



JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS

CLASSICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA



June 6 - 19, 2016

14 Days / 13 Nights

BEIJING • XIAN • HANGZHOU • XITANG • SUZHOU • SHANGHAI

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ITINERARY

Day 1 • June 6 • **Los Angeles**

Meet at the LAX airport for your flight to China, cross the international dateline and arrive the next day.

Day 2 • June 7 • **Beijing**

Arrive Beijing. Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Take an orientation walk, time permitting.

- Accommodations at the Sunworld Hotel Beijing, in the heart of downtown (4 nights)

Day 3 • June 8 • **Beijing**

This morning, wander Beijing's picturesque Houhai district, where well-preserved courtyard homes and narrow hutong alleys border tree-lined lakes. Tour the district by "pedicab" for a closer and more engaging experience of traditional Chinese life. Learn how to make Chinese dumplings, then enjoy your dumpling lunch at your host's home.

Visit the Temple of Heaven, one of the finest creations of the Ming dynasty. This stunning architecture realizes the eternal Chinese desire to incarnate heaven in material form, and represents the most advanced principles of mechanics and geometry of the time. Learn to make and fly Chinese kites on the temple grounds.

Tour Tsinghua University campus, talk with a professor. Tsinghua is consistently ranked among the top institutions of higher learning in mainland China.

In the afternoon, explore the beautiful grounds of the Summer Palace. Wander through the exquisite royal gardens and cruise on lovely Kunming Lake.



Peking Opera Performer

This evening, savor the imperial city's most famous delicacy, Peking duck. (b,l,d)

Included meals indicated each day as:
Breakfast (b), Lunch (l),
and Dinner (d)

Day 4 • June 9 •

Beijing

Take an early walk on Tiananmen Square and observe morning city life.

Within minutes, arrive at the gate of the Forbidden City, the abiding symbol of imperial China. Truly one of the great achievements of civilization, its construction employed hundreds of thousands of workers. Marvel at its expansive architecture, magnificent imperial gardens, and many museums of Chinese antiquities and treasures.

In the afternoon, visit the National Museum by Tiananmen Square. After an extensive renovation, it is one of the largest museums in the world today with 200,000 square meter exhibition space and 48 exhibition halls. The museum displays the finest art and antiquities of China.

Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant. In the evening, attend a Peking Opera performance, where the colorful costumes and acrobatic skills are a delightful spectacle. (b,d)

Day 5 • Jun 10 • **Beijing-Great Wall**

Head northeast to the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu. Take the cable car up to the summit and hike the Great Wall. Enjoy the astounding views of the Wall as it winds over the surrounding hills. After hiking the wall, enjoy the Alpine Slide coming downhill.

Afterwards, visit the Beijing Martial Arts School. Meet with students, practice with the resident teacher, and observe a martial arts demonstration. (b,d)

Day 6 • June 11 • **Beijing-Xian**

This morning, take the bullet train to Xian.

Explore the Muslim Quarter. Chinese Muslim culture traces its heritage from the flourishing Silk Road culture of the Tang



Terracotta Warriors in Xian

dynasty.

In the evening, attend the Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show, a wonderful example of the ancient music and dance from the prosperous and peaceful period of China's history.

Feast on a dumpling dinner. (b,d)

- Accommodations at the Days Hotel & Suites Xingxing Xian (2 nights)

Day 7 • June 12 • **Xian**

Be amazed by the extraordinary 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors in the tomb of China's first emperor, Qinshihuang. The warriors still stand on the original site where farmers discovered them in 1974.

Remaining intact for over two millennia the army includes 8,000 soldiers and 130 chariots, along with 520 regular horses and 150 cavalry horses. Full construction involved 700,000 workers, an effort that lies beyond human comprehension.

Learn from an expert about the Chinese Silk Road and the importance of Xian.

In the afternoon, visit the Wild Goose Pagoda, where the ancient Buddhist sutras from Tang dynasty (600-900AD) are kept. Around 700 AD, the famous monk Xuanzang traveled to India and brought back great amount of Buddhist classics. He toiled for years translating and organizing the scriptures at the temple. (b,d)

Day 8 • June 13 • **Xian-Hangzhou**

This morning, bike along Xian's ancient City Wall, the oldest and most well-preserved Chinese wall in existence. Xian was the capital of 13 different dynasties, and the City Wall was imperative to the protection of this important city.

Then fly to Hangzhou, the most elegant and beautiful city in China today. When Marco Polo was the governor here, he called Hangzhou "Paradise on Earth."

After dinner, watch the Impression West Lake show, a spectacle of light, music, dance and theatrics. (b,d)

• Accommodations at the Zhejiang International Hotel (2 nights)

Day 9 • June 14 • Hangzhou

Tour the elegant Qing dynasty Guo Zhuang Garden and stop by the picturesque Quyuanfenghe Park.

At lunchtime, visit the Meijiawu Tea Plantation and meet the farmers who continue the ancient art of longjing tea cultivation. Enjoy lunch at the tea farmer's home.

In the afternoon, tour the beautiful Lingyin Temple, one of the earliest grand Chan Buddhist temples remaining in China today.

Visit a Chinese medical clinic in a traditional courtyard setting, with acupuncture, herbal medicine and massage treatments. (b,l,d)

Day 10 • June 15 • Xitang-Shanghai

Today, head for the ancient water town Xitang.

Xitang is a beautiful old water town, formerly called "nine dragon old pearl" or "wind from eight sides", as nine rivers converge here, dividing the town into eight sections. A well developed water town since the Ming dynasty, Xitang is renowned for traditional mud-brick houses, cobblestone alleys and arched stone bridges.

In the evening, drive to Shanghai. Have dinner at a local restaurant. (b,d)

• Accommodations at Sunrise on the Bund (3 nights)

Day 11 • June 16 • Suzhou Day Tour

Travel to Suzhou. Visit the Humble



Waterways of Xitang

Administrator's Garden, Suzhou's largest private garden, and a representative of classical Ming gardening. The architectural design incorporates fishponds, long curved corridors with painted ceilings and elegant pavilions. The beautiful landscape is filled with trees and flowers forming a tranquil natural environment in the heart of the city.

Explore the Lion Grove Garden, known for the numerous types of bamboos and legion of curiously shaped rocks, meant to resemble lions in different postures. Then climb Tiger Hill, one of the most scenic spots in Suzhou.

Enjoy a boat ride on the Grand Canal, observing old water town life along the banks.

In the evening, drive back to Shanghai and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (b,d)

Day 12 • June 17 • Shanghai

Today, ride the "Maglev", or magnetic levitation train, that reaches 260 miles an hour! Visit the Pudong Economic District and ride the elevator to the top of the Shanghai World Finance Center, the highest building in Asia, for a bird's-eye view of the old and new Shanghai.

Tour Yuyuan Gardens, a classical garden filled with unique pavilions, halls, rockeries, ponds and cloisters. Enjoy a tea performance at the mid-lake pavillion tea house. Have dinner at a local restaurant. (b,d)

Day 13 • June 18 • Shanghai

Wander the old French Concession, with European style villas in the historic

district. Take a walking tour of the historic Bund famous for colonial buildings of '20s and '30s vintage.

Tour the Jade Buddha Temple, home to two jade Buddha statues brought from Burma.

Then, take a



boat ride on the Huangpu River against a backdrop of the stunning Pudong Skyline, a view into China's dynamic future.

Enjoy a farewell dinner featuring Shanghai cuisine. (b,l,d)

Day 14 • June 19 • Shanghai-Los Angeles

Enjoy some final moment of free time in China, and transfer to the airport for your journey home. (b)



Join faculty host Ms. Ermei Fan, on this amazing exploration of China!

Ms. Fan joined JSerra's faculty in 2014 and teaches Mandarin Chinese. Born and raised in Taiwan by a Chinese father, Ms. Fan received her B.A. from National Taiwan University, with a major in Foreign Languages and a minor in Anthropology. She completed her M.A. in Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is a lifetime member of Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Southern California. Ms. Fan loves to travel independently and focuses on local art. She has visited many cities in the U.S., China, and Japan.

TOUR INFORMATION

*****REGISTER BY OCTOBER 19*****

Tour Price: \$5,200 per person

Summer School: \$700 (required)

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Deposit: \$1,000, non-refundable, due by October 19, 2015

REMANING PAYMENT SCHEDULE

November 15, 2015: \$840	February 15, 2016: \$840
December 15, 2015: \$840	March 15, 2016: \$840
January 15, 2016: \$840	April 15, 2016: \$700 (Summer School Fee)

****Please Make ALL Payments Online at www.jserra.org Under the PARENT PORTAL****

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Main Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare to/from LAX to China
- Double or triple occupancy accommodations
- All meals listed in itinerary
- All sightseeing, entertainment, and cultural activities listed in itinerary
- Chinese airport taxes
- Group air, train and ground transportation within China
- Group arrival and departures airport transfers (for those on group flight)
- English-speaking Chinese local tour guides
- China Advocates' National Tour Director (with a minimum of 10 participants)
- Gratuities to National Tour Director, local guides and drivers
- Preparatory materials

Not Included: Airport transfers and portorage for those not on the group flight • Visa processing • Meals not listed at included • Optional activities • Excess baggage charges • Travel insurance • Items of a personal nature

Please Contact Ermei Fan at efan@jserra.org for More Information

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TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE is highly recommended and available. You will receive travel insurance information once you are confirmed on the tour.

ITINERARY CHANGES Itinerary is subject to modification. Prices are based on 10 or more participants, and are subject to change without notice.

CHINA ADOVCATES TOUR RESERVATION FORM

Traveler Name: _____
(as appears on passport)

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Name of Legal Parent or Guardian _____

Street Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail 1: _____

E-mail 2: _____

I/We understand that, by signing below, I/we acknowledge that the Terms and Conditions section of this flyer has been read and accepted.

Legal Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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