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DAY TO DAY ANCIENT CHINA ITINERARY 2019

Day One:

Setting out on an exciting cultural experience to the ancient land of China! We are picked up at our homes and whisked off to Pearson airport to catch our overnight flight to Shanghai. During our flight we will enjoy delicious meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment!

Day Two:

Arrive Shanghai

Upon arrival in Shanghai, the number one city in China, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

Day Three:

Shanghai - Suzhou (AB, L)

This morning, walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Then transfer to Suzhou. Suzhou is known as the "Garden City" due to its many classical gardens, renowned for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction.

Day Four:

Suzhou - Wuxi (AB, L)

This morning, visit the Master of Nets Garden which is among the best gardens in China and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". We will take a cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday. Afterwards, we visit a Silk Spinning Mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the nest thread and cloth. Then travel by coach to Wuxi, one of the oldest cities in China with more than 3,000 years of history. Upon arrival, stroll along Nanchang Street, a charming and fashionable pedestrian street composed of both ancient and modern architectural styles.

Day Five:

Wuxi - Hangzhou (AB, L)

This morning, visit the Liyuan Garden. Later visit one of the largest Fresh Water Pearl Farms in the country, followed by tea pot museum, and travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Then, take a boat ride on the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites.

Day Six:

Hangzhou - Shanghai (AB, L)

This morning, experience an oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. After lunch, travel by coach to Shanghai, the vibrant metropolis and commercial center of China. Upon arrival, we will cap off the day by attending a thrilling Chinese acrobatic show! "ERA: The Intersection of Time".



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Day Seven:

Shanghai (AB)

Today we have a free day to explore Shanghai on your own, or take an optional tour with Mag train, visit the old city Bazaar & Xintiandi, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique Shikumen ("stone gate") and modern architecture. (60.00CAD). This evening we'll enjoy a "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai!

Day Eight:

Shanghai - Beijing (AB, D)

Fly to Beijing. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel. After check in we'll depart to tour the Summer Palace. This exquisite palace is the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors. After our tour we will have a local feast featuring Peking Roast Duck!

Day Nine:

Beijing (AB, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. On our way we will visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia. After lunch, see skilled artisans working at a Cloisonné Factory, followed by a visit to the Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. Tonight, we will attend a large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty".

Day Ten:

Beijing (AB,L)

Today we visit famous Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, the Chinese Imperial Palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Afterwards we will have a Hutong tour with rickshaw & lunch at a local family home.

Day Eleven:

Beijing - Xi'an (AB)

Fly to Xi'an in the morning, an ancient capital of China and site of archaeological treasures. Our tour guide will meet us at the airport and transfer us to the hotel. On the way, we visit Muslim Street that is bustling every day with loads of the most authentic fine eateries and souvenirs shops. In the evening, we will attend a famous Tang Dynasty Stage Dancing Show.

Day Twelve:

Xi'an (AB,L)

Today we visit the fascinating Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, Terra Cotta Replication Factory, and biking on Ancient City Wall with lunch.

Day Thirteen:

Xi'an - Shanghai - Home (AB)

Your China journey is over all too soon. Fly back home and arrive home on the same day as you leave China. We bring with us a lifetime of incredible memories from this ancient culture!

AB = American Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner / Visa Fee of \$230.00 is not included in the retail price.