

Terra Cotta Warriors and China Highlights



June 24 to July 5, 2012

Beijing, Xian, Hangzhou and Shanghai

Discover one of human history's most enduring and fascinating cultures. Dating back thousands of years, this tour will explore the highlights of China, including Beijing, capital of China to see the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the spectacular Great Wall. Overnight express train to Xi'an, the ancient first capitol of the empire with the magnificent terra cotta army protecting the tomb of the emperor. Fly to the scenic city Hangzhou and cruise on the West Lake. Take the world fastest bullet train to the vibrant city of Shanghai, a symbol of the modern economic emergence of the world's largest nation. A mix of old and new. Highlights include the Great Wall, Summer Palace, Acrobatic Show, Terra Cotta Warriors; authentic tea ceremony; dumpling feast and the Shanghai National Museum.

Features Included

- Land transportation within China
- Transfer between airport, hotels
- 4 star or local best hotels and taxes
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Admissions and cultural events
- Meals per itinerary
- Peking Duck Dinner
- Dai ethnic dinner party
- Acrobatic Show
- Tea ceremony
- Beijing neighborhood walking tour
- Visit to a farmer's home
- Tang Dynasty Theater Performance
- Service of English-speaking tour manager
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person

For additional information, please call

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Rate:

\$2,099 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$560 per person

ITINERARY

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Depart US for your journey to Beijing. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment.

Monday, June 25, 2012

You will be met by our local guide at the Beijing International Airport and transfer to your hotel. The balance of the day is at your leisure.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

After breakfast visit Tiananmen Square, which at 98 acres is the largest public square in the world and the site of many history making events. Tour the impressive Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace. Visit the 15th century Temple of Heaven where Emperors made offerings for the harvest and today is a popular place for local people to play chess, practice Tai Chi or sing Peking Opera. Enjoy the famous acrobatic show in the evening. (B.L)



Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Morning drive to Bird's Nest and Water Cube, two sites in the 2008 Olympics, for pictures. Stop at a jade factory for a brief educational tour followed by lunch at a local farmer's restaurant. Proceed to the Great Wall in the Mutianyu area, a less-crowded and more authentic section of the Great Wall. A ride on a cable car avoids a very steep climb, bringing you to an area where you can walk along the wall, look through watch towers, and enjoy superb views of the Wall snaking across the hills and mountains. You can also take a wheeled toboggan ride down from the wall on a winding metal track. Wear good walking shoes and protection from the weather. Evening is at your leisure to explore Beijing, visit the Hard Rock Café or try a foot massage. (B.L)

Thursday June 28, 2012

Today's visit will be the famous Summer Palace, the largest park in Beijing, with a huge lake dug by hand in 1888. It was a favorite haunt of the Dowager Empress Cixi. A boat made entirely of marble is evidence of how she squandered China's treasury at the end of the 19th Century. A walking tour in the afternoon will take you to the Hutong area-an old working class Chinese settlement within Beijing. Here, workers live in a typical Chinese house with carved doors; the neighborhood is laced with canals crossed by small bridges. Evening train to Xi'an. (B.L.)

Friday, June 29, 2012

This morning we will visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the Neolithic village of Banpo, which contains relics from the earliest known inhabitants of China – The 7-storied, pyramid-shaped Big Wild Goose Pagoda is a symbol of Xi'an. After lunch, tour



the old City Wall with the South Gate Tower (showing the ancient military defense system and the only one of its kind in China). Enjoy an elegant and graceful Tang Dynasty Theater Performance in the evening. Dinner tonight will be a special local Shanxi cuisine. (B.L)

Saturday, June 30, 2012

A highlight of your visit this morning will be the extraordinary 2,300 year-old Terra Cotta Warriors of China's first emperor, Qin-shi Huang. The warriors still stand on the actual site where peasants discovered them in 1974. Later visit Shanxi Art and Clay factory to see how the Terra Cotta Warriors were made. Afternoon we will arrive at a typical Chinese village. Through meeting the local village leader, visiting a local school learn about village life. Evening is as leisure for you to stroll around park near the hotel. (B.L)

Sunday, July 1, 2012

Hangzhou

Morning flight to Hangzhou. Located on the north bank of the lower reaches of the Qiantang River, this famous scenic city is known as "paradise on earth". Afternoon sightseeing features the Lingyin Temple, home of the "Laughing Buddha", the Six Harmonies Pagoda and the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. (B.L)



Monday, July 2, 2012

Morning tour begins with a memorable boat trip on beautiful West Lake, a favorite subject for Chinese painters for more than 1,000 years and a visit to Flower Harbor Park. Evening at leisure for you to explore Hangzhou on your own. (B.L)

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Morning Take the world fastest bullet train to the vibrant city of Shanghai, a symbol of the modern economic emergence of the world's largest nation. Transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day explore Shanghai with your local guide. You'll delight in strolling up and down the Bund - Shanghai's harbor place and financial district in the evening among the thousands of locals. Soak in the amazing light display and bustling activity that make this spot among the world's most unforgettable. Be sure to bring film to photograph the night lights! (B.L)



Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Morning visit to the Old Town with its winding alleyways, shops, tea houses and restaurants. Explore the tranquil Yu Yuan Gardens, an example of garden architecture from the Ming dynasty. Enjoy a cultural excursion to the impressive Shanghai Museum, which features 120,000 cultural relics of the various historical periods in ancient China. Visit the Children's Palace where talented Chinese children will demonstrate their artwork and performance. Farewell dinner tonight of Shanghai cuisine. (B.L.)

Thursday, July 5, 2012

Morning Transfer to Pudong Airport for your flight to US. Arrive home the same day. (B.)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Terms & Conditions: This tour is land cost only based on double sharing: \$2099 per person.

Single supplement: \$560.

Payment Schedule: \$500 per person deposit payable to CCE. Final payment due 90 days before departure.

Not Included: international flight, passport fee, visa fees (\$190), tips to drivers, guides, and tour manager. Meals not listed, alcoholic beverages with meals. Departure taxes, travel insurance, or other personal items.

Cancellation Policy: Final payment due 90 days before departure. Prior to 90 days, deposit minus \$200 pp administrative fee. Cancellation requires written notice. After 4/24/2012- No refunds. We strongly recommend travel insurance and will send information to you upon receipt of your reservation.

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