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Option 1~ Imperial Tour~Tiananmen Square &Forbidden City

Time: 9am-1pm

Dates: June 08, 2012 onwards

Pick Up Spot on June 10 – 14: Main Lobby of China National Convention Center

Pick Up Spot before June 10 and after June 14: Individual Hotel Lobby



Tiananmen Square is the largest public square in the world. It has long been a gathering place for locals and visitors alike. On the north side of the square is Tiananmen Gate (the Rostrum). It was from the balcony of the Rostrum on October 1, 1949 where Mao Zedong, chairman of the Communist Party, proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic of China. Mao gazes south from a huge portrait on the south side of the gate onto Tiananmen Square. Behind the Rostrum lies the Forbidden City, also known as the Imperial Palace.

The Forbidden City (Imperial Palace), directly behind the Rostrum, was home to 24 emperors beginning with its creation by Emperor Yongle in 1420 until the last Qing emperor, Puyi, left in 1924. The entire complex consists of 8,706 rooms in which an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people lived including 3,000 eunuchs, as well as maids and concubines, all within 170 acres. Behind walls more than 30 feet high and within the 160-foot moat, complex rules and rituals dictated life in the Imperial Palace. Strictly off-limits to Chinese ordinary people (hence the name) the gates today lead to a fascinating display of Chinese history in what is probably the best-preserved site of Classical Chinese architecture.



Price per person with a minimum of 10 people travelling together: USD38.00

Inclusion of the tour price

- Round trip transfer on air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking guide
- Bottled mineral water provided during sightseeing
- Entrance Fees

Option 2 ~Exploring China Great Wall~Badaling Section

Time: 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Dates: June 08, 2012 onwards

Pick Up Spot on June 10 – 14: Main Lobby of China National Convention Center

Pick Up Spot before June 10 and after June 14: Individual Hotel Lobby



One of the wonders of the world, and the only man-made structure that can be seen from the moon, the Great Wall is an early testimony of the human power to build in the harshest of terrains. As you stand on the top tower and look at the wall snaking its way across the tops of the mountains, close your eyes for a moment and see in your mind's eye the ancient armies locked in combat, and hear the whistle of arrows and the clang of striking swords. It is a place to reflect upon the past the wonder about the future.

The Chinese name for the Great Wall is Wan Li Chang Cheng, or "the Long Wall of Ten Thousand Li." The first sections were built as early as the fifth century B.C. when a number of Chinese states in the north were fighting against each other and occasionally against the northern "barbarian". It was not until the unification of the empire under Qin Shi Huang Di in B.C. 221 that the various sections of the Wall were linked up. It is said that more than 300,000 men worked for ten years to complete it. The wall has a pounded earth interior with stone facing walls and stone roadway along the top. It was built wide enough to allow a brace of five horses to gallop between the battlements and was thus used to convey soldiers, arms, and food with great speed to various parts of the northern frontier.

From the sixth century to the fourteenth the wall abandoned and fell into disuse but after the Mongols took China and were repulsed eventually by the Ming in 1368. The emperor decided to rebuild the wall. The rebuilding and restoration continued up until the sixteenth century. However, when the Manchu armies captured China and the Qing Dynasty ruled (1644 - 1911), the wall was again abandoned and fell into ruin. It has now been restored at three famous passes and you may visit one of them, Badaling, located about 40 miles from Beijing.

Price per person with a minimum of 10 people travelling together: USD78.00

Inclusion of the tour price

- Round trip transfer on air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking guide
- Bottled mineral water provided during sightseeing
- Lunch at local restaurant with 2 glasses of soft drinks
- Entrance Fees

Option 3 ~Temple of Heaven and Hutong Tour

Time: 8:45am-1 pm

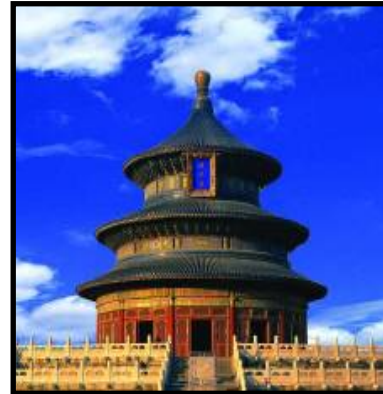
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Pick Up Spot on June 10 – 14: Main Lobby of China National Convention Center

Pick Up Spot before June 10 and after June 14: Individual Hotel Lobby

Visit the Temple of Heaven, an exquisite example of Chinese craftsmanship.

The Temple of Heaven is a sequence of temples and altars set in a park. Twice a year during imperial times, the emperor and a magnificent procession of some 1,000 eunuchs, courtiers, and ministers would leave the Forbidden City for the temple. At the winter solstice, he expressed thanks for the previous harvest, and on the 15th day of the first month of the lunar year, he begged the gods of sun and moon, clouds and rain, and thunder and lightning to bless the coming harvest. Chinese philosophers considered heaven the source of harmony and spiritual authority. The architecture reflects that sense of order; the northern wall of the complex is curved in a half circle to symbolize heaven, and the southern wall of the complex is built as a square to symbolize earth. Whereas most imperial buildings have yellow roof tiles, the blue tiles here echo the color of the sky.



Then tour the Beijing's historic Hutong ("narrow lanes") area by old-fashioned trishaw. Visit a local family living in a courtyard-style home known as a Siheyuan.

An essential highlight city tour to the Hutong area, this unique tour will be by pedicab (3-wheeled bicycle). The Hutong mostly built during the Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties, are the narrow network of lanes created by closely built quadrangular homes. The houses and courtyards, hidden away and boxed in, are themselves closed off with wooden gates that often have carved characters intended to bring good fortune to the house owner and his trade. You will have a 20- minutes-ride through the narrow alleys to visit a home for tea and meet a typical family. The residents, who have lived through great changes, interesting and sometimes difficult times, are delighted in answering questions.



Price per person with a minimum of 10 people travelling together: USD48.00

Inclusion of the tour price

- Round trip transfer on air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking guide
- Bottled mineral water provided during sightseeing
- Entrance Fees for Temple of Heaven
- Trishaw ridding at Hutong and local family visit

Option 4 ~ Summer Palace with Dragon Boat Ride on the Kunming Lake

Time: 8:45am-1 pm

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Visit the elegant Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with the largest imperial garden in the world



Drive to Northwest Beijing to visit The Summer Palace is one of the finest landmarks in Beijing. It has long been a royal garden and was considerably enlarged and embellished by Emperor Qianglong in the 18th century. It was later abandoned. Empress Dowager Cixi began rebuilding in 1888 using money that was supposedly reserved for the construction of a modern navy. Walk along the Long Corridor. This 728-metre long corridor is decorated with 8,000 paintings including many from the emperor-s travels around the country.

Having a long history, Chinese Silk is perfect craftsmanship and is renowned at home and abroad. At the Silk Factory, you could see the work of art and fine silks with exquisite skill, you can learn how silk is made from silkworms to cocoons at a local silk weaving factory and see beautiful bedding and garment made out of silk.



Price per person with a minimum of 10 people travelling together: USD34.00

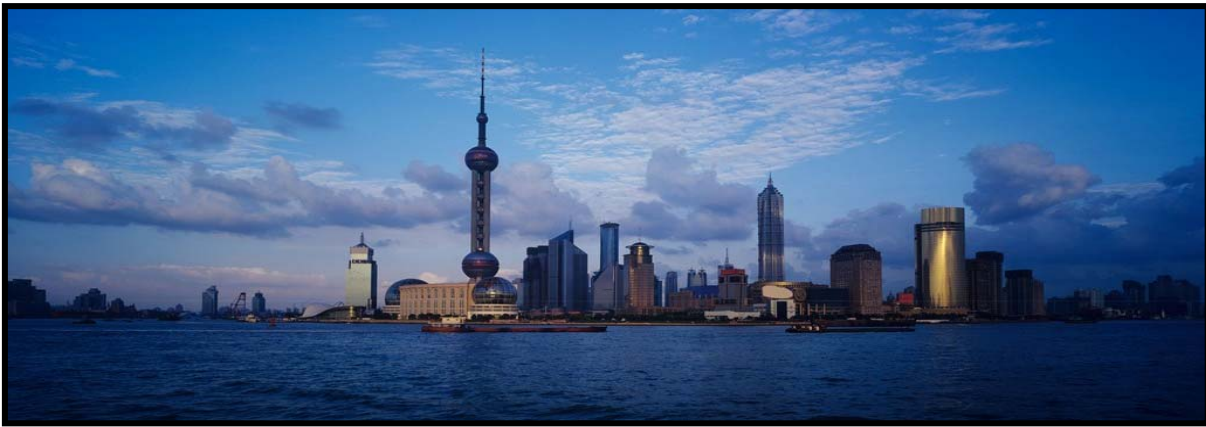
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3 Nights/4 Days Pre Tour in Shanghai & Xian

Dates: June 06-09, 2012

Day One ~June 06, 2012~ Arrive in Shanghai



Upon arrival in Shanghai, after clearing the customs; please proceed to the luggage area to claim your check-in bags. You will be greeted by the tour guide at Shanghai Pudong Airport and transferred to your hotel

The rest of the day will be free at leisure.

Overnight in Shanghai

Accommodation in Shanghai – Grand Central Hotel or Similar ~ 5*



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Day Two ~June 07, 2012~ Arrive in Shanghai

Morning: Visit Jade Buddha Temple & Yu Garden

Lunch: Chinese Lunch at Green Ripple Restaurant

Afternoon: Visit Shanghai Museum

Evening: Acrobatic Show

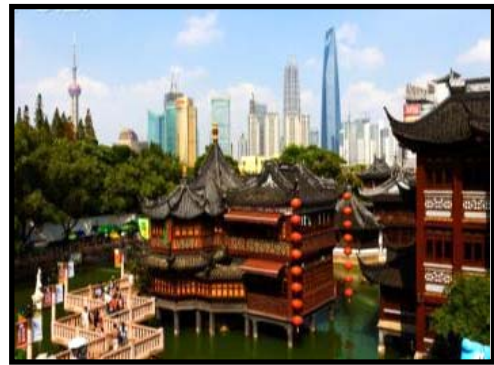
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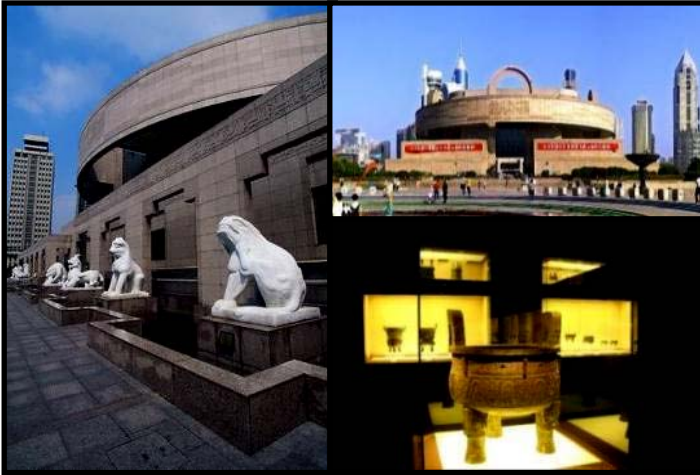
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Shanghai Museum



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Overnight in Shanghai

Day Three ~June 08, 2012~ Shanghai - Xian

Morning transfer from Grand Central Hotel to Pudong Airport for Flight to Xian

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After lunch, visit Terra Cotta Warriors Museum



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Accommodation in Xian – Swisstouches or Similar ~ 5*



The Swisstouches Hotel Xi'an (Xi'an Ruisili Dajudian) is located in the commercial center -- Xi'an High-tech Industry Development Area, adjacent to Tang Dynasty Wall Site Park. Guests enjoy convenient access to transportation network.

This Xi'an hotel houses 318 spacious room ranging from luxury rooms to presidential suites. All rooms feature Swisstouches luxury bathroom amenities, Swiss corner lounge, Ipad/Iphone dock, "My Home Design" decorations, and free broadband Internet. Guests looking to relax can take advantage of the Swiss Spa Center, which provides natural hot spring water.



Overnight in Xian

Day Four ~June 09, 2012~ Xian - Beijing

Morning: Visit City Wall and Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Lunch: Local Chinese Restaurant

Afternoon: Transfer to Xian Airport for flight to Beijing

City Wall



The Xi'an City Wall is the best preserved, oldest and largest ancient city defence system in China. It is also one of the most important landmarks of the Xi'an city.

The original foundation of the Xi'an City Wall was based on the ruins of the Imperial City Wall of Chang'an City--the capital of the Tang Dynasty. In 904 A.D. when the capital of the Tang Dynasty was moved eastward, the Governor-general Han Jian had the city renovated and turned it into an army garrison and named it "New City". Since then the city was used continuously by Song and Yuan Dynasties, and its features kept unchanged. The Ming Dynasty was set up in 1368 and the Ming army entered the city in 1369. Afterward the city was renamed as "the Prefecture of Xi'an".

Big Wild Goose Pagoda



Great Wild Goose Pagoda spires loftily in the Daci'en Temple. The temple is in the south suburb of Xi'an, the ancient capital. The pagoda was originally situated within the premises of the Temple of Motherly Kindness in the Jinchang Block in the Chang'an city of the Tang Dynasty.

The Temple was built in 648 A.D. (twenty-second year of Zhenguan of the Tang) by the then Prince Li Zhi, who later became Emperor Gaozong, to honor his mother, Empress Wende. The Pagoda itself was built in 652 (third year of Yonghui of the Tang Emperor Gaozong). A square pyramid of blue brick, it is 64 meters high, with seven stories. It is simple in shape, and of good and lofty proportion. Preserved on the four stone doors in the base of the pagoda are exquisite engravings of the Tang. Two steles with "the preface to the Sacred Religion" written by the famous Tang calligrapher Chu Suiliang are set into the walls on the either side of the south door of the pagoda. Because of their distinctive and elegant inscriptions, the steles are valuable data for the art of calligraphy.

After Lunch, you will be transferred to the airport for flight to Beijing and arrive in Beijing in the Evening

3 Nights/4 Days Post Tour in Xian & Shanghai

Dates: June 15-18, 2012

Day One ~June 15, 2012~ Beijing to Xian

Morning transfer from your hotel to Beijing Capital International Airport for Flight to Xian

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Morning: Visit City Wall and Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Lunch: Local Chinese Restaurant

Afternoon: Transfer to Xian Airport for flight to Shanghai

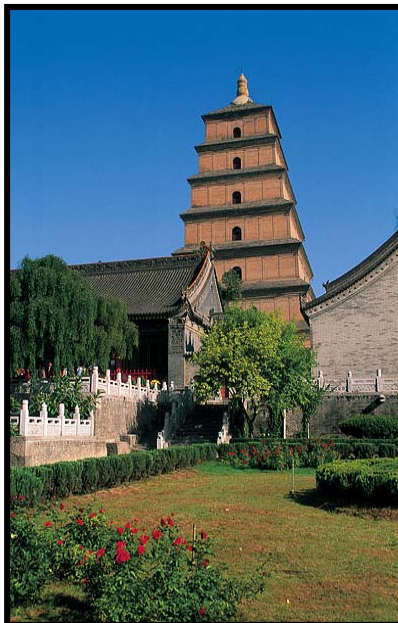
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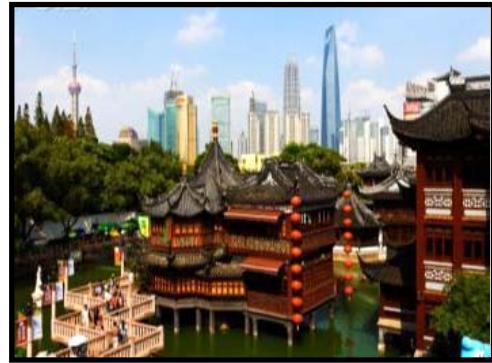
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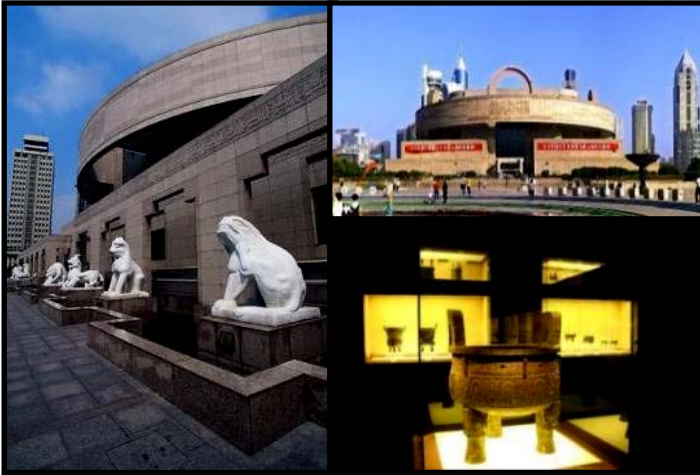
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Day Four ~June 18, 2012~ Depart Shanghai

Today, you will be transferred to Pudong airport for your flight home

Cost for the above Pre or Post tour

Price per person based on twin sharing, minimum of 6 people travelling together: USD1,174.00

Single Supplement: USD272.00

Inclusion of the tour price

- 1 night 5* hotel accommodation in Xian, Swisstouches or similar, on twin share basis, including daily breakfast
- 2 nights 5* hotel accommodation in Shanghai, Grand Central or similar, on twin share basis, including daily breakfast- Entrance Fees for Temple of Heaven
- Domestic air fare for Beijing/Xian/Shanghai or Shanghai/Xian/Beijing, on economy class, including tax and fuel charge
- All transfer for airport, sightseeing and acrobatic show by private vehicle and English-speaking guide
- All sight seeing as above indicated with first gate entrance fee
- All meals indicated in the itinerary with one class of soft drink
- Evening acrobatic show with normal seat in Shanghai