjoy the interaction with their international counterparts and building the newly refurbished kitchen will be greatly appreciated by the school community.
- Through common understanding we can achieve a strong, thriving and mutually respectful partnership that is long standing and sustainable.