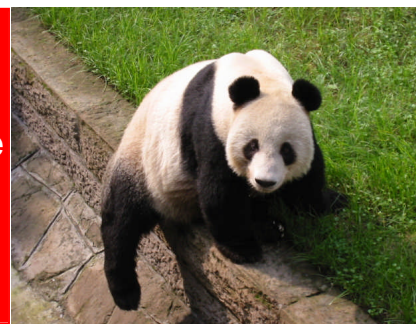


CARTER'S TOURS

(DIVISION OF VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP – WESTERN CANADA)

Our 15th, 15 Day First Class, All Inclusive
“Past to the Present”
China Tour & Yangtze River Cruise

September 12 – 26, 2009



From Gateway City;

- 4 STAR Hotels;
- 5 STAR Cruise Ship;
- Outside Cabin with Balcony;
- All Meals;
- All Admission Fees;

\$4,388

from Edmonton, Calgary or Victoria

\$4,278

from Vancouver

Beijing, Xi'an, Yichang,
Yangtze River Cruise,
Chongqing, Suzhou,
Shanghai

Sept. 12 & 13 GATEWAY CITY – BEIJING

Morning departure to Vancouver to board a Non-Stop flight to **Beijing**, on Air Canada. After clearing Customs you will transfer to the hotel, have dinner at a local restaurant and then a good night's sleep! (D)

Sept. 14 BEIJING

We start our tour with a visit to **Tiananmen Square**, the largest public plaza in the world. Then to the **Forbidden City**, which was the **Imperial Palace** for the Ming and the Qing Dynasties, with 800 buildings and 9,999 rooms. In the afternoon, we visit the **Summer Palace**, and take a boat ride on the man-made lake. Special **Peking Duck Dinner**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 15 BEIJING

Morning visit to the **Great Wall of China**, Badaling Section, with a drive by of the **Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium**. In the afternoon we visit the **Temple of Heaven**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 16 BEIJING – XI'AN

A delightful morning tour of the **Hutong Area by rickshaw**, finishing at a local family's home to enjoy a home cooked lunch.. Then we visit a tea house, and shop at the famous **Silk Alley**. Late afternoon, we fly to **Xi'an**, China's Cultural Capital. (B/L/D)

Sept. 17 XI'AN

A tour of the **Terra-Cotta Museum** where more than 6,000 life sized terra-cotta warriors and horses guarded the Tomb of China's first Emperor, Qinshihuang. After lunch we visit the **Huaqing Hot Springs Park**. Tonight is a special **Dumpling Dinner** followed by the **Tang Dynasty Show**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 18 XI'AN – YICHANG

We visit the **Ancient City Wall** and the **Wild Goose Pagoda in Xi'an** before flying to **Yichang**. After dinner we board our 5 STAR Cruise Ship, **MS Victoria Anna**. Dinner onboard. (B/L/D)

Sept. 19 YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Morning tour of the **Three Gorges Dam** site. We then set sail for the spectacular sights of the **Xiling Gorge** (the first of the three gorges) as we make our way up the Yangtze River. (B/L/D)

Sept. 20 THREE GORGES

Today we pass through the **Wu Gorge** and **Qutang Gorges** (2nd & 3rd Gorges). Our Shore Excursion is by small boat into the scenic **Lesser Three Gorges** or the **Shennong Stream** (depending on water conditions). Both are home to the **Hanging Coffins**, high up on the cliffs. (B/L/D)

Sept. 21 YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

After breakfast, the Shore Excursion is to the **Fengdu Ghost City**. Fengdu is where the devil lives, according to Chinese Legend. **Captain's Dinner**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 22 CHONGQING – SHANGHAI

Disembark in **Chongqing** for a ½ day City Tour, including a visit to the Zoo to see the loveable **Panda Bears**, and a visit to **Ciqikou Ancient City**, before flying to **Shanghai**. After dinner we go on a **Night River Cruise** on the **Huangpu River**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 23 SHANGHAI – SUZHOU – SHANGHAI

One day coach tour to **Suzhou**, the “**Venice of China**”, with a **Grand Canal Cruise**. While there, we will visit the **Silk Mill**, **Tiger Hill**, the **Wangshi Garden**, and the **Embroidery Institute**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 24 SHANGHAI

Today's highlights include a tour of the **Yu Yuan Garden**, **Jade Buddha Temple**, and the **Bund Area**. Tonight we enjoy an exciting **Chinese Acrobatic Show**. (B/L/D)

Sept. 25 SHANGHAI

Morning visit to **Shanghai Museum**, and after lunch, drop-off & pick-up service at shopping area or free leisure time. Dinner at local restaurant. (B/L/D)

Sept. 26 SHANGHAI – GATEWAY CITY

Morning at leisure or to do some last minute shopping After lunch we transfer to the airport by coach and the **Maglev Train**. (B/L)

For more information or to make your Reservation,
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CHINA TOUR INFORMATION

Your 15 Day Tour Package includes:

1. Return airfare from your chosen Gateway City. We can arrange flights from any other City, at additional cost or reduced cost;
2. All airfares within China, as shown in the itinerary, plus all Motorcoach travel;
3. Yangtze River Cruise, (Outside Cabin, with Balcony) - 5 STAR Ship;
4. All hotel accommodations – 4 STAR Hotels;
5. All meals, as outlined in the itinerary;
6. Special shows in Xi'an & Shanghai;
7. All sightseeing tours and Admission Fees, as outlined in the Itinerary;
8. All Shore Excursions, as outlined in the Itinerary;
9. Local English speaking guides, within China;
10. Hotel & Restaurant Gratuities;
11. Orientation prior to departure;

Prices are Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$1,675

Your Cost Does Not Include:

1. Taxes, based on Gateway City: **Edmonton/Calgary** \$485; **Vancouver** \$400; and **Victoria** \$475 Per Person;
2. Tipping for Yangtze Cruise Staff, Local Guides and Drivers, and National Guide: \$120
3. China Visa: \$40;
4. Insurance - Cancellation & Medical Deluxe Package;
5. Excess Baggage weight.

RBC Insurance (\$5,000/15 Days):

- 0 - 59 yrs. \$277
- 60 - 64 yrs. \$340
- 65 - 69 yrs. \$409
- 70 - 74 yrs. \$536
- 75 - 79 yrs. \$486***

*** No Pre-existing Medical

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **To secure your reservation:** a Non Refundable Deposit of \$750.00 CAD is required. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, MasterCard or Visa.
2. **Travel Documents Required:** A valid Canadian Passport - which must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after the tour return date, to Canada.
3. **Health Requirements:** Currently, there are no mandatory vaccinations required; however, it is recommended by the International Health Authorities that you have a Hepatitis A & B Shots. We, recommend that you check with your doctor, who knows your medical history, or the Local International Health Authorities for advice.
4. **Baggage & Seat Selection:** **Seats** are allocated by the Airlines, but, we will try our best to accommodate your requests. **Recommended Baggage:** 1 Checked Bag and 1 Carry-on, per person. International Flights do allow 2 Checked Bags, per person, 25 kg per bag; however, with the Domestic Flights a total weight of 20 kg is allowed and a Baggage Surcharges may be collected for any excess.
5. **Tour Prices:** The prices are based on rates in effect at the time of printing. These prices are established in accordance with airfares, exchange rates and various other factors. In the event of an increase, VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP reserves the right to increase the cost of the tour, **unless Full Payment** has been received.
6. **Itinerary & Hotels:** Travel arrangements are at the final discretion of the authorities concerned. VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP has no control over this portion and cannot be held responsible for changes. On the occasion where a hotel has overbooked its capacity, it may be necessary to change the hotel to one of similar quality or upgrade.
7. **Responsibilities:** VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, hotel, restaurant or other supplier of services to this tour. In making travel and tour arrangements, VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP are acting in the capacity of an agent for the airlines, hotels and other suppliers stated in this tour. VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP assumes no responsibility for liability to any Tour participant for any injury, damage, accident or any other event occasioning loss or resulting from Acts of God; labour stoppages and/or strikes; acts, negligence or failure to act by any person or entity providing services to the Tour; war, declared and undeclared; government regulation; theft or through any other cause over which it has no control.
8. **Cancellation Penalties:** Based on # of days Prior to Departure: **46 – 59 = 50%; 31 – 45 = 75%; 0 – 30 = 100%.** However, whenever an Airline Ticket is issued, then, that portion immediately qualifies as 100% Non-Refundable, over and above the Non-Refundable Deposit. The balance of the funds paid will then be subject to the Cancellation Penalties based on the # of days Prior to Departure.