

***Who/what is Citslinc?***

Citslinc International, Inc. was established in June 1995 and operates out of Monterey Park, California. Leo Liu is the president of Citslinc. Mr. Liu has been coordinating tours to China for more than 15 years and has partnered with Chambers of Commerce since 2001. Each year more than 8,000 tourists visited China on Chamber tours such as this one. Citslinc partnered with the RBA in October 2008 and March 2009 sending more than 500 travelers to China.

***Do I need to be a Rochester Business Alliance member to go on the trip?***

No, everyone is welcome to join us in this exciting adventure.

***What are the dates of the trip?***

October 17 – October 25, 2010

***What is the optional trip to Xi'an?***

The optional trip is mainly for those who have traveled to China before. The first four days of the trip are the same for all travelers. On day five, the optional group leaves the main group and flies to Xi'an to follow a special itinerary until meeting up with the main group on day 7 in Shanghai. The Xi'an itinerary includes an excursion to the Terra-Cotta Warriors at the Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin Dynasty. There is an additional cost of \$450 for this portion of the trip.

***When do I need to commit to the trip?***

July 15, 2010 is the deadline for registration and when the full payment is due. Written cancellations for refunds will be accepted until August 1, 2010.

***May I pay the Rochester Business Alliance by credit card?***

No, we accept checks or cash only for this trip.

***How many others will be on this trip?***

You will travel with a group of 25-30 people. There may be multiple groups on your travel days.

***What travel documents will I need?***

You will need a passport and a visa. For U.S. citizens, visas will be arranged through the Rochester Business Alliance. Visas are issued for a six month window and your passport must be valid for the full period. Example: if your visa is issued on August 15, 2010, your passport must be valid through February 15, 2011. The fee to process a visa is \$175.

***Where can I get passport photos to submit with my visa application?***

Most one-hour photo centers take passport photos. Also, some Wal-Mart, Wegmans, or CVS stores process passport photos – we suggest you call first.

***Can I receive frequent flier miles for my Air China trip?***

Contact Air China at <http://www.fly-airchina.com/> or 1-800-982-8802.

***What about airport security?***

The best information can be found at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov). Follow the prohibited/allowed link and you will find all the information as to what you may take on board an aircraft.

***Do I need travel insurance?***

Both travel and trip insurance are recommended and can be arranged by your local travel agent.

***Do I need vaccinations?***

While immunizations are not required for entry into China at this time, you may wish to check with your health care provider. Passport Health in Rochester provides up-to-date travel medicine for international travelers. Contact them at 585-275-8884 or [www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com). You can also check the Centers for Disease Control Web site at [www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm).

***What is China's weather like in October? What should I pack?***

The weather is very much like it is here, 45 degree nights, 65 degrees during the daytime in Beijing. It is typically 10 degrees warmer in the Shanghai area. Dress is "casual" and comfortable for touring but you may want to pack business attire if you plan to attend the business functions. Pack light and plan on shopping later during the trip, especially in Shanghai.

***How should I dress? What type of clothing should I bring?***

Most importantly, dress so you are comfortable, especially shoes. You'll walk quite a bit. We recommend layers of clothing so you can adjust to the weather.

***What are the limitations on luggage? How many pieces and how much weight is allowed?***

Each person is allowed two pieces of checked baggage, with a combined maximum weight of 70 lbs. However, no single piece can be heavier than 50 lbs. Each passenger may have two pieces of carry-on luggage, which must fit in overhead bin or under a seat. Valuables, breakable items, travel documents and medications must be in your carry-on luggage. For domestic travel within China, luggage must be locked.

***What are the guidelines on tipping?***

The bus captain will collect about \$25 from each traveler on the first day for the combined services of the tour guide, the bus driver and all hotel personnel. Unless you request special services, you should not expect to tip anyone else.

***Will I have the opportunity to travel outside of the tour group?***

No, you may not leave the tour to travel or sightsee on your own except during designated free time during portions of certain days. You will be advised when those times are scheduled.

***How do I learn more?***

The Rochester Business Alliance will conduct two informational meetings:

- Wednesday, January 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact [Michele.Hefferon@RBAAlliance.com](mailto:Michele.Hefferon@RBAAlliance.com) to register. You need only attend one meeting.