

## ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Longsan Temple  
Ximending Fashion District  
Lodging: Taipei

DAY 6  
Travel to Hwalian  
Taroko National Park  
Lodging: Hwalian

DAY 7  
Hwalian River Boat Ride  
Lodging: Hwalian

DAY 8  
Take train back to Taipei along Northeast Coast  
Juming Museum  
Traditional Hot Springs  
Lodging: Taipei

DAY 9  
Return to the US

Enhancing the above itinerary, WMA Taiwanese students, parents, and alumni will help to serve as guides, providing support with all in-country logistics. Through them, the students will gain first-hand knowledge and direct access to a thriving economy, cultural insight into ancient traditions, and further understanding of the political and economic successes and challenges in Taiwan rather than having a traditional sightseeing tour. For those studying Mandarin, there will be the added benefit of communicating with native speakers every day.



Wilbraham & Monson Academy (WMA) was established by the merger of two early-nineteenth-century academies: Monson Academy, founded in 1804, and Wesleyan (Wilbraham) Academy, founded in 1817. The two academies merged in 1971.

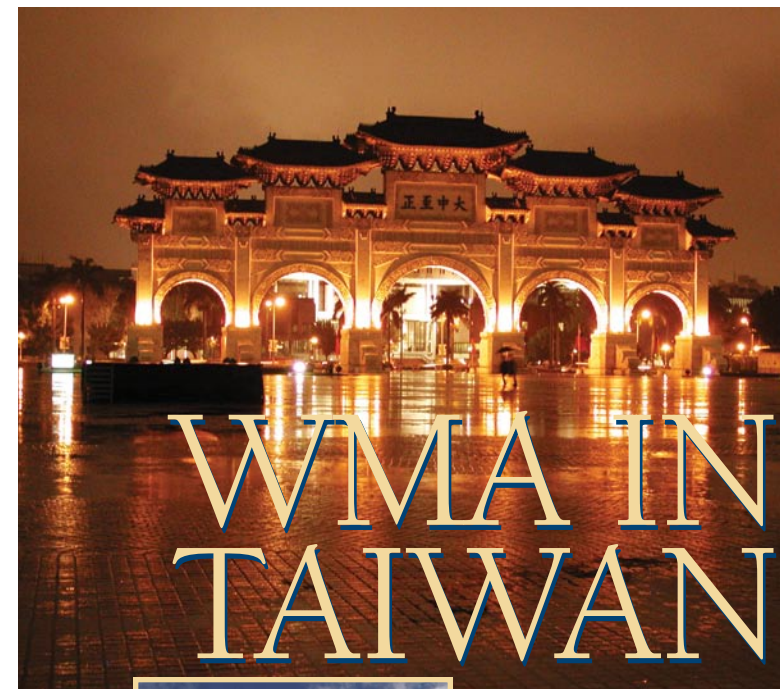
The Academy is in the center of the town of Wilbraham, located in southwestern Massachusetts, 7 miles east of Springfield. It occupies 300 acres of what was formerly rich farmland and wooded hillsides. The town itself, incorporated in 1763, is essentially suburban, and many residents commute to nearby Springfield and Hartford, Connecticut.



Among the ten area colleges are Smith, Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and the University of Massachusetts. Students and faculty members take advantage of the cultural events held on those campuses.

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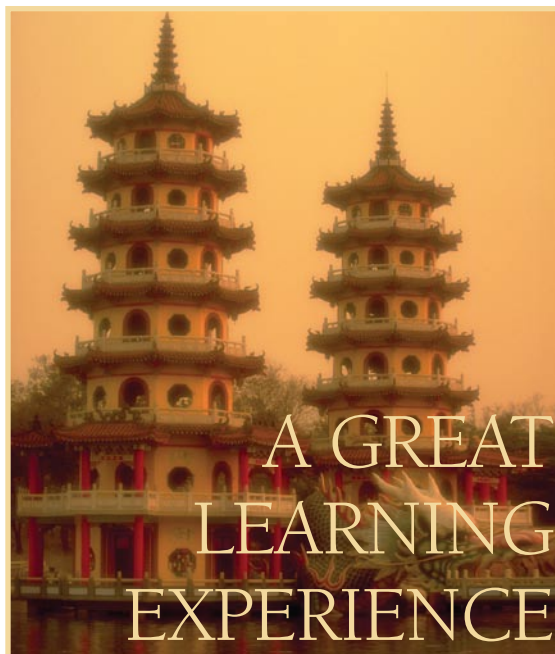
Day 1  
Travel to and arrive in Taipei  
Lodging: Taipei

DAY 2  
National Palace Museum  
Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial  
Taipei 101  
Shihlin Night Market  
Lodging: Taipei

DAY 3  
National Taiwan Democracy Memorial  
Sun Moon Lake  
Lodging: Nantou

DAY 4  
Formosa Aboriginal Cultural Village  
Lodging: Alishan

DAY 5  
Alishan Forest Railway  
for sunrise and Cloud Ocean  
High Speed Railway back to Taipei



# WMA IN TAIWAN 2008



*WMA is pleased to announce a student trip to Taiwan in early June 2008. WMA students will have access and insight into the Taiwanese culture and its growing place in the world economy through the efforts of our Taiwanese students, families, and alumni.*

## LODGING

Students will begin their in-country stay at hotels in the city center. As the group travels throughout the island, various sites have been chosen that are comfortable, secure, and easily accessible to cultural and economic centers. Trip participants will be hosted overnight on some evenings by current families at their homes. In that way, they will gain a stronger understanding of Taiwanese culture and strengthen friendships with our current Taiwanese students.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We are fortunate that a number of Taiwanese families and alumni have offered to help our students with accommodations and access to special events and locations, enabling us to keep costs minimal. The cost of the trip is \$2,900 inclusive of airfare, lodging, transportation, and all group meals.

The trip leaders are two WMA faculty members: Walter Swanson, Director of International Programs, and John Boozang, Director of College Counseling. We look forward to your son or daughter joining us. Please feel free to e-mail Walter Swanson ([wswanson@WMAnet.org](mailto:wswanson@WMAnet.org)) any questions or call him at 413.596.9159.

*Because WMA values international travel for all of its students, we have made some financial assistance available. Please contact Walter Swanson for additional information.*

## BOOKING THE TRIP

An initial intent to travel form (available by contacting Walter Swanson at [wswanson@WMAnet.org](mailto:wswanson@WMAnet.org)) must be signed by February 15. A 50% deposit of \$1,450 is due by February 28. The remainder needs to be paid by April 1. Checks should be made out to Wilbraham & Monson Academy. Credit Cards are accepted.

Students and faculty will travel together from WMA to Logan for the flight to Taiwan. Walter Swanson will be reachable 24 hours a day and emergency contact information will be given at all accommodations.

The trip will depart after exams, in early June. The following itinerary includes some of the major stops along our tour. Alumni and parents will be adding smaller stops that include cultural, political, and economic experiences.

