

14 Day Tour for 2008 or 2009

Travel with
(Your Name Here) to



CHINA

October 20-November 2, 2008

June 8-21, 2009

Final Cost per person in twin from most U.S. cities:

\$3,795 + \$330 air taxes & fuel surcharges**

** \$330 air taxes & fuel effective 12/07 are subject to change until airline tickets are issued.

Featuring:

◆ Beijing, China's exotic capital

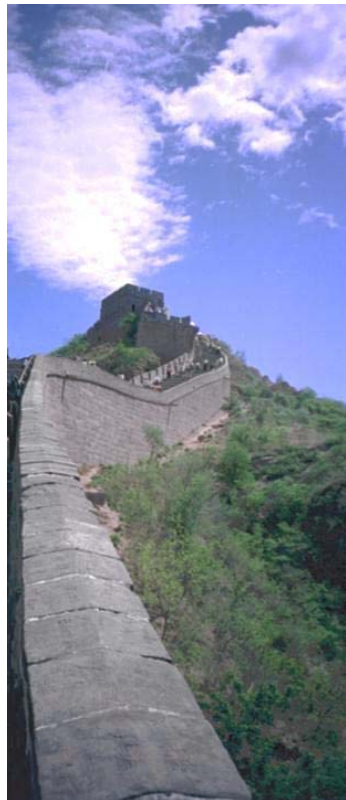
The Great Wall, Forbidden City & Summer Palace

◆ 4 Day Yangtze River Cruise

Upstream from Yichang to Chongqing with excursions to Three Gorges Dam site, Danning River Small Gorges and Shibaozhai

◆ Guilin and Li River Cruise

◆ Shanghai, China's shining and exiting cosmopolitan city.



Any Questions?

(Your Organization's

Contacts Here)

Minimum Group Size
of only ten (10) Persons.

Cost Includes:

- Round trip air from home city;
- 12 Nights first class accommodations in twin bedded rooms with private bath: (Beijing-4 nights; Yangtze River Cruise-4 nights; Guilin-2 nights; Shanghai-2 nights);
- Breakfast & dinner daily on land tour;
- All Meals on 4 day cruise;
- Deluxe, private motor coaches per itinerary below;
- Shore excursions during cruise to Three Gorges Dam site, Danning River Small Gorges, Shibaozhai;
- Li River Cruise in Guilin;
- Services of English speaking local guides;
- Entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & services;
- Portorage of one bag per person;
- China visa processing;
- Air taxes & fuel surcharges on all flights of \$330 in 12/07, subject to change until airline tickets are issued

Single Room Supplement: \$1050

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. some lunches, passport fees, optional cancellation insurance of \$225 (view policy at www.gtatours.travel (links/resources)); gratuities (budget \$120 per person to be paid in cash during the tour); items of a personal nature, optional sightseeing not specified above.



BOOKING FORM

GTA Tours China October 2008

Enclosed is my (our) check for \$____ (\$350 nonrefundable deposit + \$225 optional cancellation insurance per person is due immediately to secure your space for __ (number of persons). Second payment of \$2,000 is due June 5, 2008; final payment is due on Aug 14, 2008.

Checks payable to **GTA TOURS**

MAIL TO:

(Your Address
Here)

My Name is: (Rev./Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
(Enter first and last legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Room Occupancy
Twin Single Triple

Sharing room with: _____

Tel: Day _____ Eve: _____

Email: _____

Passport Information: U.S. passports must be valid 6 months beyond arrival date in China or beyond; a visa is required for travel to China and will be processed by GTA Tours. If you are not a U.S. citizen, check with Consulate of China.

CHINA – WITH FR. RIMELSPACH & FR. STLUKA

Day-by-Day Itinerary: September 22-October 5, 2008

DAY 1/MON—DEPART COLUMBUS.

DAY 2/TUE—ARRIVE BEIJING. Upon arrival in the bustling and exciting capital of China, meet your local guide and transfer to hotel. The balance of the day is free to rest. (D) www.capitalhotel.com

DAY 3/WED—BEIJING. Today visit historic Tiananmen (Gate of Heavenly Peace) Square, the largest city square in the world and the spiritual heart of China, where the national flag is raised exactly at sunrise everyday. Next, see the magnificent Forbidden City, located in the center of Beijing. It used to be the imperial palace of the Ming and Qing dynasties with a history of around 600 years, the grandest integral palace complex in China. In the afternoon, see exquisite Summer Palace. Located on the northwestern outskirts of the city, it was an imperial summer resort of the Qing Dynasty. With its perfect layout, magnificent buildings and enchanting landscape, it is the most splendid classical garden in China. (B,D)

DAY 4/THU—BEIJING. Full day excursion takes you to the majestic Great Wall: the most famous symbol of China and one of the world's most remarkable architectural wonders, it was built over 2,000 years ago and stretches about 6,700km. Also visit Ming Tomb, the burial site of the 13th emperor of the Ming Dynasty who ruled for 48 years until his death in 1620 and the Sacred Road, a path lined with stone statues of animals, mystical beasts and officials who serve the emperor in his afterlife, through which the sitting emperors would go to perform memorial rituals for the ancestors once a year. This evening, enjoy a famous Peking Duck Banquet. (B,D)

DAY 5/FRI— BEIJING. Learn more about Beijing's distinctive culture and people today as your guide takes you to Hutong, an old neighborhood of narrow paths and typical quad buildings facing central courtyard. Perhaps you will visit a local family and talk about how daily life is spent in these traditional neighborhoods. Next, visit Prince Gong's Palace, the Drum Tower and old-style courtyard houses still inhabited by Beijing residents. Continue to the Temple of Heaven, where the emperors came to pray for good harvest. Finally visit the Lama Temple, a Museum of Tibetan Buddhism, where the Dalai Lama once preached. (B,D)

DAY 6/SAT—BEIJING/YICHANG/YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE. Morning flight takes you to Yichang, where you begin the exciting Yangtze River Cruise aboard Victoria Cruises www.victoriacruises.com aboard the deluxe Victoria Rose. Along the shores of China's Yangtze River, the ancient and the modern collide. And on a journey with Victoria Cruises, you will experience the thrilling ebb and flow of Chinese life in the 21st Century. You sail on a 4 night upstream cruise from Yichang to Chongqing. (B,D)

DAY 7/SUN—YANGTZE CRUISE. In the morning, **shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam** site, the largest water conservancy project ever undertaken by man. The construction of the dam formally began in 1994. The body of the dam was completed in 2003, and the whole construction will be completed in 2009. (B,L,D)

DAY 8/MON—YANGTZE CRUISE. Sail through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge this morning. **Excursion to Daning River Small Gorges of Shennong Stream.** The gorges are truly spectacular with sheer cliffs soaring up towards the sky from the brown-green water. In the afternoon, you will have photo opportunities galore as you sail through the much photographed Three Gorges region. One of nature's most extraordinary sculptures, over millennia the Yangtze has carved these gorges through the spectacular mountain scenery of Szechuan Province. (B,L,D)

DAY 9/TUE—YANGTZE CRUISE. Today's excursion is to **Shibaozhai**, famous for its 12-story wooden pagoda built against a sheer cliff on the river bank over some 400 years ago. (B,L,D)

DAY 10/WED—CRUISE/CHONGQUING/GUILIN. In the morning arrive in the mountainous city of Chongqing. Transfer to flight to Guilin, the most scenic city in China, local guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure. (B,D)
Lijiang Waterfall Hotel www.waterfallguilin.com

DAY 11/THU—GUILIN. In the morning, drive to Zhujiang Pier (about 40-minute drive) to start the **boat cruise along the tranquil Li River**, a tour highlight. Along the river, you will sail through a traditional Chinese painting: be inspired by breathtaking views of peaks and pinnacles, crystal-clear water and reflections in the water together with the serene pastoral views of rice paddies and water buffalos. Disembark at Yangshuo and drive back to Guilin stopping en route at Elephant Trunk Hill, the symbol of Guilin, which resembles a giant elephant drinking water from the Li River. (B,L,D)

DAY 12/FRI —GUILIN/SHANGHAI. In the morning, visit Fubo Hill, where you can see 1,000 year old statues of Buddha and you can catch a bird's eye view of the whole city. Transfer to flight to exciting, cosmopolitan Shanghai. (B,D) www.centralhotelshanghai.com

DAY 13/SAT—SHANGHAI. Full day excursion of incredible Shanghai will include: Shanghai Museum, often ranked as China's best, with a fine collection of over 120,000 pieces of Chinese artifacts; the Bund, a mile long street in the city center where the great trading houses and banks had their headquarters in 1920s and 1930s; Nanjing Road, known as "China's No. 1 Shopping Street", with a huge amount of merchandise on sale Yuyuan Market, a bustling market with different snacks and trinkets. Enjoy a wonderful Acrobatic Show tonight. (B,L,D)

DAY 14/SUN—SHANGHAI/COLUMBUS. (B)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner

Itinerary Subject to Modification.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated at selected sites.

**NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF
\$350 PER PERSON
plus \$225 optional cancellation
insurance is due immediately
to reserve cruise stateroom.**