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Inside Beijing

November 7 – 15, 2009

\$2495 Includes Air!

Optional 2-night Shanghai Extension



Back by popular demand! Our *Inside Beijing* tour includes the wonders long-identified with this ancient city: the awe-inspiring Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven. But because the 2008 Summer Olympics showcased Beijing's "great leap" to modernity with architecture that impressed the viewer as much as the athletes did, we'll also see the Bird's Nest, Swim Cube and other stunning buildings. To put this amazing city in perspective, we begin with a visit to the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall to view the impressive scale model of the city.

Beyond sightseeing, we'll meet Beijing residents during a pedicab tour of a Hutong, visit a school and enjoy lunch with a Chinese family. We include an acrobatic show and offer an optional Peking Opera performance. Substantive briefings, a Council hallmark, feature a visit to the U.S. Embassy and discussion with a businessman based in Beijing.

First-time visitors will want to take the optional day trip to Xian to view the famous terracotta warriors, and extend the trip to Shanghai, one of the world's most dynamic cities.

Our previous tours sold out very quickly so call now to make your reservations at 800-942-5004 x 209 or 217, locally at 215-561-4700 or visit us at www.wacphila.org. The Council has been offering tours to China since 1977 - we know value when we see it!

Joan Russell, Director of Travel

Highlights:

Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Great Wall

U.S. Embassy Visit and Business Briefing

Hutong District by pedicab and Lunch with a Chinese family

Chinese Acrobatic Show

Peking Duck Dinner

Optional Xian excursion to see the Terracotta Warriors

Optional Shanghai two-night post-trip extension

Here's what past participants said about our previous Beijing tours:

"The October 2006 trip to China was terrific! Not only did we learn so much each day, but we had fun!"

— Nancy Eshelman, Philadelphia, PA

"Our guide, Duan, was warm, considerate, and organized. He made the trip for me!"

— Eleanor Bonder, Naples, FL, 2008

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Traders Hotel - In addition to the hotel's two restaurants, bar and fitness centre, guests can enjoy the facilities at the China World Hotel including an indoor swimming pool and fine dining. This "sister" hotel is conveniently located next door and linked by the luxury China World Mall.

<http://www.shangrila.com/en/property/beijing/traders>

Salvo Hotel Shanghai, newly opened in 2004, this 5-star international hotel is located in the thriving Bund Business Center of Huangpu District. There is a business centre, Chinese restaurant, western restaurant, coffee shop, gymnasium, beauty salon, shopping arcade, and chess/billiard room.

<http://www.salvohotel.com/doce/home.asp>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Overnight Flight. United via Chicago.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - Arrive Beijing - Experience one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Beijing. On arrival transfer to the Traders Hotel, located in Beijing's leading business district.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Beijing - Drive to Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall for scale model of city. Visit Tiananmen Square. After lunch visit the Forbidden City, the imperial city with museums of antiquity and treasures. Welcome dinner and briefing this evening. (BLD)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - Beijing - After breakfast, depart to visit the Lama Temple. Built in 1694 as an imperial palace, it became a Buddhist temple in 1723. Visit Hutong traditional courtyard homes via pedicab including family lunch. Stop at a tea house by the Drum Tower for a demonstration and taste of this tradition. In the evening enjoy a Peking Duck Dinner. (BLD)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - The Great Wall - Enjoy a full-day excursion to the Great Wall of China. Walk along the wall and watch towers and enjoy the unrivaled scenic views of villages, plateaus, and grasslands. Following lunch, continue to visit the Olympic sites - water cube and Bird's Nest. This evening enjoy a dinner and the world-famous Beijing Acrobatic Show. (BLD)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Beijing - This morning visit to the Summer Palace. Known for its architecture and exquisite scenery, the Palace once served as the summer residence for the imperial households of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. In the afternoon gain some political and economic insights as we visit the US Embassy (requested). In the evening, enjoy an optional Opera and dinner performance. (\$52 pp) (BL)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Beijing/Xian - Enjoy a full day of leisure to relax or independently explore this wonderful city. **OR** Optional tour to Xian, which includes a visit to the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum. **Cost:** \$599 includes roundtrip airfare from Beijing to Xian, tour of the museum and lunch. (B)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Beijing - Begin the day by visiting the Temple of Heaven to see local practitioners of Tai Chi and tour this 15th century Ming Dynasty creation. Free afternoon to perhaps visit the 798 Art District or other sites before farewell dinner. (BD)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Flight Home - Transfer to airport for return flight. Cross the International Dateline, arriving the same day. (B)

Optional 2 night post Shanghai Extension

Double: \$795 per person includes Beijing/Shanghai flight and hotel. Single Supplement \$190. Tour based on a minimum of 15 passengers.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Beijing/Shanghai - Today, fly to Shanghai, a bustling trade port and the economic heart of China. Upon arrival, visit the Old Town. Pass traditional Chinese buildings en route to the once-private Yu Yuan Gardens, a 400-year-old oasis of classical design with flowering trees and quiet ponds. Visit the beautiful Temple of Jade Buddha. After lunch, drive to the waterfront district known as the Bund. This area runs along the western bank of the Huangpu River and is famous for its decorative colonial buildings. (BL)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Shanghai - This morning discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum: admire bronzes, jade, ceramics, paintings, and calligraphy. The remainder of the day is at leisure. In the evening enjoy a final farewell dinner. (BD)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Shanghai - Transfer to airport for your flight home. (B)

Terms & Conditions: Tour cost inclusive of airfare round trip Philadelphia based on sharing room: \$2,495 per person plus air taxes and fuel surcharges (approx. \$410 - subject to increase until paid in full). Based on 20 minimum paid participants and 48 maximum.
Single supplement: \$399. Land only rate: \$1,595. Land only rate does not include transfers. West Coast gateway on request.
Payment Schedule: First deposit of \$400 per person payable to Gate 1 Travel. Final payment invoiced by World Affairs Council - payable by check only due 08/07/09.
Not included: Charges for passport fees, visa fees (currently \$130), tips to drivers, guides, and tour manager. Meals not listed, alcoholic beverages with meals. Departure taxes, travel insurance, or other personal items.
Cancellation Policy: Prior 08/06/09 - Deposit minus \$200 pp administrative fee. Cancellation requires written notice.
From 08/07/09 to 08/28/09 - 50% tour cost.
After 8/29/09 - No refunds. We highly recommend travel insurance and will send information to you upon receipt of your reservation.

Reservation Form for **INSIDE BEIJING 2009**: Please mail or fax this signed form to: Travel Department World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. One South Broad Street Suite 2 M. Philadelphia, PA 19107. Phone (215) 561-4700 or, outside Philadelphia 800-942-5004 x 209 or x 217. Email: travel@wacphila.org. www.wacphila.org. Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$400 per person) to reserve _____ places on Inside Beijing, Nov. 7-15, 2009.

Charge my Visa MC AMEX OR Check (made payable to Gate 1 Travel). Final balance by check only.

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I am a member of the _____ Council I would like air from the West Coast. Please Quote.

Optional additions: I wish to purchase the Xian tour. I wish to purchase the Shanghai extension

I am a single. I am a single wishing to share. (not guaranteed-should we be unable to find a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement) I will be sharing with _____.