



Ross Mathematics Program/Asia

Ross / Asia 2019: Travel Instructions

For STUDENTS and JUNIOR-COUNSELORS

Plan to arrive at the dormitory **before 5 PM on Sunday July 7.**

Those traveling to Ross/Asia from outside of China:

- If you will be in China before that weekend, follow instructions below for those traveling within China.

We ask you to arrive two days early, to allow plenty of time to recover from the long trip. Please book your flight to arrive at Shanghai Pudong Airport (PVG) on Friday July 5. You will stay at the airport hotel (further info below), and board a chartered bus at 8:00 AM on Saturday July 6. The bus will arrive around noon at our dormitory at *Jiangsu Aviation Technical College* in Zhenjiang.

Home-stay program:

To join our homestay program in Nanjing, please request an application form at info@rossmathasia.org.

We will help you plan the trip to Nanjing, traveling on June 29 (Sat) or June 30 (Sun). At the end of that week, your host family will help arrange transportation to Zhenjiang.

Those traveling to Ross/Asia from inside China:

You need to arrive at the dormitory before 5 PM on Sunday July 7. There are two options:

(a) Meet us in Nanjing.

Arrive at Nanjing South Train Station before noon on Sunday. You might travel by train or car to Nanjing, or fly to Nanjing Lukou Airport and get a taxi to the train station. Our chartered bus to Zhenjiang City will leave from Nanjing South Train Station at 1pm on Sunday July 7, 2019. It will take a couple of hours to get to our dormitory.

(b) Travel independently.

More details are provided in (4) below. We will do what we can to assist you.

Please let us know your travel plans before booking tickets.

As soon as your plans are made, please email your full itinerary to info@rossmathasia.org, so that we can best assist you for your arrival.

Q&A FORMAT FOR ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS.

(0) Do I need a visa to enter China?

If you are not a Chinese citizen you will need a visa. In a separate email, we will send you advice and instructions on how to apply for a visa. This is most conveniently done through a visa-agent in your home country.

For those traveling from outside of China:

(1) Do I need to bring some Chinese Yuan (currency)?

Yes. We suggest you bring Chinese currency equivalent to at least \$100 (US dollars). The simplest way to exchange your home currency to Yuan is at an exchange kiosk in a large airport in your home country. You will get a better exchange at a large bank, but that may be less convenient. A credit card in China will have a good exchange rate. but non-Chinese credit cards are accepted only in areas that attract many foreign tourists. Non-Chinese credit cards are never accepted for train tickets or by taxi drivers.

(2) Which Chinese airport?

It's best if you get a direct flight (arriving Friday July 5) to the Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) from your home country, and stay overnight in the hotel there. Ross/Asia staff members will be at that airport to help, during time windows mentioned in (4) below. It will be more challenging for you to go through customs in another Chinese city and then get a flight to Shanghai.

We can provide personal assistance only at the Shanghai Pudong Airport.

A later message will include Ross phone numbers to call in case you encounter difficulties in your travels.

(3) Which hotel for my arrival?

If traveling from outside China, fly to Shanghai Pudong Airport (PVC) on Friday July 5. We strongly recommend that you book a room in *Dazhong Airport Hotel*, located within that airport. Booking can be done at sites like <http://www.dazhongairporthotel.com/index.php>, or you can search for the Dazhong Airport Hotel at: https://www.trip.com/?locale=en_US . If you encounter difficulty with this, we can provide help with the hotel booking process.

(4) Will help be available at the airport in Shanghai?

Meeting you in the Shanghai Pudong International Airport on Friday July 5:

Ross Staff holding "Ross Math" signs will meet Ross participants in the area outside the exit from customs. Staff members will also be in the lobby of Dazhong Airport Hotel between 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 5. That hotel is located between the airport's first and second terminal buildings, a five-minute walk from the customs exit. If you cannot find that Ross staff member, walk to the hotel directly.

Here is a map of the Shanghai Airport. The hotel is between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, next to the Maglev Station.



Most international flights land at Terminal 2. When you exit from customs, you will see signs like those in the picture below. Follow signs saying “Maglev” and “Airport Hotel.”



Instead, you might see the signs as below. Follow the direction to Terminal 1 and Maglev.



After walking a few minutes, you should see the Airport Hotel entrance, as in the picture above. Go up the elevator, enter the hotel and ask about Ross Math at the reception desk. (There are two hotel buildings to check.)

If you save this picture in your cell phone, you can use it if you need to ask for directions.

For those traveling from inside China

You may either

- travel independently, arriving before 5 PM on Sunday July 7; or
- meet our bus at the Nanjing South Train Station at noon on Sunday.

Meeting in Nanjing on Sunday July 7:

Staff members holding “Ross Math” signs will meet arriving participants in the Nanjing South Train Station: at the East Railway Arrival Gate 1 (铁路到达东1) after you exit from your train.

Staff members will be there between 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The bus will depart from the Train Station at 12:00 noon on Sunday July 7.

If you need help with travel plans, please let us know.

In any case, please email your travel plans to us at: info@rossmathasia.org

(4) How can I travel to our dorm independently?

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – You may take a train to Zhenjiang and get off at either the Danyang North Station or the Zhenjiang Station. From either station it takes about 30 minutes to get to Jiangsu Aviation Technical College by taxi (and costs about \$10).

Taxis require Chinese money. (They do not accept foreign credit cards.)

Here is the address of the Jiangsu Aviation Technical College:

江苏航空职业技术学院
江苏省镇江新区瑞城路88号

We advise you copy this address into your cell phone or print it on paper, so that you can show it to your taxi driver.

Be sure to arrive at the dorm before noon on Saturday July 6.

BY CAR – The address of Jiangsu Aviation Technical College is given above.

Some information about that school and its location is posted at: <http://www.jatc.edu.cn>

DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS

The final Ross session will be Friday morning, August 9.

Buses will travel from our dormitory to Shanghai Pudong Airport and to Nanjing South Train Station, leaving at 12:00 noon on Friday August 9.

Alternatively, you may stay overnight in our dormitory on that Friday, and arrange for your own departure on Saturday morning, August 10.

For scheduling your flight from Shanghai, remember:

It may take 5 to 6 hours to get to Shanghai, and it takes further time to wait in line for baggage check, pass through customs, go through the security check, and walk to the gate.

It may take 2 hours to get to Nanjing South Train Station.

Please plan your travel to match the times mentioned above.

If you book a Saturday flight from Shanghai, we again recommend staying overnight in a room at the Dazhong Airport Hotel. Details about booking a room there are provided on page 2 above. (That hotel booking can be made a week or so before the trip.)

Contact Information for Ross/Asia

Ross/Asia contact telephone number in China: 199-5176-1507 .

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