Dear UC San Diego Alumni 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 rest of the world. Today, monuments like the Great Wall and economic transitions are underway with new prosperity in the cities of Shanghai and Beijing.

China is dynamic – ancient and modern – from the Great Wall, built in 600 B.C. of terracotta and marble, to the splendor of Beijing, filled with the museums and monuments of the past and the future. The city skyline of Beijing begins with the Forbidden City, home to numerous emperors, and the Great Wall, built in 600 B.C. Continue to Beijing, a city that once went with Rome and Constantinople for the title of greatest city in the world. The city skyline is more than 5,800 years old. Figures of warriors and their homes are expanded daily to serve society. Visit ancient and the emeralds of Ping Shan in Beijing.

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See you soon in China and Tibet!

Regards,

Armin Afsahi '90

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- Beijing, the 800-year-old ancient capital of China, is the living epitome of China’s past, future and everything in between.
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- **Sept. 6, visit Beijing Old Town and the historic landmark Temple of Heaven.**
- **Sept. 7, climb Great Wall, the most visible human construction from the moon.** Built in 680 B.C., it stretches over 6,000 miles. Vista the Olympic Village including Bird’s Nest. 
- **Sept. 8, fly to Chengdu.** Rest at hotel to adjust for high altitude. B/L (dinner not included)
- **Sept. 9, visit the Museum and Nationaltang.** The summer palace of Daozang Ling followed by an afternoon tour to the Jingshang Temple, built 1,300 years ago to commemorate the marriage of the Chinese Princess Wencheng to the 11th king of Tibet. B/L
- **Sept. 10, explore one of the world’s architectural wonders – Potala Palace.** This immense palace is 13 stories high with over 1,000 rooms including Dalai Lama’s residence, tombs and numerous prayer halls. Watch Tibetan monks chant prayers at the Lama’s residence, tombs and numerous prayer halls. Watch Tibetan monks
- **Sept. 11, fly to Chengdu.** Free in the afternoon B/L (dinner not included)
- **Sept. 12, explore Giant Panda Breeding Center.** City tour to Flower & Bird Market and ethnological “Water Park” (UN environmental awarded).
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**Shanghai, with 16 million residents, Shanghai is the engine and showcase of tremendous economic development in modern China.** Set against 100 year old European culture architecture in the Bund, the waterfront, paperback skyscrapers on the west bank of the Huangpu River reflect its ambitious dream to reign the title of “Chief of Chinatown.” 
- **Sept. 17, fly to Shanghai.** Free in the afternoon B/L (dinner not included)
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- Special gourmet dinners, all listed
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- Tibet Museum -- "the summer palace of Dalai Lama" (UN environmental awarded).

Day-To-Day Itinerary

Day 1-7, Beijing

- Sept. 4, 2013, Los Angeles/Beijing: Take Air China non-stop flight to Beijing.
- Sept. 5-7, Beijing: Beijing, the 3000-year-old capital of China. It is the political, cultural and economic center of China. It is a bustling city with busy streets and a lot of interesting things to do. It is also a great place to sample the local cuisine.

Day 8-10, Tibet

Tibet, capital of Tibet, is the home of the 6 million Tibetans Buddhists. The unique spiritual evolution makes the land majestic and uniquely beautiful and it also lets you feel that the world of spirit seems more real than the world of human beings.

- Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11-12, Chengdu

Chengdu, hometown of giant pandas and famous Sichuan food, is the capital of China's most populated Sichuan Province.

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Xian, ancient capital of China from the 11th Chinese Empire to the most prosperous Tang Dynasty in the 7th century, where the legendary Silk Road originated.

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- Sept. 14, explore one of the most stunning archeological discoveries in the 20th century – Terracotta Warriors. This legendary terracotta army was created by order of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China who was 7 feet long and united China as one nation in 221 BC. Visit Great Mosque (Bundled in 742), Tang Dynasty Music & Dance, Chao Yang Garden.

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Guilin, visit the Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill and the Solitary Beauty Peak. B/L/D

- Sept. 16, cruise on Li River from Guilin to Yangshuo. The picturesque Li River winds its way through the pointed, craggy, limestone peaks, sugar bowls and beautiful limestone formations. The cruise ends with an exploration of the small and charming market town of Yangshuo. B/L/D

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**Sept. 7, climb Great Wall**, the only visible human construction from the moon. Built in 600 B.C., it stretches over 4,000 miles. Visit the Olympic Village, including Bird’s Nest, by Jacques Nicolas and Pierre Meunier, which housed the Opening Ceremony and the National Aquatic Center (Water Cube), 20,000 sq. ft. covered by a glass skin that allows to soap bubbles, by PTW Architects. B/L/D

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**Sept. 8, fly to Chongqing.** Rest at hotel to adjust for high altitude. Dinner.
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Map of China

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