



CHINA

Journey from Confucius to the Olympics
including a cruise on the Yangtze River

October 3 – 18, 2009



Experience some of China's most fascinating sites such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the life-sized Terracotta Warriors. Continue your exploration of this beautiful country as you board your 5 star ship and cruise the ancient Yangtze River. Observe the beauty of the gorges and marvel at the engineering feat that is the Three Gorges Dam Project. Climb the "sacred mountain" of Taishan. In Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius, visit the Temples, Parks, and Mansion, which after 75 generations, still hold the Master's name. End your journey in the modern and rapidly growing city of Shanghai.

Escorted by Dr. Joe Coffey:

Dr. Joe Coffey has over 35 years of professional experience as an economist in universities, government and business. He has taught various economics courses dealing with international policy and development and has traveled extensively overseas. His past travels to China and also lectures that he has given at Chinese universities will enable him to provide a unique perspective on the economic awakening of China. Dr. Coffey also has extensive experience lecturing to adults. He has been teaching economics and finance to adults at Central Florida Community College at Ocala.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites:

Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor (Terracotta Soldiers), Imperial Tombs of the Ming Dynasty

People to People Experiences: Meet the Chinese people and enjoy speaking with local university students. Speak with people in Shanghai at the Caoyang Residential Village and also a rural town in Xi'an.

Sample Lectures: "Letting the Flowers Bloom – the Blossoming of the Chinese Economy," "China and the U.S.: A Threat or an Opportunity," "China's Rural Revolution: From Communes to Household Responsibility," "Confucius's Life and his Philosophic Thought," "China's One Child Policy," "The Geography of the Yangtze," "The Art of Chinese Painting," (with a demonstration) "Techniques of Chinese Cooking," (with a demonstration).

Day 1 – October 3rd - Saturday
USA / International Date Line
Depart from the U.S.

Day 2 - October 4th - Sunday
Beijing

Evening arrival in Beijing, China's second-largest city and capital for 700 years. Here you will have the opportunity to visit sites



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that connect the illustrious past of imperial China with the modernizing present of the People's Republic.

Beijing International Hotel

**Day 3 - October 5th - Monday (B, L, D)
Beijing**

You will take an extended tour of the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, which is the largest example of Chinese architecture in existence and contains palaces, pavilions, gates and chambers and is surrounded by a wall and moat. Visit the world's largest plaza, Tian An Men, where the first flag of the People's Republic of China was raised in 1949. View the impressive monuments, museums and parade grounds of Tian An Men. Lecture on China's "One Child Policy" by representatives of the China Population Information and Research Center. View the perfection of Ming architecture, the Temple of Heaven where shape, color and sound take on symbolic significance.

Beijing International Hotel

**Day 4 - October 6th - Tuesday (B, L, D)
Beijing**

A memorable visit to the 2,000-year-old Great Wall. Dating from the 4th century B.C. and stretching over 3,000 miles across China's northern frontier, the Great Wall remains one of the world's most remarkable engineering feats. After lunch, take a rickshaw tour of Beijing's ancient Hutongs to see the daily life of ordinary residents. Enjoy the culinary experience of a Peking Duck Dinner.

Beijing International Hotel

**Day 5 - October 7th - Wed. (B, L, D)
Beijing / Jinan**

Visit the Summer Palace. Drive to Jinan, the capital of Shandong Province. Enjoy a dinner, featuring one of the oldest and respected of the major nine cuisines of China, specially arranged by our Chinese hosts from the Shandong Province.

Shandong Mansion Hotel

"Learning about China's people, its culture, its history through the national and local guides was what I liked most about my Learning Vacation to China. The guides shared their knowledge of China with pride and enthusiasm. My mind is richer for learning China's long history and my heart is kinder for learning more about its people and its culture. I return to the United States as an unofficial ambassador to China. I encourage others to go to China and become enlightened."

China - L Noblin, TX

**Day 6 - October 8th - Thursday (B, L, D)
Jinan / Qufu**

Look out across the Yellow River, whose banks often rise twenty feet above the city. The river is often called "China's Sorrow" because of its unpredictable flooding. After breakfast, travel to Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius. With its fine imperial architecture and cultural relics, Qufu's historic sites are second only to the Forbidden City in Beijing. Visit the Temple of Confucius. See the stone-carved statue of Confucius and walk through the maze of more than 450 halls, rooms, and buildings of the Kong Mansion, the largest and most sumptuous aristocratic mansion in China. Enjoy the lecture, "Confucius's Life and his Philosophic Thought." A singing and dancing show is planned for the evening.

Queli Hotel

**Day 7 - October 9th - Friday (B, L, D)
Qufu / Tai'an**

Travel by traditional horse-drawn carriages to visit Kong Lin (Confucian Forest), the largest man-made park and best-preserved cemetery in China. Travel to Tai'an, the gateway town to Mount Taishan, the most revered of the five sacred mountains of China. Enjoy a walk up Mt. Taishan ("When one goes up Taishan Mountain, the world will be dwarfed beneath his feet." - Confucius). The grandeur of this time-honored attraction can be experienced as you

ascend the 7,000 stone steps on foot (if you dare) or by cable car.

Ramada Hotel Taishan Resort

**Day 8 - October 10th - Saturday (B, L, D)
Tai'an / Xi'an**

Travel back to Jinan to catch your flight to Xi'an. Arrive in Xi'an, considered to be the cradle of Chinese civilization and one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Castle Hotel

**Day 9 - October 11th - Sunday (B, L, D)
Xi'an**

Visit the archaeological excavation of the 6,000-figure life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors that guard the still unopened burial mound of Qin Shi Huang, the emperor who unified China in 221 B.C. Attend a lecture "Education in China" at a local university where you will have the opportunity to speak with some of the students. View a cooking demonstration reflecting Chinese culinary arts and then experience a Royal Dumpling Banquet. This evening attend the Tang Dynasty Cultural Show.
Castle Hotel

**Day 10 - October 12th - Monday (B, L, D)
Xi'an / Chongqing**

After breakfast, see the seven-story Big Wild Goose Pagoda, which offers a splendid view of the city. A visit to the City Wall, the longest and best preserved wall from the Ming Dynasty. Take an afternoon flight to Chongqing, the "mountain city" of Chongqing which clings to the steep slopes of the Yangtze.

Intercontinental Hotel

**Day 11 - October 13th - Tuesday (B, L, D)
Yangtze River Cruise**

After breakfast, visit a Qing-style old town on the outskirts of Chongqing and enjoy a special banquet featuring Szechuan cuisine. Visit the Panda Zoo. Enjoy a monorail ride to overlook the city in the river valley. Chongqing was the short-lived wartime capital of China which suffered devastating losses at the hands of the Japanese. Visit the

Stillwell Museum and learn about the time Stillwell served as Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in the China-Burma-India theater, between 1941 and 1945 when the threat of the Japanese Imperial Army was finally overcome. After dinner embark on the President Cruise Ship, one of the premier cruise ships on the Yangtze River to begin your three-night Yangtze River Cruise. President Cruise Ship

**Day 12 - October 14th - Wed. (B, L, D)
Yangtze River Cruise**

After breakfast, take a shore excursion to Shibaozhai, built in the Qing Dynasty in 1750 with a height of 56 meters. Shibaozhai is simply a rectangular rock with sheer cliffs, standing on the riverside. A red wooden pagoda, 12 stories high, was built against the rock wall and you can climb to the top by spiral staircase in the pagoda. 160 meters above the river, enjoy a panoramic view of the winding river, the village and the countryside. Hear a lecture and view a demonstration on Chinese Cooking.
President Cruise Ship

**Day 13 - October 15th - Thurs. (B, L, D)
Yangtze River Cruise**

After an early breakfast, depending on the water level of the Yangtze, disembark and board the small motor boats or authentic sampans to sail through the Lesser Three Gorges for an excursion on a crystal clear tributary river of the Yangtze. You can see the ruins of the ancient plank road and suspending coffins of the ancient Ba people hanging on the cliffs above you as you enjoy the spectacular scenery. Enter Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge, the last of the Three Gorges. The combination of the height of the gorges and the narrowness of the river in this area - less than a hundred yards in places make the water swift. View the cliffs and peaks with pinnacles soaring up to 4,000 feet that have inspired Chinese landscape artists and poets for thousands of years. Hear a lecture and view a demonstration on Chinese

painting. Enjoy a special banquet featuring Szechuan cuisine.

President Cruise Ship

"I liked having a National Guide with us the entire trip and local guides at each location. Our guide was so helpful, kind and thoughtful, he said we were his "American Mothers" and treated us with great respect and consideration. It added so much to our educational experience to have a national and a local guide to ask questions. The big attraction were marvelous: Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, etc. but the visit to a University and a typical Hutong home were 'icing on the cake!'"

China - M. Bailey, IL

**Day 14 - October 16th - Friday (B, L, D)
Yangtze River Cruise / Shanghai**

Disembark at Yichang and visit the world largest Three Gorges Dam with unprecedented magnitude standing 185 meters high and 2.3km long, a modern engineering feature that only the Great Wall in the ancient China could parallel. This controversial water conservative project will force 1.3 million inhabitants in the Three Gorge area to relocate in various parts of China, and provoke some eco-environmental concerns, but it will also benefit the people in the aspects of flood control, power generation, and navigation improvement. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Rainbow Hotel

**Day 15 - October 17th - Saturday (B, L, D)
Shanghai**

After breakfast, visit the newly opened Shanghai Museum of Art and History, the finest in all of China, and considered one of the great museums of the world. Visit a Children's Palace. Visit the residential area called Caoyang Residential Village. There will also be some time for shopping in the "old town" quarter of Shanghai. After dinner, go to a performance of the daring Shanghai

Acrobatic Circus.
Rainbow Hotel

**Day 16 - October 18th - Sunday (B)
Shanghai / USA**

Transfer for your flight to the USA.

B - Breakfast

L - Lunch

D - Dinner

Drinks are not included.

PROGRAM PRICE

\$3,195 per person double occupancy Land Only - Plus Airfare

(does not include international airfare, giving you the flexibility to use frequent flyer miles or search the internet for the best airfares available.)

\$1,095 single-room supplement

Visas are required for all U.S. citizens.

Information will be mailed upon registration.

PROGRAM FEATURES

* All air and land transfers with assistance.

Airport departure taxes throughout the programs are not included.

* All specially arranged lecture/seminars and field experiences as indicated in the itinerary.

* Deluxe and first-class accommodations throughout the program as indicated in the itinerary. Three meals daily within China.

* All professional English-speaking guides are personally selected for you from firsthand experience by our China coordinator.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS

Early reservations are essential. A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of registration. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure with an additional deposit due 90 days prior to departure. All pricing is in \$US dollars.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are sometimes difficult to obtain but should a request be made, TraveLearn, Inc. will do its best to secure these accommodations.

AIR FARE / FLIGHT ITINERARY

We can assist you with getting airfare. There is a \$50 per person air ticket fee for this service. Tickets are express mailed to you with your final documents approximately two weeks prior to your departure.

BAGGAGE

Airline baggage restrictions vary greatly from airline to airline. The most common, on regularly scheduled flights to and from the U.S. is two checked piece, the total dimensions (Width+Height+Length) of which do not exceed 107 inches provided neither piece exceeds 62 inches. One unchecked piece of carry-on luggage, the total dimensions of which do not exceed 45 inches. Please note that some destinations have not approved the piece count rules, and the international weight rule of a maximum of 44 lbs. still applies.

ELIGIBILITY / HEALTH

Information on health requirements for this program will be mailed to you upon registration. We recommend that all travelers check with their personal physician about medications and inoculations. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made. By forwarding a signed registration form and trip deposit, you certify that you do not knowingly have any physical or other conditions of disability that would create a risk for you or other trip participants. We assume no responsibility for medical care or for special dietary requirements. Hospital facilities for serious problems are often unavailable and evacuation can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. A parent or guardian for the entire journey must accompany individuals under the age of 18. There is no maximum age limit, but all participants must be in good health and physically fit. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of a program or to require any participant to withdraw from a program at any time when such action is determined to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the group or individual.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

Cost of obtaining passport or visa; expenses on the U.S. mainland; personal expenses such as beverages; laundry; phone calls; faxes; cables; travel insurance; excess baggage fees; items not on regular menus; expenses of guides, buses, or cars for sightseeing not included in the itinerary; gratuities to guides; airport taxes and other items not mentioned as being included. Transfers to / from the airport unless schedule is sent to TraveLearn.

CANCELLATION / INSURANCE

TraveLearn, Inc. is required to make various deposits to reserve accommodations, transportation arrangements, tickets, etc. in organizing these Learning Vacations. Therefore, if you must withdraw from the program, irrespective of reason after your date of registration you will forfeit whatever portion of the deposits that cannot be retrieved from various airlines and land operators plus a \$100 cancellation penalty per person. The expected cancellation penalties are as follow: From the date of registration to 90 days prior to departure - \$100; 89 to 60 days prior - 30% of total program price; 59 to 30 days prior - 60% of price; less than 29 days prior to departure - refund, if any, will be only the amount recovered by TraveLearn, Inc. Cancellation penalties vary with different types of airfares. No refund will be made for unused portions of the trip and all cancellation/ withdrawal notifications MUST be

received in writing. The date the WRITTEN cancellation is received by TraveLearn, Inc. will determine the cancellation date. If final payments are not made by the designated date it will be assumed that the participant has withdrawn from the travel program and cancellation fees will be charged accordingly. Cost increases may occur unexpectedly. Rates are based on group tariffs; if the trip does not have sufficient registration, a small party supplement may have to be charged. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. may be compelled to amend prices, and we reserve the right to do so without prior notice. An increase in trip prices shall not be sufficient grounds for any refund of funds paid for the trip other than our normal cancellation policy terms. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Insurance is a personal matter, the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. encourages each participant to consider the purchase of trip cancellation, baggage, and all other forms of travel insurance to provide the level of protection deemed necessary. TraveLearn, Inc will provide information on insurance options for this program after the receipt of your registration. The right is reserved to cancel any trip prior to departure, in which case full refund of the paid trip funds to the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. will be given, but the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. are not responsible for any other trip preparation expenses, such as penalized or non-refundable air tickets, insurance fees, visa fees, and medical expenses.

DOCUMENTS / RESPONSIBILITY

Most destinations require a current passport, which has at least 6 months validity left from your intended return date. It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure that he is in possession of a valid passport and travel documents, visas, and health certificates as required by countries visited. Any delays or cancellations created by clients doing their own visa processing is the sole responsibility of the client. Final documents will be express mailed to you approximately two weeks prior to your departure. Services in connection with this itinerary are rendered by suppliers acting as independent contractors and not as agents or employees of the Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. TraveLearn, Inc., its Owners, Outfitters, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and assume no responsibility whatsoever caused by injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pillage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control. Costs for each Learning Vacation were based on air fares and international exchange rates as of September 2008. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. has tried to prevent any additional charges and they do not anticipate that any increase will need to be made on the ground portion of these programs. The Educational Institution and TraveLearn, Inc. reserves the right to make changes or substitutions in the dates, itinerary, speakers/lecturers, or costs as it becomes necessary or desirable without liability to itself or its co-sponsoring or affiliated associations and organizations or their agents. In the event of the tour being cancelled by the operator, we shall have no responsibility other than the refund of all deposits and monies paid to him by tour participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. All cooperating airlines and steamship companies are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are on board; the limit of their liability is that of a common carrier and the passage contract in use by such carriers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between companies and the purchaser of this tour and/or passenger. Acceptance of the services of TraveLearn, Inc. by institutions and/or travelers constitutes acceptance by them of all of the above noted terms and conditions. The aforementioned conditions apply equally to the institutions cosponsoring this tour that assume no responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage to participants or their property in connection with any aspect of this tour.

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