

Divine Tibet

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Dear China and Tibet Travelers and Friends,

China, land of legends, architectural wonders, and diverse landscapes, is a country with one of the world's oldest civilizations. Over the centuries, it has produced cultural masterpieces that have fascinated the world. Today, monumental social and economic transformations are underway with new prosperity in big cities like Shanghai and Beijing.

China is dynamic, at once ancient and modern - from the backdrop of the Olympic City of 2008 to the tranquility of the mountainous landscapes of Tibet.

The tour begins in Beijing with visits to the Forbidden City, home to numerous emperors, and the Great Wall, built in 600 B.C. Spend three nights in Tibet and see unforgettable sites such as the immense thousand-room Potala Palace, residence of the Dalai Lama, and 1,300-year old Jokhang Monastery.

Of course, there are other options when you plan a trip to China and Tibet, but few can provide the ultimate solution for travel to China and Tibet like we do:

- *Incorporated in the great state of Illinois, Best China Tour is under U.S. jurisdiction and regulations, so your travel investment is fully protected;*
- *As a benefit of our direct operation in China and Tibet, you can skip middle layers and enjoy the wholesale rate;*
- *We provide one-stop all-inclusive service: air, hotel, guide, China Visa, special Permit for Tibet, etc.*
- *To enhance your travel experience, we only hire local Tibetan guides in Lhasa and other Tibetan regions;*
- *We have been serving our clients gracefully and honestly and have received numerous raves from our partners, which includes fortune100 corporations, top10 U.S. universities, A-list art museums, private clubs, etc.*

Tibet has been talked about by everyone from cable news hosts to Hollywood movie stars, but it is a mystery that you must see for yourself. I want to share a story that inspired me to journey to Tibet back in 1984, in the hopes that it may inspire you to discover Tibet as well.

Two thousand years ago, when a Chinese philosopher promenaded in a garden with a king, the philosopher looked at fish in pond and spoke to the king, "Your majesty, look, how joyful are those fish" The king replied, "You are not a fish, how do you know if those fish are joyful" The philosopher answered, "But, your majesty, you are not me, so how do you know that I don't know the fish are joyful"

Come and bring your family and friends on this extraordinary journey as you learn, share and are inspired!

See you soon in China and Tibet,



Mu LIN
President
Best China Tour

Highlights

This divine journey offers the most splendid highlights of China and Tibet:

The Great Wall and the Forbidden City in Beijing

The culmination of this tour is Tibet, known for its exceptional culture, fascinating people, exotic architecture and breathtaking landscape

Tibet in depth: extension to Mt. Everest Base Camp; ride on the sky train from Lhasa to Xining, Qinghai Province

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1, U.S./Beijing

Depart from U.S. (New York JFK, or San Francisco SFO, or Los Angeles LAX) and take Air China non-stop flight on wide-body jet Boeing-747 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.

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, take a Rickshaw **Hutong Tour** among the old courtyard homes bordering the Forbidden City. Welcome Dinner: **Beijing Roast Duck B/L/D**

Day 4, 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. **B/L**



Day 5-7, Tibet

Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is the home of six million Tibetan Buddhists. The unique spiritual civilization makes the land majestic and unearthly beautiful, which even let you feel that the world of spirit seems more real than the world of human being.

Day 5, fly to Lhasa. Rest at hotel to adjust for high altitude. **B/L**



Day 6, visit **Tibet Museum** and the **Norbulingka** -- “the summer palace of Dalai Lama”. This afternoon journey to the **Jokhang Temple**, built 1,300 years ago to commemorate the marriage of the Chinese Princess Wencheng to the Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. Later tour the **Barkhor Market** and visit a Tibetan family. **B/L/D**

Day 7, explore one of the world’s architectural wonders – the **Potala Palace**. This immense palace is thirteen stories high with over 1,000 rooms including the Dalai Lama’s residence, tombs and numerous prayer halls. Watch Tibetan monks chant prayers at the **Sera Monastery**. **Tibetan Dinner & Dance** **B/L/D**

Day 8, Beijing

Day 8, fly to Beijing. **B**

Day 9, Beijing/U.S.

Free until transfer to airport for return flight to U.S. **B**



Price

	5-star hotel	4-star hotel
Beijing	Ritz Carlton Hotel	Jing Lun Hotel
Lhasa	Sheraton Hotel	Jardin Secret Hotel
Price for 2-5	\$3,499	\$2,999
Price for 6-9	\$3,250	\$2,850
Price for 10 and above	\$2,900	\$2,650

Price is for per person, based on double occupancy

Travel time: March to May, September to November (Price higher from June to August, call for details)

Price is given in good faith, may fluctuate due to market conditions (e.g. currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, etc.)

All-Inclusive Features

- Round-trip from U.S. (JFK, or SFO, or LAX) to Beijing, economy class, including all tax and fees
- All domestic flights within China, economy class, including airport taxes
- Luxury five-star hotel or first-class 4-star hotel accommodations as listed (or similar class)
- Daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels, plus all lunches and most dinners as listed (L=lunch, D=Diner)
- Special evening cultural performances as listed
- Sight-seeing as listed
- Private ground transportation
- Professional local English-speaking guide in each city
- Baggage transportation



Not Included

- All personal expenses such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone and anything not mentioned above as included
- Optional upgrade to business-class or first-class for int'l air
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- \$200 per person for China Visa and Tibet Travel Permit (only for travelers who book our full service package)

Extension to Mount Everest Base Camp and Sky Train

Day 8, transfer from Lhasa to Shigatze (*second largest city in Tibet, seat of Pamchan Lama, regarded as holy as Dalai Lama*). Passing by the green farmland of Nyangchu Valley, **Yamdro-tso Lake**, and Karo-la glacier roadside at an altitude of 4960 meters (about 15,000 ft.). From the top of the Pass Kampala Mountain, you can see a fabulous deep turquoise skyline; Yamdrotso Lake is shaped like a coiling scorpion, vivid blue in color. Stop by and visit **Kubum Monastery** (*meaning 100,000 images in Tibetan*), where you will find a 35 meter-high (102 ft.) stupa with its white layers trimmed with decorative stripes and its crown-like golden dome. B/L/D Stay at **Shigatze Hotel** (*best local 4-star*) for the night. **B/L/D**

Day 9, **Shigatze/ Lhatse/ Tingri (Shegar)/ Rongphu Monastery/Mt Everest Camp**. Continue to drive westwards along the Friendship Way to Tingri. On the way you will pass the checking point with your TTB permit, travel permit and passport, and purchase the entrance of Everest Base Camp. From Tingri to Rongbuk is about 90km (50 miles) bumpy road (*always in construction*). From Tingri to E.B.C with the very rough road, pass the wild grassland, cross the rapids and high mountains. In clear weather, you can have a glimpse of 4 mountains over 8000 meters (24,000 ft.): Mt. Lhotse, Mt. Everest, Mt. Qowowuyag and Mt. Mayalu. Overnight at **Tent in Rongphu Monastery**. **B/L/D**

Day 10, wake up early in the morning to contemplate the splendid sunrise from Mt. Everest. It takes about 40 minutes to get to EBC--Everest Base Camp (with animal carriage), or you can trek to EBC on foot for about 2 hours. In the afternoon hike down from EBC. Drive back to Shigatze via Dingri. Overnight at **Shigatze Hotel**. **B/L/D**

Day 11, drive back to Lhasa from Shigatze (*about 4 hours*). En route, visit the largest Monastery in west Tibet -- **Tashilunpo Monastery**, founded in 1447. Tashihunpo, meaning the "Heap of Glory," is located at the foot of Drolmari (*Tara's Mountain*). The monastery was originally founded by the First Dalai Lama in 1447, and expanded by the Fourth and successive Pamchen Lamas. Covering an area of nearly 74.1 acres, Tashihunpo is one of the 'Six Big Monasteries of Gelugpa'. Since the Fourth Pamchen Lama took charge in the monastery, it has been the seat of Pamchen Lama for hundreds of years. **B/L/D**

A wall in front of the monastery was also built by the First Dalai Lama in 1468. It displays the thangka of Buddha on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May, Tibetan Lunar Calendar. Vivid images of Buddha are surely the must-



see for visitors. What's more, the Maitreya Chapel amazes visitors by the biggest statue of a sitting Maitreya Buddha, 86 feet high and adorned with gold, copper, pearl, amber and many other gems. The stupa-tombs of the Fourth and Tenth Pamchen Lama and other abbots of Tashihunpo are also situated in the chapels. The Chanting Yard was the place where Pamchen Lamas did sermons and now lamas debate here every afternoon.



Day 12, Qinghai-Tibet Railway

The Qinghai-Tibet railway travels 1,220 miles between Lhasa and Xining (capital of Qinghai Province). The completion of the Tibet railway is being hailed in China as one of the world's great engineering marvels. The longest high-altitude railway in the world, had its first run on July 1, 2006. The train is sealed like an airplane, and oxygen masks are given out at high altitude.

This morning we leave Lhasa at 9:32 a.m. on the new Qinghai-Tibet Railway. The best scenery— frozen tundra and non-habitable zone—will be viewed during the first 12 hours of our trip. **Overnight in soft bed sleeper. (B, lunch and diner on the train)**



Day 13, arrive in Xining at 12:19 p.m. If time permits, we'll have a city tour in Xining before transfer to airport for flight to Beijing. Overnight hotel in Beijing. **B/L**

Day 14, Beijing/U.S.

Free until transfer to airport for flight to U.S. (JFK or LAX, or SFO). Arrive in U.S. the same day due to time difference. **B**

Price for Extension

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Reservation Form

(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

Total Amount of Travelers: _____

Departure Date: _____ dd _____ mm _____ year

Gateway Airport (please circle one):

Los Angeles LAX New York JFK San Francisco SFO

Add Tibet extension to Mount Everest Camp and Sky Train:

Yes None

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

Best China Tour (Divine Tibet)

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Gurnee, IL 60031

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

U.S. Domestic Air: Please book round-trip flights for connecting with international flights. My/our hometown airport is:
City: _____ State: _____ Airport Name/Code: _____

Please send me a quote No, thanks

International Air Upgrade (Los Angeles/Guangzhou/Los Angeles), please send me/us price for:

Business class First-Class No, thanks

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 \$ _____ (\$1,000 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 prior to 120 day prior to departure, **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: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Please check with your doctor if your health allows you to travel to high altitude region.



Terms

Price quoted is for one occupancy, including air, China domestic air, China, baggage handling, meals, sight-seeing, local in this agreement. Price good faith and subject to event of big changes in rate, airline surcharge, charge, the tour price will conditions.

Baggage within China (length + width + height) 107 inches (44 Pound) along with one carry-on included in the trip price.

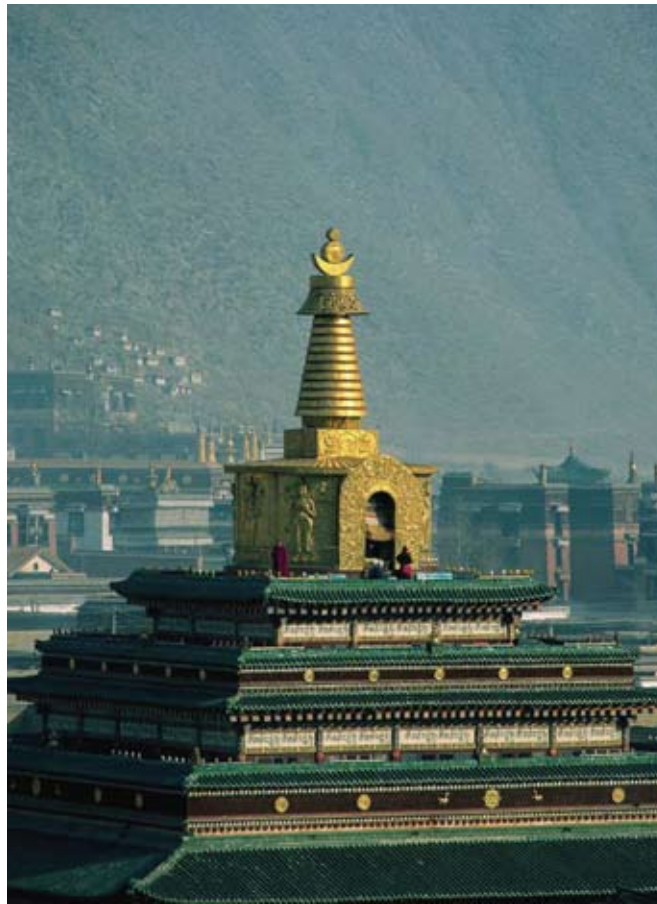
Payment Reservation will per person is received. The is due 90 days prior to

Cancellation fee \$800 after whatsoever; 50% of tour prior to departure; 70% of tour price, if cancel 89 to 60 days prior to departure; 90% of tour price, if cancel 59 to 30 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 29 days prior to departure. A change in departure date is considered as a cancellation. Travelers who can't finish the whole trip must claim in writing within 30 days of termination of the tour. Any adjustment will be calculated on actual cost and not on a per diem basis, no refund for the traveler who terminates the trip on his or her own personal reason. If tour operator cancels the tour, the refund including compensation will not exceed 100% of tour sales price.

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,



passenger based on double economic class international ground transfers within accommodations, hotels, guide, which is specified and travel dates are given in change without notice. In the foreign currency exchange security fees, and other extra be adjusted according market

one baggage with total sum and that does not exceed is allowed per passenger bag. Excess baggage is not

be accepted until \$500 deposit full balance of the payment departure.

reservation for any reason price, if cancel 120 to 90 days

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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 Duke and 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.

