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(Limited space available)



21 Day Trip Sept 14 - Oct 4, 2007

Tour Fare: **\$3,660** (Double or Triple Occupancy)
Single Supplement: + **\$720** (Single Occupancy)
PI US Int'l & Domestic Taxes (U.S. & China): \$235
PI US China Visa Processing Fee (Single Entry): \$70

15 Day Trip Sept 14 - Sept 27, 2007

Tour Fare: **\$2,650** (Double or Triple Occupancy)
Single Supplement: + \$480 (Single Occupancy)
PI US Int'l & Domestic Taxes (U.S. & China): \$207
PI US China Visa Fee (Single Entry): \$70

15 day trip to Beijing Lhasa, Chengdu, Xian, and Shanghai

Sept 14-San Francisco/Beijing (IM)

At 2:20pm Depart SFO or LAX on Air China's Boeing 747 wide-body aircraft and fly to Beijing. Cross the International Dateline.

Sept 15-Beijing (IM)

Arrive in Beijing in the evening.

Sept 16-Beijing (B, L, D)

There will be two tour buses in Beijing. One for newbies to see the traditional sites, the other will take a group to different sites.

After breakfast, tour Tian'anmen Square, the world's largest and most famous square. Followed by a tour of the Forbidden City, where exquisite architecture and a vast glimpse of the staggeringly opulent lifestyles of the Chinese emperors and their concubines. After lunch, visit the picturesque Summer Palace on Kunming Lake.

Sept 17-Beijing (B, L, D)

After breakfast, depart Beijing by deluxe motor coach to explore the Great Wall, one of the seven world wonders. After lunch, take a tour to the His-



Children watch as the first train from Lhasa Railway Station travels across the Tibetan grasslands to Beijing. Pulled by three locomotives, chugging past shaggy yaks and fluffy clouds.

toric Hutong (narrow alleyways), which is protected by the Beijing Cultural Relics Protection Association. This will give you a chance to experience what China was like before high-rises and shopping malls took over a city. Tonight, enjoy a special Peking Duck Dinner.

Sept 18-Beijing/Lhasa (B, L, D)

After breakfast, visit the Dala Temple. Free afternoon at Wangfujing Street Board the express train for Lhasa in the evening.

Sept 19-Train (B, L, D)

Sept 20- Lhasa (B, L, D)

After 48 hours train ride, you traveled 2500 miles and arrive at Lhasa, the highest city in the world.

Sept 21-Lhasa (B, L, D)

After breakfast, visit the Dalai Lama's Potala Palace, which sits atop the sacred Putuo Hill. At dinner, enjoy serenades by Tibetan musicians while feasting on local cuisine.

Sept 22-Lhasa (B, L, D)

After breakfast, take a full day tour to the extraordinary 1,300-year-old Jokhang Temple with its Buddhist masterpieces, the Drepung Monastery and more.



Sept 23-Lhasa/Chengdu (B, L, D)

After Breakfast, Fly to Chengdu, the Capital of Sichan Province. **Visit Panda Research Institute.**

\$200 deposit per participant. Limited space. Priority placement based on first received post-marked mail envelopes. Make checks out to Far West Ski Association with "Tibet" in the check "for" space. Include the following: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. (4) designate 15 or 21 day trip (5) designate SFO or LAX departure airport. Adults only. You will receive registration pkg within 2 weeks of received deposit. Mail to: FWSA, c/o Norm Azevedo, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Email to fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net to confirm that you sent a check and /or request more information. Norm Azevedo can also be reached on (925) 944-0420. CST# 2036983-40

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21-day travelers follow the travel schedule shown under "21 Day Extension" for September 24

15-Day Travelers follow the itinerary below "Chengdu/Xi'an" for September 24.

Sept 24-Chengdu/Xi'an (B, L, D)
After breakfast, fly to Xi'an.

Sept 25-Xi'an (B, L, D)

After breakfast, The day is primarily devoted to leisurely view the world famous Army of Terracotta Warriors, horses and chariots buried with the first Chinese Emperor, Qin Shihuang. Optional tour available. After a Dumping Dinner, enjoy a traditional Tang Dynasty Music & Dancing Show.

Sept 26-Xi'an/Shanghai (B, L, D)
Fly to Shanghai.

Sept 27-Shanghai (B, L, D)

After breakfast, visit the Shanghai Museum. After lunch, enjoy the remainder of the day shopping, relaxing or simply exploring the city at your own pace Enjoy the Acrobatic Show in the evening.

Sept 28-Shanghai/SFO (B, IM)

After a leisurely breakfast, depart Shanghai on Air China to SFO or LAX with a same day arrival.

21 Day Extension Itinerary

Sept 24- Chengdu/Leshan/Lijiang (B, L, D)

Day excursion to see the Giant Budha about 210 feet in height, the largest in the world.

Fly to Lijiang ,which is listed 1 of 29 world heritage sites in China, but what's the most attractive about this city is that it's living and breathing rather than an exhibition site.



Sept 25-Lijiang (B, L, D)

Explore the ancient city, visit Baisha Fresco, where murals over 600 years old are located. Sight-see the Black Dragon Pool and tour the shuhe Village. Nanxi Classical Music Concert after dinner.

Sept 26-/Dali (B, L, D)

Travel by motor coach to Dali, which is populated with over 20 minority groups, but mainly the Bai Nationality. Visit Xizhou Village, which will bring their life style and culture live to you.

Sept 27-Dali (B, L, D)

Visit the Three Pagodas following by a walking tour of the old town.

Sept 28-Dali/Kunming (B, L, D)

Fly to Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province, also known as "City of Eternal Spring". Visit the Bamboo Temple, which is famous for its 500 monks made of clay.

Sept 29- Kunming/Guilin (B, L, D)

Day excursion by motor coach to the Stone Forest (Shilin), which was once a shallow sea over 270 million years ago. Due to geological movement over the years, it is now 96,000 acres of uniquely shaped limestone landscape. Fly to Guilin.



Sept 30-Guilin (B, L, D)

Reed Flute Cave. After lunch, visit Solitary Beauty Peak, which offers a panoramic view of the city.

Oct 1-Guilin/ (B, L)

Travel by deluxe motor coach through lush countryside surrounding Guilin, where you will see bamboo, water chestnut, sugar cane, and rice fields. Arrive at a local village and embark

on a memorable 3-hour Li River Cruise passing through scenic Yangshuo. Lunch will be served onboard. Disembark cruise ship and check into New West Street Hotel. The rest of the day is at your lei-

sure. Either rent a bicycle or a tuk-tuk to go to the countryside of Yangshuo to experience the real life of Chinese Farmers.

Oct 2-Yangshuo/Shanghai (B, IM, D)

Travel by motor coach to Guilin. Followed by a flight (2 hours) to Shanghai. Upon arrival, check into Bao Long Hotel. Afternoon sightseeing introduces us to the famous Bund, a waterfront promenade known for its landmark, neo-classic architecture of European style. Some free time will be arranged for you to shop on the popular shopping street of Nanjing Road. Acrobatic Show for the evening.

Oct 3-Shanghai//Shanghai (B, L, D)

Day excursion to Suzhou, tour includes Silk Factory and Suzhou gardens.



Oct 4-Shanghai (B)

After a leisurely breakfast, depart Shanghai on Air China to SFO or LAX with a same day arrival.

Recommended tipping Guideline:
Our recommendation per day is \$7 per traveler, which covers the drivers, local guides, porters, maids & national guide.