

China Trip—Full Itinerary

D1 | Toronto – Shanghai Start your tour by taking a flight to Shanghai. Cross the international date line and jump ahead one day. **D2 | Arrive Shanghai** Arrive in Shanghai, the modern metropolis and commercial center of China. Upon arrival, you will be transfer to hotel for a good night's rest. **D3 | Shanghai** Start you memorable tour of Shanghai by walking along the famous Bund, stretching one mile along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Continue to the Ming Dynasty Yuyuan Garden - one of four greatest Chinese gardens. Visit Shanghai Museum in the afternoon. **D4 | Shanghai – Tongli – Suzhou** After breakfast, take motor coach to Tongli Town, a quiet water town with 1300 years history. Tongli is one of the few water towns that still retain their quiet and nature characters of typical Chinese water towns. Take a paddle-wood-boat ride across the small water town to feel its serenity, peacefulness, and subtle beauty. Proceed to Suzhou. Suzhou has been praised as the “Paradise on the Earth” since ancient times and is an extraordinarily delicate and elegant city. Known as “Venice of the East”, Suzhou is built around Grand Canal. This afternoon we will visit the Surging Wave Pavilion, Ligong di. Continue to visit Garden of Master of Nets and enjoy the beautiful garden and shows. **D5 | Suzhou-Wuxi** Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden in the morning. It is the largest and most renowned. Due to its unique designs and ethereal beauty, the garden has garnered many special honors. It is listed as a World Cultural Heritage site and has also been designated as one of the Cultural Relics of National Importance under the Protection of the State. Continue to Wuxi after the silk fashion show. Wuxi is a unique water village

and a pearl situated in the center of China's Yangtze Delta. This afternoon, we will visit the beautiful Turtle Head Peninsular Park, where you can enjoy the beauty of the Lake Tai, the largest fresh water lake in China. Visit the Freshwater Pearls Farm before you taste delicious local cuisines served for your dinner tonight including Wuxi Pork Ribs. **D6 | Wuxi – Shanghai/Yichang – Yangtze River.** After breakfast, visit the Liyuan Garden. Liyuan Garden, with its pavilions, corridors and causeways at the lake side are exquisitely designed and harmonious in color. Then take the coach to Shanghai and fly to Yichang. Upon arrival you are transferred to the docks and board the luxury Yangtze M.S 2 cruise ship. You will have introduction on all trip events and activities onboard. **D7 | Yangtze River** Your highly anticipated grand Yangtze River adventure starts this morning. The cruise ship's first stop is at Taipingxi (or Sandouping). Disembark to visit the massive Three Gorges Dam Project, which is the world's largest dam, measuring 606 feet high and 6,500 feet long. In 1997, the cofferdam was completed and the main structure begun. The dam has two five-stage locks to raise and lower ships to the different river levels. Each lock in the five stages is 65 feet high and 910 feet long. Reboard later as the ship sails through Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges at 41 miles long. **D8 | Yangtze River** In the morning, disembark at Wushan where you'll board small riverboat for a leisurely ride through Shennong Stream, which offers clear running waters, picturesque rock formations, and even monkeys and goat along its banks. Reboard the cruise ship as it sails through the Wu Gorge, which is famous for its quiet beauty and then passes through the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and most dramatic of the Three Gorges. **D9 | Yangtze River** Today's shore excursion will visit Fengdu. Fengdu, also called “Ghost City”, is a peculiar site that is accessed via cable car. It contains numerous statues of devils and ghosts that roam the afterworld. **D10 | Yangtze River -**

Chongqing Your grand Yangtze River Cruise portion of your tour ends upon arrival at Chongqing this morning. Chongqing, the birthplace of ancient Ba and Yu culture with the history of 3,000 years. Upon arrival visit the Panda House and the General Stilwell Museum. **D11 | Chongqing / Beijing** Fly to Beijing in the morning. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to hotel. Free at leisure this afternoon. (Xi'an Optional tour: Fly to Xi'an in the morning. Today's highlight is Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, sightseeing the attached life-sized defending army to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. It is regarded as “the eighth wonder of the world” and among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics Factory before we enjoy the special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show in the evening.) **D12 | Beijing** After breakfast, visit the Lama Temple. It was a palatial residence built in 1694 by Qing Emperor Kangxi for his fourth son, Prince Yongzheng who later succeeded to the throne. After lunch, visit Prince Gong's Palace. It used to be the residence of a intellectual in Qing Dynasty. It is the best preserved Prince palaces in Beijing. (Xi'an Optional tour continue: After breakfast, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city. It is said to have been built to house and protect Buddhist scriptures collected by the Chinese monk, Xuan Zang, the key figure in <Journey to the West>. This afternoon, fly to Beijing and back to the group.) **D13 | Beijing** Start your tour with a visit to the Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. Next stop is the Forbidden City. Next stop is the Forbidden City. This complex, the largest and most intact conglomeration of ancient structures of the imperial palace ever built in the world, features more than 800 buildings with 9999 . rooms, resplendent golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars and vermilion walls. In the afternoon, continue your tour to the Temple of

Heaven, which was used by Emperors to offer sacrifices to heaven and pray for good harvest in ancient times. In the evening, enjoy a fabulous Peking Roast Duck Banquet. Go back to the hotel for rest or attend an optional energetic show-- “Legend of Kung-fu”--at your own expense. **D14 | Beijing** This morning, you'll have an opportunity to shop at the largest jade center in Asia. The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass. More than 12,000 kilometers length, the Great Wall is the most famous image of China throughout the world. It is the only man-made object visible from the moon and, as one of the Eight Wonders of the World, it is also a symbol of Chinese traditional culture and the pride of the Chinese nation. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory. Then take a motor coach to the Ming Tombs and visit the Sacred Path. Back in the city, walk along the New Qianmen Street and have an outside view of the beautiful Bird's Nests and Water Cube up close. After dinner, cap off the day by attending a superb performance of Chinese Acrobatic Show. **D15 | Beijing** In the morning, tour the exquisite Summer Palace (Imperial Garden), the largest ancient preserved garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors and the chosen few, with a boat ride on Lake Kunming (weather permitting). Shop at a silk carpet shop followed by lunch. You'll have your afternoon free to explore the city by yourself. You may choose to join our optional Experience the Hutong Life Tour, a special journey exploring the ancient Beijing Alley District by pedi-cab, plus a visit to a local family and market. Or you may just pace yourself in the Wang-fu-jing Business Street, also called Gold Street. Today's dinner will be on your own. **D16 | Beijing** departure. After breakfast, our tour guide will transfer you to the airport for your flight back home.



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MUSKOKA CRUISE- GRAVENHURST

Thursday August 18 \$105.00

Leave Syme Centre at 8:00am. Return to Syme at approx.. 6:30 pm



Lunch: 11:30 am

Join us for a fabulous four hour Lunch Cruise on the R.M.S.Segwun cruising on Lake Muskoka. For lunch we will enjoy a delicious Turkey Dinner with vegetables, mashed potatoes and Crumble for desert. Tea or coffee included. Alcoholic beverages available at your own expense.

Included is a visit to the Muskoka Boat & Heritage Museum Centre after the cruise at approximately 2:15 pm. The museum explores the rich history of steamships, wooden boats and luxury hotels that helped define the Muskoka area. It also provides a glimpse into the unique aspects of Muskoka life that have attracted millions of visitors. COME CRUISE WITH US IN MUSKOKA.

Full payment required at time of registration.

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ST. JACOBS MARKET

Thursday July 14

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St. Jacobs Farmers' Market & Flea Market is a unique and lively place to shop. You will find aisle upon aisle of fresh produce from across Ontario and from local farm gardens in the area. Stroll the main street in beautiful St. Jacobs and browse in the interesting upscale shops. Enjoy the best lunch in the area at the Crossroads Buffet. We have also added a guided tour of Elmira to include the beautiful country side. Elmira is just a short jaunt up the road. Please sign up in the office. More details will be available in the office

BUFFALO SHOPPING TRIP

Thursday July 28

\$50.00 incl. tax and gratuity
Depart Syme Centre: 8:00 am
Shopping @ Walden Galleria 10:30 to 1:30
Tops & Target 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Coffee break in St. Catharines on return: 5:00 to 5:30 pm
Arrival back in Toronto: 7:30 pm (approx.)



Walden Galleria is the premier shopping centre in Western New York. At Walden Galleria you'll find an impressive selection of retail stores, services and restaurants to make your shopping experience a truly exceptional one! Our next stop is Tops, the neighbourhood store with more, offering hundreds of discounted items daily. Then we're off to Target, a great store offering discounts on Beauty Supplies, Home, Bed & Bath, Kitchen & Dining, Men's & Women's clothing and much much more.

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- *Travel Accidental Insurance in China
- *Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- *Gratuity for tour guide and driver, total \$180.00
- *Chinese visa fee



Optional Tour to Terra Cotta Warriors
\$300.00 including internal flights,
special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and
traditional Tang Dynasty Signing
and Dancing Show

Price NOT includes:

- *2 dinners
- *Travel Insurance (Medical & Trip Cancellation/ Interruption)
- *Any personal expenditure
- *Any items not listed in the itinerary

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