

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
FACULTY OF ARTS

Ethnographic Exploration Programme  
Field Trip to Shangri-la in Yunnan, China



<b>Duration:</b>	9 – 16 March 2026 (8 days)
<b>Location:</b>	Shangri-la in Yunnan, China
<b>Number of participants:</b>	10 students
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Full-time undergraduates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who have declared Buddhist Studies Minor; or</li><li>• Students from Arts Faculty who have enrolled in at least one Buddhist Studies elective</li></ul>
<b>Programme outline:</b>	This programme is an immersive, interdisciplinary research and exploration experience in Shangri-la of Yunnan in China, with a particular focus on the Tibetan community and its rich cultural and ecological landscape. It aims to enhance students' research skills, cultural understanding, and digital documentation capabilities, while fostering collaboration with local partners and contributing to heritage conservation projects.
<b>Programme details:</b>	During the 8-day service-learning cum research exploration trip, students will work with the China Exploration and Research Society (CERS) and the HKU Wong How Man Centre for Exploration to learn more about the preservation of tangible cultural heritage through structured archival practices and contribute to the development of a digital archive. There will also be site visits, guided analysis, as well as interviews with the local community to explore various themes in the Tibetan context. Pls. click <a href="#">HERE</a> for details on the itinerary.  <u>Participants are expected to deliver a post-trip group presentation and compile an individual report in multimedia format in April/May 2026.</u>

<b>Accommodation:</b>	D1-2, 4-7 CERS Shangrila Centre; D3 Lisu Heritage Village
<b>Field trip leaders:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Georgios T. Halkias, Glorisun Professor in Buddhist Studies, Centre of Buddhist Studies</li> <li>• Prof. Catherine Hardie, Assistant Professor, Centre of Buddhist Studies</li> </ul>
<b>Application:</b>	<p>Sign-up <a href="#">HERE</a> by 21 Dec 2025 (Sun), 6pm (HKT)</p> <p><i>*For non-local students, please check the visa requirements to enter China before submitting an application</i></p>
<b>Interview arrangement:</b>	Shortlisted students will be required to attend an interview in early January, please stay tuned on email notifications.
<b>Fees and Deposit:</b>	<p><b><u>Accommodation, food and transportation of the trip will be fully covered.</u></b></p> <p>Admitted students will be required to settle a HK\$4,000 deposit and provide the record of their purchased flight tickets (basing on the suggested flight) at least 6 weeks before departure.</p> <p><i>*The deposit will be refunded and full amount of airfare will be reimbursed upon successful completion of the trip and completion/submission of all required presentations/report(s).</i></p>
<b>Remarks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The approximate altitude of Shangri-La City is around 3,300 meters (10,827 feet) above sea level. Please visit <a href="#">Hong Kong Travel Health Service website</a> for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Enquiry:</b>	Centre of Buddhist Studies ( <a href="mailto:cbsug@hku.hk">cbsug@hku.hk</a> )