

ICOMOS 15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Post Conference Tours General Information and Conditions

General Information

The price of the post conference tours will include the following services:

1. All transportation costs within China incurred during the tour (flights, bus, train etc.)
2. Admission and associated costs of all museums, sites and natural parks included on the itinerary
3. English tour guide service
4. Hotel accommodation in a double room with another participant unless a single room supplement is paid
5. Meals listed on individual tour itineraries
6. Liability insurance provided by the travel agency

Participants will be responsible for the following costs:

1. International transportation before and after the tour begins
2. Hotel accommodation before the start of the tour in Xi'an and after arrival in Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou the night before international flights, depending on the itinerary of each tour
3. Extra luggage charges (limit of 20kg for checked luggage and 5kg for carry-on)
4. Meals not explicitly indicated on the travel itineraries
5. Tips for tour guides and drivers

It is imperative that participants refer to the provided itineraries before making international travel plans. Participants should note the **recommended international departure dates and cities** for each tour and arrange international travel plans accordingly. Tour participants will be solely responsible for any charges or extra costs due to resulting conflicts. Furthermore, **international flights** out of **Guangzhou**, the final destination city of Tour E, are **extremely limited**. Participants should confirm that they will be able to fly to their country from Guangzhou before registering for Tour E.

Equally, participants should note that they might need to book individual hotel accommodation before and after their tour depending on the itinerary. Accommodation can be booked through the General Assembly's travel agent using the post conference tours reservation form.

Prices

All prices are listed in United States Dollars.

<i>Tour</i>	<i>Price Per Person in Double Room</i>		<i>Single Room Supplement**</i>
A: Beijing/Chengde/Qinhuangdao	450		180
B: Cangsha/Yueyanglou/Zhangjiajie	620		180
C: Chengdou/Jiuzhaigou/Huanglong	1030 (Beijing)*	1050 (Shanghai)*	210
D: Guilin/Yangshuo	760		180
E: Fuzhou/Quanzhou/Guangzhou	580		110
F: Nanjing /Huangshan / Hangzhou /Shanghai	370		150
G: Jinan/Tai'an/Qufu/Qingdao/Yantai	470		150
H: Kunming/Dali/Lijiang	720 (Beijing)	730 (Shanghai)	150
I: Taiyuan/Pingyao/Wutaishan/Datong	360		200
J: Xian/Hua Mountain/Famen Temple/Huangdi Tomb	400		100
K: Xining /Qinghai Lake	450		75
L: Silk Road(Urumqi/Tulufan/Dunhuang)	760		150
M: Zhengzhou/Luoyang/Kaifeng	350 (Beijing)	360 (Shanghai)	110
N: Chongqing/Yangze River	550 (Beijing)	520 (Shanghai)	180

* Indicates an option and accompanying price difference between final destination cities.

**Supplemental charge added to total price of tour for single-room accommodation

China Comfort Travel can also reserve your accommodation from the end of your tour until your international flight if necessary. The prices listed are for a double room for one night.

City	4 Star Hotel	5 Star Hotel
Beijing	75 USD	110 USD
Guangzhou	70 USD	95 USD
Shanghai	80 USD	115 USD

Reservation

Please make your reservation directly through the Assembly's travel agency, China Comfort Xi'an Intl Travel Service by filling out the attached reservation form and *mail/fax/email* the form to:

China Comfort Xi'an Intl Travel Service Co. LTD

Room 704, Jixiang Building, No. 178
 South Hanguang Road
 Xi'an, Shaanxi, China
Tel: 86-29-85220481/85237462
Fax: 86-29-85237826
Email: xakh09@163.com

Reservation Prices and Dates:

All prices for tours listed will be valid until **01 July 2005**. Reservations made after this date will follow the schedule below:

Dates	Price
Before 01/07/2005	Normal Price
01/07/2005 - 01/08/2005	Increase of 5%
01/08/2005 - 01/09/2005	Increase of 10%
01/09/2005 - 01/10/2005	Increase of 15%
After 01/10/2005	Increase of 20%

Cancellation

If participants choose to cancel their participation in the tour, a full refund (*minus costs of bank transfers*) will only be made if cancellation occurs in writing before **01 August 2005**. All changes and cancellations must be made in writing and submitted to the General Assembly's travel agent. Cancellation after this date will result in refunds following the schedule below :

Dates	Percentage Refunded
Before 01/08/2005	100%
01/08/2005 - 01/09/2005	90%
01/09/2005 - 01/10/2005	85%
After 01/10/2005	80%

Cancellation Due to Lack of Participants

During registration, each participant is requested to indicate their order of preference for their top three tours. As a minimum of 10 persons is required for each tour, if this number is not reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the scheduled tour and notify those who have signed up for the tour of alternative options. In the case that a trip is cancelled, participants will be asked to choose a second tour with the same length and final destination city to match international travel plans. Participants will, however, be responsible for the difference in price between the tours, resulting in either an additional charge or refund. Please use the information found below to help you select appropriate second and third choices.

NOTE: If Tour E or Tour K is cancelled, participants will not be able to join any other tours due to dates and final destination cities.

Based on where each tour ends and the tour length, the following list indicates possible second and third options for each tour that will not lead to complications with international flights:

First Choice Tours	Possible Options	First Choice Tours	Possible Options
<i>Tour A</i>	<i>C, I, G</i>	<i>Tour I</i>	<i>A, C, G</i>
<i>Tour B</i>	<i>C, D</i>	<i>Tour J</i>	<i>M, N</i>
<i>Tour C - Beijing*</i>	<i>A, G, I</i>	<i>Tour K</i>	<i>No Other Options</i>
<i>Shanghai</i>	<i>B, D</i>	<i>Tour L</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>Tour D</i>	<i>B, C</i>	<i>Tour M - Beijing</i>	<i>J, N</i>
<i>Tour E</i>	<i>No Other Options</i>	<i>Shanghai</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Tour F</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>Tour N - Beijing</i>	<i>J, M</i>
<i>Tour G</i>	<i>A, C, I</i>	<i>Shanghai</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>Tour H - Beijing</i>	<i>L</i>		
<i>Shanghai</i>	<i>F</i>		

**Second and third choices depend on which final destination city is chosen*

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Post Conference Tours Reservation Form

Please complete and return this form via *post, fax* or *email* by **1 July 2005** to:

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Room 704, Jixiang Building, No. 178
South Hanguang Road
Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

Tel: 86-29-85220481/85237462
Fax: 86-29-85237826
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Personal Details

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Mr./M. []

Surname / Nom

First Name /Prénom

Date of Birth / Date du Naissance Nationality / Nationalité

Passport Number / Numéro du Passeport

Organisation / Profession / Position

Postal Address

Address / Adresse

Country / Pays

City / Ville

Postal Code / Code postal

Code ()

Telephone / Téléphone

E-Mail

Tour Details

Please select your first, second and third choice tours using 1 - 3. Should there not be enough participants for your 1st choice tour, the travel agents will try to accommodate you with the second or third choice and inform you.

Please note that not all of the tours end in the same city or on the same date. Refer to **attached itineraries** and take into consideration **the date and departure city of your international flight** when selecting tours. Participants will be solely responsible for any costs due to conflicts with international travel plans.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A: Beijing/Chengde/Qinhuangdao | <input type="checkbox"/> H: Kunming/Dali/Lijiang |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B: Cangsha/Yueyanglou/Zhangjiajie | <input type="checkbox"/> I: Taiyuan/Pingyao/Wutaishan/Datong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C: Chengdou/Jiuzhaigou/Huanglong | <input type="checkbox"/> J: Xian / Hua Mountain /Famen / Huangdi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D: Guilin/Yangshuo | <input type="checkbox"/> K: Xining /Qinghai Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E: Fuzhou/Quanzhou/Guangzhou* | <input type="checkbox"/> L: Silk Road(Urumqi/Tulufan/Dunhuang) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F: Nanjing /Huangshan / Hangzhou /Shanghai | <input type="checkbox"/> M: Zhengzhou/Luoyang/Kaifeng |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G: Jinan/Tai'an/Qufu/Qingdao/Yantai | <input type="checkbox"/> N: Chongqing/Yangze River |

Please select type of accommodation:

- Single Room*** *Supplementary Charge
 Double Room

If in a double room, I would like to share my room with:

Surname / Nom

First Name /Prénom

Nationality / Nationalité

For tours C, H, M, N, select your final destination city: Beijing Shanghai

China Comfort Travel can also reserve your accommodation from the end of your tour until your international flight if necessary.

City	Quality	Date(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Beijing	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Stars	
<input type="checkbox"/> Guangzhou*	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Stars	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shanghai		

* *International flights* out of *Guangzhou*, the final destination city of Tour E, are *extremely limited*. Participants should confirm that they would be able to fly to their country from Guangzhou before registering for Tour E.

Payment

Calculation of Price:

Tour Price	<u>USD</u>	
Single Room Supplement*	<u>USD</u>	+
Accommodation in final destination city*	<u>USD</u>	+
		=
Total Price	<u>USD</u>	

**Optional*

Payments must be made through an international bank transfer to:

Account Holder **China Comfort Xi'an Intl Travel Service Co. LTD**
Room 704, Jixiang Building, No. 178
South Hanguang Road
Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

Bank **Bank of China, Xi'an Branch, Han Guang Lu Sub-Branch**
Account Number **3028-02972808094014**

- When making the transfer order clearly indicate your full name and mention ICOMOS 15th General Assembly Post Conference Tours.
- All bank fees for these payments are to be paid by the sender.
- Reservations will only be guaranteed once full payment has been received.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation once your payment has reached China Comfort Travel. We are unable to accept long-distance credit card payments. However, you will be able to use your international credit card and traveller cheques for your other expenses once you have arrived in China.

Tour A: Beijing / Bei Dai He / Chengde / Qin Huangdao

Historic Sites

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Saturday 29 October

This tour is ideal for individuals who would like to have ample free time to explore on their own. Participants will visit a number of historic sites and monuments in and surrounding Beijing such as the **Great Wall**, the **Ming Tombs**, **Tiananmen Square**, the **Forbidden City**, the **Temple of Heaven**, and the **Summer Palace** as well as the **Puning Temple** and the **Putuozhongsheng Temple** in Chengde.

Costs: 450 USD / PP

Single Room Supplement: 180 USD / PP

Please Note: *Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October.*

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Beijing

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Meet and transfer to hotel. Free time to explore the city in the evening.

23 Oct. Beijing

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Great Wall** and the **Ming Tombs**

24 Oct. Beijing

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit to **Tiananmen Square**, the **Forbidden City**, the **Temple of Heaven**, the **Summer Palace**

25 Oct. Beijing / Chengde

Transfer: Morning Train to Chengde

Meals: Lunch

Tour of **Chengde** and the **Mountain Resort**

26 Oct. Chengde / Beijing

Transfer: Train

Meals: Lunch

Visit to the **Puning Temple** and the **Putuozhongsheng Temple**

Return to Beijing in the afternoon, free evening to explore the city.

27 Oct. Beijing / Qinhuangdao

Transfer: Morning Train to Qinhuangdao

Meals: *Not Included*

Visit to the strategic pass at the eastern terminus of the Great Wall of China.

Free time to explore the city of **Qinhuangdao**

28 Oct. Beidaihe / Beijing

Transfer: Train

Meals: *Not Included*

Free time in the morning to explore the city.

Afternoon return to Beijing with time in the evening to explore the city.

29 Oct. Catch International Flights from Beijing

Meet and transfer to the airport for international flight.
END OF TOUR

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Friday 29 October.

Tour B: Changsha / Yueyang / Fenghuang / Zhangjiajie

Historic Towns

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Friday 28 October

Visit a variety of historic towns in south-central China including **Changsha**, the **Ancient Town of Fenghuang**, and **Mountain Yellow Stone Village** as well as a number of natural sites such as **Zhang Jiajie National Forest Park** and **Tianzi Mountain**.

Costs: 620 USD / PP

Single Room Supplement: 180 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Shanghai, with departures leaving from China no sooner than on Sunday 29 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Friday 28 October in Shanghai.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Changsha

Grand Sun City Hotel (5)*

Transfer: Flight / Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

The city of **Changsha**, the capital of the Hunan Province, was founded around 704 AD on the banks of the Xiangjiang River. Changsha has played a role in both ancient and modern history, being the birthplace of President Mao Zedong.

Visit to the **Mawangdui Han Tombs Exhibition Hall**, where more than 3000 thousand relics are exhibited, including a well-preserved 2100-year-old female corpse, silk robe, and silk and bamboo books and maps, testifying to the prosperity of the Western Han Dynasty.

23 Oct. Changsha / Zhang Jiajie City

Overnight in Pipaxi Hotel (3)*

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day trip to **Yueyang Tower**, one of the three famous towers south of the Yangze River, it exhibits five distinct features: flying eaves, a helmet roof, four pillars, three floors, and is constructed entirely of wood. The structure is a unique combination of artistic taste, mechanics, architecture, and craftsmanship. Enjoy a boat cruise on **Dongting Lake**, one of the three largest fresh-water lakes in China.

Evening flight to Zhang Jiajie City

24 Oct. Zhang Jiajie City

Overnight in Pipaxi Hotel (3)*

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the first national forest park, **Zhang Jiajie National Forest Park**. Known as Green Stone Mountain, this park consists of close to 3000 strangely shaped peaks with green trees growing out of the rock cracks. On a fine day after rain, mists wind around the green mountains, resembling clusters of clouds surrounding green jades. The mountain peaks and forests appear both far and near, real and imaginary, one feels as if in a surreal natural kingdom. Take the cable car to **Mountain Yellow Stone Village** in the morning, walking along the **Golden Whip Brook** in the afternoon.

25 Oct. Sangzhi County

Tianzi Hotel (3)*

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to **Tianzi Mountain**, located in Sangzhi County, the hometown of Marshal He Long. The major peak of the Tianzi Mountain is 1250 meters high surrounded by rolling hills, peaks and picturesque rocks, which gives a sense of being in a fairy land. Cable car up and down to the mountain.

26 Oct. Sangzhi County
Golden Phoenix Hotel (2)*
Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Visit to the **Underground Dragon Palace**, the Yellow Dragon Limestone Cave, which is the largest limestone cave in Asia. After lunch, Visit to the **Ancient Town of Fenghuang**, stopping on the way to see the area where the **minority ethnic groups** such as the Tujia, Miao and Bai minorities live.

27 Oct. Sangzhi County
Golden Phoenix Hotel (2)*
Transfer: Flight
Meals: Breakfast

Visit to the **Ancient Town of Huangsiqiao** and the **Great Wall of China**.

28 Oct. Sangzhi County / Zhang Jiajie City / Shanghai
Transfer: Bus / Flight
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Depart for Shanghai
END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai.

29 Oct. Catch International Flight from Shanghai

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Shanghai.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Saturday 29October, as it cannot be guaranteed that the tour will arrive in Shanghai early enough on the Friday 28 to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Shanghai on the night of Friday 28October.

Tour C: Chengdou / Jiuzhaigou

Historic Sites

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Friday 28 October

Visit the cultural monuments located between Changdou in central China and Lhasa in Tibet. This tour will include a variety of natural as well as cultural sites such as: the **Sanxingdui Bronze Ware Museum**, the 2200 year old **Dujiangyan Irrigation System**, the enchanting **Jiuzhaigou Valley** and **Huanglong**.

Costs: Shanghai* 1050 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 210 USD / PP
Beijing* 1030 USD/PP

* Different final destination cities are offered so tour participants can catch their international flights, please plan accordingly.

Please Note: *Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing or Shanghai, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Friday 28 October in Beijing or Shanghai.*

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Xi'an. When registering for their conference hotel, participants are advised to make their reservations up to including the night of Saturday 22 October to avoid complications.

23 Oct. Xi'an / Chengdou

Transfer: Flight / Bus
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit to downtown **Chengdu**. The capital of the Sichuan province is a city with a lot of character, both historic and modern. While many of the ancient cultural sites were destroyed during the cultural changes in the 1960s, the city has retained many of its historic housing quarters and continues to be a major trade centre in the region. Later, Visit to the **Sanxingdui Bronze Ware Museum** outside the city.

Dinner is arranged at the New Ziyunting Restaurant for Sichuan Snacks.

24 Oct. Chengdu / Mt.Siguniang

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day trip to **Mt. Siguniang** with a stop along the way to see the 2200 year old **Dujiangyan Irrigation System**.

25 Oct. Mt. Siguniang / Chengdu / Jiuzhaigou

Transfer: Bus / Evening flight to Jiuzhaigou
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Dufu Tamper** and a look at the river tower.

26 Oct. Jiuzhaigou

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Located between Chengdu and Tibet, the **Jiuzhaigou Valley** is renowned for its alpine landscapes, above all in autumn, and forests home to Giant Pandas.

Evening option of attending the **Jiuzhaigou Tibetan and Jiang People Song & Dance Show**.

27 Oct. Jiuzhaigou / Huanglong / Chengdu

Transfer: Bus / Evening flight to Chengdu
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sightseeing tour of **Huanglong**.

28 Oct. Chengdu / Shanghai or Beijing

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast

Depart for either Shanghai or Beijing.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai or Beijing.

29 Oct. Catch International Flights from Shanghai or Beijing

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing or Shanghai.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October, as it cannot be guaranteed that tours will arrive in final destination cities early enough on Friday 28 October to catch international connections.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Beijing or Shanghai, on the night of Friday 28 October.

Tour D: Guilin / Yangshuo / Nanning / Beihai

Natural Heritage

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Friday 28 October

Visit a mixture of natural and minority cultural sites and villages in the Guilin area. Have an opportunity to meet members of the **Zhuang** and **Yao** minority cultural groups, visit traditionally **terraced rice paddies** and cruise down the **Li River**.

Costs: 760 USD / PP **Single Room Supplement:** 180 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Shanghai, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Friday 28 October in Shanghai.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Guilin

Transfer: Flight
Meals: Dinner

Meet and transfer to hotel. Visit to **Fobo Hill** and the **Seven Star Cave**

23 Oct. Guilin

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit the well-known **Karst and Reed Flute Cave**. Enjoy birds-eye views of the surrounding peaks and the river, including **Elephant Trunk Hill**, the symbol of Guilin and **Solitary Beauty Peak** standing like solitary bamboo shoots away from the city

24 Oct. Guilin / Sanjiang County

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit the remote mountain valley region of **Sanjiang** county lying at the intersection of three provinces and occupied by five national minority groups: the Dong, Zhuang, Miao, Yao and Han. Visit the Chengyang District, including a "Folk Custom Centre" in the Sanjiang area and the world-renowned **Chengyang Wind and Rain Bridge** protected by the Department of Chinese Relics. Walking through **Chengyang Village** you will see wooden houses, drum towers, bridges, waterwheels and rice paddies. Enjoy the unforgettable experience of tasting delicious "oiled" tea and drinking mellow rice wine with a Dong Family.

25 Oct. Sanjiang / Longsheng / Guilin

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast visit the **Longji Terraces** constructed during the Yuan Dynasty some 700 years ago, representing the crystallisation of the ethnic Zhuang and Yao wisdom. Visit the terraced fields and the village of the Zhuang nationality, seeing the Zhuang and Yao peoples, living in harmony and contentment, supporting themselves though self-reliance, and the charming ladies of Yao nationality who hold a Guinness World Record for the length of their hair.

26 Oct. Guilin / Yangshuo

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Enjoy a cruise along the **Li River** between Guilin and Yangshuo, seeing the surrounding natural beauty. That evening walk through the "West Street" of **Yangshuo**, enjoying the brilliant night-time colours of the street.

27 Oct. Yangshuo / Guilin

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Visit to the **Moon Hill**, named for its moon-shaped cave located at the top. Opportunity to bicycle along the beautiful country-side roads surrounding Moon Hill, passing picturesque peaks and streams, farm houses, and rice paddies.

28 Oct. Guilin / Shanghai

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast

Depart for Shanghai

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai.

29 Oct. Catch International Flight from Shanghai

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Shanghai.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October, as it cannot be guaranteed that the tour will arrive in Shanghai early enough on Friday 28 October to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Shanghai on the night of Friday 28 October.

Tour E: Fuzhou / Quanzhou / Guangzhou

Chinese Culture and History

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Thursday 27 October

This tour visits a variety of cities throughout southern China, including stops at the historically important port cities of Fuzhou, Quanzhou and Xiamen.

Costs: 580 USD / PP

Single Room Supplement: 110 USD / PP

Please Note: *Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Guangzhou, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Thursday 27 October.*

***International flights** out of **Guangzhou**, the final destination city of Tour E, are **extremely limited**. Participants must confirm that they will be able to fly to their country from Guangzhou before registering for Tour E.*

Furthermore, if this tour is cancelled due to under-registration, participants will not be able to join any of the other tours due to the final destination city and dates.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Xi'an. When registering for their conference hotel, participants are advised to make their reservations up to including the night of Saturday 22 October to avoid complications.

23 Oct. Xi'an / Fuzhou

Transfer: Flight / Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to **Drum Mountain**, the **Memorial Hall of Lin Zexiu**, and the **Xichan Temple***

Founded during the Chen Dynasty between 557-589, Fuzhou is a historically important port located on the southeast coast of China. Playing an important role in the history of the nation, the city is also located at the mouth of what has been named as the most beautiful valley in southern China.

24 Oct. Fuzhou / Quanzhou

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Kaiyuan Temple**, the **Confucian Temple**, and the **Ancient Ship Museum***

Quanzhou, founded in the 7th century during the Tang Dynasty, has conserved traces of its history. Referred to as the "Other Alexandria," this city has served both as an important commercial as well as ceremonial port, appearing on Arab maritime maps from the Middle Ages under the name "Zaytun." The **Kaiyan Temple** is a Buddhist sanctuary founded in 686 A.D. composed of one of the most venerable temples south of the Yangzi river and two monumental pagodas. The **Ancient Ship Museum**, focusing on the role of maritime commerce in Quanzhou, houses a ship constructed between the 7th and 8th centuries, discovered in the city's bay in 1973.

25 Oct. Quanzhou / Xiamen

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit the **South Putuo Temple**, the **Hulishan Fort**, and **Jimei**

Xiamen, once known under the anglicised name of Amoy, has been an active port since the 15th century. It has a long history of occupation, being the base of Japanese pirates in the 16th century and later controlled by the English in the mid-19th century.

26 Oct. Xiamen / Guangzhou

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit the **Yuexu Park** (statue of Five sheep, Zhenhai Tower, Guangzhou Museum), the **Zhongshan Memorial hall**, the **Chenjia Ancestral Temple**, and **Hexi Island**.

27 Oct. Guangzhou

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast

Depart Guangzhou

END OF TOUR

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Guangzhou.

International flights out of Guangzhou, the final destination city of Tour E, are extremely limited.

Participants should confirm that they will be able to fly to their country from Guangzhou before registering for Tour E.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Thursday 27 October.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation in Xi'an the night of Saturday 22 October before the start of the tour.

Furthermore, if this tour is cancelled due to under-registration, participants will not be able to join any of the other tours due to the final destination city and dates.

Tour F: Nanjing / Hangzhou / Huangshan / Shanghai

Chinese Culture and History

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Thursday 27 October

A selection of important cultural and Historic sites located between Nanjing and Shanghai. Sites include ancient Buddhist temples, mausoleums, historic cities as well as a number of natural sites.

Costs: 370 USD / PP

Single Room Supplement: 150 USD / PP

Please Note: *Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Shanghai, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Friday 28 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Thursday 27 October in Shanghai.*

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Nanjing

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Dinner

Transfer via flight from Xi'an to Nanjing

23 Oct. Nanjing

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit the **Presidential Palace**, the **Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen**, and the **Linggu Temple***

The **Mausoleum Dr. Sun Yat-Sen** is situated at the foot of the second peak of Mount Zijin. Construction of the tomb started in 1926, taking three years and on 1 July 1929, Dr. Sun was buried there. Sun is respected as the Father of Modern China since he fought unyieldingly against the corrupt Qing government and led the 1911 revolution to end the feudal system and found the Republic of China, leading the Chinese people into a new era. He died in 1925 in Beijing.

The **Linggu Temple** was first built in 515 under the reign of the Liang Dynasty (502-557) and is located at the northeast foot of Mount Zhongshan. However, Emperor Zhu Yuanzhang later chose this location for his personal mausoleum and constructed the Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum, moving the Linggu Temple to its present site. Covering at one time an area of over 30 hectares, the temple was destroyed in warfare during the reign of Emperor Xianfeng and rebuilt under Emperor Tongzhi in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The temple houses the relic of Monk Xuanzang.

24 Oct. Huangshan

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit the **Huangshan Mountain Range** (Yellow Mountain), composed of 72 peaks lying in southern Anhui province, famous for its spectacular rocky features, oddly shaped pines, crystal-clear mountain springs and the sea of clouds covering the highest peaks: the Lotus Flower Peak (Lianhua Feng) at 1864m, followed by the Bright Summit Peak (Guangming Ding) and the Celestial Peak (Tiandu Feng). This beautiful and unpredictable natural scenery attracts countless painters and poets seeking tranquillity and inspiration. The Huangshan Mountain Range has been designated as a national park and declared a World Natural and Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO.

25 Oct. Hangzhou

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the villages of **Xidi** and **Hongcun***

Located in Yixian County, Anhui Province, the villages of **Xidi** and **Hongcun** are steeped in 400-500 years of history. Reputed as "Living Ancient Residential Museums" by experts, they were listed as a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO in 2000 due to the perfectly preserved original residential style and features dating from the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

26 Oct. Hangzhou

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Six Harmonies Pagodas**, **Lingyin Temple**, the **Mausoleum of General Yue Fei**, and the **Original Residence of Huxueyan**.*

The **Ling Yin Temple (Temple of Soul's Retreat)** is located in a long, narrow valley between Fei Lai Feng (Peak Flown from Afar) and North Peak. The temple is a showpiece in the West Lake environs and is one of the ten most famous Buddhist temples in China. In 1961 the temple was listed for protection as a key provincial historic and cultural site and is considered a leading centre for research on Chinese Buddhist culture.

The **Mausoleum of General Yue Fei**, located at the southern foot of Qixia hill on West Lake, was listed as a cultural relic protection site in 1961.

The **Six Harmonies (Liuhe) Pagoda** lies on Yuelun Hill on the north bank of the Qiantang River in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. The name "Six Harmonies" comes from the six Buddhist ordinances, meaning "harmonies of the heaven, earth, north, south, east, and west". The pagoda was first built in 970 AD by the King of Wuyue State, who intended to demonstrate his authority by conquering the evil of the "river tidal boar" of the Qiantang River. The pagoda fell into ruins and was reconstructed many times before being listed as a key national cultural heritage site.

27 Oct. Shanghai

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

*Visit to the **Shanghai Museum**, the **Yu Garden** and the **Jade Buddha Temple***

The **Shanghai Museum's** unique architectural style - with a round roof and square base - combines China's traditional culture and modern spirit, giving visitors a complete and pleasant visual surprise upon first sight. Architecturally, the structure is among the world's greatest museum buildings.

Yuyuan Garden, a place of peace and comfort in the busy heart of Shanghai, dates back to the Ming Dynasty. Now a popular tourist destination, Yuyuan began as a private garden created by Pan Yunduan, who spent almost 20 years - and all of his savings - to build it in order to please his parents in their old age. The garden is called "Yuyuan" as "yu" means "peace and health".

In the western part of Shanghai sits the venerable and famous **Jade Buddha Temple**. In 1882, an original temple was built to house two jade Buddha statues brought from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was destroyed during the revolution that overthrew the Qing Dynasty. Fortunately the jade Buddha statues were saved and a new temple was built on the present site in 1928.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai

28 Oct. Catch International Flights from Shanghai

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Shanghai.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Friday 28 October.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Shanghai on the night of Wednesday 27 October.

Tour G: Jinan / Tai'an / Qufu-Qingdao-Yantai

Chinese Culture and Natural Heritage

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Friday 28 October

A selection of important cultural and Historic sites located between Nanjing and Shanghai. Sites include ancient Buddhist temples, mausoleums, historic cities as well as a number of natural sites.

Costs: 470 USD / PP

Single Room Supplement: 150 USD / PP

Please Note: *Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Friday 28 October in Beijing.*

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Xi'an. When registering for their conference hotel, participants are advised to make their reservations up to including the night of Saturday 22 October to avoid complications.

23 Oct. Xi'an / Jinan /Qufu

Transfer: Flight / Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Confucian Mansions**, the **Confucian Temple**, the **Confucian Forest**

Making up one fifth of Qufu, the **Confucian Temple** is the largest of its kind in China. Built in 478 B.C in memory of the great philosopher and founder of Confucianism, the temple has undergone successive renovation and expansion. The present temple was built mainly during the Ming and Qing dynasties.

To the east of the Confucius Temple, the aristocratic **Confucian Mansions** were built during the Ming Dynasty and were the residences of the descendants of Confucius - the Kongs. Containing 463 buildings, the large complex is one of the finest of its kind in China. The mansions follow traditional Chinese architectural style. On the east side of the north-south axis is the family shrine; while on the west side is a recreational area including studies, guest rooms and libraries.

About 2 kilometres north of the Confucius Mansions, the **Confucius Forest** is the largest and oldest family cemetery. Confucius and his descendants over the last 2,000 years rest amid trees, pavilions and statues. Covering 200 hectares, the graveyard is a well-preserved park with almost 20,000 trees. Confucius and his descendants are buried under mounds enclosed in a wall. An approach flanked by stone animals and guardians leads to Confucius's simple but dignified tomb adjoined by his son's and his grandson's tombs.

24 Oct. Jinan

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to **Mt. Taishan**, the first of five sacred mountains in China. In 1987 and 1994, Mount Taishan, the Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Confucius Mansion in Qufu were inscribed on the World Cultural and Natural Heritage List by UNESCO.

25 Oct. Jinan

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to **Lake Daming**, **Baotu Spring**, and **Spring City Square**

Located in the northern part of the Old City district, **Lake Daming (Lake of Great Light)** is a natural lake at the confluence of many springs from the south and, if water overflows, the lake empties the surplus water through the north water gate. This gate was built on the northern bank during the North Song Dynasty. With a bottom composed of volcanic rock, the lake holds water so efficiently that it does not dry up during the dry season and does not overflow after heavy rains.

Baotu Spring is located in Baotu Spring Park, southwest of the old Jinan City. All the old buildings and relics there have been restored. The springs and ponds have been thoroughly dredged, and the banks lined with stone. Lawns and rockeries have been built and numerous trees and flower planted.

Qianfoshan or the **Thousand Buddha Mountain** stretches from east to west with its landscape spreading like a screen. On the north side of the mountain are three winding and zigzagging ascending paths, flanked by massive pines and cypresses with thick shady leaves that obscure the sun. On the eastern side of the mountain stands the Shandong Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery of the Revolution of 1911, a key historic site under provincial protection. Other scenic spots on the mountain include the Tang-Dynasty Pagoda Tree Pavilion, Shandong Nine Clouds, and Cloud Passing Zen Temple, etc. If you prefer a bus ride, there is bus service to the top of the mountain along a road winding up the eastern slope.

26 Oct. Qingdao

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Mt. Laoshan, lying 30 km southeast of Qingdao near the Yellow Sea, is home to a famous Taoist Quanzhen Sect sanctuary. Emperors of the Qin and Han dynasties and many other historic figures have visited this mountain. Taoist temples and beautiful scenery make it a nice getaway. Furthermore, the most famous beer in China, Tsingtao Beer, is brewed in Qingdao using spring water from the mountain. The afternoon's sightseeing includes Zhanqiao Pier, Little Fish Hill Park, Eight Pass Villa Area and Qingdao Brewery.

27 Oct. Qingdao / Yan Tai / Penglai

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Penglai Pavilion**, famous for the legend of "Eight Immortals Crossing the Sea." Side trip to Longkou to visit the **South-Mountain Culture Reserve** and the **Buddha Carving of South-Mountain**.

28 Oct. Penglai / Beijing

Transfer: Bus / Flight

Meals: Breakfast

Catch flight to Beijing.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Beijing

29 Oct. Catch International Flights from Beijing

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

Participants should plan to depart from China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation in Xi'an the night of Saturday 22 October before the tour begins and, if necessary, in Beijing on the night of Friday 28 October.

Tour H: Kunming / Dali / Lijiang

Historic Towns

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Thursday 27 October

During this tour focusing on historic towns, sites and minority cultures in the area of Kunming and Lijiang, visit a number of natural and architectural wonders including: the **Kunming EXPO' Garden**, the **Stone Forest**, the **Yunnan Minority Cultural Village**, the **Tie-Dye-Cloth Industry**, a **Three-Course-Tea Singing and Dancing Show**, the **Three Pagodas**, the **Old Town of Dali**, a cruise on **Erhai Lake**, the **Old Town of Lijiang**, the **Black Dragon Pool**, the **Yunshan Meadow**, the **Yufeng Lamaism Monastery**, the **Ming Dynasty Baisha Mural Paintings**, and an **Evening Concert of Dongba Ancient Music**

Costs: Shanghai* 730 USD/PP
Beijing* 720 USD/PP

Single Room Supplement: 150 USD / PP

* Different final destination cities are offered so tour participants can catch their international flights, please plan accordingly.

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing or Shanghai, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Friday 28 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Thursday 27 October in Beijing or Shanghai.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an /Kunming

Transfer: Flight
Meals: Dinner

*Visit to the **Kunming EXPO' Garden***

Kunming is famous for its mild climate, beautiful natural scenery, and is known as the "City of Eternal Spring."

23 Oct. Kunming

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Stone Forest**, and the **Yunnan Minority Cultural Village***

The **Stone Forest** is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena in China. It consists of 80 hectares of innumerable oddly shaped ancient limestone cliffs and peaks created by wind and water erosion some 270 million years ago. It is the home of the Sani Tribe, one of the branches of the Yi Minority People. After lunch, visit the **Yunnan Minority Cultural Village** to learn about the costumes and life style of more than 26 different minority ethnic groups.

24 Oct. Kunming / Dali

Transfer: Morning flight to Dali
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Tie-Dye-Cloth Industry** the **Three-Course-Tea Singing and Dancing Show**, the **Three Pagodas**, the **Old Town of Dali**, and a cruise on **Erhai Lake***

The **Tie-dying** in Zhoucheng has a long history, dating back over 1,000 years. Initially, the Bai people tie-dyed in their own homes using pure white cotton cloth and blue dye. The designs are simple, fade-proof and bucolic. Gradually, home-based workshops appeared and became so common that nearly every family had one.

Known as the Chongsheng Santa and situated on top of the ruins of Chongsheng Monastery, the **Three Pagodas** lie northwest of Dali, on the slope of Mount Cangshan overlooking Erhai Lake. **Erhai Lake** is the second largest fresh water lake in Yunnan province and an ideal place to escape the bustling city.

25 Oct. Dali / Lijiang

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Old Town of Lijiang** and the **Black Dragon Pool***

The **Old Town of Lijiang**, regarded as the "Oriental Venice," is a well-preserved old city of ethnic minorities with a brilliant culture and is a central town of the Lijiang Autonomous County of the Naxi Ethnic Minority in Yunnan Province.

At the foot of Longquan Hill lies the **Black Dragon Pool** (Heilongtan), also known as the Dragon Fountain Temple (Longquanguan). The pool is renowned for the beautiful reflection of the Jade Dragon snow-capped mountain and various pavilions.

26 Oct. Lijiang

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Yunshan Meadow**, the **Yufeng Lamaism Monastery**, the **Ming Dynasty Baisha Mural Paintings**, and an **Evening Concert of Dongba Ancient Music***

From **Yunshan Meadow**, view **Jade Dragon Snow Mountain**, famous for its 13 peaks resembling jade pillars, and used for mountaineering, skiing, exploration, and scientific research. The area's mythology includes the legends and myths of the Naxi ethnic minority and the unclimbed Shanzidou.

The **Yufeng Temple** is a Historic witness to the peaceful coexistence and syncretism of multinational cultures and religions, and still plays a very important role in the acculturation of the Naxi Ethnic Group.

Ten km northwest of Lijiang are the ancient villages of Baisha, Dayan, Shuhe, Yangxi and Xuesong. In these villages, the **Lijiang Mural** is stored, preserved and displayed in 15 venerable temples. The mural originally included more than 200 frescos. However, after hundreds of years, only 55 pieces are in good condition. The most famous frescos are known as the Baisha Mural of the Dabaoji (Great Treasure) Palace and of the Coloured Glaze Temple (Liuli Dian) in the town of Baisha.

Walking through the ancient streets of Lijiang Old Town, you will undoubtedly hear the wonderful **Naxi Ancient Music**, the traditional classical music that is regarded as a "living fossil of Chinese music."

27 Oct. Lijiang / Kunming./ Shanghai or Beijing

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Take the morning flight to Kunming. After lunch in Kunming, depart for Shanghai or Beijing.
END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Beijing or Shanghai.

28 Oct. Catch International Flight from Beijing or Shanghai

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing or Shanghai.

Participants should plan to depart from China Friday 28 October, as it cannot be guaranteed that the tour will arrive in Beijing/Shanghai early enough on the Thursday 27 October to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Beijing or Shanghai on the night of Thursday 27 October.

Tour I: Taiyuan / Pingyao

World Cultural Heritage

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Friday 28 October

This tour of Chinese cultural heritage includes a number of ancient cities and holy sites near Pingyao and Wutai Mountain including: the **Ancient Pingyao City Walls**, the **Rishengchang** (the Chinese exchange shop museum), **Ming-Qing Street**, the **Pingyao Government Office**, the **Jinci Temple**, the **Chongshan Monastery**, the **Tian Long Shang Grottoes**, the **Overhanging Temple**, the **Nine-Dragon Screen** and the **Huayah Monastery**.

Costs: 360 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 200 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Saturday 29 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Friday 28 October in Beijing.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Pingyao

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Dinner

Transfer from Xi'an to Pingyao via bus

23 Oct. Pingyao

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit the **Ancient City of Pingyao**, including the **Ancient City Walls**, **Rishengchang** (the Chinese exchange shop museum), **Ming-Qing Street**, and the **Pingyao Government Office**

Pingyao is famous for its well-preserved ancient city walls. Bordered by the Taiyuan Basin and the Loess Plateau, it was an important communication hub along the Yellow River. Its advantageous location allowed the city to become a famous commercial centre. Paralleling Xian, Nanjing and Lijiang, it is one of the time-honoured cities that have survived with its ancient walls. In Nov. 1986, UNESCO inscribed the city on the World Heritage List.

Rishengchang (Sunrise Prosperity)

When did the earliest bank appear in China? What did it look like? You can find the complete answer to these questions when you enter the **Rishengchang Exchange Shop** at No. 105 Nanda Jie.

The Ancient Ming and Qing Streets

While the Wang and Qiao family compounds are major attractions, Pingyao is also famous for its ancient lanes and streets.

24 Oct. Taiyuan

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Jinci Temple**, **Chongshan Monastery**, and the **Tian Long Shang Grottoes***

The ancient Buddhist **Jinci Temple** is located at the source of the Jin River by Xuanwang Hill, 25km southwest of Taiyuan. It is believed that the original temple was built between 1023 and 1032 AD, but there have been countless additions and restorations over the centuries, right up to the time of the Qing Dynasty (1644 - 1911).

The Tang Dynasty originally built the **Chongshan Monastery** on the site of an earlier monastery, said to date back to the 6th or 7th century.

25 Oct. Taiyuan / Wutai Mountain

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Wutai Mountain**, with the longest and most prestigious history of the four most well-known Buddhist holy lands of China

26 Oct. Wutai / Datong

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Overhanging Temple**, the **Nine-Dragon Screen** and the **Huayah Monastery***

The **Overhanging Temple** was built during the Northern Wei Dynasty (386-534) on a high cliff surrounded by precipices. It sits beyond reach in total solitude. From the bottom you see range upon range of pavilions supported by dozens of wooden pillars. Entering the temple, people will be surprised by its half-house and half-cave inner structures.

The **Nine Dragon Screen** in Datong, Shanxi Province is said to be the largest screen of its type anywhere in China, 45.5 meters long, 8 meters high and 2.02 meters thick, it consists of 426 glazed tiles.

Situated in the southwest of Datong, Shanxi Province, **Huayan Monastery**, named after the Huayan sect of Buddhism, is composed of the Upper Huayan Monastery, also called the Great Temple of Treasure (Da Xiong Bao Dian) and the Lower Huayan Monastery.

27 Oct. Datong

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Yungang Grottoes***

The **Yungang Grottoes** are located approximately sixteen kilometres west of Datong in Shanxi Province and consist of a series of 53 caves. The caves house over 51, 000 stone sculptures completed during the Northern Wei Dynasty (460 -494 AD). The grottoes extend one kilometre from east to west and can be classified into three major categories.

28 Oct. Datong / Beijing

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast

Depart for Beijing via bus.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Beijing.

29 Oct. Catch International Flight from Beijing

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

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Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, if necessary, in Beijing on the night of Friday 28 October.

Tour J : Xi'an / Hua Mountain / Tomb of the Yellow Emperor

Ancient Buildings

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Wednesday 26 October

Based out of Xi'an, this tour explores many of the ancient temples, tombs, and ancient buildings located near to the city including: **Mount Hua, Famen Temple, Qianling Tomb, Maoling Tomb** and the **Tomb of the Yellow Emperor (Xuanyuan Huang Di)**.

Costs: 400 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 100 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Thursday 27 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Wednesday 26 October in Beijing.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

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23 Oct. Xi'an

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

View **Mount Hua** by cable car, famous for its breath-taking cliffs. Along the 12-kilometer-long winding path up to the top are awe-inspiring precipices that will take your breath away. Among the five peaks, East Peak (Facing Sun Peak), West Peak (Lotus Peak) and South Peak (Dropping Goose Peak) are comparatively high. In addition, there are Middle Peak (Jade Maiden Peak) and North Peak (Clouds Stand). The middle peak derives its name from a story which tells of a young lady who rode a white horse among the mountains. North Peak, like a flat platform in the clouds, is the place where the story of capturing Mt. Huashan wisely took place.

24 Oct. Xi'an

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to Famen Temple, Qianling Tomb and Maoling Tomb

Famen Temple, situated 118 km west of Xian, gained the name Famen (which means the initial approach to become a Buddhist believer) in the Tang dynasty when a wooden four-storey structure was built replacing the original Ashoka Stupa built during the Eastern Han dynasty. The temple containing the "the Real Spirit Pagoda," enjoys the reputation of being the "forefather of pagodas and temples in Central Shaanxi," as it held the finger bones of Sakyamuni - the founder of Buddhism.

Qianling Tomb, situated 80 km west of Xi'an on Liangshan Hill, is the joint tomb of Emperor Tang Gaozong (Li Zhi, 628 A.D.-683 AD) and Empress Wu Zetian (624 A.D.-705 AD), the only Empress in Chinese history. Built in 684 AD, according to records, the inner city, about 240 square meters, followed the rectangular layout of Chang'an city with the gates on the four sides named: the Phoenix (south gate), the Tortoise (north), the Black Dragon (east) and the White Tiger (west). The city comprises the inner city and the outer. Many splendid buildings such as dedicatory halls and gate towers were built.

Maoling Tomb, situated 45 km from Xi'an, is the tomb of Emperor Wudi (140 BC - 87 BC) - Liu Che, the fifth emperor of the Western Han. Emperor Wudi ascended the throne at the age of 16 and held power for 54 years. He was always mentioned in conjunction with Emperor Qin Shihuang who established the centralised autocratic state to consolidate control over feudal society. In 112 BC, he revoked the titles of 106 feudal lords. He understood the malpractice of the aristocracy and established the Imperial College to train qualified officials and talents to strengthen feudal centralisation. Meanwhile, he also advocated state control over the fields of finance and commerce.

For example, he announced that only the coins minted by the central government could circulate; metallurgy and salt processing were also forbidden among the people. Businesses run by the government enjoyed exclusive privileges and the government imposed heavy property tax on industrialists and businessmen to enhance the income of the court. The Western Han dynasty became unprecedentedly rich and powerful, centralisation was strengthened, and its feudal economy flourished.

25 Oct. Xining
Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Tomb of the Yellow Emperor (Xuanyuan Huang Di)***

Legend has it that the mausoleum of **Xuanyuan Huang Di**, (the Yellow Emperor), founder of the Chinese nation, stands at the top Mt. Qiaoshan, north of Huangling County seat.

26 Oct. Xining / Beijing
Transfer: Aeroplane
Meals: Breakfast

Depart for Beijing via flight.
END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Beijing.

27 Oct. Catch International Flight from Beijing

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

Participants should plan to depart from China Thursday 27 October, as the tour will most likely arrive in Beijing too late on the Wednesday 26 October to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, in Xi'an the night of Saturday 22 October before the tour begins and, if necessary, in Beijing on the night of Wednesday 26 October.

Tour K: Xining / Ying Chuan / Qinghai Lake

Historic Towns

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Tuesday 25 October

Visit the scenic area surrounding the city of Xining, an ancient trade centre between the Chinese kingdoms and Tibet. Visit the impressive **Ta'er Monastery** and other natural sites.

Costs: 450 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 75 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Wednesday 26 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Tuesday 25 October in Beijing. Furthermore, if this tour is cancelled due to under-registration, participants will not be able to join any of the other tours due to the final destination city and dates.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Xi'an. When registering for their hotel for conference, participants are advised to make their reservations up to including the night of Saturday 22 October to avoid complications.

23 Oct. Xian/Xining

Transfer: Flight / Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Ta'er (Kumbum) Monastery** and the **Dongguan Mosque***

Xining, an ancient centre located on the trade routes between China and Tibet has undergone extensive transformations since the 1950s, creating a specifically Chinese city. Near to the city is the **Ta'er Monastery** founded in 1560, consecrated to Buddhism. A true religious city, this complex occupies close to 40 ha. Points of interest include a small temple covered with murals and sculptures, the Great Hall composed of three levels and the Hall of Sutra constructed in 1606 with 108 sculpted columns.

24 Oct. Xining

Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Sun-Moon Mountain**, **Qinghai Lake** and the **Jinyintan Grassland***

25 Oct. Xining / Beijing

Transfer: Areoplane
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Depart for Beijing via flight.
END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai or Beijing.

26 Oct. Catch International Flight from Beijing

Reminders:

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

Participants should plan to depart from China Wednesday 26 October, as the tour will most likely arrive in Beijing too late on Tuesday October 25 to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, in Xi'an the night of Saturday 22 October before the tour begins and, if necessary, in Beijing on the night of Tuesday 25 October.

Furthermore, if this tour is cancelled due to under-registration, participants will not be able to join any of the other tours due to the final destination city and dates.

Tour L: The Silk Road (Urumqi / Dunhuang / Jiayuguan / Lanzhou)

The Silk Road

Dates: Sunday 23 October - Thursday 27 October

Explore the route of the Silk Trade Road, visiting both natural as well as cultural sites including: the **Xinjian Regional Museum**, the **International Bazar** and the **Heavenly Lake** near Urumqi, the **Ancient City of Gaochang**, **Bizaklik Thousand Buddha Caves**, the **Flaming Mountains** (Huoyan Shan), the **Sugong Pagoda**, the **Ancient City of Jiaohe** (Yarkhoto), the **Karez Water System** near Turfan, and finally the **Mogao Grottoes** and **Echoing-Sand Mountain** (Mingsha Shan) near Dunhuang.

Costs: 760 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 150 USD / PP

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through Beijing, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Friday 28 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Thursday 27 October in Beijing.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Xi'an. When registering for their conference hotel, participants are advised to make their reservations up to including the night of Saturday 22 October to avoid complications.

23 Oct. Xi'an / Urumqi

Urban hotel

Transfer: Aeroplane, Bus

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the Xinjian Regional Museum and the International Bazar

The **Xinjiang Regional Museum**, constructed in the Uygur and Russian styles, was built in 1953. An 18 meter green-tiled dome tops the main hall and enormous mural reliefs decorate the walls, domes, and entrance. The exhibits focus on the archaeological treasures from the Silk Road and the local culture of the area.

24 Oct. Urumqi / Turfan

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Whole day tour of the Heavenly Lake, then bus to Turfan

The **Heavenly Lake (Tianchi Lake)**, situated in the Heavenly Mountain (Tianshan) range, 115 km northeast of Urumqi, is one of the main tourist attractions in China. Formerly known as Yaochi (Jade Lake), it is particularly refreshing for those arriving to Urumqi from the barren deserts in Xinjiang, or from China's numerous granite cities. It is surrounded by the majestic snow-crowned peaks west of Bogda Mountain and geologically a moraine lake 3,400 meters long, 1,500 meters wide and 1,980 meters above sea level.

25 Oct. Turfan

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the Ancient City of Gaochang, Bizaklik Thousand Buddha Caves, Flaming Mountains (Huoyan Shan), Sugong Pagoda, Ancient City of Jiaohe (Yarkhoto), and Karez Water System

Ancient City of Gaochang

46 km southeast of Turfan near the "Flaming Mountains" sit the impressive ruins of the ancient city of Gaochang. Built in the first century B.C. and originally called Gaochangbi, it used to be a garrison town and later became a key point along the ancient Silk Road

Bizaklik Thousand Buddha Caves :

Located 56 km northeast of the Turfan, Bezeklik is known as the Thousand Buddha Caves, a once important site for Buddhist worship. Comprising 67 caves dating from the Northern and Southern dynasties (317 - 589) to the Yuan dynasty (1279 - 1368), Bezeklik means "place where there are paintings" in the Uigur language.

Flaming Mountains (Huoyan Shan)

Movements of the Earth's crust and years of efflorescence have fashioned this unique geological feature. When the sun's rays beat down in mid-afternoon, the red rocks of the crisscrossing gullies and ravines reflect the intense heat, as if the hillsides were engulfed by tongues of fire.

Ancient City of Jiaohe (Yarkhoto)

The Ancient City of Jiaohe is located in the Yarnaz Valley, 13 km west of Turfan, and was once the capital of the State of South Cheshi, one of the 31 states in the Western Region of China.

Karez System

The ancient Karez system is comprised of a series of wells and connected underground channels that used gravity to bring ground water to the surface, usually far from the source.

26 Oct. Dunhuang

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the **Mogao Grottoes** and **Echoing-Sand Mountain (Mingsha Shan)**

The **Mogao Caves**, also known as the Mogao Grottoes or the Caves of a Thousand Buddhas, are set into a cliff face of the Echoing Sand Mountain about 25km southeast of Dunhuang, an oasis city in the Gobi desert.

Echoing-Sand Mountain (Mingsha Shan):

Located 6 km south of Dunhuang city, **Echoing-Sand Mountain** which is also known as the sand dunes of Mingsha, offers superb desert scenery.

27 Oct. Dunhuang / Beijing

Transfer: Aeroplane

Meals: Breakfast

Depart for Beijing via flight.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Beijing.

28 Oct. Catch International Flight from Beijing**Reminders:**

As tours will not be ending in Xi'an, participants are advised to book their return international flights through Beijing.

Participants should plan to depart from China Friday 28 October, as the tour will most likely arrive in Beijing too late on the Thursday 27 Octoberth to catch international flights that day.

Participants will need to reserve their own accommodation, in Xi'an the night of Saturday Saturday 22 October before the tour begins and, if necessary, in Beijing on the night of Thursday 27 October.

Tour M: Zhengzhou / Luoyang / Kaifeng

Historic Towns

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Wednesday 26 October

Visit a variety of historic cities and temple sites, seeing both impressive examples of Chinese rock carving and traditional wooden frame construction. Sites include the **Longmen Grottoes**, the **Ancient Tombs Museum**, **Guanlin Temple** at Luoyang, the **Shaolin Temple**, a **Wushu Performance**, the **White Horse Temple** at Zhengzhou, and the **Iron Pagoda**, **Dragon Pavillion**, and **Xiangguo Temple** at Kaifeng.

Costs: Shanghai* 360 USD/PP **Single Room Supplement:** 110 USD / PP
Beijing* 350 USD/PP

* Different final destination cities are offered so tour participants can catch their international flights, please plan accordingly.

Please Note: Tour participants are advised to book international connections through either Beijing or Shanghai, with departures leaving China no sooner than on Thursday 27 October. Participants will need to book their own accommodation for the night of Wednesday 26 October in either Beijing or Shanghai.

Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Luoyang
Luoyang Hotel
Transfer: Train
Meals: Lunch

Arrive at Luoyang

23 Oct. Luoyang
Luoyang Hotel
Transfer: Bus
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Visit to the Longmen Grottoes, the Ancient Tombs Museum, and Guanlin Temple

Eight km south of Luoyang lies the **Guanlin Temple**, also called General Guan's Tomb, where the head of Guan Yu was buried. Guan Yu was a famous general of the Kingdom of Shu during the Three Kingdoms Period. It was said that after Sun Quan, the king of Wu Kingdom, killed Guanyu, he put Guan's head in a box and sent it to Luoyang in an attempt to blame the murder on Cao Cao, the king of the Wei Kingdom. Cao Cao saw through Sun's trap and was not fooled. He held a ceremonious burial for Guan and buried the head with a carved wooden body.

The world-famous **Longmen Grottoes** are located 12km south of Luoyang. Here two mountains, East Hill (Mt. Xiangshan) and West Hill (Mt. Longmen), confront each other with the Yi River traversing northward between them, just like a pair of Chinese gate towers. During the Zhou and Qin dynasties, it was called "Yi Que" (Gate of Yi River). Later, when the Sui established their capital city in Luoyang, the palace gate faced Yi Que, hence the name "Longmen" which means "Dragon Gate". Spanning a length of over 1,000 meters on the hillsides along the Yi River, the Longmen Grottoes are reputed to be one of the three greatest stone sculpture treasure houses in China. In the year 2000, UNESCO listed the Longmen Grottoes as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

The **Ancient Tombs Museum** located on Mang Hill, where the ancient Mang Village was located, is in the northern suburbs of Luoyang city. In China's long history, thirteen dynasties established their capital at Luoyang. Many imperial tombs were built in the city, especially near the Mang Hill. Tombs excavated here have proved to be the imperial burial sites of Eastern Han emperors and the emperors of the Western Jin and Northern Wei dynasties. In 1984, the government built a museum at the site which was opened to tourists in 1987. Covering 8.6 hectares, the museum has two parts: the western half houses the exhibition halls in which excavated artefacts and relics are displayed; and the eastern part is the tomb site of the Northern Wei emperors.

24 Oct. Luoyang/Zhengzhou

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Shaolin Temple**, **Wushu Performance**, and the **White Horse Temple***

The **White Horse Temple** (Baima Temple), located 12 km from Luoyang City, was established by the Han Dynasty in 68 AD with the spread of Buddhism. This temple is believed to be the first Buddhist temple built by the government in China. According to Historic records, Emperor Ming of the Eastern Han Dynasty (25 - 220 AD) once sent his ministers on a diplomatic mission to the western region to learn about Buddhism. After having finished their study, they returned with two eminent Indian dignitary monks - She Moteng and Zhu Falan, and a white horse caring the sutra and a Buddha figure. In order to commemorate the white horse's contribution in taking back the sutra, Emperor Ming ordered the construction of the temple and named it White Horse Temple.

Founded in 496 AD during the Northern Wei dynasty, the **Shaolin Temple** was built in honour of an Indian monk Bodhidharma (known to the Chinese as Da Mo), founder of the Mahayana sect of Buddhism, popularly known as Chinese Chan (or Zen) Buddhism. This temple, regarded as the birthplace of Chinese Buddhism, bore witness to the rise and fall of several dynasties and is famous for its Martial Arts (Kung Fu). Shaolin Kung Fu is the product of the synthesis of other martial arts principles into a distinctive martial art style. An ancient Shaolin Master once said: "Study Shaolin style in great depth, then study for wisdom and train the body." This quote embodies the physical and mental strength and discipline required in the study of martial arts. In recent years, renewed interest in Kung Fu has led visitors from all over the world to the steps of the temple where the formal teaching of martial arts started.

25 Oct. Zhengzhou/Kaifeng

Transfer: Bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Iron Pagoda**, **Dragon Pavillion**, and **Xiangguo Temple***

The **Dragon Pavillion** at Kaifeng City is a palatial hall built on a thirteen-meter-high marble terrace. During the Song and Jin dynasties, this was the site of the imperial palaces. In the Ming period, an official's residence complete with a garden was constructed. The pavilion was added during the reign of Kuangxhui (1672), enshrining the emperor's tablets. The name derives from the image of two dragons playing with a pearl carved on a plaque in the pavilion. It became an important place for local and official ceremonies and festivities. Another hall was added during the reign of Qing Yongzheng. The great hall features traditional Chinese temple architectural style and a marble terrace. Stone tablets exhibited in the hall bear Chinese calligraphic inscriptions. Wax figures and portraits of Song emperors are also on display.

The **Iron Pagoda (Tie Ta)**, standing north of the Henan University in the northeastern part of the city, was built in 982 (during the Song Dynasty). It is a Buddhist pagoda enshrining the finger bone of a dignitary. The pagoda was kept in Kaibao Temple where it was originally built until the temple was pulled down during the Qing Dynasty. The surface of the pagoda was covered with iron-coloured glazed tiles in 1049, thus gaining its name. The thirteen-story pagoda rises to about sixty meters and is constructed of a timber frame on a brick base carved with exquisite patterns of animals, Buddhist motifs and flora. A park has been built for the pagoda to which several halls and temples have been added. It provides a good venue for the appreciation of Chinese carvings, inscriptions and polychrome statues.

The **Xiangguo Temple**, one of the more famous Buddhist temples in China, was built in 711 on the site of an earlier temple dating from the Northern and Southern Dynasties (420 - 589), named the Xingjian Temple (Flourishing Establishment Temple). The emperor inscribed "Great Xiangguo Temple" on the plaque of the main hall, hence its name. The temple reached its apogee during the Tang and Song dynasties when it was a popular gathering place for imperial families, Buddhist dignitaries and social celebrities gathered.

26 Oct. Zhengzhou / Shanghai or Beijing

Transfer: Bus, Aeroplane

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Visit to the **Yellow River Scenic Area***

Depart for Shanghai/Beijing via flight.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai or Beijing.

27 Oct. Catch International Flight

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Tour N: Chongqing / Yangze River

Chinese Frescos and Stone Carvings

Dates: Saturday 22 October - Wednesday 26 October

Visit to the traditional village of **Ci Qi Kou**, the **Dazu Stone Carving Complex** followed by a two-day cruise down the **Yangze River** with opportunities to visit the **White Emperor Temple** and the **Small Three Gorges**.

Costs: **Single Room Supplement:** 180 USD / PP

Shanghai* 520 USD/PP

Beijing* 550 USD/PP

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Itinerary

22 Oct. Xi'an / Chongqing

Transfer: AM flight from Xi'an to Chongqing

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Situated on the banks of the Jia Ling River near its confluence with the mighty Yangze, is the ancient village of **Ci Qi Kou**, formerly known as Long Yin. Walking through Ci Qi Kou Old Street, see local shops, old wooden houses, the old pier, tea houses, and local Sichuan street performances. Chongqing has undergone many changes over the centuries, however Ci Qi Kou has remained unchanged, conveying an impression of what Chongqing would have been like in the distant past. The State Council has recognised this fact in 1998, designating Ci Qi Kou as a protected cultural site.

23 Oct. Chongqing / Yangze River Dazu

Transfer: Bus / Ship

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The **Dazu Rock Carvings** began in the first year of Yonghui in the Tang Dynasty (650 AD) continuing through the Ming and Qing dynasties. The "Dazu Rock Carvings" include all the cliff carvings in Dazu County, located in the southeast of Sichuan province, 163 kilometres from Chongqing. "Dazu" here means "harvest and abundance (Dafeng, Dazu)." The complex includes the carvings at Beishan, Baodingshan, Nanshan, Shizhuanshan and Shimenshan. Baoding Grotto, 15 km northeast of the county capital, is the largest and best preserved, a key cultural relic site under state protection.

Transfer to Yangze River cruise ship after dinner.

24 Oct. Yangze River

Transfer: Yangze River Cruises

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The journey from Chongqing to Wuhan along the **Yangze River** includes the **Three Gorges** and is characterised by its picturesque natural scenery. The various ports of call along the way offer great opportunities to experience the ancient cultural heritage.

Short excursion to the **White Emperor Temple**

25 Oct. Yangze River

Transfer: Yangze River Cruises

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Short excursions to the **Small Three Gorges** and **Lesser Small Three Gorges**

26 Oct. Yangze River / Yichang / Shanghai or Beijing

Transfer: Flight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Disembark at Yichang, take flight to either Shanghai or Beijing depending on participant's international flight connection.

END OF TOUR

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation in Shanghai or Beijing.

27 Oct. Catch International Flight

Reminders:

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