



**PROPOSED DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY FOR BEST OF CHINA TOUR™
PRESENTED BY VENUE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS, INC.**

FRIDAY, JULY 6 – WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

DAY #1 FRIDAY, JULY 06: DEPART UNITED STATES – Depart on Emirates Airlines Flight Number EKO232 at 10:55am. Sit back, relax and enjoy your inter-continental flight with superb amenities. Meals Included: *Lunch and Dinner onboard Emirates Airlines.*

DAY #2 SATURDAY, JULY 07: ARRIVE IN BEIJING, CHINA – Arrive at Dubai International Airport (DXB) at 8:00am. Depart on Emirates Airlines Flight Number (EK0308) at 11:00am and arrive at Beijing International Airport (PEK) Airport at 10:20pm. After clearing immigration and customs, transfer to the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing, China located at 18 Xuanwumenwai Street, Xicheng District for a relaxing overnight as you adjust to the climate and time zone changes. Meals Included: *Lunch and Dinner onboard Emirates Airlines.*

DAY #3 SUNDAY, JULY 08: BEIJING TOURS TO INCLUDE TIAN'ANMEN SQUARE AND FORBIDDEN CITY SIGHTSEEING – After a refreshing breakfast, enjoy a City Tour of Beijing to include some of its most iconic attractions to include a visit to Tian'anmen Square which is the largest public square in the world capable of holding one million people for public ceremonies or gatherings. In Tian'anmen Square visit the Monument of National Heroes, the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum, and the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong to see the body of the great Chinese Leader of the People's Republic of China. Also learn about the history and meanings of the Forbidden City (also known as the Imperial Palace and Palace Museum) which is the largest ancient palatial structure in the world representing the essence and culmination of traditional Chinese architectural accomplishment. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing lunch featuring local cuisine at the Traditional Courtyard 7 Restaurant before enjoying a rickshaw ride through the old streets and courtyard houses of neighboring Hutongs as well as visit a local family in order to gain a unique perspective on the lifestyle in Beijing. The word Hutongs means "old lane or alley" and has a very special place in the rich history and culture of Beijing. Later that evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a downtown restaurant (To Be Determined). Afterwards, enjoy an Acrobatics Show at the

Chaoyang Theater before returning to the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing for a relaxing overnight. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Welcome Dinner.

DAY #4 MONDAY, JULY 09: BEIJING TOURS TO INCLUDE THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

– After a refreshing breakfast, walk through the Temple of Heaven’s Grounds and watch the locals exercise, practice martial arts and play traditional music. The Temple of Heaven’s Grounds provided a place where Chinese emperors came once a year on the date of the winter solstice to pray to “the most high God in heaven” for a plentiful harvest. It is considered the most holy of Beijing’s temples and here you can see the Round Altar, Echo Wall and Imperial Vault of Heaven. Enjoy a refreshing lunch in the mountains at the famous Xin Shuang Quan garden farmhouse restaurant known for its delicious rainbow trout and salmon dishes. Afterwards, experience a spectacular view as you take a cable car ride up the Great Wall of China near Mutianyu which offers the best views without the crowd of tourists. Mutianyu (moo-tyen-yoo) which means “Admire Fields Valley” is the longest fully restored section of the Great Wall open to tourists. Later that evening return to Beijing for a relaxing dinner (on your own) at a downtown restaurant (To Be Determined) and overnight at the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing. Please Note: Remember to leave extra luggage in storage until your return from other tourist destinations on Day #11. Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

DAY #5 TUESDAY, JULY 10: DEPART BEIJING AND ARRIVE XI’AN

– After a refreshing breakfast, check-out of the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing and enjoy a tour of the Summer Palace which is the best preserved imperial palace in the world and known to the Chinese as Yihe Yuan (the Garden of Restful Peace). It is an enormous park with pavilions, painted corridors and temples alongside the lakes surrounded by hills. It was originally designed as an imperial retreat to escape the summer heat. Afterwards, take a dragon styled boat cruise along Kuming Lake and enjoy a sumptuous lunch at a charming restaurant (To Be Determined) featuring traditional Sichuan cuisine. Time permitting, see a few of the 2008 Olympic attractions to include exterior views of the National Stadium, the Bird’s Nest and the National Aquatics Center. Later, transfer to Beijing International Airport (PEK) and depart on Air China (MU2116) at 6:00pm for a brief flight to Xi’an. Arrive at Xi’an International Airport (XIY) at 8:00pm and transfer to the Sofitel Hotel on Renmin Square in Xi’an located at 319 Dongxin Street. Enjoy dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Sofitel Hotel in Xi’an. Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

DAY #6 WEDNESDAY, JULY 11: VISIT ANCIENT TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

– After a refreshing breakfast, experience one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century known as the Terracotta Warriors. This is one of the top tourist attractions in China because of its historical significance and uniqueness. These amazingly detailed life size statues of a massive army were meant to be guardians of the tomb of the first Chinese Emperor Qin Shihaung. After this scenic tour, enjoy a

sumptuous lunch at the famous Big Wild Goose Pagoda Restaurant known for its Hunan and Sichuan cuisine. Later that evening, enjoy a Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show with dinner. Afterwards, overnight at the Sofitel Hotel in Xi'an. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY #7 THURSDAY, JULY 12: CULTURAL SIGHTSEEING BEFORE DEPART XI'AN AND ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI – After a refreshing breakfast, check-out of the Sofitel Hotel and visit the Shaanxi History Museum and Xi'an City Wall for a panoramic overview of the city of Xi'an. This city in ancient times was a great walled city and served as the capitol of China for more than ten dynasties over 1,100 years. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing lunch at the Qianzhou Restaurant which is famous for its Tang Dynasty cuisine as well as discover the local Muslim heritage of Muslim Quarter dating back to the Silk Road era in downtown Xi'an. Later, transfer to Xi'an International Airport (XIY). Depart on Hainan Airlines (MU2161) at 2:00pm for a brief flight to Shanghai. Arrive at Shanghai International Airport (PVG) at 4:10pm and transfer to the Bund Hotel located at 88 Nanjing Road in Shanghai. Enjoy a relaxing dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Bund Hotel in Shanghai. Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

DAY #8 FRIDAY, JULY 13: SHANGHAI TOURS – After a refreshing breakfast, enjoy a walk through the Yuyun Gardens which are one of the most beautiful Suzhou styled gardens in China. Next, visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall which highlights an amazing display of the growth and future of Shanghai. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing lunch and panoramic view from the World Financial Center in downtown Shanghai before visiting the Bund which still retains its colonial charm. For more than a century, the Bund has been one of the most architecturally recognized symbols and pride of Shanghai. Later that evening, enjoy a relaxing dinner (on your own) and overnight at the Bund Hotel in Shanghai. Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

DAY #9 SATURDAY, JULY 14: DEPART SHANGHAI AND ARRIVE IN HONG KONG – After an early breakfast, check-out of the Bund Hotel and transfer to the Shanghai International Airport (PVG). Depart on Hong Kong Airlines (HX235) at 7:55am and arrive in Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) at 10:20am. Hong Kong is famously known as the Pearl of the Orient. After checking-in to the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel located at No. 167 Connaught Road West in Hong Kong enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. Time permitting, consider having a tailor-made suit made. Later that evening, take in the spectacular night entertainment of Hong Kong and enjoy a fabulous dinner (on your own) at a downtown restaurant (To Be Determined). Afterwards, overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Hong Kong. Meals Included: Breakfast.

DAY #10 SUNDAY, JULY 15: HONG KONG CITY TOUR – After a refreshing breakfast, enjoy a private tour of the various sights of Hong Kong to include Victoria

Peak to overlook the scenic beaches of Repulse Bay and also enjoy some shopping for bargains at the Stanley Market. After a refreshing lunch (on your own) continue the tour by visiting Aberdeen Fishing Village and Hong Kong's largest jewelry factory where local artist create exquisite items of semi-precious stones. Later that evening, take in the spectacular night entertainment of Hong Kong and enjoy a fabulous dinner (on your own) at a downtown restaurant (To Be Determined). Afterwards, overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Hong Kong. Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch.

DAY #11 MONDAY, JULY 16: DEPART HONG KONG AND ARRIVE IN BEIJING, CHINA – After a refreshing breakfast, check-out of the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel and transfer to Hong Kong International Airport (HKG). Depart on Air China (CZ309) at 1:20pm and arrive at Beijing International Airport (PKG) at 3:10pm. Transfer to the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing for check-in and a refreshing lunch (on your own). Afterwards, enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. Don't forget to retrieve your extra luggage from the hotel's storeroom. Later that evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at (To Be Determined). Afterwards, overnight at the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing. Meals Included: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner.

DAY #12 TUESDAY, JULY 17: DEPART BEIJING, CHINA AND RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES – After a very early breakfast, check-out of the JW Marriott Hotel in Beijing and transfer to the Beijing International Airport (PKG). Depart on Emirates Airlines Flight Number (EK0309) at 6:50am. Sit back, relax and enjoy your inter-continental flight with superb onboard amenities. Arrive at Dubai International Airport (DXB) at 11:50am. Please Note: There will be approximately a fourteen (14) hour layover. Note: Consider utilizing a lounge or day-room at a hotel in the airport complex. Meals Included: Breakfast *with lunch onboard Emirates Airlines*.

DAY #13 WEDNESDAY, JULY 18: DEPART FROM DUBAI AND RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES – Depart on Emirates Airlines Flight Number (EK0231) at 2:20am. Sit back, relax and enjoy your inter-continental flight with superb onboard amenities. Arrive at Washington Dulles International (IAD) Airport at 8:50am. After clearing immigration and customs retrieve your luggage at Dulles International (IAD) Airport. Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner onboard Emirates Airlines*.

END OF PROGRAM

YOUR BEST OF CHINA TOUR™ INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip International Airfare on Emirates Airlines from Washington Dulles International (IAD) Airport to Beijing International (PKG) Airport;
- Domestic Airfare on Air China (Beijing/Xi'an/Shanghai/Hong Kong/Beijing);
- Visa processing and fees for China;

- Four Nights Hotel Accommodations at JW Marriott Hotel (or similar) in Beijing with breakfast included;
- Two Nights Hotel Accommodations at Sofitel Hotel (or similar) in Xi'an with breakfast included;
- Two Nights Hotel Accommodations at Bund Hotel (or similar) in Shanghai with breakfast included;
- Two Nights Hotel Accommodations at Courtyard Marriott Hotel (or similar) in Hong Kong with breakfast included;
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner in Beijing;
- Tian'anmen Square and Forbidden City with lunch included;
- Tour of Acrobatics Show at the Chaoyang Theater in Beijing;
- Tour of the Great Wall of China with lunch included;
- Tour of the Summer Palace in Xi'an with lunch included;
- Tour of the Terracotta Warriors with lunch included;
- City Tour Attractions of Xi'an with lunch included;
- City Tour Attractions of Shanghai to include the Bund District with lunch included; and
- City Tour Attractions of Hong Kong with lunch included.

YOUR BEST OF CHINA TOUR™ DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Travel Insurance;
- Tips and Gratuities not specifically included within the published itinerary;
- Items of a Personal Nature (i.e. – telephone calls, laundry service, etc.);
- Optional Sightseeing Tours and Shopping Excursions in China; and
- Excess Luggage Overweight Charges on Emirates Airlines.

**Cost Per Person based on double occupancy is \$5,299.00
with an additional \$1,500.00 for single supplement.**

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