Chow Fun Tours
JCC in China: October 2020

Information meeting – Thursday, October 17, 7 PM at the Mandell JCC
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General Information:
● Minimum 10 people
● Cost:
  ○ International economy class tickets: $8,000 per person double occupancy
  ○ International business class tickets: $11,800 per person double occupancy
  ○ Single supplement: $1,800
● Inclusions:
  ○ International and in-China (economy class) airfare
  ○ Bullet train first class tickets from Beijing to Shanghai
  ○ 5 star hotels
  ○ 3 meals per day
  ○ Entrance fees to all sites
  ○ China visa
  ○ Tips for local guides
  ○ Medical evacuation insurance
  ○ Photo memory book
● Exclusions:
  ○ Trip cancellation insurance
  ○ Alcoholic drinks are billed separately and paid for by travelers.
  ○ Money for gifts and souvenirs

Depart US on Sunday, 10/11/20
● Arrive Beijing on Monday, 10/12/20

3 nights in Beijing (Monday, 10/12/20 - Thursday, 10/15/20):
During our time in Beijing...
● Great Wall at Mutianyu: Mutianyu is the most beautiful section of the Great Wall. We will take a
cable car up to, and down from, the wall so that our time there is concentrated in walking on the
wall.
● Tiananmen Square: Tiananmen Square is the fourth largest city square in the world and is
notorious for the 1989 incident.
● Forbidden City: Tread in the footsteps of the 24 emperors who lived in the Forbidden City. The
name refers to the fact that it was forbidden for anyone to enter the grounds without permission
from the emperor.
● Jingshan Park: Visit this beautiful local park and walk up the hill to see the bird’s eye view of the
entire Forbidden City.
● Summer Palace: The Summer Palace was the summer home of the emperor. The earth from the
digging of the massive man-made lake was used to make the giant hill on which the palace sits.
● Hutong Pedicab Tour: We will be driven around the hutongs by pedicab. Hutongs are narrow
alleyways with traditional courtyard homes. We will eat a meal at hutong family home.
● Sample 5 star hotel: NUO Hotel Beijing

2 nights Shanghai (Thursday, 10/15/20 - Saturday, 10/17/20)
During our time in Shanghai...
- **Train:** First class tickets on bullet train from Beijing to Shanghai
- **Jewish ghetto and Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum:** We will spend a half day touring the former Jewish ghetto and museum. The museum is housed in the former Ohel Moshe Synagogue, which was one of the synagogues for the 20,000+ Jewish Europeans whose lives were saved when they were granted asylum in Shanghai during WWII.
- **Xiahai Temple:** Visit this lesser known Buddhist temple of which very few tourists are aware.
- **Huangpu River boat ride:** Take in the lights of the buildings along the Huangpu River on this one hour boat ride in the evening.
- **Sample 5 star hotel:** Mandarin Oriental Pudong

**2 nights in Xian (Saturday, 10/17/20 - Monday, 10/19/20):**

During our time in Xian...
- **Flight:** Fly from Shanghai to Xian
- **Terracotta Warrior excavation site and museum:** Thousands of clay sculptures were ordered to be built by Emperor Qin to be buried around his tomb to protect him in the afterlife. They were buried thousands of years ago, but only discovered in 1974 by farmers digging a well.
- **Tangbo art gallery:** This gallery houses artwork from Tang Dynasty to Communist propaganda art to local farmers’ artwork. We will take a short class on Chinese calligraphy at the gallery.
- **Great Mosque and Muslim Quarter:** This is one of the most beautiful mosques in China and the largest in Xian. The colorful and bustling Muslim Quarter is exciting to walk through and offers a glimpse into a different culture and way of life.
- **Sample 5 star hotel:** Angsana Xian Lintong

**2 nights Yangshuo (Monday, 10/19/20 - Wednesday, 10/21/20)**

During our time in Yangshuo...
- **Flight:** Fly from Xian to Guilin
- **Yulong River Ride:** Bamboo raft ride on the Yulong River. We will be be poled down the river by local farmers.
- **Cooking class:** We will go into the countryside to a local cooking school and will make our own dinner.
- **Liu Sanjie Show:** This show that takes place on the water was created by Zhang Yimou, the most highly acclaimed director in China. Zhang was the choreographer and director of the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympics. We will have VIP tickets for the show.
- **Sample 5 star hotel:** Alila Yangshuo

**1 night Ping’an (Wednesday, 10/21/20 - Thursday, 10/22/20):**

During our time in Ping’an rice villages...
- **Overnight in village:** We will spend one evening in a boutique hotel in Ping’an Village. The village is in the hills of the Longji Rice Terraces. We will walk around rice terrace area to the next village.
- **Sample 5 star hotel:** Li’An Lodge

**2 nights Hong Kong (Thursday, 10/22/20 - Saturday, 10/24/20):**

During our time in Hong Kong...
- **Flight:** Fly from Guilin to Hong Kong
- **Chi Lin Nunnery:** This is a large temple complex with beautiful Tang Dynasty architecture and well-maintained gardens. It is an active Buddhist nunnery.
- **Aberdeen Harbor:** Take a boat ride in Aberdeen Harbor to see the fishing village and houseboats of the local fishermen.
- **Victoria Peak:** Take the funicular up Victoria Peak in late afternoon to see the Hong Kong skyline in daytime and night.
- **Sample 5 star hotel:** The Royal Garden