

China 2009 Tour

March 11-19, 2009

non-refundable \$300 deposit reserves your place!

Congratulations on your interest in our trip to China in March 2009. Our earlier business trip to China in March 2008 consisted of 10,000 business people with their families and friends. You will visit memorable sites, both ancient and modern, and enjoy a multitude of unforgettable experiences. If you are of professional interest, you will also learn a great deal about how the Chinese business system operates. As you consider whether to travel along with other business people or just as the regular tourists like yourself, please do not hesitate to ask questions. We recommend that you do some "homework" to help with your decision. Read a few travel guides. Do some research on the Internet. We are convinced that this will be one of the most unique trips you will have the opportunity to make. Please do not wait too long to decide whether to accompany us, as space is limited. We feel that this tour is an exceptional value. The cost is **\$1,899 for members**, (per person, based on double occupancy), **(\$2199 for non-members)**, which includes your round trip airfare, 5-star or 4-star hotel accommodation, deluxe tour bus, a knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide in each city, three full meals every day, fees for all attractions and any applicable taxes. A single room in all will cost an additional \$450 and an upgrade to business class on the round trip flight is \$4,500. **A non-refundable registration fee of \$300 per person is required and due at the time you register and no later than December 30, 2008.** This will be deducted from your total tour fare, the balance of which will be due before January 1. Securing or updating a passport is your responsibility, and you may also take care of the required visa yourself. However, if you wish us to handle the visa application, you will need to provide us with your passport, a signed visa application form, two passport photos and \$145 before January 1. We will return your passport to you in a timely manner. Should you need assistance completing the visa application, please ask us. An invaluable pre-tour briefing for all participants will be held (date, time and venue to be announced) at which time we will answer all of your questions and familiarize you with details you will need to know. We have 28 years of experience in the China tour business and feel confident that we can respond to your inquiries to your satisfaction. Whether you have questions on tipping or taxis, luggage or lunches, customs or rest rooms we will prepare you well for your adventure. China is a modern country, so you need not feel as though you are preparing to travel back in time, to a less sophisticated society. In many instances, the country is not "behind" so much as "different." For example, you will find very few ATM machines, but travelers checks and credit cards are accepted everywhere. Leave your checkbooks and check cards behind. The electricity in China is 220 volts and an adapter is required to operate even an American hair dryer. However, both the adapter and the hair dryer are available at the hotels in which we will be staying. Though you will be treated to sumptuous regional foods, you may forgo the chopsticks and grab a Big Mac or a plate of KFC wings. To the dismay of some traditionalists, you may also partake of a genuine Starbucks latte. We hope you will join us!

CHAMBER MISSION TO CHINA, 2009

Day 1 3/11 Los Angeles/Beijing

Board a convenient charter bus one night before the departure day, and travel to Los Angeles International Airport for an early morning flight CA984 by 1:40am to Beijing. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner. Cross the International Dateline.

Day 2 3/12 Beijing(Telecom Hotel/5-Star, 6 Shifangyuan Ave., Tel: 86-10-63901166)

Arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China at 6:30am. You will be met by your local tour guide at the airport. Transfer to the hotel. Visit the Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world, and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest.

Day 3 3/13 Beijing

Sightseeing includes the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms, and the Summer Palace, known for many significance such as the Long Corridor with painted gallery, Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and Marble Boat.

Day 4 3/14 Beijing

Tour bus excursion to the Great Wall, the 4,000-mile long and 2,000 years old construction is said to be the only man-made structure visible by naked eye from the moon. Visit to the Ming Tombs, one of 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Roasted Beijing Duck Dinner.

Day 5 3/15 Beijing/Shanghai/Suzhou(Yadu Aster Hotel/4-Star, 156 Sanxiang Rd.,

Tel: 86-512-) Morning Air China flight CA1501 8:40am/10:35am to Shanghai, then take the tour bus trip to Suzhou. Afternoon sightseeing to the centuries old Lingering Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Visit to the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years history. Evening Dinner Show of the traditional Chinese Music.

Day 6 3/16 Suzhou/Hangzhou(Howard Johnson Hotel/5-Star, 288 Genshan West Rd., Tel: 86-571-86767888)

Morning tour bus journey to Hangzhou. Visit to Economic Development Zone. Visit to the centuries old Lingyin Temple, with the main feature of the 64.3 ft-high camphor-wood carved Buddha.

Day 7 3/17 Hangzhou/Shanghai(Guangdong Hotel/5-Star, 328 Yixian Rd., Tel: 86-21-51171888)

Morning boat cruise on West Lake with relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas and tea houses. Afternoon tour bus trip to Shanghai.

Day 8 3/18 Shanghai

Sightseeing includes the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over arching trees. Visit to the Bund, a famous waterfront park. Business visit to the Pudong economic development zone.

Day 9 3/19 Shanghai/Los Angeles

You may spend your final hours in China on your own in the morning. Afternoon flight CA1520 12:35pm/2:25pm to Beijing, connected by the flight CA983 will depart in the evening by 8:15pm for Los Angeles where you will arrive at 4:15pm on the same day and return to your Chamber parking via bus.

Yes, I am interested traveling to China - March 11-19, 2009

Name: _____ Address: _____
email: _____ Credit card for deposit: _____