CONFUCIUS HOMETOWN
11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

Day 1 - USA/Beijing
Depart the US via Cathay Pacific flight for Beijing. Cross the International Date Line.

Day 2 - Beijing
Arrive in Beijing, capital of China. Transfer to your hotel. (Royal Phoenix)

Day 3 - Beijing/Qingdao
Fly to Qingdao, a beachside resort city on the east coast of the Yellow Sea. Transfer to your hotel. (Dynasty) (B/L/D)

Day 4 - Qingdao
Full-day sightseeing tour highlights scenic Mt. Laoshan, surrounded by sea and dotted by waterfalls, Taoist temples and rural villages. (B/L/D)

Day 5 - Qingdao/Jinan
In the morning, your city tour includes May Fourth Square, Badaguan, the beach area and Zhan Bridge Pavilion. After lunch travel overland to Jinan. Check in at your hotel. (Sofitel) (B/L/D)

Day 6 - Jinan/Qufu
Morning excursion takes you to Qufu, the Confucius birthplace and a 3,000-year-old town. Revered and respected by all rulers in history, Qufu has preserved its architecture and traditions. Visit the magnificent Confucius residence, temple and tomb. (Quelli Guest House) (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Qufu/ Mt. Tai
Drive a few miles to sacred Mt. Tai and take an easy and scenic cable-car ride to the peak. At the hotel, view the South Gate to Heaven, the sea of clouds, and if the clouds break, the Yellow Sea. Later on, view the magnificent sunset. (Shengj) (B/L/D)

Day 8 - Mt. Tai/Jinan
Descend via cable car to take to the road again for Jinan. Transfer to your hotel. (Sofitel) (B/L/D)

Day 9 - Jinan
Full-day tour of Jinan, known as the City of Springs. Visit Daming Lake, Paotu Spring, Provincial Museums and much more. (B/L)

Day 10 - Jinan/Shanghai
Fly to Shanghai. Upon arrival, transfer to the city to visit Yu Garden, Jade Temple, the Bund and Nanjing Road. (Sunrise on the Bund) (B/L)

Day 11 - Shanghai/USA
Depart via Cathay Pacific flight back to the US, and arrive home the same day. (B)

Day 7 - Xian/Shanghai
Fly to Shanghai and transfer to your hotel. (Lansheng/New World Mayfair) (B)

Day 8 - Shanghai
Visit the Bund, the Jade Buddha Temple and Yu Garden, where you can appreciate classic Chinese horticulture. Shop along Nanjing Road. (B/L)

Day 9 - Shanghai/Nanjing
Take a train to Nanjing and transfer to your hotel. (New Century/Jinling) (B/L)

Day 10 - Nanjing
See Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum, the Xuanwu Lake and the Ming Tomb. (B/L)

Day 11 - Nanjing/Wuxi
A pleasant train ride brings you to Wuxi. Enjoy a cruise on the beautiful Taihu Lake. (Picturesque/Sheraton) (B/L)

Day 12 - Wuxi/Suzhou
Train to Suzhou and transfer to hotel. (Bamboo Grove/Pan Pacific) (B/L)

Day 13 - Suzhou
Full-day tour of this charming city of canals and gardens, Tiger Hill and Embroidery Institute. (B/L)

Day 14 - Suzhou/Hangzhou
Train to Hangzhou, the Paradise on Earth. (Lakeview/Grand Metro Park) (B/L)

Day 15 - Hangzhou
Cruise the legendary West Lake, and visit Lingyin Temple. Then see a tea plantation and sample the finished product. (B/L)

Day 16 - Hangzhou/USA
Board Cathay Pacific flight and return to the US the same day. Or, take the Hong Kong Extension (page 5). (B)

China Extravaganza
16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Nanjing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou

Day 1 - USA/Beijing
Depart the US via Cathay Pacific flight for Beijing. Cross the International Date Line.

Day 2 - Beijing
Arrive Beijing and transfer to your hotel. (Qianmen/Royal Phoenix)

Day 3 - Beijing
Full-day excursion to Great Wall and Ming Tombs. (B/L/D)

Day 4 - Beijing
Full-day excursion to Great Wall and Ming Tombs. (B/L)

Day 5 - Beijing/Xian
Fly to Xian and transfer to your hotel. (Grand New World/Grand Metro Park) (B/L)

Day 6 - Xian
See the 6,000 life-size terra-cotta soldiers and horses at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi. Also see Hu Qing Hot Springs and Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight enjoy a feast of delicate dumplings. (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Xian/Shanghai
Fly to Shanghai and transfer to your hotel. (Lansheng/New World Mayfair) (B)

Day 8 - Shanghai
Visit the Bund, the Jade Buddha Temple and Yu Garden, where you can appreciate classic Chinese horticulture. Shop along Nanjing Road. (B/L)

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See Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum, the Xuanwu Lake and the Ming Tomb. (B/L)

Day 11 - Nanjing/Wuxi
A pleasant train ride brings you to Wuxi. Enjoy a cruise on the beautiful Taihu Lake. (Picturesque/Sheraton) (B/L)

Day 12 - Wuxi/Suzhou
Train to Suzhou and transfer to hotel. (Bamboo Grove/Pan Pacific) (B/L)

Day 13 - Suzhou
Full-day tour of this charming city of canals and gardens, Tiger Hill and Embroidery Institute. (B/L)