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Oct. 3-18, 2019

China Connoisseur and Tibet



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BEST CHINA TOUR



\$5,499
including air from
San Francisco



The Great Wall, Beijing

China Connoisseur and Tibet

Highlights

This 16-day deluxe journey offers the most magnificent highlights of China and Tibet:

- The Great Wall and the Forbidden City in Beijing
- The Terracotta Warriors in Xian
- The Shanghai Museum referred to as the “New Louvre” by Forbes magazine for its world-class exhibits of bronze, jade and Ming Dynasty furniture
- The picturesque Li River in Guilin
- The culmination of this tour is Tibet, best known for its exceptional culture, fascinating people, exotic architecture and breathtaking landscape
- Cultural immersion: Beijing old town resident visit; afternoon yak butter tea with Tibetan family in Lhasa
- Special gourmet dinners and cultural performances
- Deluxe 5-star hotels throughout your trip

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Oct. 3, 2019, San Francisco/Beijing

- Take Air China non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Beijing.

Oct. 4-6, Beijing

Beijing, the 800-year-old ancient capital of China, is the exuberant heart of the Middle Kingdom. With 13 million residents, it is the living epitome of China's past, future and everything in between. Beijing St. Regis Hotel, 3 nights



Beijing

- Oct. 4, arrive in Beijing. Meet the guide and transfer to hotel. Visit Beijing Old Town and the historic landmark **Tian-An-Men Square**. Dinner provided. L/D

- Oct. 5, visit **Forbidden City**, a magnificent palace built in 1406 and the Summer Palace in the afternoon. Welcome Dinner: **Beijing Roast Duck** B/L/D

- Oct. 6, climb the Great Wall. B/L (*dinner not included*)

Oct. 7-9, Tibet

Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is the home of 6 million Tibetan Buddhists. The unique civilization highlights the majestic and unearthly beauty of the land and welcomes an exceptional connection to the spiritual world. InterContinental Hotel, 3 nights

- Oct. 7, fly to Lhasa. Rest at hotel to adjust for high altitude. B/D (*lunch on the plane*)

- Oct. 8, visit **Tibet Museum** and **Norbulingka** -- “the summer palace of Dalai Lama” followed by an afternoon tour to the **Jokhang Temple**, built 1,300 years ago to commemorate the marriage of the Chinese Princess Wencheng to the Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. Later in the day, tour **Barkhor Market** and visit a Tibetan family. B/L/D



- Oct. 9, explore one of the world’s architectural wonders – **Potala Palace**. This immense palace is 13 stories high with over 1,000 rooms including Dalai Lama’s residence, tombs and numerous prayer halls. Watch Tibetan monks chant prayers at **Sera Monastery**. **Tibetan Dinner & Dance** B/L/D

Oct. 10, Chengdu

Chengdu, home of the giant panda and famous Sichuan food, is the capital of China’s most populated Sichuan

Province. Jin Jiang Hotel, 1 night

- Oct. 10, fly to Chengdu. Free in the afternoon. B/L (*dinner not included*)

- Oct.11, explore the Giant Panda Breeding Center. before taking the bullet train to Xian. B/L/D



Oct. 11-12, Xian

Xian, the ancient capital of 11 dynasties from the 1st Chinese Emperor to the most prosperous Tang Dynasty in the 9th century. Shangri-laGolden Flower Hotel, 2 nights

- Oct. 12, explore one of the most stunning archeological discoveries in the 20th century – the **Terracotta Warriors**. This legendary, life-size terracotta army was created to protect the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the 1st emperor of China





The Potala Palace, Tibet

who conquered 7 rival kingdoms and united China as one nation in 221 B.C. Visit the Great **Mosque** (founded in 742). **Tang Dynasty Music & Dance** B/L/D

- Oct. 13, arrive in Xian. Visit the **Wild Goose Pagoda**, the Ancient Ramparts of Changan and the Shaanxi Museum (**Forest of Stelae**), an impressive collection of thousands of stone tablets of classic literature and calligraphy. Fly to Guilin on the evening. B/L/D

- Oct. 14, cruise on the Li River from Guilin to Yangshuo. The picturesque Li River winds its way through the pointed, craggy hills, rice paddies, sugar loaves and beautiful limestone rock formations. The cruise ends with an exploration of the small and charming market town of Yangshuo. B/L/D

- Oct. 15, city tour in Guilin before flying to Shanghai. B/L/D

Oct. 15-17, Shanghai

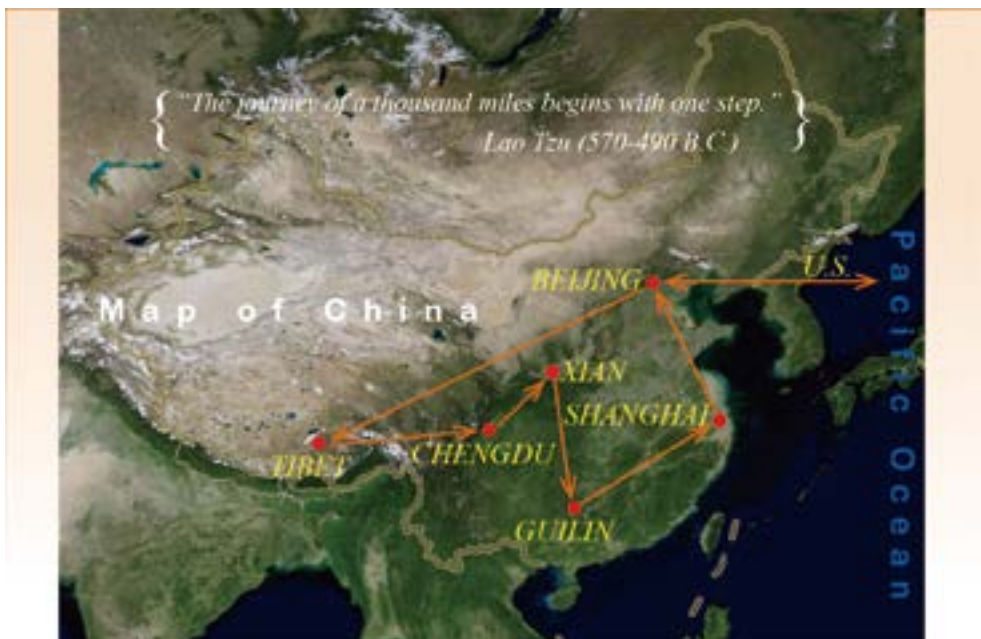
With 16 million residents, Shanghai is the engine and showcase of tremendous economic development in modern China. Set against 100-year old European colony architecture in the Bund, the avant-garde futurist skyscrapers on the east bank of the Huang Pu River reflects Shanghai's ambition to regain the title of "Oriental Pearl". Jin Jiang Hotel, 3 nights



Oct. 13-14, Guilin

Guilin is formed millions of years ago and eroded over the ages by the elements. The spectacular topography has inspired generations of Chinese painters and poets. Sheraton Hotel, 2 nights

- Oct. 16, stroll along the beautiful waterfront Bund and thorough the Old Town. Later, walking through twisted China Connoisseur and Tibet alleys, narrow streets and tiny shops, find yourself in front of the extraordinary Yu Garden, built in 1577. Explore the Shanghai Museum and marvel at its magnificent collection of jade, bronze,



furniture and Chinese painting and calligraphy. Farewell Dinner B/L/D

- Oct. 17, free to explore Shanghai. B

Oct. 18, Shanghai/Los Angeles

- Free until transit to airport for flight to San Francisco. Arrive in LAX the same day. B



Included Features

- Round-trip flights from San Francisco to China, economy class, all tax, fees, fuel surcharge, etc.
- All domestic flights within China, economy class, tax and fees included
- All listed (or similar class) luxury five-star hotel accommodations
- Daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels, all lunches and 12 dinners (B=breakfast, L=Lunch, D=dinner)
- Special gourmet dinners as listed
- Special evening cultural performances as listed
- Entrance for sight-seeing
- Ground transportation within China
- Local English-speaking guide in each city
- Baggage transportation
- Tour director within China where there is a minimum of 10 travelers
- \$China Visa and Tibet Travel Permit
- Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers when there is minimum of 10 travelers

Not Included

- All personal expense such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone, excess of meals and beverage, which are not included in the program

Reservation Form

(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

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Travel Date: Oct. 3-18, 2019

Tour Cost: \$5,499 per person, double occupancy (air from San Francisco included)

Departure: San Francisco

Single Supplement: \$1,850

Please send your reservation to:

Best China Tour (UC Davis Group)

250 Parkway Drive, #150

Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Please call Best China Tour at 866-566-7788 (toll free) and 847-219-7788 or email to alumni@BestChinaTour.com for any question regarding the coming trip.

U.S. Domestic Air: Please book round-trip flights for me/us to connect with international flights at San Francisco/SFO. My/our departure city airport is:

City: _____ State: _____ Airport Name/Code: _____

No, thanks

International Air Upgrade (San Francisco/Beijing/SFO), please send me/us price for:

Business class First-Class

FULL NAME (please print it appears on your passport)

(1) _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

(2) _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

Your preferred name on badge:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) Evening Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

I request assistance in securing a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found by final payment date, I agree to pay the single supplement of \$1,850.

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$500 per person required).

Card Type (check one): American Express Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ **Expires:** _____

Final payment is due prior to June 3, 2019, and must be made in check.

Please make checks payable to: **Best China Tour, Inc.**

I/we have read and agreed the Terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Optional Travel Insurance coverage is available. Information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation.

One participant of each travel party must be a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. After trip reservation is processed, CAAA will follow up with traveler to confirm membership status and coordinate payment if a \$60 annual membership needs to be purchased. Membership is open to alumni and friends of UC Davis.



Dear UC Davis Alumni and Friends,

China, land of legends, architectural wonders, and diverse landscapes, is a country with one of the world's oldest civilizations. Over the centuries, it has produced cultural masterpieces that have fascinated the rest of the world.

The tour begins in Beijing with visits to the Forbidden City, home to numerous emperors, and the Great Wall built in 600 B.C. Continue to Xian and marvel at the discovery of more than 6,000 life-size figures of warriors and their horses. Visit serenely beautiful Guilin, and encounter the endangered Giant Panda in Chengdu.

Spend 3 nights in Tibet and see unforgettable sites such as the immense, thousand-room Potala Palace, residence of the Dalai Lama, and 1,300-year old Jokhang Monastery.

The tour concludes in Shanghai, a city whose past was both exotic and refined, where early 20th century fortunes were made and lost in feverish trading.

Based on a minimum number of travelers, we will invite a UC Davis faculty to accompany you on your trip and share insights, knowledge and expertise to complement your learning and travel experience.

This comprehensive UC Davis educational journey is based on 14 nights in 5-star accommodations, includes most meals and sightseeing, and presents an excellent travel value. This program was sold out from 2012 to 2017 and was a huge success. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

This trip is AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. We hope you will join us in China and Tibet!

Regards from Davis,

Stephanie Taczak Shimada
Wine, Travel and Business Program Director
Cal Aggie Alumni Association
University of California Davis



Terms

- **Price** quoted is for one passenger based on double occupancy, including economic class international air, China domestic air, ground transfers within China, baggage handling, accommodations, hotels, meals, sightseeing, local guide, which is specified in this agreement. Price and travel dates are given in good faith and subject to change without notice. In the event of big changes in foreign currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, security fees, and other extra charge, the tour price will be adjusted according to market conditions.
- **Baggage** within China one baggage with total sum (length + width + height) and that does not exceed 107 inches (44 Pound) is allowed per passenger along with one carry-on bag. Excess baggage is not included in the trip price.
- **Payment** Reservation will be accepted until \$500 deposit per person is received. The full balance of the payment is due 90 days prior to departure.
- **Cancellation fee** \$300 after reservation for any reason whatsoever; 30% of tour price, if cancel 90 to 60 days prior to departure; 50% of tour price, if cancel 59 to 45 days prior to departure; 70% of tour price, if cancel 44 to 11 days prior to departure; 90% of tour price, if cancel 10 to 4 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 3 days prior to departure. A change in departure date is considered as a cancellation. Travelers who can't finish the whole trip must claim in writing within 30 days of termination of the tour. Any adjustment will be calculated on actual cost and not on a per diem basis, no refund for the traveler who terminates the trip on his or her own personal reason. If tour operator cancels the tour, the refund including compensation will not exceed 100% of tour sales price. For passenger purchasing air tickets only, there will be \$100 service charge plus airline penalty.
- **Travel Insurance** The terms will be enforced strictly. BCT strongly recommends all passengers to purchase travel insurance for protection.
- **Liabilities** Best China Tour, Inc. (BCT) purchased air and ground transportation, hotel, restaurant and other travel services from independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Therefore BCT and the sponsoring organization, "The Alumni Association of the University of California Davis" (UC Davis), will be exempt from any liabilities for death, injury, baggage loss and damage or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of such supplier. BCT and UC Davis are not responsible for omissions and errors of printing and presentation of brochures, our website, sales agent or any other media.
- **Itinerary** Deviations to the planned itinerary, as shown in brochures and on our website, may occur due to weather, traffic, or any other conditions beyond our control such as strike, acts of God, war, fire, acts of government, riot, etc. We will make our best to insure all the visits and excursions will be similar and there will be no refund. BCT and UC Davis reserve the right to substitute the itinerary.
- **The Hotels** listed in brochures and on our website will be used in most circumstances; BCT and UC Davis reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same class and standard.
- **Health** No smoking during the transportation in coach and airplane. BCT and UC Davis have the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time for the best interests of safety, health or general well being of the tour group or individuals. Passengers' health should fit all travel schedule and activity. Any delay, cancellation of partial or whole trip causing by passengers' health will be at the expenses of the passenger. Passengers needs to notify UC Davis and BCT before reservation if he or she needs any physical assistance (e.g. using wheel chair) during the trip. Participants requiring extra assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance.
- **Promotion** BCT and UC Davis reserves the right to take photo, video, media report, etc. during the tour for its own promotional use.
- **Arbitration Agreement** This agreement shall be governed by Illinois law without application of its conflict of laws principals. Any controversy or claim relating this Agreement shall be settled solely and exclusively in Lake County or Cook County, Illinois. If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision or portion of this Agreement to be unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to affect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. If either party commences any action or proceeding against the other party to enforce or to interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other party the actual costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees (including all related costs and expenses) incurred by such prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding and in connection with obtaining and enforcing any judgment or order thereby obtained
- **Acceptance of Terms & DISCLAIMER**

As a condition to acceptance, it is understood that the participant has read the itinerary for the program and recognizes and accepts any risks thereof and hereby agrees for and on behalf of himself or herself and his or her heirs, executors and administrators to abide by the conditions set forth above, and to release and hold harmless the program provider or agents and their directors and staff from any and all liability, claims and demands, however caused, for delays, damage, loss, injury or death, in relation to the program, and for loss of or damage to his or her property, however occurring, during any portion of, or in relation to the program.

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