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11-Day Golden China

Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Yangshuo, Shanghai ...

Depart Every Tuesday

11 days/ 9 nights starting from \$2799*

* promotion rate good for departures from LAX/SFO only before 4/30/2009 Prices include land, air, fuel surcharges, and taxes (Disclaimer: prices based on double occupancy and subject to seasonal and currency exchange rate changes)

Highlights:

Luxurious and atmospheric accommodations:

- Stay in the finest accommodations in each area including luxurious 4-5 star hotels in Beijing, Xi'an, and Guilin.
- Enjoy a communal experience with an evening at a bed and breakfast underneath the Great Wall at Mutianyu. Arrangements are included for one evening's stay in private vacation homes where glimpses of the Great Wall can be caught right from the courtyards of this concealed hamlet; unavailable from other tour companies.

Special site arrangements:

- Extra time devoted to the Great Wall means Signet Tours can provide many different choices for you to choose from when climbing the Wall. Choose from five customized choices tailored to your personal strength level.
- In addition to the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, visit Han Yang Ling Mausoleum, a lesser-traveled, yet equally breathtaking underground tomb. This hidden treasure is overlooked by most travelers to Xi'an and is arguably the area's most underrated site.
- See the extraordinary 2008 Olympic venues including the Beijing's Bird's Nest and Water Cube.
- Spend two days in Yangshuo, Guilin, a relaxing travelers' town with a variety of included activities. Drift lazily down the Li River on a traditional bamboo raft, take a sightseeing bicycle tour around the local villages and rock formations, simply relax in your hotel, or stroll through the unusual shopping districts of this laid-back town.
- Dine on carefully selected local cuisine designed to gastronomically illustrate the artfulness of each region's specialties.

Trip flexibility and special comforts:

- Small maximum group size of 22 passengers per tour.
- Hong Kong city package add-ons are available as well.
- This is an all-inclusive tour package including: air tickets, fuel surcharges, hotels, most meals, transportation, admissions, and escorted tour guides.

Today's Travels:

Day 1 • Depart North America for Beijing, China

Day 2 • Arrive in Beijing

Welcome to Beijing, China's celebrated capital! Upon arriving at the airport, you will be escorted to your hotel by a Signet representative. To unwind after your flight, you will be treated to a professional acupressure massage with a visit to the infamous Tiananmen Square afterwards. Meet your tour companions with our specially arranged welcome dinner. (*Dinner*)

Day 3 • Beijing

Nowadays, longtime residents of Beijing habitually visit the grounds of the Temple of Heaven in the morning to partake in morning exercises and other activities as a means of maintaining health and social relationships. A morning stroll through this bustling park is a perfect way to observe life in Beijing. To witness life in more palatial times, you will also visit the magnificent Forbidden City, the world's most massive palace compound. After lunch, see the actual 2008 Olympic venues including the Olympic Park, Beijing National Stadium or "Bird's Nest", and the National Aquatics Center or "Water Cube". We finish the day's activities with a leisurely tour of Beijing's famous Hutongs, which reflect life as a commoner in the capital city. (*3 meals*)

Day 4 • Beijing

Start the day with a lakeside stroll of the Imperial Summer Palace grounds. After a brief city tour and lunch, travel to Mutianyu village, located directly at the base of China's most famous site: the Great Wall. Despite all the superfluous stories surrounding the Great Wall, this testament to human engineering truly deserves recognition as the most magnificent attraction in Beijing. Your afternoon is devoted to visiting the Mutianyu section of the Wall, known as one of the best-preserved sections, and exploring the local village. This evening, stay in the specially-arranged Mutianyu Village homes, each one offering unique, rustic atmospheres and views of the Great Wall. (*3 meals*)

Day 5 • Beijing • Xi'an

From Mutianyu village we take a brief flight to Xi'an, a city known as the cradle of Chinese civilization. In Xi'an, our first destination will be the Shaanxi Historical Museum, an astounding collection of ancient artifacts and an excellent base to gain insight into the roots of the ancient Chinese empire. Afterwards, enjoy some time to roam the Hui Muslim Quarter, sampling local food or browsing the colorful shops. (*3 meals*)

Day 6 • Xi'an

Our morning is spent with a tour on the ancient Xi'an city walls, an excellent way to gain an

overview of the city. After lunch, visit the prestigious Terra Cotta warriors, a jaw-dropping site that is certain to leave an amazing impression. Descend Huangshan and enjoy your stay at one of our preferred hotels for dinner. *(3 meals)*

Day 7 • Xi'an • Guilin

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Day 8 • Guilin • Yangshuo

We travel to Yangshuo, a traveler's getaway famous throughout China for its beautifully relaxing mountain and river landscapes. In the countryside of Yangshuo, every corner reveals magnificent natural backdrops, as if the town itself were living in a real-life canvas. One of the best ways to enjoy this fantastic scenery is to simply glide down the Li River in the traditional mode of transportation – bamboo rafts. Tonight, attend a performance directed by Zhang Yimou, acclaimed filmmaker and director of the 2008 Olympics Opening and Closing ceremonies, showcasing the natural beauty of Guilin. *(3 meals)*

Day 9 • Yangshuo • Guilin

Before returning to Guilin for our evening's flight, enjoy time in Yangshuo with take a rural bicycle tour exploring the exciting local scenery and tiny villages. After returning to Guilin, visit top attractions including Reed Flute Cave, and Yao Shan, a scenic viewpoint which gives a fascinating perspective of why Guilin has indeed earned the nickname of the "city within the mountains." *(Breakfast and Lunch)*

Day 10 • Shanghai

Today's sightseeing journey begins in the new district of Pudong where you will see various cultural landmarks. Explore Lujiazui financial district and walk along Binjiang Avenue, offering the best views of the historic Bund and symbolic Oriental Pearl Tower. Next, visit the much loved Old City God Temple and Yu Garden for shopping and dining. After lunch, take a stroll through the affluent Xin Tian Di Plaza, notable for its blend of traditional Chinese and modern Western styles architectures. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, adventure the city or see the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. *(3 meals)*

Day 11 • Shanghai

After breakfast, you will be escorted to the airport by a Signet Tours representative. Zai jian (See you again)! *(Breakfast)*