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China

Sports Tour

Beijing, Xian, Shanghai

13 Day / 10 Night Program

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – BEIJING**

Afternoon Fly overnight to Beijing via international scheduled airline. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **BEIJING**

Afternoon or Evening Arrive at Beijing's International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Beijing is the exciting capital of the People's Republic of China, and the country's political, economic, military and cultural center. It is the second-largest city in the country with a population of almost 20 million people, and a city of contrasts, where the ultra-modern mixes with the historical side-by-side.

Transfer by private motorcoach to your Three-Star hotel for checking in.

Afternoon Lunch at your Hotel if you arrive in the afternoon (included in tour program).

Rest of afternoon at leisure.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 **BEIJING**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Old Beijing Sightseeing Tour



Typical Hutong

Explore the traditional older neighborhoods of Beijing known as "hutongs", characterized by small homes built up against narrow alleyways. Climb up the 110-foot high **Bell Tower** for a great view of central Beijing and enjoy a traditional rickshaw ride. Visit the **Yonghe Temple**, informally known as the "**Lama Temple**", a famous Tibetan Buddhist monastery located in the northeastern part of the old city. A huge standing Buddha (86 feet high, carved out of one piece of Sandalwood tree) is an impressive sight. After lunch (included in tour program), visit the "**Birds Nest**" stadium (so named because of the woven appearance of its metal structure) and the "**Water Cube**", the main facilities built for the **2008 Summer Olympic Games**.

Evening

Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. a CHINESE TEAM

Day 4

BEIJING

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

The Great Wall of China tour



Visit the legendary **Great Wall of China**, stretching some 5,500 miles in total with some sections dating as far back as 500 BC.

From Beijing the Great Wall can be visited at three different locations: **Mutianyu**, **Badaling**, or **Juyonguan**. You will visit **Mutianyu** as it is the least crowded of the three and widely regarded as the most beautiful natural section of the **Great Wall**. There will be a considerable amount of walking during this tour (approx. 90 minutes) so comfortable shoes are recommended. Lunch is included.

Evening

Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 5

BEIJING

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Tiananmen Square Sightseeing Tour



Forbidden City



Mao Zedong Memorial Hall



Great Hall of the People

Visit to **Tiananmen Square**, one of the largest squares in the world. View the many monuments marking China's communist era with special emphasis on Chairman Mao Zedong's influence on China's modern history.

Walk to the **Forbidden City**, home of 24 Chinese emperors over a 500+ year period during the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties. It was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1987. After your lunch (included in tour program), finish the tour by visiting **Jingshan Park**, also known as Jingshan Hill, which used to served as the royal park.

Evening

Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening

MATCH # 2 vs. a CHINESE TEAM

Day 6

BEIJING

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Morning

Temple of Heaven Sightseeing Tour



Travel southeast to visit the **Temple of Heaven**, the largest ancient imperial worship center, constructed between 1406 and 1420, where Emperors used to go to pray for peace and a good harvest.

Afternoon

Lunch (included in tour program)

Afternoon

Visit to the Silk Market



The **Silk Market** has a total of 1500 stalls offering much more than just silk. Shoes, bags, leather goods, famous brands (knock offs), casual wear, fashion clothing, sports attire, kid's clothing, ties, silk handkerchiefs, handicrafts, and jewelry can all be bought here. Be sure to bargain taking at least 80% off of whatever the merchants' first asking price is !

Evening

Transfer to the Beijing Train Station for your overnight journey to Xian.

Day 7

XIAN

Morning

Arrive in Xian. Transfer to your Three-Star Hotel to check in.

Xian is one of the traditional "Four Great Ancient Capitals of China", the others being Beijing, Nanjing, and Luoyang. The city is one of the largest in the country with over 8 million inhabitants and is also one of its oldest dating back some 3,100 years. Since the 1990's, as part of the government's development plan for the interior of the country, Xian has emerged as an important cultural, industrial and educational center in China's central-northwest region.

Afternoon

Lunch (included in tour program)

Visit to Xian National Museum

The National Museum opened in 1991, to exhibit the **province's archaeological treasures**. Situated on the southern suburbs of the city, the museum is an absolute must for every visitor to Xian. The **building** itself is an architectural masterpiece worth the visit, combining ancient architecture and modern technology.

Evening

Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 8

XIAN

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Terra Cotta Warriors Sightseeing Tour



The City of Xian served as the provincial capital for **13 dynasties** in Chinese history. The Terra Cotta Army, an archeological site of unimaginable size and importance, was created to guard the tomb of **Emperor Qin Shihuang** and to protect him in the afterlife. You will find more than 7000 terra cotta figures and horses in this complex, plus extensive exhibits, artifacts and a film on the rich history of the site.

Afternoon Lunch (included in tour program). Free afternoon to shop, explore the city, or just relax.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening **MATCH # 3 vs. a CHINESE TEAM**

Day 9 **XIAN – SHANGHAI**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Steles Forest Sightseeing Tour

The **Steles Forest**, also known as **Xi'an Beilin Museum**, holds the largest stone steles collection from different periods in China with more than 3000 pieces. Enjoy the different works of calligraphy, painting and historical records in its many halls, showrooms and galleries. This museum is a great place to learn about China's culture and history!

Afternoon Lunch (included in tour program)

Transfer to Xian Airport for your flight to Shanghai.

Arrive in Shanghai and transfer to your Three-Star Hotel to check in.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 10 **SHANGHAI**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Shanghai is China's largest city and the world's largest "city-proper" (city without counting suburbs) with over 23 million inhabitants. Located on the Yangtze River, Shanghai has grown to be one of the world's most important financial and business centers during the last 20 years. The city has a very international past with Britain, France, the United States and Japan all having influenced Shanghai's history.

Morning & Afternoon **Visits to Yu Yuan Garden & Chenghuangmiao Market**



Visit this wonderful classical garden built by the **Ming Dynasty** and finished in **1577**. After the opium war in the 19th century, The Yu yuan Garden was seriously damaged. But in 1956 a

five-year restoration project began, leaving the place as you see it today. Enjoy a walk through the pavilions, halls, rockeries, ponds and cloisters.

Later continue to **Chenghuangmiao Market**, a complex of tourist and shopping attractions, located in Shanghai's old town. With **900,000 sq. ft.**, this market is known as a "paradise for tourists". Get handicrafts, small commodities or try the local snacks.

Lunch (included in tour program)

Evening **MATCH # 4 vs. a CHINESE TEAM**

Day 11 **SHANGHAI**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Oriental Venice Sightseeing Tour**



Today you will visit **Suzhou**, known as the **Oriental Venice**, situated one hour away from Shanghai, on the lower reaches of the **Yangtze River**. It is renowned for its beautiful stone bridges, pagodas, and meticulously designed gardens. You will be taken to the **Grand Canal**, the oldest and longest man-made canal in China and to the **Humble Administrator's Garden**, one of the four great Chinese gardens.

Afternoon Lunch (included in tour program)

Silk Factory Visit

Visit a Silk Factory to learn how pure Chinese **silk products** are made from a small cocoon since the 14th-century and witness the heritage of the ancient manual manufacturers.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 12 **SHANGHAI – FLIGHTS**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Shanghai International Airport for your return flight home.

Rest and relax during your flight.

Day 13 **USA**

Morning Arrive back in the USA.

Your Chinese Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – China round-trip.
- One-way transfer Beijing – Xian by overnight train.
- One-way air transportation Xian – Shanghai.
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Hotel / Train Station / Hotel by private motorcoach.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Beijing.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Xian.
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Shanghai.
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.
- Old Beijing Sightseeing Tour.
- Tiananmen Square Sightseeing Tour.
- The Great Wall of China Tour.
- Temple of Heaven Sightseeing Tour.
- Visit to the Silk Market.
- Visit to Xian National Museum.
- Terra Cotta Warriors Sightseeing Tour.
- Steles Forest Sightseeing Tour.
- Visits to Yu Yuan Garden & Chenghuangmian market.
- Oriental Venice Sightseeing Tour.
- Silk Factory Visit.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Sports Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs / universities at your level.***
- ***Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.***
- ***Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.***

Summary of Included Meals:

- 10 Breakfasts
- 10 Lunches
- 10 Dinners

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com/browse-tours/>

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "**China #2**".

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveller and pay **only taxes/fees**.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rates were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.