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CHINA PASSAGE

September 3-12, 2015
$2,990 including air from Los Angeles

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Dear UCSD 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, monumental social and economic transformations are underway with new prosperity in the cities of Shanghai and Beijing.

The tour begins in Beijing with visits to the Forbidden City, home to numerous emperors, and the Great Wall, built in 600 B.C. Continue to Xian, a city that once vied with Rome and Constantinople for the title of greatest city in the world. The discovery of more than 6,000 life-size figures of warriors and their horses is expanded daily.

The tour concludes in Shanghai, a city whose past is both exotic and refined, where early twentieth century fortunes were made and lost in feverish trading. Now a metropolis of skyscrapers, it is home to one of Asia’s finest art museums. In Shanghai, you will have a chance to experience the thrill of Maglev Train (up to 278mph).

There will be free time for you to explore Beijing and Shanghai by yourselves.

This program will be a good chance to have a taste of China as well as a perfect graduation trip for senior class. Your early reservation will be crucial. Space is limited, so please reserve soon.

Regards,

Armin Afsahi ‘90
Executive Director
UCSD Alumni
Day-to-Day Itinerary

Sept. 3, 2015, Los Angeles/Beijing

- Depart U.S. and fly Air China non-stop to Beijing.

Sept. 4-7, Beijing

Beijing, the 800-year-old ancient capital of China, is the exuberant heart of the Middle Kingdom. With thirteen million residents, it is the living epitome of China’s past, future and everything in between. Metropark Lido Hotel (4-star), 3 nights

- Sept. 4: Arrive in Beijing. Meet the guide and transfer to hotel. Dinner provided. D
- Sept. 5: Visit the Forbidden City, a magnificent palace built between 1406 and 1421, from which 24 emperors ruled China for 500 years. Continue to the historic landmark Tian-An-Men Square. In the afternoon visit post-modern galleries and Museums at chic Quarter-798 and Beijing’s new fames which include National Center for Performing Arts and CCTV Tower (750 foot) designed by Rem Koolhaas. Welcome Dinner: Beijing Roast Duck B/L/D
Sept. 10-11, Shanghai

With sixteen million residents, Shanghai is now the engine and the showcase of tremendous economic development in modern China. Set against 100-year European colony architecture in the Bund, the avant-garde futurist skyscrapers on the east bank of the Huang Pu River reflects its ambitious dream to regain the title of “Oriental Pearl”. Royalton Hotel (4-star), 3 nights

• Sept. 9: Fly to Shanghai. Visit “New Shanghai” – Pudong, farmland 20 years ago, is now China financial center. Experience the thrill (up to 430km/h or 278mph) of Shanghai Maglev Train. B/L/D

• Sept. 10: Stroll along the beautiful waterfront Bund and through Old Town. Later, walking through twisted alleys, narrow streets and tiny shops, we find ourselves in front of the extraordinary Yu Garden, built in 1577. Shanghai Acrobat B/L/D

• Sept. 11: Free to join option tour to for classic garden to Suzhou or explore Shanghai on your own. B

Sept. 12, Shanghai/U.S.

• Transfer to airport for flying back to U.S. Arrive in Los Angeles the same day due to time difference. B

Sept. 8-9, Xian

Xian, the ancient capital of eleven dynasties from the first Chinese Emperor to the Tang Dynasty in the 9th century, where the legendary Silk Road began. Grand Metropark Hotel (5-star), 2 nights

• Sept. 8: Biking on the Ancient Ramparts of Changan (1 hr) before exploring one the most stunning archeological discoveries in the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors. This legendary, life-size terracotta army was created to protect the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China who conquered seven rival kingdoms and united China as one nation in 221 B.C. B/L/D
All-Inclusive Features

- Round-trip from Los Angeles/Beijing and Shanghai/Los Angeles, economy class, including all tax and fees
- All domestic flights within China, economy class, including airport taxes
- 4-star and 5-star hotel accommodations as listed (or similar class)
- Daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels, and specified lunches (L) and dinners (D)
- Sight-seeing as listed
- Ground transportation within China
- Professional local English speaking guide in each city
- Baggage transportation
- Tour director within China for 10 and more passengers

Not Included

- Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers
- $200 for China Visa
- All personal expenses such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone and anything not mentioned above as included
Reservation Form
(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

China Passage for Young Alumni

Travel Date: September 3-12, 2015
Tour Cost: $2,990 per person, double occupancy (air from Los Angeles included)
Single Supplement: $650
Restrictions: This groups is designed for young alumni under age 35
Reservation Deadline: April 30, 2015

Please send your reservation to:
Best China Tour (UCSD YA GROUP)
250 Parkway Drive #150
Lincolnshire, IL 60069
Fax: 847-793-0599
Email: alumni@BestChinaTour.com

Call Best China Tour at 847-793-0530 if you have any questions for the coming trip.

International Air Upgrade (Los Angeles/Beijing/Los Angeles), please send me/us price for:
(____) Upgrade to Business-class (____) Upgrade to First-class (____) No, thanks

FULL NAME (please print your name as it appears on your passport)

(1)_____________________________________________________________________
   Title            First                 Middle                    Last                            UCSD Class
(2)_____________________________________________________________________
   Title            First                 Middle                    Last                            UCSD Class

Your preferred name on the badge:
________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: ___________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: ____________ ZIP Code: ___________
Daytime Phone: (______) ____________ Evening Phone: (______) _________________
Email: _____________________________________________________

(____) I request assistance in securing a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found by final payment date, I
will pay the single supplement of $650.

Enclosed is my/our deposit (credit card or check) in the amount of $______ ($500 per person required).
Card Type (check one): American Express Visa MasterCard
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ EXP. Date: _ / _ 
Final payment is due prior to June 2, 2015 and must be paid by check.
Please make checks payable to: Best China Tour, Inc.

I/we have read and agreed to the Terms.
Signature: __________________________; ______________________________
Date: ____________________________

Travel insurance information will be sent with your registration confirmation.
Terms

Price quoted is for one passenger based on double occupancy, including economic class international air, China domestic air, ground transfers within China, baggage handling, accommodations, hotels, meals, sight-seeing, local guide, which is specified in this agreement. Price and travel dates are given in good faith and subject to change without notice. In the event of big changes in foreign currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, security fees, and other extra charge, the tour price will be adjusted according market conditions.

Baggage within China one baggage with total sum (length + width + height) and that does not exceed 107 inches (44 Pound) is allowed per passenger along with one carry-on bag. Excess baggage is not included in the trip price.

Payment Reservation will be accepted until $500 deposit per person is received. The full balance of the payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation fee $300 after reservation for any reason whatsoever; 30% of tour price, if cancel 74 to 45 days prior to departure; 50% of tour price, if cancel 44 to 30 days prior to departure; 70% of tour price, if cancel 29 to 11 days prior to departure; 90% of tour price, if cancel 10 to 4 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 3 days prior to departure. A change in departure date is considered as a cancellation. Travelers who can’t finish the whole trip must claim in writing within 30 days of termination of the tour. Any adjustment will be calculated on actual cost and not on a per diem basis, no refund for the traveler who terminates the trip on his or her own personal reason. If tour operator cancels the tour, the refund including compensation will not exceed 100% of tour sales price. For passenger purchasing air tickets only, there will be $100 service charge plus airline penalty.

Travel Insurance The terms will be enforced strictly. BCT strongly recommends all passengers to purchase travel insurance for protection.

Liabilities Best China Tour, Inc. (BCT) purchased air and ground transportation, hotel, restaurant and other travel services from independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Therefore BCT and the sponsoring organization, “UCSD Alumni Association (UCSD)”, will be exempt from any liabilities for death, injury, baggage loss and damage or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of such supplier. BCT and Duke are not responsible for omissions and errors of printing and presentation of brochures, our website, sales agent or any other media.

Itinerary Deviations to the planned itinerary, as shown in brochures and on our website, may occur due to weather, traffic, or any other conditions beyond our control such as strike, acts of God, war, fire, acts of government, riot, etc. We will make our best to insure all the visits and excursions will be similar and there will be no refund. BCT and UCSD reserve the right to substitute the itinerary.

The Hotels listed in brochures and on our website will be used in most circumstance; BCT and UCSD reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same class and standard.

Health No smoking during the transportation in coach and airplane. BCT and UCSD have the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time for the best interests of safety, health or general well being of the tour group or individuals. Passengers’ health should fit all travel schedule and activity. Any delay, cancellation of partial or whole trip causing by passengers’ health will be at the expenses of passenger. Passenger needs to notify UCSD and BCT before reservation if he or she needs any physical assistance (e.g. using wheel chair) during the trip. Participants requiring extra assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance.

Promotion BCT and UCSD reserve the right to take photo, video, media report, etc. during the tour for its own promotion use.

Arbitration Agreement This agreement shall be governed by Illinois law without application of its conflict of laws principals. Any controversy or claim relating this Agreement shall be settled solely and exclusively in Lake County or Cook County, Illinois. If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision or portion of this Agreement to be unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. If either party commences any action or proceeding against the other party to enforce or to interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other party the actual costs, expenses, and attorneys’ fees (including all related costs and expenses) incurred by such prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding and in connection with obtaining and enforcing any judgment or order thereby obtained.

Acceptance of Terms By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

UCSD Alumni Association DISCLAIMER The UCSD Alumni Association and BCT reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a tour member should such a person’s health, mental condition, physical infirmity or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. Refunds will be made in accordance with cancellation policy listed in the brochure.

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