

CHINA

The Ancient Wisdom Tour



My Green Pages - Journey into China Beijing, Xian, Guilin/Yangshuo, Shanghai, Suzhuo 12 Days - \$2595 Oct. 20 - 31, 2008

Day 1 Depart USA for Beijing, China.



Day 2 Beijing Arrive Beijing and be escorted to your deluxe hotel. Visit the largest and most perfectly preserved **Lamasery** in present day China which houses the **largest Buddha Statue** carved out of a single piece of sandalwood. Dinner, Beijing style.

Day 3 Beijing Buffet breakfast. Ride to **Cloisonné Factory** where you will observe artisans working on this 500 years old unique art of China. En route see the Ming Tomb area. Lunch and shopping at Friendship store. Continue the drive to one of the greatest wonders of the world, The **Great Wall of China** for breathtaking views of this man made structure which stretches more than 4000 miles and is visible from outer space. . **Dinner at Bai Family Restaurant.**



Day 4 Beijing Visit **Temple of Heaven** where emperors came to honor their ancestors Walk **Tianenamen Square**, the largest in the world and then explore the 9,000 treasure-filled chambers and hundreds of secret courtyards of the **Forbidden City**. Visit Pearl Market where various pearl products can be found. Traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony. Dinner and a spectacular **Acrobatic show.**



Day 5 Beijing Full day excursion to **Summer Palace** with a **Cruise on Kunming Lake**. Stroll the grounds of the magnificent Summer Palace, the residence of China's last empress. See her unique marble barge, as well as the brilliant miniature paintings on the ceiling of the empress' covered walkway alongside her private lake. **Foot Reflexology at Tong Reng Tang clinic.** . Quick visit to by the **Olympic Stadium**. Shopping at **Silkware Friendship Store**. Dinner and then KungFu Show.



Day 6 Beijing / Xi'an Arrive at Xi'an, the ancient capital of China. Visit **Wild Goose Pagoda** the most beautiful building left in Xian today. Known as the best-preserved Buddhist temple complex. Visit the **Tang Dynasty Museum**, where the city interpreter will explain the history of Xian to the records of pictures and relics. Relax and mingle with the local people. Dinner tonight will be at the **200 year old De Fa Chang restaurant** featuring Dumpling Banquet where you will taste dozens of culinary treats, accompanied by refreshing **Chinese ancient musical instruments.**

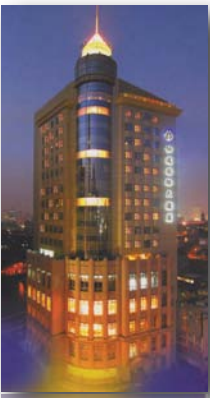


Day 7 Xi'an/Guilin/Yangshuo Today we visit the 8th wonder of the world, an army of **7000** life size **Terracotta Warriors**, horses and chariots buried underground over 2,000 years ago. This **ancient burial-site of the first Chinese Emperor Qin** contains a massive clay army created for his protection in the afterlife. We will visit with a typical Chinese family. Visit the best-preserved **city wall of ancient China**, rebuilt in the early period of the Ming Dynasty Then see a cave village which represents the common living style for people residing in northern China. We then visit one of the largest open air Herbal Markets in China. Dinner and fantastic Qin Style Costume Show. Fly to Guilin...transfer to Yangshuo.

Day 8 Guilin/Yangshuo A unique **Bamboo Rafting Trip** with a local farmer woman called Lucy, will be yours in the magical place called Yangshuo, the centerpiece of any trip to northeastern Guangxi Province.

Magnificent limestone peaks give you surprises at each bend of the winding river under the blue sky. Water buffalo patrol the fields, peasants reap rice paddies, and school kids and fisherman float by on bamboo rafts. With its breathtaking scenery and taste of a life far removed from the concrete metropolis, the scenery along





the Li River become one of China's top tourist destinations. Enjoy the hospitality of Lucy's home in the **Moon Village**, and a marvelous home cooked meal as you thrill at the majestic countryside with its panoramic views. Welcome to Lucy's world. With its breathtaking scenery and taste of a life far removed from the concrete metropolis, the scenery along the River became one of China's top tourist destinations. **The eye-feasting landscape and country scenery will amaze you as will charming Lucy.** Dinner with Lucy followed by the grandiose evening show of Liu San Jie with fabulous fireworks show.

Day 9 Guilin/Shanghai A morning flight takes us to the biggest city in China - Shanghai. Among the three largest cities in the world, Shanghai is a true Western metropolis, fascinating and sophisticated. Take a short bus ride to Suzhou, "Venice of the East". Relax and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



Day 10 Suzhou Suzhou was a thriving trade route stop at the time of Marco Polo's visits during the 13th century. Visit some of Suzhou's **classical gardens**—fusions of rock, water and architecture, reflecting beautiful pavilions and bridges and inviting contemplation. You will never forget the "Lingering Gardens". See **Shantang Old Town**. View the 53-arch **Tang Dynasty stone bridge** and visit the silk factory where silk is spun from cocoons. Bus back to Shanghai. Dinner



Day 11 Shanghai Shanghai's world-renowned **Bund** has been the epitome of elegance throughout its 100-year history. Today, this park-like promenade, a spacious walkway for sightseeing, bristles with activity and excitement. Crowds gather every morning to perform Tai Chi. Street performers, photographers, peddlers and young Chinese couples all congregate along this tree-lined section of **Zhongshan Road**. Visit **Old Shanghai Town bazaar**, a hustling and bustling bazaar, colorful food stores, tea houses and souvenir stalls. Visit **Children's Palace** as they practice music, painting and singing. **BBQ lunch at Cashmere Factory**. Visit **Shanghai Museum**, one of four largest museums in China with superb collections of Chinese cultural relics. Marvel at bronze, jade, ivory and paintings representing all of China's



dynasties and other treasures from ancient China. A visit to Nanjing Road and your ultimate shopping day. Dinner at Dai Ethnic Restaurant followed by the grandiose night cruise over the Huangpu River.

Day 12 Shanghai - USA Fly home, arrive the same day.

Tour incl: 3 Meals a Day, Luxury 4* star hotels, guided sightseeing, all flights within China, entrance to all attractions.

**Land package only. Roundtrip airfare to China at special group rates. We will handle all the details.*

