

CHINA

CHINA CULTURAL HOMESTAY 10 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

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DAY 1: TRAVEL TO CHINA

- Fly through the day to Shanghai, China

DAY 2: SHANGHAI

 Your Prométour Tour Director will greet you at the airport and remain with your group for the duration of your tour

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- Transfer by private, deluxe motorcoach to your centrally located hotel
- Enjoy an authentic Chinese dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 3: SHANGHAI

- Enjoy breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel; why not try the local dish of "congee"
- Visit the **Yuyuan Garden**, a classical garden in downtown Shanghai boasting over 400 years of history. It's reputed to be the most beautiful garden 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**
- Experience The Shikumen Open House Museum which offers a chance to cherish the memories of old Shanghai and recall past events. The museum is in a renovated Shikumen house built in the 1920's
 Tonight's dinner includes an acrobatics show, amaze at the flexibility of the artists
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 4: SHANGHAI / WUZHEN / HANGZHOU (HOST-FAMILIES)

- Enjoy breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Travel by private motorcoach to one the most scenic cities in China, Hangzhou
- Along the way, make a stop in **Wuzhen**, a typical "water town". The town has a history of over 1000 years and has remained unchanged lending an atmosphere of antiquity
- Meet your host-families upon arrival in Hangzhou
- Partake in a special welcome ceremony held at a local school
- Get acquainted with your host-family over dinner followed by overnight accommodation

DAY 5: HANGZHOU (HOST-FAMILIES)

- Enjoy breakfast with your host-family followed by a transfer to the school
- 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
- Attend classes at the school
- Return to your host-family to experience day-to-day life with them
- Enjoy a home cooked dinner with your host-family followed by overnight accommodation

DAY 6: HANGZHOU / OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO BEIJING

- Enjoy breakfast with your host-families followed by a transfer to the school
- Experience a lovely **cruise on the West Lake**, a famous fresh water lake located in the historic center of the city
- Enjoy some tea in one of the local **Tea Houses of Meijiawu Village** where elaborate tea ceremonies are held. Discover why it's an important ceremony in Chinese culture by partaking in one
- Have a "Thank You Dinner" with your new Chinese friends and host-families at a local restaurant
- Transfer to train station and take an overnight train to Beijing

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DAY 7: BEIJING

- Transfer to your hotel to check-in and drop off your bags
- Enjoy breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit **Old Beijing's Hutongs** by **rickshaw**. This section of the city is now under government preservation. Many locals have lived in the area for over 3 generations
- Become a Dumpling Maker, with a hands-on lesson with a local family
 - For tonight's dinner, enjoy the dumplings with your new friends
 - Overnight hotel accommodation in Beijing at your centrally located hotel

DAY 8: BEIJING

- Enjoy breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Visit the "School of Waifs", a school for orphaned children. The children are separated into different grades from 1st to 8th. All of the teachers at the school are volunteers. You will have an opportunity to attend a class and even to teach English to the children
- 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
- On the way back, drive by the facilities of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games with photo opportunities at the **Beijing National Stadium** (the "Bird's Nest") and the **National Aquatics Center** (the "Water Cube")
- Enjoy an authentic Chinese dinner with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 9: BEIJING

- Enjoy breakfast with your group and your Prométour Tour Director at your hotel
- Stop in a nearby park and join in with the locals doing their morning Tai-Chi
- Visit the 273-hectare **Temple of Heaven**, representing the pinnacle of Ming and Qing architecture. The complex was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties 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
- This evening, enjoy a special **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

DAY 10: RETURN HOME

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