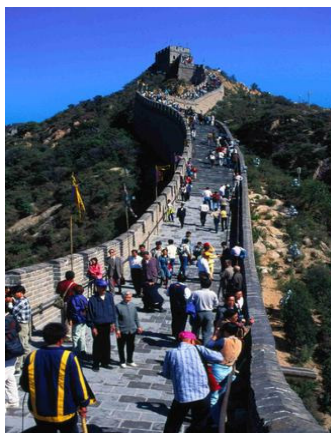


CLASSIC CHINA!



The Great Wall



Chinese Acrobatics Show



Shanghai



Terra Cotta Warriors

Oct. 06 - Oct. 15 Classic China Discovery

Oct.. 06 - Oct. 20 Classic China Discovery with the Yangtze River Cruise

Day 01 : USA - Beijing

We start our vacation by boarding an international flight bound for Beijing, the bustling capital of modern-day China. Spend the night on board as we cross the International Date Line.

Day 02 : Arrive Beijing

We arrive in the evening. Beijing is in the midst of much change as it prepares to host the 2008 Summer Olympics and welcome a record number of visitors. There is no sightseeing planned for this evening so relax and unwind in luxury hotel accommodations

Day 03 : Beijing

China's political center is home to over 13 million people. Today we enjoy a full day tour of this rich historical city. We begin by visiting the expansive Tiananmen Square, which is distinguished as being the world's largest public square. We continue on to the Forbidden City, so named as commoners were forbidden entry through its gates. Later, we tour the magnificent Summer Palace, a place of rest and relaxation away from the blazing Beijing heat for the emperor and his family. In the evening, we are captivated by an impressive Chinese Acrobatics show and a delicious Peking Duck Banquet has been prepared for your own enjoyment.

Day 04 : Beijing

The highlight of any tour to China is the massive Great Wall. Meandering its way thousands of miles across North China, the Wall can be seen even from the Moon. We spend ample time traversing the ancient steps of the Great Wall, descending later to visit the Ming Tomb Museum.

Day 05 : Beijing

Two full days of sightseeing has left us in need of some free time. Enjoy a full day of leisure as we explore Beijing at your own pace.

Day 06 : Beijing - Xian

We complete our Beijing tour by visiting the Temple of Heaven. Widely regarded as the noblest example of religious architecture in all of China, the Temple of Heaven is where emperors came to pray for a bountiful harvest. We fly to Xian in the afternoon and then head to the City Wall.

Day 07 : Xian

Xian is home to the life-sized Terra-Cotta Warriors of Qin Shi Huang. Made to protect China's first emperor even in death, the Terra-Cotta Army was found by a farmer in 1974 and attracts thousands of visitors each year. After viewing the fine troops, we head back into town to visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. We are in for a treat this evening as we enjoy an Imperial Dumpling Banquet, after which we observe an exciting Tang Dynasty Stage Show.

Day 08 : Xian - Shanghai

Shanghai is undoubtedly China's largest city with a population of well over 14 million. This dynamic port city boasts a creative blend of East and West styles and traditions. An afternoon city tour of this cosmopolitan metropolis takes us to Yu Garden, bustling Nanjing Road, and the famous waterfront Bund.

Day 09 : Shanghai

The entire day is free for leisure activities. Do some last-minute souvenir shopping or tour the "Garden City" of Suzhou. Suzhou is a city interlaced by canals and famous for its high quality silk fabrics.

Day 10 : Shanghai - USA

Bid a fond farewell to China as we board our homebound international flight. Arrive back in the U.S. on the same day we left China.

For those doing the Yangtze River Cruise

On day 8 your itinerary changes

Day 08 : Xian - Chongqing

We fly from Xian to Chongqing. Located in Sichuan province, Chongqing is China's largest municipality and famous for its scorching ! spicy culinary offerings.

.Day 09 : Chongqing - Yangtze River Cruise

Take a full-day tour of the mountain city of Chongqing including a lunch of local spicy Sichuan cuisine. Later in the evening we board our Victoria Cruises ship and prepare for our Yangtze River journey.

Day 10 : Yangtze River Cruise

The first shore excursion of our Yangtze adventure occurs either at the legendary "Ghost City" of Fengdu or at Wanxian or at Shibaozhai, largely depending on river conditions.

Afterwards, we continue sailing on the river.

Day 11 : Yangtze River Cruise

Today we enter the portion of the Yangtze that contains the Three Gorges. We gingerly navigate the narrow waterway of Qutang Gorge to arrive at Wushan, where we board smaller vessels to access the Lesser Three Gorges. As we ply through the shallow waters of either Daning River or Shennong Stream, we enjoy the spectacular scenery afforded by this small tributary of the mighty Yangtze. Upon returning to our ship, we sail through Wu Gorge and notice the surrounding lush mountains and occasional pagodas.

Day 12 : Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang -Shanghai

In the early hours of the morning, we pass through Xiling Gorge. We visit the Three Gorges Dam site, an impressive engineering marvel. Even now, the water level of the Yangtze is slowly being raised in a massive effort to subdue the annual flood that devastate the river valley. Our cruise ends in Yichang. Upon arrival, we go to the airport and board a flight to Shanghai.

Day 13 : Shanghai

Shanghai is a cosmopolitan metropolis with a strong international heritage. Our city tour starts with Yu Garden, a classic example of Ming Dynasty horticulture. We move on to bustling Nanjing Road and the Bund, a milelong stretch along the Huangpu River. Feel the romance and nostalgia of Shanghai's intriguing history as we stroll past the grandiose western buildings of vintage architecture.

Day 14 : Shanghai - USA

Our China adventure is over all too soon as we board our homebound international flight, bidding a fond farewell to this ancient land.

Hotels:

Beijing New Otani 5*

Xian - Hyatt Regency 5*

Shanghai - Raddison ! or J.C. Mandarin 5*

Chonqing - Marriott 5*

Yangtze River - Victoria Cruises www.victoriacruises.com/new/threegorges.htm

Tour Package Includes:

Fine Dining:

3 meals a day for the entire trip except free days

Full American or buffet breakfast daily

Chinese or western dinners in hotels or at local restaurants

Local Specialties:

Beijing - Peking Duck Banquet

Xian - Imperial Dumpling Banquet · Special Entertainments:

Beijing - Chinese Acrobatics Show

Xian - Tang Dynasty Stage Opera · Round trip trans-Pacific air ticket · China domestic air tickets ·

Comprehensive sightseeing tours and shore excursions as specified · Experienced and

knowledgeable tour guides throughout your trip in China ·

Travel Protection Insurance is provided at no additional cost, if final payment is received at least 45 days prior to departure date · "USTOA" \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program

NOT INCLUDED:

Visa - \$80

Airline departure tax and fuel surcharge - approx \$145 and subject to change.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

An initial \$100 deposit per person then at 120 days prior to trip \$200 additional deposit.

Final payment due 60 days prior to trip departure.

Tour Package Includes: Fine Dining:

3 meals a day for the entire trip except free days

Full American or buffet breakfast daily

Chinese or western dinners in hotels or at local restaurants

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Special Entertainments: Beijing - Chinese Acrobatics Show; Xian - Tang Dynasty Stage Opera

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Travel Protection Insurance is provided at no additional cost, **if final payment is received by August 17th 2006**

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NOT INCLUDED:

Visa - \$80: Airline departure tax and fuel surcharge - APPROXIMATELY \$145 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Terms and Conditions:

PAYMENT: Deposit and Cancellation Policy

An initial deposit of \$100 per person at the time of sign-up.

Second payment of \$500 per person is due by May 17, 2006.

Final payment of \$1099 is due by July 19, 2006. Airline tax due with final payment.

Single occupancy is an additional \$445 for your first portion of the trip and an additional \$1090 for the Cruise Ship single cabin.

THIS IS A "WALKING TOUR" AND YOU MUST BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS TRIP