

CHINA ICON

2011-2012

\$1,999 all-inclusive, including air from Los Angeles
First come, first served!



Highlights

This 10-day journey offers the most splendid highlights of China:

- The Great Wall and the Forbidden City in Beijing
- The Terracotta Warriors in Xian, where the legendary Silk Road originated
- The Shanghai Museum referred to as the “New Louvre” by Forbes magazine for its world class exhibits of bronze, jade and Ming Dynasty furniture
- Special gourmet dinners and cultural performances
- First-class four-star hotels throughout



Day-to-Day Itinerary

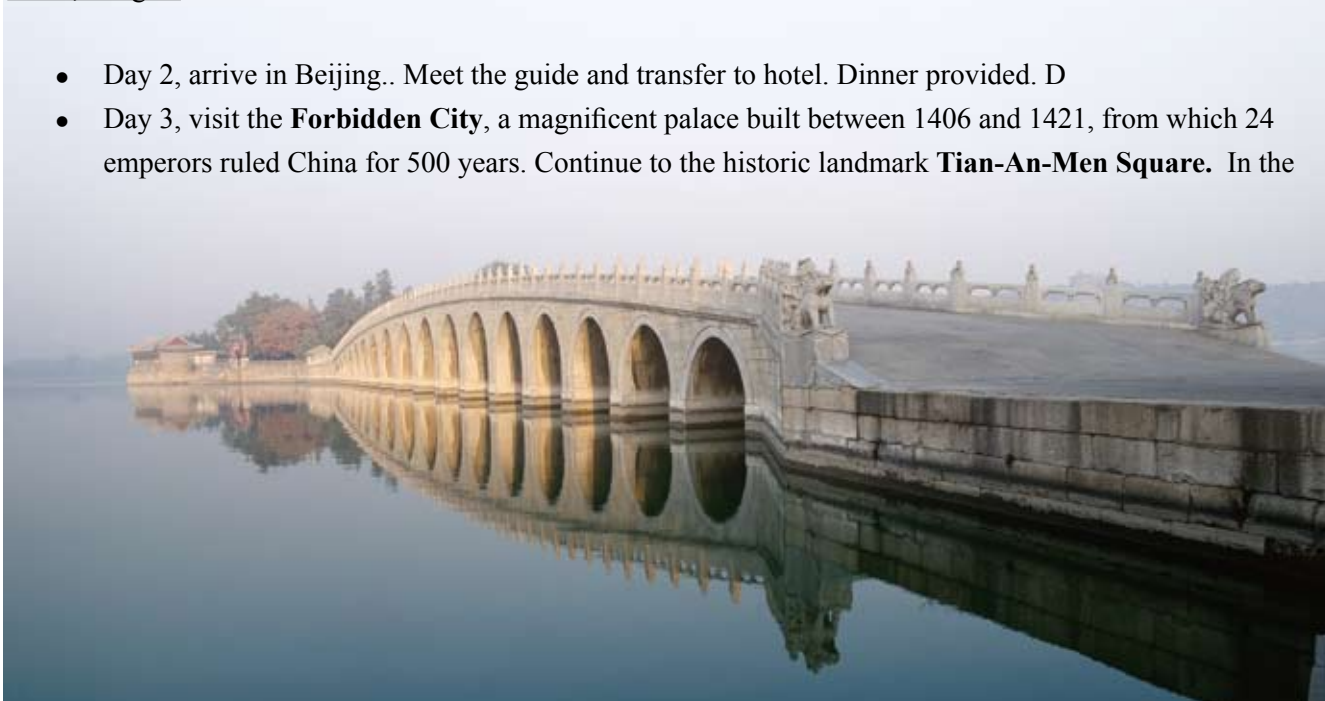
Day 1, Los Angeles/Beijing

- Depart from Los Angeles LAX airport and take Air China non-stop flight to Beijing.

Day 2-4, Beijing

Beijing, the 800-year-old ancient capital of China, is the exuberant heart of the Middle Kingdom. With thirteen million residents, it is the living epitome of China's past, future and everything in between. [Holiday Inn Lido Hotel, 3 nights](#)

- Day 2, arrive in Beijing.. Meet the guide and transfer to hotel. Dinner provided. D
- Day 3, visit the **Forbidden City**, a magnificent palace built between 1406 and 1421, from which 24 emperors ruled China for 500 years. Continue to the historic landmark **Tian-An-Men Square**. In the



afternoon visit post-modern galleries and Museums at chic **Quarter-798** and Beijing's new faves which include **National Center for Performing Arts** and **CCTV Tower** (750 foot) designed by Rem Koolhaas. Welcome Dinner: **Beijing Roast Duck** B/L/D

- Day 4, *free to explore Beijing*. B
- Day 5, climb the **Great Wall**, the only visible human construction from the moon. Built in 600 B.C., it once stretched for over 6,000 miles. Visit the Olympic Village which include **Bird's Nest**, by Jacques Herzog and Pierre Meuron, house the 2008 Opening Ceremony and National Aquatics Center (nickname **Water Cube**), 230,000 sq. ft., is covered by a glass skin that alludes to soap bubbles, by PTW Architects. Fly to Xian in the evening. B/L/D



Day 5-6, Xian

Xian, the ancient capital of eleven dynasties from the first Chinese Emperor to the Tang Dynasty in the 9th century, where the legendary Silk Road set off. Tianyi Hotel, 2 nights

- Day 6, arrive in Xian and transfer to hotel.
- Day 7, bike on the **Ancient Ramparts of Changan** (1 hr) before exploring one the most stunning archeological discoveries in the 20th century – the **Terracotta Warriors**. This legendary, life-size terracotta army was created to protect the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China who conquered seven rival kingdoms and united China as one nation in 221 B.C. B/L/D

Day 7-9, Shanghai

With sixteen million residents, Shanghai is now the engine and the showcase of tremendous economic development in modern China. Set against 100-year European colony architecture in the Bund, the avant-garde futurist skyscrapers on the east bank of the Huang Pu River reflects its ambitious dream to regain the title of “Oriental Pearl”. Lansheng Hotel, 3 nights

- Day 7 fly to Shanghai. Visit “New Shanghai” – Pudong, farmland 20 years ago, is now China financial center. Experience the thrill (up to 430km/h or 278mph) of **Shanghai Maglev Train**. B/L/D



On Maglev Train, Shanghai



- Day 8, Stroll along the beautiful waterfront **Bund** and thorough **Old Town**. Later, walking through twisted alleys, narrow streets and tiny shops, we find ourselves in front of the extraordinary **Yu Garden**, built in 1577. [Shanghai Acrobat](#) B/L/D
- Day 9, free to explore Shanghai. B

Day 10, Shanghai/Los Angeles

- Free until transfer to airport for flying back to Los Angeles. Arrive in LAX the same day due to time difference. B

B=Breakfast at hotel L=Lunch at local restaurant D= Diner at local restaurant

Trip Inclusive Features

- Round-trip flights from Los Angeles to China, economy class, all tax and fees
- All domestic flights within China, economy class, including all tax and fees
- All listed (or similar class) 4-star hotel accommodations
- Meals as specified (*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner*), including daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels
- Listed special evening cultural performances
- Listed sight-seeing
- Ground transportation within China
- English-speaking guide in each city
- Baggage transportation
- Tour director (*when there are 16 people and more*)
- Group Size: 6 (*minimum*) to 24 (*maximum*)

Not Included

- All personal expense such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone, excess of meals and beverage, which are not included in the program
- Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers
- \$200 for China Visa



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Reservation Form (Copy of passport is required at reservation)

Price: \$1,999 per person, based on double occupancy; \$650 for single supplements

Departure Airport: Los Angeles LAX

Total Amount of Travelers: _____

Departure Date (circle one):

- March 4 to 12, 2011
- March 25 to April 2, 2011
- April 8 to 17, 2011
- Nov. 3 to 12, 2011
- Nov. 21 to 30, 2011

Please send your reservation to (or send by fax to 847-856-0379):

Best China Tour (China Icon)

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Please call toll free 1-866-566-7788 or email to Icon@BestChinaTour.com if you have any questions regarding the trip.

FULL NAME (please print as it appears on your passport)

(1) _____
Title First Middle Last

(2) _____
Title First Middle Last

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) Evening Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail (print): _____

I request assistance in securing a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found by final payment date, I agree to pay the single supplement.

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \$_____ (\$500 per person required).

Card Type (check one): American Express Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ **Expires:** _____

Billing Address (if different from the above address): _____

Final payment is due within 30 days of reservation, and **must be made in check**. Please make checks payable to: **Best China Tour, Inc.**

I/we have read and agreed the Terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Optional **Travel Insurance** coverage is available. Information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation.

This package doesn't allow land-only, pre-trip or post trip extension.

Terms

Price quoted is for one passenger based on double occupancy, including economic class international air, China domestic air, ground transfers within China, baggage handling, accommodations, hotels, meals, sight-seeing, local guide, which is specified in this agreement. Price and travel dates are given in good faith and subject to change without notice. In the event of big changes in foreign currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, security fees, and other extra charge, the tour price will be adjusted according market conditions.



Baggage within China one baggage with total sum (length + width + height) and that does not exceed 107 inches (44 Pound) is allowed per passenger along with one carry-on bag. Excess baggage is not included in the trip price.

Payment Reservation will be accepted until \$500 deposit per person is received. The full balance of the payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation fee \$300 after reservation for any reason whatsoever; 60% of tour price, if cancel within 120 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 119 days prior to departure.

Travel Insurance The terms will be enforced strictly. BCT strongly recommends all passengers to purchase travel insurance for protection.

Liabilities Best China Tour, Inc. (BCT) purchased air and ground transportation, hotel, restaurant and other travel services from independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Therefore BCT will be exempt from any liabilities for death, injury, baggage loss and damage or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of such supplier. BCT and Duke are not responsible for omissions and errors of printing and presentation of brochures, our website, sales agent or any other media.



Itinerary Deviations to the planned itinerary, as shown in brochures and on our website, may occur due to weather, traffic, or any other conditions beyond our control such as strike, acts of God, war, fire, acts of government, riot, etc. We will make our best to insure all the visits and excursions will be similar and there will be no refund. BCT reserves the right to substitute the itinerary.

The Hotels listed in brochures and on our website will be used in most circumstance; BCT reserves the right to



substitute hotels of the same class and standard.

Health No smoking during the transportation in coach and airplane. BCT has the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time for the best interests of safety, health or general well being of the tour group or individuals. Passengers' health should fit all travel schedule and activity. Any delay, cancellation of partial or whole trip causing by passengers' health will be at the expenses of passenger. Passenger needs to notify BCT before reservation if he or she needs any physical assistance (e.g. using wheel chair) during the trip. Participants requiring extra assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance.

Promotion BCT reserves the right to take photo, video, media report, etc. during the tour for its own promotion use.

Arbitration Agreement This agreement shall be governed by Illinois law without application of its conflict of laws principals. Any controversy or claim relating this Agreement shall be settled solely and exclusively in Lake County or Cook County, Illinois. If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision or portion of this Agreement to be unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. If either party commences any action or proceeding against the other party to enforce or to interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other party the actual costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees (including all related costs and expenses) incurred by such prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding and in connection with obtaining and enforcing any judgment or order thereby obtained.

Acceptance of Terms By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

BCT DISCLAIMER BCT reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a tour member should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. Refunds will be made in accordance with cancellation policy listed in the brochure.