



## Discovering China's Food and Culture Tour

### Thursday, May 26 – Sunday, June 12, 2011

### Itinerary

**(Subject to change without notice)**

#### Day 1: Departure for Beijing

Depart for Beijing from O'Hare International Airport

#### Day 2: Arrival in Beijing

We will be picked up at Beijing Capital Airport by an English speaking guide and taken to a deluxe 5-star hotel.

#### Day 3: Beijing

Today we will be visiting the **Tiananmen Square**, the **Forbidden City** and Old Beijing **Hutong** and Alley. Dinner will be at an **old Beijing style noodle restaurant** in 1920s setting.



#### Day 4: Beijing

Visit the Badaling **Great Wall** this morning, followed with a visit to the Sacred Way of the **Ming's Tomb**. Stop by a cloisonné factory to see how this century old crafts are done. Enjoy the famous Lijiacai for dinner tonight. **Lijiacai** is one of the best restaurants in Beijing where dignitaries around the world had dined at.



### Day 5: Beijing

Start our last day tour in Beijing by visiting the **Summer Palace**. Lunch will be at a Cantonese dim sum restaurant. Afternoon activities include photo opportunities in front of the now famous **Bird Nest** (Olympic Stadium) and **Water Cube** (National Aquatic Center) and a **Tea Ceremony**. Dinner will be served at **Quan Ju De Restaurant**, which boasts over 100 million roasted ducks since its founding in 1864.



### Day 6 Beijing/Jinan

Visit **Temple of Heaven** in the morning, after lunch we'll take the fast train (soft seat) to Jinan. D37(14:30-17:31) Beijing/Jinan, Shandong Cuisine (Lu Cai) for dinner at our hotel.



### Day 07: Jinan/Qufu

Take a bus ride to Qufu, Confucius hometown. Upon arrival, visit **Confucius Temple**, **Confucius Mansion**, and the **Confucius Family Cemetery**. We'll taste **Confucius Family style Banquet** and enjoy the **Confucius Family Dance Show** in the evening.



### Day 08: Qufu/Jinan

Take a bus ride back to Jinan. This afternoon, we'll have an opportunity to see a **cooking demonstration** and practice cooking at the hotel kitchen. Dinner at the famous Huiquan Restaurant to try some famous **Shandong Cuisine**.



### Day 09: Jinan

Visit Daming Lake Park, Black Tiger Spring, and visit local residents to learn family cooking dishes such as dumplings, pancakes, etc.



### Day 10: Jinan/Xian

Take an early flight to Xian in the morning and visit the **Ancient City Wall** upon arrival. This afternoon, we'll visit **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. A sumptuous buffet dinner will be served in the evening.



### Day 11: Xian

Visit the world-famous **Terra Cotta Soldiers Museum** in the morning followed by Huaqing Pond in the afternoon. Tonight, after enjoying the local specialty - the Dumpling Banquet, you will be entertained with the marvelous **Tang Dynasty Stage Show**.



### Day 12: Xian

Visit the **Provincial History Museum** which houses a large collection of historic and cultural artifacts unearthed in Shaanxi Province. **Hanyangling Museum** and the **Great Mosque**. Enjoy a **Mongolian Hot Pot Dinner** tonight.



### Day 13: Xian/Chengdu

Take an early flight to Chengdu. After snack lunch at the famous Long Chao Shou Restaurant, we'll visit the renowned Thatched Cottage of Du Fu and Wuhou Temple. Du Fu was a famous poet and Wuhou is the title for Zhu Geliang, a famous military strategist and Minister in China's history. Dinner will be served at Chenmapo Restaurant.



### Day 14: Chengdu

We are visiting the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. We'll be able to see real panda close up. Afterwards, we'll drive for about an hour to see Guanghan Sanxingdui Museum, a prehistoric site with many unsolved mysteries for modern day anthropologists. Dinner will be served at Dong Hu Shou Xi Restaurant.



### Day 15: Chengdu/Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai in the morning, upon arrival, tour the **Bund** plus the emporium-lined **Nanjing Road**. Visit **Jade Buddha Buddhist Temple** and enjoy a **vegetarian dinner**.



### Day 16, Shanghai

Visit **Shanghai Museum**, and the classical Ming garden - **Yu Garden**, Children's palace, Enjoy local flavor at Shanghai **Lv Bo Lang Restaurant**, located by the nine-twist zigzag bridge in the Old City God Temple, which has hosted heads of state from more than 40 foreign countries, such as President Clinton. Attend a breathtaking Shanghai Acrobatic Show tonight.



### **Day 17, Shanghai**

Today you will take a day tour to Suzhou. Places to see include **Lingering Garden**, the **Grand Canal** with boat ride and Suzhou Silk Factory. Tonight have a farewell dinner with **Shanghai Cuisine**.



### **Day 18, Shanghai/USA (AB)**

Our tour guide will wave good-bye to us at Shanghai Pudong International Airport. We will board on our international flight back to the United States.

#### **Hotel Information:**

Beijing: Royal King Hotel ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.royalkinghotel.com/english/index.htm>

Jinan: Litian Hotel ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.litianhotel.com/index-new.asp>

Qufu: Queli Hotel ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.quelihotel.com/index.php?Locale=en-us>

Xian: Titan Times Hotel ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.titantimeshotel.com/>

Chengdu: Green Land Hotel ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.greenland-hotel.com/index.asp>

Grand Mercure Hotel Hongqiao ( ★★★★★ )

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6694-grand-mercure-hongqiao-shanghai/index.shtml>

## **Price**

Price with International Flight tickets: \$4095

### Included:

- International air ticket (Chicago-Beijing, Shanghai-Chicago)
- All China domestic transportations as shown on this itinerary
- Hotel in each city as shown on the above itinerary
- Meals as mentioned on the above itinerary
- Entrance fees as mentioned on this itinerary
- Bilingual (English and Mandarin) tour guide in each city

### Not included:

- Expenditure of a personal nature
- Chinese visa: \$150/person (US citizens) ; \$50/person (non US citizens)
- Optional traveling insurance:
  - o Part A (cancellation/Trip Interruption) 5.5% of total cost
  - o Par B (Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance) \$35/person

Land only Prices: \$2895/person (Single Supplement \$795/person)

## **Reservation and Payment:**

- The price quoted is valid only if reservation and deposit received before Feb. 15, 2011.
- Payment in full needs to be paid before April 1, 2011;
- Fill out a reservation form, sign and mail along with copies of your passports (the first page)
- Deposit: \$300/person (non-refundable) by check only;

**Cancellation:** Cancellation Notice in letter or fax must be received by CCCI. The following cancellation fee applies:

- \$300/person deposit is non-refundable;
- 30-49 days prior to departure: \$600/person will be assessed
- 14-29 days prior to departure: \$900/person will be assessed
- 4-13 days prior to departure: \$1250/person will be assessed
- Less than 3 days or nonappearance: 100% of total land charge
- International air ticket refund penalty is \$350/person with fully unutilized tickets or non-refundable.