

China Tour for First Horizons Club

15 Day China Highlights plus Yangtze River Cruise Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Yichang, Suzhou and Shanghai

*** Air & Land Inclusive***

Tour Inclusions

Round-trip international airfare (including fuel surcharges)
All intra-China airfare (including fuel surcharges)
All ground transfers for group activities within China
5-star deluxe hotels
President Prime (newest luxury cruise ship on Yangtze River)
Comprehensive sightseeing
30 meals (including 4 special dinners)
Tang Dynasty dinner show in Xi'an
Acrobatic Show in Shanghai
Escorted by Ping or Chris Lee (based on availability)
Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
Group baggage handling

Hotels (5 star) & Cruise Accommodations

Beijing	Beijing International Hotel
Xi'an	Shangri-la Golden Flower Xi'an Hotel
Yangtze River	President Prime (luxury)
Shanghai	Sheraton Shanghai Hong Kou Hotel

Departure and Return Dates

October 8 – 22, 2012

Tour Price (per person (pp)):

\$5,195 pp double occupancy
\$6,420 pp single occupancy

10/01/2011 - \$300 pp dep due

04/01/2012 - \$1,000 pp pymt due

07/01/2012 – Final pymt due

Tour Price Including:

Airfare from RAP
Airline departure taxes & fees
Chinese visa fee
Travel Insurance
Gratuities for guides and motor coach driver
Motor coach transfers round-trip RAP

Day 1: USA/Beijing, China

Depart home for Beijing, capital of China.

Day 2: Arrive Beijing, China

Arrive Beijing, met by our guide and transfer to centrally located Beijing International Hotel.

Day 3: Beijing

Today's tour starts with the Tiananmen Square followed by the Forbidden City (aka Palace Museum),



in which 24 emperors lived from 1421 to 1911. Hutong Tour by rickshaw in the afternoon. This tour will take you to the old residential quarters including a visit to a private home. Welcome dinner – famous Peking Duck. B, L, SD

Day 4: Beijing

Start with the Temple of Heaven, one of the most photographed buildings in the world. Built in 1420, it was the place where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for abundant harvest. This is also the place that local retired people get together for various cultural activities. Then we'll drive to the Great Wall (at Badaling), the greatest project in ancient China. Enjoy climbing the Wall! Today we'll also have a chance to visit a cloisonné workshop to witness the making procedures of cloisonné, a unique handicraft in Beijing with a history of over 500 years. B, L

Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

air

Today's highlight is the famous Summer Palace – China's largest and best preserved imperial garden. Here we will also take a boat ride on the beautiful Kunming Lake (if weather permits). Fly to Xi'an in late afternoon. Stay in conveniently located Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel Xi'an. B, L

Day 6: Xi'an

Today's tour starts with the ancient City Wall built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD). Then we'll visit the Museum of History, one of the finest museums in China and the well-known Wild Goose Pagoda built in Tang Dynasty. In the evening enjoy Tang Dynasty dinner show in Tang Palace. B, L, SD

Day 7: Xi'an

Today's highlight is the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses- the eighth wonder of the world. B, L

Day 8: Xi'an/Chongqing

air

Some leisure time in downtown. Here you will have an opportunity to explore more of this ancient city on your own. Then take a flight to Chongqing, an important port city along the Yangtze River. Stay in centrally located Hilton Chongqing. B, D

Day 9: Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise

Today's tour includes visits to Giant Pandas, Art Gallery, City Square, Farmers' Market, Stilwell Museum and a kindergarten (if available). Enjoy foot massage at the end of the tour (optional). Board the brand new luxury

President Prime (5 star) after dinner for the Yangtze River cruise. B, L, D

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise

Shore excursion to Fengdu (known as Ghost City), a famous historic and cultural site. Captain's welcome banquet followed by Chinese cultural show. B, L, SD

Day 11: Yangtze River Cruise

Sail through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Today's excursion is to enjoy a boat ride on the beautiful Shennong Stream, one of the tributaries of the Yangtze River. Captain's farewell dinner followed by cabaret show. B, L, SD

Day 12: Yichang/Shanghai

air

Sail through Xiling Gorge. Visit the Three Gorges Dam. Arrive in Yichang at noon, fly to Shanghai and transfer to conveniently located brand new Sheraton Shanghai Hong Kou Hotel. B, L

Day 13: Shanghai

Today's tour starts with the renowned Shanghai Museum, which is well-known for its priceless collections of ancient Chinese bronzes, ceramics, and calligraphy. Then we'll proceed to the Bund, from where you can enjoy the view of both traditional and modern Shanghai. After the Mongolian BBQ lunch, we'll walk around in the Old Town of Shanghai (nicknamed "China Town in China"). This evening we'll attend fantastic Acrobatic Show after dinner. B, L, D

Day 14: Shanghai/Suzhou/Shanghai

Today we will go and visit Suzhou, which is well-known as "Venice in the East", "City of Gardens" and "Capital of Silk". The tour in Suzhou includes the Garden of Master Fishnet (World Heritage Site), Silk Spinning Factory and boat trip on man-made ancient Grand Canal. Return to Shanghai in late afternoon. B, L, D

Day 15: Shanghai/Home

Depart Shanghai and arrive home the same day. B

Notes

Abbreviations in the itineraries:

B- Western Chinese Buffet L-Chinese Lunch
D-Chinese Dinner SD- Special Chinese Dinner