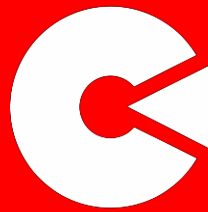




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Breakfasts will be a Western and Asian buffet-style meal served at the hotels.

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This is a draft itinerary for Trip A – Classic China. The final itinerary will be issued February 2015.

Day 1: Vancouver/Shanghai/Beijing

Check in at the Vancouver International Airport for an early afternoon international flight to Shanghai. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner. Cross the International Dateline.

Day 2: Beijing

Land in Shanghai late afternoon, board flight to Beijing. You will be met by your local tour guide at the Beijing airport and escorted to your 5-star hotel.

*Hotel Pullman Beijing West Wanda (5-star)
No. Jia 18 Shijingshan Road, Shijingshan District
Phone: (0086-10-88681188)*



*Hotel
Pullman
Beijing*

Day 3: Beijing

Visit the **2008 Beijing Olympic venues** for a view of the National Stadium (the Bird's Nest) and the National Aquatic Center. Continue the tour to the **Great Wall** and en route the buses will visit a **jade factory**. The Great Wall, 4,000 miles long and 2,000 years old, is said to be the only man-made structure visible to the naked eye from the moon. Visit the **Ming Tombs** - one of the 13 Ming Emperors' tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Enjoy a fabulous Peking roast duck dinner.



*Left: Bird's Nest
Above: Ming Tombs*

*Left: Great Wall
Above: National Aquatic Center*

Day 4: Beijing

Visit **Tiananmen Square**, the largest square in the world, and the **Palace Museum**. This is the **Forbidden City**, home of 24 emperors with a total of 9,999 rooms. Visit the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest. Visit the **pearl market** en route to the **Summer Palace**, known for the Long Corridor with its painted gallery, Kunming Lake, Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and Marble Boat.

In the evening, those who have requested to participate in the **Business Conference** will do so. (If you wish to take part in a business meeting while in China, please complete the Business Meeting Request form and submit it to the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce before December 19, 2014.)

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Optional Tours:

- Hutong Tour: \$39 USD per person
- The Legend of Kung Fu Show: \$39 USD per person



The Legend of Kung Fu

Day 5: Beijing/Shanghai/Suzhou

You will take a morning flight to Shanghai, followed by a bus ride to Suzhou. Suzhou has a long history and is known for its charming garden scenery, you will spend an afternoon of sightseeing at **Tiger Hill**.

Optional tour:

- Grand Canal Boat Ride: \$29 USD per person

*Grand Metropark Hotel Suzhou (5-star)
1355 Jinjihu Avenue, Suzhou Industrial Park
Phone: (0086-512-62800666)*



Above: Grand Metropark Hotel

Left: City of Suzhou

*Below:
National Embroidery Institute
Lingering Garden*



Day 6: Suzhou/Hangzhou

In the morning you will tour the **Suzhou silk factory** and continue on to the centuries old **Lingering Garden**. The afternoon will be spent visiting the **National Embroidery Institute** to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with a 1,000 year old history. After dinner the group will take a bus ride to the city of Hangzhou.

*Crowne Plaza Hotel Hangzhou Grand Canal (5star)
333 Shangtang Road, Hangzhou
Phone: (0086-571-88168888)*



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Day 7: Hangzhou/Shanghai

Enjoy a morning boat cruise on **West Lake** with a relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas. Visit the **Longjing Green Tea Plantation** and the centuries old **Lingyin Temple**, with a 64.3 foot-high camphor-wood carved Buddha. Continue the bus journey to Shanghai.

*Renaissance Shanghai Putuo Hotel (5-star)
No.50 Tongchuan Road, Putuo Distric
Phone: (0086-21-22195888)*



Longjing Green Tea Plantation

Day 8: Shanghai

You will tour **The Bund**, a famous waterfront park and visit the **Shanghai Silk Rug Factory**. In the afternoon, enjoy the **Yu Garden**, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over-arching trees. You will have free time to explore the **old town bazaar** and we will visit the **Pudong economic development zone**.

Optional tours:

- Evening Shanghai ERA Show: \$39 USD per person
- Maglev Train: One-way trip is \$15 USD per person
Round trip is \$25 USD per person

Day 9: Vancouver

You may spend your final morning in China on your own before your early afternoon flight back to Vancouver arriving on the same day.

Testimonials

China is so rich in culture and colour! Beyond the great sights and experiences, our tour guide was so fun and knowledgeable. Our trip with Citslinc will burn in our memories forever.

- Deb McClelland
Executive Director, Kamloops Chamber of Commerce

The trip will always be one of my most special life time experiences. It so exceeded anything I had imagined. The color of the food markets, the texture of the sites and the history is etched in my mind. Mostly I will remember the warmth and welcome of the Chinese people everywhere we went. We all laughed all the time. A very special trip and the comraderie of travelling together was a first for me and I loved it!

- Caroline Grover,
CEO, Kelowna Chamber of Commerce



Clockwise:

Shanghai at Night

Yu Garden

Shanghai Skyline

Streets of Shanghai



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Optional Tours



This is a draft itinerary for Trip B – Terra-Cotta Warriors. The final itinerary will be issued February 2015.

Day 1 - 4: Vancouver/Shanghai/Beijing

The itinerary will be identical to the Classic China Trip A.

*Big Wild
Goose
Pagoda*



Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

Morning flight to Xi'an with afternoon sightseeing to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Evening entertainment of Tang Style Dancing.

*Grand Castle Hotel (5-star)
HuanCheng South Road West Section 12,
Xi'an, China Phone: (0086-10-888 734 8514)*



*Grand Castle
Hotel
Xi'an*

Day 6: Xi'an

Morning bus excursion to the "Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses", a collection of [terra-cotta](#) sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. It is a form of funerary art buried with the emperor in 210–209 BCE and whose purpose was to protect the emperor in his afterlife. The figures, dating from approximately the late third century BCE, were discovered in 1974 by local farmers. On the way back visit the Huaqing Hot Spring Park and Banpo Museum



*Left/Right
Terra-Cotta
Warriors*



*Above:
Huaqing Hot Springs*

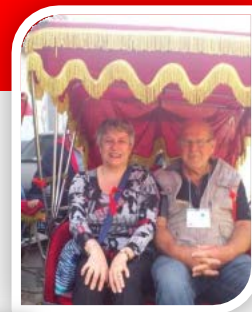
Day 7-9: Xi'an Beijing/Shanghai

Flight to Shanghai, then the itinerary will be the same as Classic China Trip A.

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Optional Tours



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Registration & Payment for Optional Tours

Registration and Payment for optional tours will be handled in China. Tours place in Beijing must be paid for in cash. The remainder of the tours can be paid cash or credit card. Credit Card processing will be available on Day 6 at lunch in Suzhou.



Hutong Tour

Day 4, Beijing

\$39 USD per person

Hutongs are a type of narrow street or alley, most commonly associated with Beijing. They are a traditional living area for Beijing citizens, the history of which dates back to 1000 years ago. Hundreds of thousands of houses built in a traditional architecture style are densely flanked on both sides of narrow, zigzag streets in which people have been living a peaceful and traditional life for many generations.

First, you will ride a traditional two-person rickshaw, traveling through narrow streets and becoming part of a long-established way of life. Afterwards, the group will visit local families and exchange information about their lives while helping to cook Chinese dumplings with the family. During lunch, you will be treated to Chinese domestic dishes as well as the dumplings you have helped make. The tour lasts about two hours.

(Those not taking the Hutong Tour will be escorted to a local restaurant for lunch with your guide.)



The Legend of Kung Fu

Day 4, Beijing

\$39 USD per person

The Legend of Kung Fu is a production which combines the elements of kung fu, story-telling, acrobatics, modern dance, and original music, brought together to celebrate the philosophy and skill of martial arts. The show tells the story of a young boy, Chun Yi (the pure one), who pursues spiritual and physical harmony while apprenticed as a monk to learn kung fu. Along the way he overcomes obstacles, is distracted and tempted, but ultimately achieves the designation of master who will enlighten the younger generations. The Legend of Kung Fu toured North America in 2005-2006, winning outstanding audience admiration.

(Those not attending the evening show will be taken back to the hotel for a free evening.)

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Canal Cruise

Day 5, Suzhou

\$29 USD per person

This delightful tour has the charm of the “Venice of the East” with a canal cruise lasting over an hour. Part of the cruise is on the ancient Grand Canal, dug over 1,300 years ago. With a total length of 1,100 miles, it is the longest man-made canal in the world, outstripping the Suez and the Panama. Part of the cruise is on the smaller side canals in the older part of the city. This is one of the most interesting sections of the cruise. You will see country views with old arched bridges, and old houses alongside the canal, while getting a firsthand view of what canal life is like. Halfway through the cruise, you make a stop in the old part of the city to go exploring in the local market. Reviewed by travelers as “a fascinating experience.”

(Those not participating in the tour will stroll the local wedding dress market with the guide.)



Shanghai ERA Show

Day 8, Shanghai

\$39 USD per person

With an investment of nearly \$10 million US, this is the first show of its kind in China. ERA is a multimedia odyssey whose inspiration is a direct result of the combination of traditional Chinese acrobatic arts and modern technology. ERA evolves out of a collision between the past and future. It is a love story, a contemplation, a fascination with that other dimension man has yet to conquer: time. Not only will the audience be amazed by the acrobats' control and precision, they will be enchanted by the world that is created through multimedia, technology, lighting and sound effects, elaborate costumes and original live music. The 90 minute show tells a fascinating story of a journey of past, present and future.

(Those not attending the show will have a free evening.)



The Shanghai Maglev Train

Day 8 or 9, Shanghai

\$15 USD per person for one-way trip

\$25 USD per person for a round trip



The Shanghai Maglev Train is a magnetic levitation train (maglev) line in Shanghai. Powered by electromagnetism, it is suspended in the air about 10 millimeters above the track on a magnetic cushion while travelling. It is the first commercial high-speed maglev line in the world — on a test run in 2003, a Maglev vehicle achieved a Chinese speed record of 501 km/h (311 mph) non-commercial top speed.

The journey was designed to connect Shanghai Pudong International Airport quickly to Shanghai where passengers could change for their final destinations in the city centre. Construction of the line began in 2001 with service in 2004. The train's commercial speed is 431 km/h (268 mph), the world's fastest in regular service, faster than the TGV in France or any production automobile.

(Those not taking the train will take the tour bus to the airport.)



Jade Factory, BEIJING



Jade articles produced in ancient China were used in sacrificial ceremonies, rituals and as adornments. With their solid and smooth quality, and lustrous colors, jade products have always been admired for their beauty and style.

In ancient time, jade was only used for personal ornaments. After the middle and later Neolithic age, large jade articles replaced small ones. Large jade articles, usually symbolizing a certain prestige, began to reflect the ideas of a social class system and ancient religions.

In the Book of Rites (one of the Five Classics constituting the core of the traditional Confucian canon), jade is described as “mild, smooth and lustrous, like the virtue of a kind and decent man. It is cut with angles and corners, but will not hurt anyone, like the virtue of a righteous man. A jade ornament worn as a pendant is like a benign, modest man of good manners. When it is struck, it gives a clear, resonant and lingering sound which lasts till it comes to a sudden stop, just like the attitude of a man of virtue toward music. The beauty of a piece of jade co-exists with its flaws, which are not covered up, like the behaviour of a loyal and honest man. It is crystalline and transparent and shiny, like the quality of purity which springs from the bottom of a good man’s heart.”

Thus, the art of jade carving and tradition is most representative of respect for Chinese culture. It is subtle in detail and deeply involved in craftsmanship and natural beauty, which shows a unique form of glorious Chinese civilization.

The Pearl Market, BEIJING

As early as 4000 years ago, Chinese discovered the pearl when searching the ocean for food. Since then, countless items of pearl jewelry and artwork have been created by Chinese artisans. Pearls have become one of the important touchstones of Chinese culture.



The first written account of pearls is four thousand years ago in China. People in China have been collecting, growing, and harvesting pearls for over two thousand years – China has the oldest pearl production tradition anywhere in the world. China was also the first country to develop cultured pearls, around 1082 A.D. The huge country, with its diverse waterways, is home to many different environments for oysters, providing various kinds of freshwater pearls and saltwater pearls.

DongLin Silk Factory, SUZHOU

The Jiangsu Provincial Department of Commerce silk factory is one of the largest tourist shopping centres in the country. The factory is a division of the Dongling Group, which has interests in manpower and natural resources.

The centre has special attractions, including a silkworm farm, showing all the phases of silk production and harvesting. Processes are explained, and a special type of “long life” silk is demonstrated.





Lan Liyuan Embroidery Research Institute, SUZHOU



Lan Liyuan Embroidery Research Institute is a major embroidery research institute in China. Suzhou or "Su" embroidery is one of the oldest embroidery techniques in the world, with origins going back 2,000 years. Suzhou embroidery was one of the first needlework styles to be developed in China; happily, its detailed needlework and intricate images are still practiced today.

The style is characterized by brightly colored silk, embroidered with well-proportioned and uncluttered representations of pastoral scenes, people, animals, and objects. Examples of Suzhou embroidery are so detailed and intricate that many people use the pieces as artwork.

Mei Jiawu Tea Culture Village, HANGZHOU

Hangzhou's Mei Jiawu tea culture village is roughly 600 years old. It is located to the west of the famous West Lake scenic area, to the south of the Mei Lin tunnel and runs along both sides of Mei Lin road for ten miles.

The village is nestled in a deep and secluded valley, entirely surrounded by verdant hills. With small streams running down through the valley and an abundance of wildlife, this fertile land is a true paradise on earth. The fragrant green tea aroma that fills the atmosphere is the famous West Lake Dragon Well green tea.



Shanghai Artistic Carpet Factory, SHANGHAI



Shanghai Artistic Carpet Factory was built in 1904. It has grown into a large government carpet weaving factory with six branches located throughout the suburbs of Shanghai.

The factory has about 2000 employees and professional designers, making it one of the largest production and sales carpet factories in South China. Workers can design and produce carpets to customers' specifications.

The designers emphasize quality and style; high quality resulting in long wear, and have won national design awards year after year. Most of the carpets are exported to America and Europe.



Sample Menus:



金殿餐厅 Golden Palace Restaurant, Beijing

Braised Beef Brisket, Beef fillet with Oyster sauce, Fried Chicken fillet, Sweet and Sour Pork, Braised eggplants, Fries, Sauté Seasonal vegetable, Diced chicken with bean paste sauce, Rice, Chinese traditional dumpling, Oxtail soup

兰莉园 Lan Li Garden Restaurant, Suzhou

Fried shrimp with pepper and salt, Special-flavored minced pork, Fried fish with tomato sauce, Fried chicken nugget, Bean curd with ham, mushroom and shrimp, Poached sliced pork in hot chili oil, Braised eggplant with minced pork, Two seasonal vegetables, Mixed vegetable soup with ketchup, Suzhou-style fried rice

百合花 Li Ly Hotel, Hangzhou

Deep fried fish row with tomato sauce, Braised meat ball, Braised pork with bun, Braised beef brisket with potato, Kung Pao Chicken, Fried season vegetable, Fried cabbage, Tomato with eggs soup, Noodles with soybean paste, Cream cake

傣家村 Dai jia Cun Restaurant, Shanghai

Borsch, Chicken chop salad, Fillet beef teppanyaki, Dai jia la wei, Special chinese sausage, Sweet and sour weever, Home made pita bread, Dry pot wild mushroom, Curry flavor potato, Dry pot lotus root, Scrambled egg fried rice, Fried noodles