Boston University Alumni Relations

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CHINA PASSAGE

Sept. 2 to 11, 2017

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BEST CHINA TOUR
Dear BU Alumni and Friends,

China, land of legends, architectural wonders, and diverse landscapes, is a country with one of the world’s oldest civilizations. Over the centuries, it has produced cultural masterpieces that have fascinated the rest of the world. Today, monumental social and economic transformations are underway with new prosperity in the cities of Shanghai and Beijing.

The tour begins in Beijing with visits to the Forbidden City, home to numerous emperors, and the Great Wall, built in 600 B.C. Continue to Xian, a city that once vied with Rome and Constantinople for the title of greatest city in the world. The discovery of more than 6,000 life-size figures of warriors and their horses is expanded daily. The tour concludes in Shanghai, a city whose past was both exotic and refined, where early twentieth century fortunes were made and lost in feverish trading. Now a metropolis of skyscrapers, it is home to one of Asia’s finest art museums. In Shanghai, you will have a chance to experience the thrill of Maglev Train (up to 278mph). There will be free time for you to explore Beijing and Shanghai by yourselves.

To enhance your learning and travel experience, we will invite a BU faculty member to accompany you during the entire trip (based on the amount partipants). Giving a couple of lectures on road, he/she will share insights, knowledge and expertise on Chinese history and culture with you. We are still in the process of locating a candidate, and will keep you updated until we find one.

First launched in 2009, this program had a huge success with other colleges’ alumni. The journey provides an excellent chance for a taste of China as well as a perfect graduation trip. Your early reservation will be crucial. Space is limited, so please reserve soon.

Steve Hall
Vice President, Alumni Relations
Boston University
Day-to-Day Itinerary

Sept. 2, 2017 (Saturday), New York/Beijing

- Depart from New York JFK airport and take Air China non-stop flight to Beijing.

Sept. 3-5, Beijing

Beijing, the 800-year-old ancient capital of China, is the exuberant heart of the Middle Kingdom. With thirteen million residents, it is the living epitome of China’s past, future and everything in between.

Metropark Lido Hotel, 3 nights

- Sept. 3, arrive in Beijing. Meet the guide and transfer to hotel. Dinner provided. D
- Sept. 4 (Labor Day), visit the Forbidden City, a magnificent palace built between 1406 and 1421, from which 24 emperors ruled China for 500 years. Continue to the historic landmark Tian-An-Men Square. In the afternoon visit post-modern galleries and Museums at chic Quarter-798 and Beijing’s new fames which include National Center for Performing Arts and CCTV Tower (750 foot) designed by Rem Koolhaas. Welcome Dinner: Beijing Roast Duck B/L/D
- Sept. 5, free to explore Beijing. B
- Sept. 6, climb the Great Wall, the only visible human construction from the moon. Built in 600 B.C., it once stretched for over 6,000 miles. Visit the Olympic Village which include Bird’s Nest, by Jacques Herzog and Pierre Meuron, house the 2008 Opening Ceremony and National Aquatics Center (nickname Water Cube), 230,000 sq. ft., is covered by a glass skin that alludes to soap bubbles, by PTW Architects. Fly to Xian in the evening. B/L/D
Sept. 6-7, Xian

Xian, the ancient capital of eleven dynasties from the first Chinese Emperor to the Tang Dynasty in the 9th century, where the legendary Silk Road began. Grand Metropark Hotel, 2 nights

- Sept. 6, arrive in Xian and transfer to hotel.
- Sept. 7, bike on the Ancient Ramparts of Changan (1 hr) before exploring one of the most stunning archeological discoveries of the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors. This legendary, life-size terracotta army was created to protect the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China who conquered seven rival kingdoms and united China as one nation in 221 B.C. B/L/D

Sept. 8-10, Shanghai

With sixteen million residents, Shanghai is now the engine and the showcase of tremendous economic development in modern China. Set against 100-year European colony architecture in the Bund, the avant-garde futurist skyscrapers on the east bank of the Huang Pu River reflects its ambitious dream to regain the title of "Oriental Pearl". Royalton Hotel, 3 nights

- Sept. 8, fly to Shanghai. Visit “New Shanghai” – Pudong, farmland 20 years ago, is now China’s financial center. Experience the thrill (up to 430km/h or 278mph) of Shanghai Maglev Train. B/L/D
- Sept. 9, Stroll along the beautiful waterfront Bund and thorough Old Town. Later, walking through twisted alleyways, narrow streets and tiny shops, we find ourselves in front of the extraor-
ordinary **Yu Garden**, built in 1577. **Shanghai Acrobat** B/L/D

- Sept. 10, free to explore Shanghai. B

**Sept. 11, Shanghai/New York**

- Transfer to airport for flying back to New York (1 stop in Beijing). Arrive in New York the same day due to time difference. B

\*All-Inclusive Features\*

- Round-trip from New York/Beijing and Shanghai/New York, economy class, including all tax and fees
- All domestic flights within China, economy class, including airport taxes
- 4-star hotel accommodations as listed (or similar class)
- Daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels, and specified lunches (L) and dinners (D)
- Sight-seeing as listed
- Ground transportation within China
- Professional local English speaking guide in each city
- Baggage transportation
- Tour director within China for 10 and more passengers
- China Visa

\*Not Included\*

- All personal expenses such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone and anything not mentioned above as included
- Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers
China Passage
Reservation Form
(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

Travel Date: Sept. 2-11, 2017 (Sept. 4 is Labor Day)
Tour Cost: $3,090 per person, double occupancy, including air from New York
Single Supplement: $650

Please email (alumni@BestChinaTour.com) or fax your reservation to (or send by fax to 847-793-0530):
Best China Tour
BU 2017 GROUP
250 Parkway Drive #150
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Call 847-793-0530 if you have any questions regarding the trip.

U.S. Domestic Air: Please book round-trip flights for me/us to connect with international flights at New York JFK airport.
My/our departure airport is:
City__________________ State _____ Airport Name/Code ________________
(_ ) I/we will arrange my/our own connecting air

Optional International Air Upgrade
Please send me/us price for:
( _) Upgrade to Business-class ( _) Upgrade to First-class

FULL NAME (please print your name as it appears on your passport)

(1)_____________________________________________________________________
Title            First                 Middle                    Last                            BU Class
(2)_____________________________________________________________________
Title            First                 Middle                    Last                            BU Class

Please print your name as it should appear on your name badge:
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Street Address: ___________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: ____________ ZIP Code: ___________
Daytime Phone: (______) ____________ Evening Phone: (______) _________________

I request assistance in securing a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found by final payment date, I will pay the single supplement of $650.

Enclosed is my/our deposit (credit card or check) in the amount of $______ ($500 per person required).
Card Type (check one): American Express Visa MasterCard
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ EXP. Date: _ / _

Final payment is due prior to June 1, 2017 and must be paid by check.
Please make checks payable to: Best China Tour, Inc.
( _) I/we would like to pay the final payment on June 1, 2017 with the above card. I understand there will be additional 5% charge for bank transaction and convenience for credit card payment.

I have read and agreed to the Terms.
Signature: __________________________; ______________________________
Date: __________________________

Travel insurance information will be sent with your registration confirmation.
Terms

**Price** quoted is for one passenger based on double occupancy, including economic class international air, China domestic air, ground transfers within China, baggage handling, accommodations, hotels, meals, sight-seeing, local guide, which is specified in this agreement. Price and travel dates are given in good faith and subject to change without notice. In the event of big changes in foreign currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, security fees, and other extra charge, the tour price will be adjusted according market conditions.

**Baggage** within China one baggage with total sum (length + width + height) and that does not exceed 107 inches (44 Pound) is allowed per passenger along with one carry-on bag. Excess baggage is not included in the trip price.

**Payment** Reservation will be accepted until $500 deposit per person is received. The full balance of the payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Cancellation** fee $300 after reservation for any reason whatsoever; 30% of tour price, if cancel 74 to 45 days prior to departure; 50% of tour price, if cancel 44 to 30 days prior to departure; 70% of tour price, if cancel 29 to 11 days prior to departure; 90% of tour price, if cancel 10 to 4 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 3 days prior to departure. A change in departure date is considered as a cancellation. Travelers who can’t finish the whole trip must claim in writing within 30 days of termination of the tour. Any adjustment will be calculated on actual cost and not on a per diem basis, no refund for the traveler who terminates the trip on his or her own personal reason. If tour operator cancels the tour, the refund including compensation will not exceed 100% of tour sales price. For passenger purchasing air tickets only, there will be $100 service charge plus airline penalty.

**Travel Insurance** The terms will be enforced strictly. BCT strongly recommends all passengers to purchase travel insurance for protection.

**Liabilities** Best China Tour, Inc. (BCT) purchased air and ground transportation, hotel, restaurant and other travel services from independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Therefore BCT and the sponsoring organization, “Boston University Alumni Relations (BU)”, will be exempt from any liabilities for death, injury, baggage loss and damage or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of such supplier. BCT and Duke are not responsible for omissions and errors of printing and presentation of brochures, our website, sales agent or any other media.

**Itinerary** Deviations to the planned itinerary, as shown in brochures and on our website, may occur due to weather, traffic, or any other conditions beyond our control such as strike, acts of God, war, fire, acts of government, riot, etc. We will make our best to insure all the visits and excursions will be similar and there will be no refund. BCT and BU reserve the right to substitute the itinerary.
**The Hotels** listed in brochures and on our website will be used in most circumstance; BCT and BU reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same class and standard.

**Health** No smoking during the transportation in coach and airplane. BCT and BU have the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time for the best interests of safety, health or general well being of the tour group or individuals. Passengers’ heath should fit all travel schedule and activity. Any delay, cancellation of partial or whole trip causing by passengers’ health will be at the expenses of passenger. Passenger needs to notify BU and BCT before reservation if he or she needs any physical assistance (e.g. using wheel chair) during the trip. Participants requiring extra assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance.

**Promotion** BCT and BU reserve the right to take photo, video, media report, etc. during the tour for its own promotion use.

**Arbitration Agreement** This agreement shall be governed by Illinois law without application of its conflict of laws principals. Any controversy or claim relating this Agreement shall be settled solely and exclusively in Lake County or Cook County, Illinois. If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision or portion of this Agreement to be unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. If either party commences any action or proceeding against the other party to enforce or to interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other party the actual costs, expenses, and attorneys’ fees (including all related costs and expenses) incurred by such prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding and in connection with obtaining and enforcing any judgment or order thereby obtained.

**Acceptance of Terms** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

**BU DISCLAIMER** BU and BCT reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a tour member should such a person’s health, mental condition, physical infirmity or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. Refunds will be made in accordance with cancellation policy listed in the brochure.

Visit our website at [www.bu.edu/alumni/involved/travel](http://www.bu.edu/alumni/involved/travel) for more information.