



RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Suite 207, 3112 11th Street NE • Calgary AB, Canada T2E 7J1 • Tel: (403) 210 1997 • Fax: (403) 210 1346
Toll Free: 1-888-456-5482 • E-mail: info@rainboweducationaltours.com

China 12 Days/10 Nights

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Home City-Shanghai

DAY 01: Your journey begins with a morning flight to Vancouver to connect with your Air Canada Flight to Shanghai. Set your watch a day ahead as you cross the International Dateline.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

DAY 02: Welcome to **Shanghai**, the legendary seaport and gateway to China. You will be met by your friendly guide and transferred to the Hotel. **(D)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

DAY 03: This morning you will go up to the **88th floor of Grand Hyatt Sky Deck** to have a bird's eye view of the City. Shanghai's Grand Hyatt is the 3rd tallest building in the World. Then off to the **Bund**, the famous promenade along the Huangpu River. Contrast the Old Colonial Shanghai on one side of the river with the skyscrapers of the modern Pūdōng District on the other. Lunch in a local restaurant. Then visit the 400 year old beautiful and peaceful **Yu Yuan Garden**, architecture gem of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B/L/D)**

MONDAY, APRIL 25

DAY 04: This morning you will Visit **Shanghai Museum** and **French Concession area** to see old stone-walled house where locals still live. Lunch in a local restaurant. Visit a **Silk factory** to see how the silk is taken from the cocoon and spun into spools then made into fabrics. Enjoy a walk along the **Pedestrian Nanjing Road**. This evening attend a breathtaking **Acrobatic Show**. **(B/L/D)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Shanghai- Xitang-Hangzhou by coach

DAY 05: Depart for Hangzhou and en route visit **Xitang** Watertown, a picturesque old Chinese water town where famous Movie (Mission Impossible 3) was filmed. Take a **gondola ride** into the town and have a guided tour around. In the afternoon, continue bus drive to Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang Province, known as "Paradise under the heaven". Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B/L/D)**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

DAY 06: After breakfast, have a **boat ride** on the beautiful West Lake. Continue with an educational Chinese Tea Culture lesson at the Meijiawu Tea planting Village. After lunch, ramble in the **Bamboo Forest Park**. Stroll around the waterfront area by the lake and enjoy a fountain music show. **(B/L/D)**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Hangzhou-Xian by flight

DAY 07: Take morning flight to Xi'an. After lunch, have an excursion on Xian's **Old City Wall** where you will have a 1 hour exciting **bike tour** on top of the wall. In the evening, enjoy a **Tang Dynasty and Cultural Show** featuring music, dance, and traditional costumes complete with a **Dumpling Dinner**. (B/L/D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Xian-Beijing by overnight train

DAY 08: Today's highlights include an exploration of China's cradle of civilization. Stand in awe at the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century, the **Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, also a World known UNESCO heritage site**. After the visit to the **museum and archeological site** you will have lunch in a local restaurant and then visit the Terra Cotta Manufacture plant to see the interesting process of terracotta warrior making in modern times. Return to downtown and spend some free time in the Muslim open market area. Dine in a local restaurant before you board your overnight train to Beijing. (You will be in 4 couchettes to a room) (B/L/D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

DAY 09: This morning upon arrival in Beijing you will be transferred to the Hotel. You will have breakfast and start your day tour, first with a visit to the heart of Beijing, **Tiananmen Square**, which is the world's largest public square. Tiananmen Gate, also known as the "**Gate of Heavenly Peace**", is the entrance to the **Forbidden City**, 250 acres of palaces, pavilions, courtyards and gardens. Walk the hallways where 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties resided. Lunch at a restaurant. Afterwards, transfer to **Temple of Heaven** for a tour, where the emperor prayed for good harvests. Return to the hotel to check in. (B/L/D)

SUNDAY, MAY 01

DAY 10: This full day journey starts with a one and a half to two hours drive to **Mutianyu** site of **the Great Wall** where you take the chair lift up the Wall, visit, and toboggan down. Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, stop at a Jade Factory and see why China is famous for its Jade, continue to the **Spirit Way** to see vivid stone animal sculptures with great significance. **Western buffet dinner in a restaurant** followed by a fantastic **Chinese Kongfu Show**. (B/L/D)

SUNDAY, MAY 02

DAY 11: The morning after breakfast begins with the tour to the **Summer Palace**, the best-preserved and largest imperial garden in China. The palace is comprised of a complex of beautiful pavilions, halls and temples. Enjoy a lecture on Traditional Chinese painting and the art of Calligraphy inside the art gallery of the Summer Palace. After lunch, free time for you to do some shopping in the open market. Good opportunity to get some good quality knockoff. **Peking Roast Duck Dinner in a local restaurant**. (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, MAY 03

Beijing-Home City

DAY 12: This morning after breakfast you will take a **Hutong tour** by small Pedi-cabs and visit the ancient residential area of Beijing to witness the daily life of the local people. Join the local family with their home cuisine for lunch before you transfer to the airport. Board your Air Canada flight back home taking with you this wonderful cultural experience and memories of a life time. (B/L)

INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS TOUR (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY):

- Domestic flight from Hangzhou to Xi'an
- Buffet Breakfast, lunches and dinners daily while on the tour (as specified per itinerary)
- 1 domestic overnight train ride with couchettes from Xi'an to Beijing
- 9 nights accommodations as specified per itinerary twin rooms in 4**** Star Hotels
- Full-time Bi-lingual escort (National Guide)
- Guided sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
- Excursions as specified per itinerary:
 - Mutianyu site (Great Wall) excursion—chairlift up and toboggan down
- Cultural shows as specified per itinerary:
 - Acrobatic Show
 - Tang Dynasty and Cultural Show
 - Dumpling Dinner
 - Chinese Kongfu Show
 - Peking Duck Dinner
- Ground transportation in a first class coach as specified per itinerary
- Transfers with baggage handling as specified per itinerary
- Airport departure taxes, airport security taxes and airfare tax approx
- Tipping for national guide, local guide and driver
- Return airfare Calgary/Shanghai/Beijing/Calgary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Extra beverages with meals
- Any additional taxes imposed by any authority before departure
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- **Any New Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes by airlines**
- Price quoted is based on exchange rates Any drastic shift in the exchange rate will be reflected in the price