



# EXPLORE CHINA

Beijing ▪ Xi'an ▪ Shanghai

**October 16-24, 2017**

**\$2,499** per person, double occupancy includes:

- Round-trip international airfare from Los Angeles
- 4 & 5 star hotel accommodations
- Three full meals per day
- All transportation within China (luxury tour bus, flights, etc.)
- English-speaking tour guides

Additional expenses:

- Airfare to/from Los Angeles (LAX)
- Chinese visa - \$195
- Gratuity for entire tour - \$39 USD per person
- Single occupancy is an additional \$500
- Full payment due by Monday, July 16, 2017

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## **Day 1 - October 16**      **Los Angeles/Beijing**

Check in at Los Angeles International Airport between 8-9AM for an afternoon flight (12:20PM) on China Eastern MU586 to Shanghai. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner. Cross the International Dateline.

## **Day 2 - October 17**      **Beijing**

Arrive in Shanghai at 5:35PM, then switch to flight to Beijing MU5186 at 9:50PM. Arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China, at 12:20AM. You will be met by your local tour guide at the airport to be transferred to the hotel.

## **Day 3 - October 18**      **Beijing**

In the morning, visit the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest. Enjoy a brief visit to the 2008 Beijing Olympic venues for photo-stop views of National Stadium, the "Bird's Nest," and the National Aquatic Center. Begin your journey to the Great Wall. Enroute, visit the Jade Factory, where you will learn the importance of jade to the Chinese culture and have the opportunity to make purchases. Next, you'll arrive at The Great Wall. This 4,000 mile long and 2,000 year old construction is said to be the only man-made structure visible by naked eye from the moon. Visit the Ming Tombs. One of the 13 Ming Emperor's Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Complete your day with a Peking Roast Duck dinner.

## **Day 4 - October 19**      **Beijing**

Visit the Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world. Continue on to the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City. This complex was home to 24 of China's emperors, and houses 9,999 rooms. The city tour continues with a visit to the Summer Palace, known for the "Long Corridor", painted gallery, Kunming Lake, Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge, and Marble Boat. Finish off the day with a visit to the Pearl Market, where you'll learn how pearls are harvested and why China has such a large supply of both freshwater and sea pearls. A wide selection is available for purchase in all price ranges.

## **Day 5 - October 20**      **Xi'an**

Morning flight to Xi'an, stay at the Golden Flower Hotel. Afternoon sightseeing at Big Wild Goose Pagoda and a visit to the Chinese Lacquer Ware Workshop. Then, enjoy evening entertainment of Tang Style Dancing.

## **Day 6 - October 21**      **Xi'an**

Morning bus excursion to the Terra-Cotta Warriors at the Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin Dynasty. Enroute, visit the Xian Art Ceramic & Terra Cotta Factory. On the way back, visit the Ancient City Wall and Banpo Museum—a preserved pre-historic cavemen site.

## **Day 7 - October 22**      **Xi'an/Shanghai**

Flight to Shanghai. Enjoy sightseeing and a visit to the Shanghai Silk Factory.

## **Day 8 - October 23**      **Shanghai**

Visit The Bund, Shanghai's famous waterfront park with fantastic views of the old and new. In the afternoon, enjoy the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over-arching trees. Spend free time exploring the old town bazaar.

## **Day 9 - October 24**      **Shanghai/Los Angeles**

Spend your final hours in China on your own in the morning. Your afternoon flight MU583 will depart by 1:50PM for Los Angeles where you will arrive at 10:20AM on the same day.

**All forms and payments can be sent to: Mason City Chamber of Commerce | 9 N Federal Ave | Mason City, IA 50401**