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19th Annual Great China Adventure!

<u>Discover the Beauty of Ancient & Modernized China!</u> Join the Hospitality of Warm hearted Chinese People

All-Inclusive tour with Dr. Xiping Zhou

Tour Dates: June 18th – July 2nd, 2020

Beijing/Luoyang/Xian/ Chongqing/Yangtze/Shanghai

Day 01 - Depart

Depart from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Flying to Beijing,

Day 02 - Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in historic Beijing, capital of Peoples' Republic of China. Travel and transfer to 5* Beijing Lake View Hotel or similar for check in. Overnight in hotel.

Day 03 - Beijing: (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel, then tour to Tiananmen Square (were student-led demonstrations calling for democracy, free speech and a free press in China), the Forbidden City (the former Chinese imperial palace from the Ming dynasty to the end of the Qing dynasty), Pearl Store (where you will get the chance to shop for one of a kind pearls) and the Temple of Heaven (a complex of religious buildings situated in the southeastern part of central Beijing. The complex was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for harvest).

Day 04 - Beijing: (B/L/Peking Duck Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour to Badaling Great Wall, the most preserved and visited sections of the GW. As well as the Jade Factory, with one of the largest inventories of jade in China! We will have lunch at local Chinese restaurant. Then evening visit to Bird's Nest (the official National Stadium of the 2008 Olympics) and the Water Cube (The Beijing National Aquatics Center). Delicious Peking Duck dinner at Quanjude Restaurant (Fangzhuang Branch) to end the evening

Day 05 – Beijing/Luoyang: (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport for flight to Luoyang (MU5693, 0755/1000). Or take high-speed train to Luoyang (G671, 0749/1210, 2nd class seat). On arrival, tour to Longmen Grottoes, some of the finest examples of Chinese Buddhist art, housing tens of thousands of statues of Buddha and his disciples. We will have lunch at local restaurant. Overnight at 5* Luoyang Lee Royal Hotel Mudu or similar.

Day 06 - Luoyang: (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel, tour to Shaolin Temple and enjoy a Kung Fu performance. (. Shaolin monks have been practicing Kung Fu for over 1,500 years). Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon to take a Kung Fu lesson, if desired.

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Day 07 – Luoyang/Xian: (B/L/ Dumpling Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel, transfer to railway station for high-speed train to Xian (G2201, 0749/0927, 2nd class seat). On arrival, meet and tour to the Ancient City Wall and Small Goose Pagoda with lunch at local restaurant. Dumpling dinner at local Chinese restaurant. Overnight at 5* Xian Grand Noble Hotel or similar.

Day 08 - Xian: (B/L/Tang Dynasty Dinner Show)

Breakfast at the hotel, tour to the Terra Cotta Soldiers & Horses, which is referred to as one of the "8th wonders of the world". It's one of the most exciting archeological findings in the 20th century. Examine numerous pits of these intriguing life-sized terra cotta figures that date back to more than 2200 years ago. Also visiting pottery studio and Muslim Quarter with lunch at local restaurant. Enjoy Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show in the evening.

Day 09 – Xian/Chongqing/Yangtze River Cruise: (B/L/Hot Pot Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel, transfer to airport for flight to Chongqing (MU2261, 0750/0930), or take high-speed train to Chongqing (G2855, 0807/1333, 2nd class seat). On arrival, meet and take a city tour with lunch at local Chinese restaurant. Enjoy Hot Pot dinner at local Chinese restaurant. Transfer to the pier to board 5* President Cruise ship or similar. Stay overnight on ship.

Day 10 - Yangtze River Cruise:

Set sail at 8:00 am. Cruise on the Yangtze, known as the "mother river" of China. Stunning views of the towering peaks and striking landscapes along the longest river on the Eurasian continent. Shore excursion to one of the many towns along the river valley, or Shibaozhai cliff. Meals served aboard ship. Sleep on ship.

Day 11- Yangtze River Cruise:

Today's shore excursion will be a journey into one of the Yangtze's tributary – the Daning River or Shennong Stream. Meals served aboard ship. Later today our ship will sail through the spectacular Three Gorges of Yangtze, Sleep on the Cruise.

Day 12 – Yichang/Shanghai: (B/D)

Disembark in Yichang, meet and transfer to airport for flight to Shanghai (MU2675, 1150/1340). Shanghai, on China's central coast, is the country's biggest city and a global financial hub. Its heart is the Bund, a famed waterfront promenade lined with colonial-era buildings. On arrival, meet and transfer to 5* Shanghai Sunrise on the Bund or similar for check in. Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 13 – Shanghai: (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel, tour to the Bund, Shanghai Museum, Yu Garden, a classical garden ranking among the must-see attractions in Shanghai and the silk factory with lunch at local restaurant. Enjoy acrobatic show in the evening.

Day 14 - Shanghai/Zhujiajiao/Shanghai: (B/L/Farewell Dinner)

Breakfast at hotel, tour to water town Zhujiajiao with boat ride. Lunch at local Chinese restaurant. Drive back to Shanghai. Farewell dinner at local Chinese restaurant.

Day 15 - Shanghai/Departure: (B) Free time in AM then flight back to usa