

TOUR 2012

CHINA HIGHLIGHTS

**BEIJING - SHAOLIN TEMPLE - XIAN - SUZHOU
HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI**

From 15 Sep 2012 to 28 Sep 2012 Price:\$2,495.00 +Taxes+Visa



Tour includes:

- International roundtrip ticket depart from Los Angeles - All in economy class.
- Hotels as the itinerary with dual occupancy rooms - Single room add extra charge of \$600.00
- Deluxe coach between cities - All meals a day
- International travel insurance

Terms and Agreements:

- * A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required. The final payment is due 45 days prior to departure.
- * 50% of deposit is non-refundable for cancellations made 45 days prior to departure. Cancellations made between 44 days to 7 days prior to tour departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of tour price
- *Tour participants are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months before the return date. It is the responsibility of the tour participants to submit valid and proper travel documentation. Non U.S. citizens should check for visa requirements.

A.V Travel Tour Leader escorts the group during the whole tour

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SCHEDULE

DAY 01: DEPART FROM LOS ANGELES IN THE EVENING.

A.V.TRAVEL TOUR LEADER WILL FLY WITH THE GROUP.

DAY 02: FLY SCROSS THE PACIFIC OCEAN

DAY 03: ARRIVE BEIJING IN THE MORNING

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Arrival at Beijing International Airport. Afternoon visit The Temple of Heaven: a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design where the ancient emperors used to pray for the God's bless of the whole nation. - The Sacred Road: "the way leading to Heaven" which is guarded on both sides with 12 stone statues. *Overnight: Grand Gongda Jianguo Beijing Hotel or similiar*

DAY 04: BEIJING → FORBIDDEN CITY → SUMMER PALACE

(B/L/D)

Today's highlight is a visit to Forbidden City, which was served as the home of the Emperor and his household, as well as the ceremonial and political centre of the government for almost five centuries. Afternoon features Summer Palace, once served as a summer resort for Empress Dowager Cixi. In December 1998, UNESCO included the Summer Palace on its World Heritage t. It declared the Summer Palace an "outstanding expression of the creative art of Chinese landscape garden design, incorporating the works of humankind and nature in a harmonious whole." *Overnight: Grand Gongda Jianguo Beijing Hotel or similiar*

DAY 05: BEIJING → GREATWALL

(B/L/D)

Morning program takes you to the Mutianyu Great Wall, which stands as a monument to both the strength and the weakness of the Chinese Ming Dynasty. You will learn, touch, and explore the history of a wall built over 300 years ago, yet which remains largely intact as it snakes endlessly across the mountain ridgelines. The Great Wall snakes its way thousand of miles across Northern China and is one of the few objects on the earth visible even from the moon. Outward appearance of National Stadium "Bird Nest" and Aquatics Center" *After dinner, enjoy an acrobatic show and visit the famous Wangfujin Street, later visit new land mark "the palace". Overnight: Grand Gongda Jianguo Beijing Hotel or similiar*

DAY 06: BEIJING → ZHENGZHOU → SHAOLIN TEMPLE

(B/L/D)

We will fly to Zhengzhou & then drive to visit Shaoling Monastery in Dengfeng. Built in 495AD, Shaolin Temple is the cradle of Kung Fu and the Chinese Buddhism. Visit the ancient buildings including the Hall of Heavenly Kings, the Pagoda Forest, the Dharma Cave & the Shaolin Temple Martial Art Training Center. Sometimes, you can see the Shaolin Kongfu performance. *Overnight: Huayang Plaza Luoyang Hotel or similiar*

DAY 07: LUOYANG → XIAN

(B/L/D)

Morning visit Longmen Grottoes: contain the largest and most impressive collection of Chinese art of the late Northern Wei & Tang Dynasties (316-907), entirely devoted to the Buddhist religion, represent the high point of Chinese stone carving. Take a luxury express train to Xian. *Overnight: Aurum International Xian Hotel*

DAY 08: XIAN

(B/L/D)

Begin you tour with the Great Mosque, one of the oldest and most renowned mosques in China. Afternoon of sightseeing features one of tour highlights, the army of Terra-cotta soldiers, created 2,200 years ago to protect Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife, widely regarded as the eighth wonder of the world. *Overnight: Aurum International Xian Hotel*

DAY 09: XIAN → HANGZHOU

(B/L/D)

We will fly to Hangzhou, was described as 'the most beautiful and elegant city in the world'. The heavenly beauty of West Lake & the many historical and cultural sites surrounding. *Overnight: Ramada Plaza Haihua Hangzhou Hotel*

DAY 10: HANGZHOU

(B/L/D)

Take a cruise tour to enjoy the magnificent view of the beautiful lake. Visit Meijiawu Tea Plantation, Flowery Port Park. Then visit the Lingyin Temple, it is the most influential temple in South China, and is regarded as one of the 10 famous Buddhist temples. *Overnight: Ramada Plaza Haihua Hangzhou Hotel*

DAY 11: HANGZHOU → SUZHOU

(B/L/D)

In the morning, you will drive to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East" today. Visit the Lingering Garden, praised as one of the nation's four famous gardens. Continue to visit the Garden of the Master of Nets, one of the smallest, yet considered one of the best designed and most elegant of the private gardens still extant. *Overnight: Bamboo Grove Suzhou Hotel*

DAY 12: SUZHOU → SHANGHAI

(B/L/D)

Full day tour takes you to visit the major attractions including the Yu Garden at the Old Quarter. It was built by the Pan family in the Ming Dynasty. It has been restored & become one of the most popular tourist sights in city. Visit Jade Buddha Temple, built in 1882 for the two white jade Buddha statues from Burma, the Jade Buddha Temple is a famous Buddhist shrine and an active Zen monastery in Shanghai. *Overnight: XingYu Oriental Bund Shanghai Hotel or similiar*

DAY 13: SHANGHAI – FREE DAY

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Enjoy your own time to see Huangpu River is not only the mother river of Shanghai, which divides the city into east and west parts, but also assembles the splendid tourist attractions of the city. Situated on the east bank of the Huangpu River, the Bund is the symbol of Shanghai. Assembling the highlights of Shanghai, the Bund, especially at night, shows its attractive charm to you: colorful neon signs on the skyscrapers on the eastern bank of Huangpu River while warm yellow and silver lights on the western-style buildings on the west. When strolling among the bustling Nanjing Road, you will be fascinated by the world-famous brands, local specialties. Here, you could purchase everything wanted, spanning from special and cheap souvenirs of Shanghai to the luxurious world famous brands. *Overnight: XingYu Oriental Bund Shanghai Hotel or similar*

DAY 14: SHANGHAI → LOS ANGELES

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Enjoy your own timer until transfer to the airport