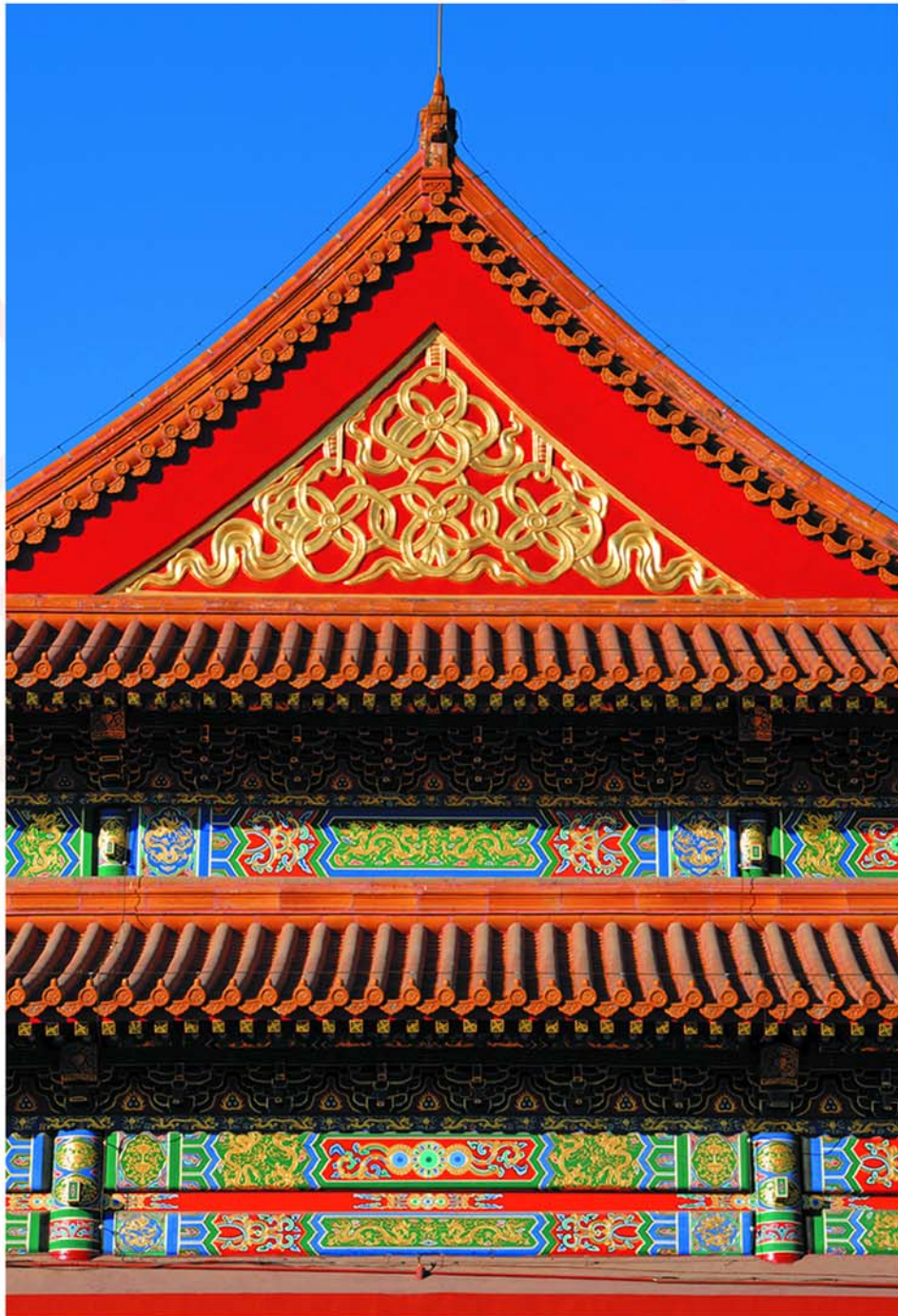


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Highlights

This 10-day trip 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 began
- Shanghai
- First-class 3-star hotels throughout

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1, U.S./Beijing

- Day 1, depart from U.S (New York or San Francisco) 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.

Taiwan 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 fames 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 began. City Hotel, 2 nights

- Day 5, arrive in Xian and transfer to hotel.
- Day 6, explore 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”. New Asia 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
- 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/U.S.

- Day 10, Transfer to airport for flying back to U.S. Arrive in U.S. the same day due to time difference. B

Trip Inclusive Features

■ Round-trip flights from U.S. 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) 3-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 with a minimum of 10 passengers

Not Included

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■ Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers ■ \$170 for China Visa

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(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

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Tour Cost: \$2,490 per person, double occupancy, including air from New York or San Francisco
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Departure City (circle one): New York San Francisco

Travel Dates (circle one):

- Nov. 6 to 15, 2009
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 March 5 to 14, 2010
 March 26 to April 4, 2010
 April 24 to May 2, 2010

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 Title First Middle Last

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 Title First Middle Last

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