

## Sample Itinerary Highlights for October 2010 Trip to China

### **Day 1 Depart for China**

Board a late afternoon Air China flight from JFK International Airport in New York City to Beijing, China.

### **Day 2 Beijing**

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. You will be met by your local tour guide at the airport. After dinner, you will be taken to your hotel.

### **Day 3 Beijing**

Travel by bus to Tian An Men Square and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D. The day's sightseeing also includes the Palace Museum, known as the Forbidden City, home of 24 emperors and featuring 9,999 rooms, and the Summer Palace, Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and Marble Boat.

### **Day 4 Beijing**

Your tour bus will take you to the 4,000-mile-long Great Wall of China, built 2,000 years ago. You will also visit the Ming Tombs. Finish your day with a special treat – a dinner of roast Beijing Duck.

### **Day 5 Off to Shanghai and Suzhou**

Board a n Air China flight to Shanghai. From there, take a bus to the city of Suzhou for an afternoon of sightseeing including the centuries old Lingerig Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Then head to the National Embroidery Institute to see beautiful silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years history. Wrap up your day with an evening dinner show of traditional Chinese music before heading to your hotel.

### **Day 6 Suzhou and Hangzhou**

Take the bus to the city of Hangzhou. Tour the centuries old Lingyin Temple, whose main feature is a 64-foot-high camphor-wood carving of Buddha.

### **Day 7 Hangzhou**

Enjoy a morning boat cruise around Hangzhou's West Lake, with relaxing stopovers at jewel-like pagodas and tea houses. In the afternoon, head by bus to Shanghai.

### **Day 8 Shanghai**

Tour Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds and over arching trees. We'll also visit the Bund, a famous waterfront park, Shanghai's "Chinatown" and make a business visit to the Pudong economic development zone.

### **Day 9 Back to Beijing and depart for the US**

From Shanghai, take a morning flight back to Beijing. In the afternoon, board the Air China flight to arrive at New York's JFK at in the afternoon that same day.

\*Subject to change prior to departure. This itinerary contains highlights only. Other trips and tours will also be available – some at an additional cost - during portions of specific days.

### **Xi'an Side-Trip Option**

#### **Day 5**

Morning flight to Xi'an. Afternoon sightseeing to the Big Wild Geese Pagoda. Evening entertainment of Tang style dancing.

#### **Day 6**

Morning bus excursion to the Terra-Cotta Warriors at the Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin Dynasty. On the way back, visit the Huaqing Hot Spring Park and Banpo Museum, a preserved pre-historical cavemen site.

#### **Day 7**

Flight to Shanghai – join the rest of the group.