

Itinerary

Day 1 Albany to Beijing

Board a bus from Albany to JFK International Airport for your flight by 3:30 pm to Beijing. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner and cross the International Dateline.

Day 2 Beijing

Evening arrival in Beijing, the capital of China. You will be met by your local tour guide at the airport. Transfer to the hotel after dinner.

Day 3 Beijing

Visit Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world, and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest. Sightseeing also includes the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms, and the Summer Palace, known for the Long Corridor with painted gallery, Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and Marble Boat.

Day 4 Beijing

Take a tour bus excursion to the Great Wall, the 4,000-mile long, 2,000-years old construction said to be the only man-made structure visible by the naked eye from the moon. Visit the Ming Tombs; one of 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs fully excavated and open for exploration. A roasted Beijing duck dinner will highlight the evening.

Day 5 Beijing/Shanghai/Suzhou

Take a morning flight to Shanghai, then board a tour bus to Suzhou. Afternoon sightseeing includes the centuries old Linger Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Visit the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with a 1,000-year history. Enjoy an evening dinner show featuring traditional Chinese music.



Tian An Men Square



Temple of Heaven



The Bund, Shanghai



Yu Garden

Day 6 Suzhou/Hangzhou

Board a tour bus for a journey to Hangzhou to visit an Economic Development Zone. Visit the centuries old Lingyin Temple, featuring the 64.3-foot-high camphor-wood carved Buddha.

Day 7 Hangzhou/Shanghai

Enjoy a morning boat cruise on West Lake with relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas and tea houses. Afternoon tour bus trip to Shanghai.

Day 8 Shanghai

Sightseeing at the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over arching trees. Visit the Bund, a famous waterfront park along the Yangtze River and home to the "Wall Street of the East," and the Pudong economic development zone.

Day 9 Shanghai/Beijing to Albany

Morning flight to Beijing. Afternoon flight will depart by 1:00pm for JFK where you will arrive at 1:30pm on the same day. Return to Albany by bus.