

## NW China Council Spring 2012 China Tour

**Dates:** March 31-April 16, 2012

**Cities:** Shanghai-Hangzhou-Kunming-Dali-Lijiang-Shangri-la-Guilin-Yangshuo-Hong Kong

**Minimum Number of Participants:** 16 people

- 3/31 Sat**      **Portland (PDX)-Shanghai (PVG)**  
Depart Portland for Shanghai Pudong International Airport (with a flight connection in Tokyo, Seattle, Vancouver, BC or San Francisco, depending on the choice of airlines). Cross the international dateline.
- 4/1 Sun**      **Shanghai**  
Arrive at Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Meet the local tour guide and driver for transfer to the 4-star **Holiday Inn Vista**. Rest and explore on your own. Dinner is on your own. *(Participants who have not been to Shanghai previously have the option of arriving in Shanghai a day or two earlier for a Shanghai city tour that may include Yu Yuan Garden, Shanghai Museum, the old French Concession area, the Bund, Pudong District, lunch, dinner, the evening river cruise.)*
- 4/2 Mon**      **Shanghai-Hangzhou (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Travel to Wuzhen by tour bus. Tour this ancient water village including a boat ride. Lunch is in the water village. Continue to Hangzhou. Check into the 4-star **Ramada Haihua Plaza Hotel** in the vicinity of the West Lake. Enjoy a free evening to explore around on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/3 Tue**      **Hangzhou (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Buffet breakfast. Tour the West Lake by boat. Visit the surrounding sights (Su Causeway, and Hua Gang Park). Lunch is at a local restaurant. Visit Meijiawu Tea Plantation Village. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Optional: the Impression of West Lake show (developed and directed by the famous Chinese movie director Zhang Yimou).
- 4/4 Wed**      **Hangzhou-Kunming (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Fly to Kunming in the morning. Upon arrival, meet the tour guide and driver for lunch at a local restaurant. Tour Kunming Botanical Garden and the Daguan (Grand View Tower) Park (if time permits). Transfer to the 4-star **Jinjiang Hotel** by the Green Lake. Explore around the Green Lake on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/5 Thu**      **Kunming (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Take a day trip to the Stone Forest. Visit a local village en route to the park. Lunch is inside the park. Tour the Stone Forest after most crowds have left. Return to Kunming. Enjoy a free evening to explore around on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/6 Fri**      **Kunming - Dali (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Buffet breakfast. Fly to Dali. Upon arrival, meet the tour guide and driver for lunch at a local restaurant. Tour the [Erhai Lake Park](#) (the best place to appreciate the beautiful Erhai Lake scenery). Take a boat/ferry ride on the lake. Continue to the primitive and tranquil [Dali Old Town](#), where you will see limpid streams passing through the town and local people wearing their ethnic costumes. Check into the 4-star **Landscape Hotel** in the Old Town. Explore around on the Market Street. Dinner is at a local restaurant.
- 4/7 Sat**      **Dali-Lijiang (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Tour Cang-Shan Mountain Scenic Area with a visit to the Three Pagoda Temple and Zhonghe Temple. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Travel to Lijiang by tour bus. On the way, visit a traditional Bai ethnic house. Upon arrival in Lijiang, check into the 4-star **Wangfu Hotel** in the old town. If time permits, visit the Black Dragon Pool. Enjoy some free time to explore around in the Old Town. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/8 Sun**      **Lijiang (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Buffet breakfast. Tour the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain scenic area (including the Dragon Spruce Meadow, the Jade Peak Monastery, and the White Water River). Lunch is at a local

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restaurant. Visit Baisha Village, the Baisha Murals and a local Naxi family. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Optional: Naxi Ancient Music and Dance Show at Dongba Palace.

- 4/9 Mon Lijiang-Shangri-la (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Travel to Shangri-la by tour bus. On the way, visit the Tiger Leaping Gorge, the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the Stone Drum Village. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Upon arrival in Shangri-la, check into the **Songtsam Retreat Hotel**. Enjoy some free time to explore around on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/10 Tues Shangri-la (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Buffet breakfast. Visit the Songzanlin Monastery - the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Yunnan. Tour Shudu Lake and Bitahai Lake. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Visit a local Tibetan family if possible. Dinner is at a local restaurant.
- 4/11 Wed Shangri-la-Guilin (breakfast)**  
Buffet breakfast. Fly to Guilin (with a flight change in Kunming). Lunch is on your own. Upon arrival, meet the tour guide and driver for transfer to the 4-star **Bravo Hotel**. Enjoy some free time to explore around in the city center. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/12 Thurs Guilin-Yangshuo (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Take the Li River Cruise to Yangshuo. Lunch is on board the cruise. Upon arrival, check into the 4-star **Tang Ren Jie Hotel** by the river. Enjoy the rest of the day free to explore around in the town. Dinner is on your own. Optional: the grand outdoor water show -- the Impression of Liu Sanjie.
- 4/13 Fri Yangshuo (breakfast, lunch)**  
Buffet breakfast. Take a day excursion to the countryside and nearby villages along Yulong River. Enjoy the views of karst formations, the river sceneries, and the farms. Visit a local farmer's house. Optional: individual bamboo raft or local boat excursion. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Dinner is on your own. Visit photographic spots at sunset for picture taking if interested. Optional: watch cormorant fishing by local fishermen.
- 4/14 Sat Yangshou-Guilin-Hong Kong (breakfast)**  
Buffet breakfast. Visit photographic spots at sunrise for picture taking (if interested). Lunch is on your own. Transfer to Guilin Airport. Fly to Hong Kong. Upon arrival, meet the tour guide and driver for transfer to the **YMCA Salisbury Hotel** in Kowloon. Enjoy the free evening to explore on your own. Dinner is on your own.
- 4/15 Sun Hong Kong (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Buffet breakfast. Take an excursion to Lantau Island by tour bus. Visit Po Lin Monastery and the giant Buddha. Visit Tai O Fishing Village. Lunch is on Lantau Island. Enjoy the rest of the day free to explore around on your own. Group farewell dinner is at a local restaurant. Optional: Harbor cruise at night.
- 4/16 Mon Hong Kong-Portland (breakfast)**  
Buffet breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Fly to Portland (via Tokyo, San Francisco, Seattle or Vancouver, BC depending on your choice of airlines). (Participants may extend their stay in Hong Kong independently.)

Domestic flight information and the sequence of daily tour activities are subject to change.

## Tour Fee and Payment Requirements

### Tour Package Fee:

**\$3,100.00 per person based on two persons sharing each room, with a minimum of 16 participants. The single supplement fee is \$985. The tour fee includes a \$250 donation to the NW China Council.**

The fee covers:

- Standard room (double occupancy) at the above hotels with daily buffet breakfast
- Service of an English speaking tour guide in each city
- Service of a driver with a van/bus for scheduled tours and transfers in each city

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- Guided tours as specified in the itinerary with admission fees for the main entrance to each site
- Most lunches and some dinners as specified in the itinerary

The fee does not cover:

- Gratuity
- Meals that are not covered in the itinerary
- International flights (*estimate \$1000-\$1200*), Chinese visas (*\$175.00*) and travel insurance
- Optional activities and shows as suggested in the itinerary
- Miscellaneous expenses of a private nature (phone, laundry, etc.)

**Payment Requirements:**

- Deposit of \$500.00 per person is due with tour registration, by **Jan. 31, 2012**
- Balance is due in full by one month before the tour begins.
- Please make payment **with check** payable to Northwest China Council.

### **Additional Travel Support Services**

China visa service through Always and Forever Adoption Homeland Tours (a branch of China Passion Cultural Services, Inc.):

[http://www.alwaysforever.us/other\\_services/visa\\_service.html](http://www.alwaysforever.us/other_services/visa_service.html)

Consulate Fee: \$140.00 + Visa Service Fee: \$35.00

Cell phone rental service through Panda Phone, Inc.:

[http://www.alwaysforever.us/other\\_services/phone\\_rentals.html](http://www.alwaysforever.us/other_services/phone_rentals.html)

Cost varies according to your choice of phone and usage.

Travel Insurance through Travel Protectors:

[http://www.alwaysforever.us/other\\_services/travel\\_insurance.html](http://www.alwaysforever.us/other_services/travel_insurance.html)

Cost varies according to your choice of coverage and the total cost of your trip.

International flight booking:

[Please contact Vincent Chou at E-Fly Travel 1-888-399-5626](#)

Currently, the airfare is estimated at \$1000.00-\$1200.00 per person economy class (PDX-PVG on March 31 and HKG-PDX on April 16).

### **Other Expenses to Budget**

Suggested Amount of Gratuity:

- tour guide \$3.00-\$5.00 and driver \$2.00-\$3.00 per day per tourist
- luggage handler and hotel bellboys: \$1.00 per suitcase

Meals on Your Own: Please budget \$8.00-\$10.00 per person per meal.

Optional Evening Shows: \$30.00-\$50.00 per person per show

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