



YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
OF SAN ANTONIO

The Great Tour of CHINA

BEIJING • SHANGHAI • HONG KONG
June 16th—28th, 2010

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JUNE 16 DEPART SAN ANTONIO ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

JUNE 17 Arrive in Beijing in the evening – transfer to hotel

Accommodation at [Beijing Holiday Inn Express Hotel](#) or similar for 3 nights

JUNE 18 BEIJING (B/L/D)

Full day private tour:

Tian'anmen Square

The square, located in the heart of modern Beijing, covers 44 hectares. Reputed as the largest square in the world, it can hold 500,000 people. The founding ceremony of the People's Republic of China was held here on October 1, 1949, which climaxed with 1 million people gathering to hear the late Chairman Mao Zedong proclaim the birth of New China.



Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, also known as The Imperial Palace, is a maze of palaces built between 1417 and 1420 as the residence of the emperor. It has 9,000 halls and rooms, containing many precious relics. It is the largest palace in the world and one of the mankind's major cultural legacies.



Lunch and Peking Duck dinner at local restaurants.

JUNE 19 BEIJING (B/L/D)

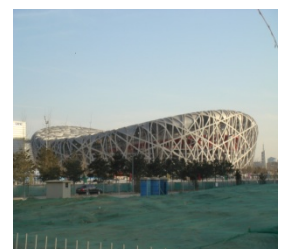
Full day private tour:

Today, get ready to climb the Great Wall, which can be seen from the moon. What a unique experience to enjoy and stories to bring home.

Great Wall

An exciting Great Wall climbing will let you see one of the most astonishing feats of human endeavor, which is the only man-made object visible from the moon. Construction of the Great Wall began in the seventh century BC and was extended in the following dynasties. Today we will hike on the Great Wall Ju Rong Guan Section

Pass by the Olympic Sites with a stop for pictures.



Olympic Sites---The National Stadium

The Beijing National Stadium, also known as the bird's nest, was the main track and field stadium for the 2008 Summer Olympics and hosted the Opening and Closing ceremonies. In 2002 Government officials engaged architects worldwide in a design competition. Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron collaborated with ArupSport and China Architecture Design & Research Group to win the competition. The stadium seated as many as 100,000 spectators during the Olympics, but this was reduced to 80,000 after the games.



Olympic Sites--- National Aquatics Center

National Aquatics Center, the landmark building of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, is known as "Water Cube". The design concept of the "water cube" combines the symbolisms of the architecture and the unique water bubble structure, and build an appropriate complement to the National Stadium. The NAC functionally meets the requirement of 2008 Olympic Games and post-games operation. It is a must stop for picture taking.



Evening Joint Performance at the Beijing Concert Hall

JUNE 20 BEIJING / SHANGHAI (B/L/D) OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO SHANGHAI

Breakfast at hotel.

Today will begin with an exchange visit to the National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts in Beijing. Founded in 1950, the NACTA is the only institute of its kind in China that offers both BA and MA degrees. The students are educated by highly experienced faculty members. Additionally a number of internationally recognized scholars, experts and artists are engaged in teaching.

Afterwards, you will visit 'Old Beijing' and have an opportunity to meet a Chinese family.

Transfer to train station for the overnight train to Shanghai.

JUNE 21 SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

The train arrives in Shanghai in the morning where you will be met by your local guides and transferred to the hotel. Accommodation at [Shanghai Jiulong Hotel](#) or similar for 3 nights

Today you will visit the Museum of Traditional Musical Instruments. It has the largest collection of these distinctive styles of instruments.

In the evening, enjoy the famous acrobatic show after dinner.

Acrobatics is an interactive art form. Everyone, young or old, educated or not, can easily appreciate the skills while watching the acrobats perform. There is no language barrier and cultural borders are not limits. Shanghai Acrobatic Theater is a famous large-scale circus and acrobatic group. It was founded 50 years ago and has since enjoyed high reputation in international circus acrobatic circles. Shanghai Acrobatic Theater has a well-balanced cast that performs acrobatics, circus acts and magic.

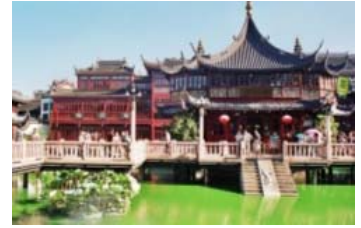


JUNE 22 SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

Full day private tour

Yu Garden & Old Shanghai

Yu Garden, a classical garden in downtown Shanghai, boasts a history over 400 years. Each pavilion, hall, stone and stream in the garden is expressing the quintessence of the South China landscape design from Ming and Qing Dynasty. Over forty spots, divided by dragon walls, winding corridors and beautiful flowers, form a unique picture featuring "one step, one beauty; every step, every beauty." It's reputed to be the most beautiful garden in south of the Yangtze River.



The Bund

The Bund is the birthplace of Shanghai. Cruise boats meander eastward along the golden waterway to the intriguing "three-layer waters" at the Wusong Mouth. The Bund is the most famous sightseeing spot in Shanghai. The Waibaidu Bridge, the long embankment along the Hungpu River, and the imposing array of tall buildings are known as "an international exhibition" together forming a symbol of the East. The Bund has always been closely linked with the development of Shanghai.



You will also be treated to a visit of the Shikumen Museum and Silk Workshop where you will learn the intricate process of the production of the finest Chinese silk fabrics from the tiny silk worms.

Lunch and dinner at local restaurants. Dinner is a buffet with karaoke at a local restaurant

JUNE 23 SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Tour of World EXPO

The World Expo will be held in Shanghai, China, from May 1st to October 31st, 2010. The World Expo is a culturally and artistically rich event that offers youth from around the world an opportunity to experience the core values of this World Expos focus - "Understanding, Communication, Gathering and Cooperation".

The 2010 theme is Better Living, Better City. It is a great opportunity for American youths to learn about how to make the world a better place for living.

Performance today at the EXPO

JUNE 24 SHANGHAI/HANGZHOU (B/L/D)

Accommodation at the Hangzhou Lily Hotel of similar

After breakfast you will board a train bound from Shanghai to Hangzhou. Enroute there will be a stop at Wuzhen Watertown. Wuzhen, [Zhejiang Province](#), has a history of more than 1,000 years. Of the ancient residential houses, workshops, and stores still standing on the banks of the rivers, 169,600 square meters, accounting for 81.54 percent of the town's total floor area, have remained unchanged, lending an atmosphere of antiquity.

Joint performance today with the Greentown Yuhua Middle School in the Zhejiang Provincial Concert Hall. This is the most famous private school in Hangzhou and was awarded the "Outstanding Non-government School of Zhejiang Province in 2002.

JUNE 25 HANGZHOU/SHENZHEN (B/L/D)

Accommodation at the Shenzhen Universal Hotel

Today will provide you with a guided tour of West Lake, after which you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Shenzhen

Upon arrival you will have a tour of Shenzhen City.

JUNE 26 ARRIVE IN HONG KONG (B/D)

Accommodation at the Kowloon Empire Hotel or similar

This morning you will transfer from Shenzhen to Hong Kong by motorcoach.

After clearing Immigration and Customs, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

This evening will feature a joint performance with the Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra

JUNE 27 HONG KONG (B/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Half day Hong Kong Island Tour.

Your tour today is designed to reveal the most beautiful parts of Hong Kong. You will begin with a ride through the Cross Harbor Tunnel to the colorful Wan Chai District, the famous Suzie Wong area. Then up to Victoria Peak for a spectacular view of the city and its harbor. Afterwards you visit the Repulse Bay and the western district of Hong Kong Island where the British first landed. You can shop at the Stanley Market to look for bargains.



Evening, enjoy dinner at local restaurant. After dinner, walk to the waterfront to enjoy the **Symphony of Lights**; it is a synchronized building exterior decorative light and laser multimedia display, featuring 44 buildings on both sides of the Victoria Harbor of Hong Kong accompanied by symphonic music. It is the world's largest permanent light and sound show.



JUNE 28 HONG KONG / USA (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to airport for flight to the US. Arrive the same day.



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INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Development of a full and interesting itinerary which will maximize the exposure of group members to the culture, history and people of Mainland China. The itinerary will be developed following extensive consultation with the Directors and will reflect the cultural and performing objectives of the group.

TRAVEL, MEALS & ACCOMMODATIONS

- ✓ Airfare from San Antonio to Beijing, China with a Return from Hong Kong
- ✓ Three (3) Nights' Accommodation in a 3 Star or 4 Star Hotel in Beijing, China
- ✓ Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 3 Dinners in Beijing
- ✓ Travel by Overnight Sleeper Train Beijing to Shanghai (includes Breakfast)
- ✓ Three (3) Nights' Accommodation in a 3 Star or 4 Star Hotel in Shanghai
- ✓ Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 3 Dinners in Shanghai
- ✓ One (1) Night Accommodation in a 3 Star or 4 Star Hotel in Hangzhou
- ✓ Meals: 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 1 Dinner in Hangzhou
- ✓ Flight from Hangzhou to Shenzhen
- ✓ One (1) Night Accommodation in a 3 Star or 4 Star Hotel in Shenzhen
- ✓ Meals: 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 1 Dinner in Shenzhen
- ✓ Transfer by Motorcoach from Shenzhen to Hong Kong
- ✓ Two (2) Nights Accommodation in a 3 Star or 4 Star Hotel in Hong Kong
- ✓ Meals: 2 Breakfasts and 2 Dinners in Hong Kong

- ✓ Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner According to the Itinerary (Total of 11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches and 10 Dinners – not including meals in flight)
- ✓ Luxury Coach for Transportation Between Cities and for Touring and Concerts
- ✓ Gratuities for Included Services

BEIJING

- ✓ Tour of Beijing with English Speaking Guide Including:
 - * The Great Wall
 - * Forbidden City
 - * Tian'anmen Square
 - * The Summer Palace
 - * Exchange Visit to the National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts

SHANGHAI & HANGZHOU

- ✓ World Class Acrobatic Show in Shanghai
- ✓ Visit to the Museum of Traditional Musical Instruments
- ✓ Visit to the Yu Yuan Gardens
- ✓ Excursion to the Shikumen Silk Workshop and Museum
- ✓ Entrance & Performance at the Shanghai World Expo
- ✓ Visit to the Wuzhen Watertown en-route to Hangzhou
- ✓ Tour of West Lake in Hangzhou

HONG KONG & SHENZHEN

- ✓ City Tour of Shenzhen with Guide
- ✓ Tour of Hong Kong with English Speaking Guide Including:
 - * Victoria Peak
 - * Repulse Bay
 - * Stanley Market
 - * Nathan Road Shopping District

CONCERTS

- ✓ Four (4) Performances to Be Arranged by American Classic Tours in Conjunction with the Director and Chinese Professional and School Contacts
 - * Concert in Beijing – Joint Performance at the Beijing Concert Hall
 - * Concert in Shanghai at the World Expo
 - * Concert in Hangzhou – Joint Performance at the Zhejiang Provincial Concert Hall
 - * Concert in Hong Kong – Joint Performance with the Hong Kong Youth Symphony

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS

- ✓ English Speaking National Guide from Beginning to End of the Tour in China
- ✓ Local Bilingual Guides to Meet the Group on Arrival in Each City to Assist with Baggage and Motorcoach, as Well as Departure Assistance at Airports
- ✓ Gratuities Included for Services (National Guide, Local Guides, and Drivers)
- ✓ Admission to All Attractions on the Itinerary
- ✓ American Classic Tour Director will Work Closely with the YOSA Executive Director, Accompany the Group, Direct the Execution of All Logistics, and Handle Tickets and Logistics with the Airlines
- ✓ All Local Service Charges & Taxes
- ✓ Site Inspection for One YOSA Staff Member in Fall of 2009

NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ Additional Meals
- ✓ Souvenir and Other Spending money
- ✓ Visa and Passport Fees
- ✓ Additional Checked Luggage Fees