

CHINA

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA TOUR 10 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

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DAY 1: TRAVEL TO CHINA

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- Fly through the day to **Beijing**, China

DAY 2: BEIJING

- Welcome to Beijing, host of the 2008 summer Olympics, and capital of China
- Your Prométour Tour Director will greet you at the airport and remain with your group for the duration of your stay in China

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- Board your private, deluxe motorcoach to transfer to your hotel for check-in
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director in an authentic, Chinese restaurant
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 3: BEIJING

- Enjoy a buffet breakfast with your group at the hotel; why not try the local dish of "congee"
- Stop in a nearby park and join the locals doing their morning Tai-Chi exercises
- Visit the 273-hectare **Temple of Heaven**, representing the pinnacle of Ming and Qing architecture. The complex was visited by the Emperors for annual ceremonies of praying to Heaven for good harvest
- Enter the Forbidden City, also known as The Imperial Palace. Built as the residence of the emperor, it is comprised of over 9,000 halls and rooms, containing many precious relics. It is the largest palace in the world and one of mankind's major cultural legacies
- Continue towards the heart of modern Beijing for a walk around **Tiananmen Square**. The site is of great cultural significance and has seen a number of political events and student protests
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 4: BEIJING / OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO XIAN

- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at the hotel
- Head to the **Great Wall of China** for a walk on the **Great Wall Ju Rong Guan Section**. The wall was built to protect the northern borders of the Chinese Empire during various successive dynasties
- Drive by the facilities of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games with photo opportunities of the **Beijing National Stadium** (the "Bird's Nest") and the **National Aquatics Center** (the "Water Cube")
- Visit the **UNESCO world heritage site** of **The Summer Palace**, considered a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design it offers a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prometour Tour Director
- Transfer to train station for your overnight train ride to Xian

DAY 5: XIAN

- Welcome to Xian, one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China
- Transfer by private, deluxe motorcoach to your hotel to drop off your bags and freshen up
- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit the **Giant Wild Goose Pagoda**, a Buddhist pagoda built in 652 A.D. One of the pagoda's many functions was to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler Xuanzang
- Head to the **Muslim Quarter**, home to the 1360 year old **Great Mosque of Xi'an**. There are many interesting sights to be discovered.
- Take some time in the area to look for great bargains
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
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DAY 6: XIAN / HANGZHOU

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- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit the **Terracotta Army**, a form of funerary art buried with the First Emperor of Qin dating from 210 B.C. Each figurine differentiates in facial expression, height, and armor. The figures include strong warriors, chariots, horses, officials, acrobats, strongmen, and musicians. Their purpose was to help rule another empire with Shi Huang Di in the afterlife
- Transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Hangzhou
- Check-in at your hotel and leave your bags
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 7: HANGZHOU

- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Partake in a **local school visit**. Visit the campus followed by a participation in a class. Finish your visit with a friendly sports match with the locals
- Have lunch at the school with your new friends
- Experience a lovely **cruise on the West Lake**, a famous fresh water lake located in the historic center of the city. Not only is it famous for its picturesque landscape but it is also associated with many scholars, national heroes and revolutionary martyrs, thus embracing many aspects of Chinese culture
- Enjoy dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 8: HANGZHOU / SHANGHAI

- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit the **Lingyin Temple**, its name is literally translated as Temple of the Soul's Retreat. It is one of the largest and wealthiest Buddhist temples in China
 - At **Longjing Tea Plantation**, discover this ancient art. The tea's name literally means "Dragon Well" and according to legend, was discovered in about 230 A.D. This fresh spring water encouraged the people of Hangzhou to develop their own quality tea
 - Transfer to Shanghai in the afternoon
 - Upon arrival in China's largest city, transfer to your hotel for the check-in
 - Enjoy dinner with your group followed by an amazing acrobatics show
 - Overnight accommodation in Shanghai at your centrally located hotel

DAY 9: SHANGHAI

- Have breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit the **Yuyuan Garden**, a classical garden in downtown Shanghai boasting a history over 400 years. It's reputed to be the most beautiful garden in south of the Yangtze River
 - Head to **The Bund**, Shanghai's most popular sightseeing spot. Cruise boats meander eastward along the golden waterway to the intriguing "three-layer waters" at the Wusong Mouth
- Partake in a silk weaving demonstration. You will have the opportunity to see the complete process of making silk from silkworms which include different methods ranging from old weaving machines to the hand-made process
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 10: RETURN HOME

- Have breakfast with your group and your Prometour Tour Director at your hotel
- Transfer to the airport by private motorcoach
- After a wonderful adventure, say a fond farewell to China and board your flight for home