



china

**beijing
hangzhou
suzhou
shanghai**

11-day tour

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Clockwise from top: Beijing skyline; Rickshaws lined up in a Hutong; lion guarding the Forbidden City

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Beijing

Welcome to China! Learn about local customs and key language from the dedicated tour manager.

Check-in to the hotel and enjoy a traditional Peking Duck welcome dinner prior to retiring from the long travel day. (D)

Day 3 Historic Beijing

Visit Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest public gathering places, and the adjacent Forbidden City, the 600-year-old palace of the Chinese emperors. Continue to the Summer Palace, then visit the Panda House at the Beijing Zoo.

Day 4 Great Wall of China

Excursion to climb the Great Wall of China and **perform a concert at one of the towers**. On the way back to the city, see the 2008 Olympic venues. Evening attendance at a traditional acrobatic show in Beijing.

Day 5 School Visit and Concert

Morning visit to the beautiful Temple of Heaven. The idyllic park, where emperors prayed for a good harvest, is the perfect setting for Tai Chi exercises. Tour a traditional Beijing neighborhood, a "Hutong," by the hand-drawn rickshaw. A home-cooked lunch follows.

Afternoon school visit and cultural exchange, with rehearsal

and dinner prior to the **joint concert performance**.

Day 6 Hangzhou West Lake

Check-out of the hotel and take a high-speed train from Beijing to Hangzhou. Cruise on West Lake, an area of sublime natural beauty which has inspired artists and poets for millennia. Hotel check-in.

Day 7 School Visit and Concert

Visit the ancient Lingyin Temple, an enormous Buddhist temple and major pilgrimage site. Silk has long been a driver of both commerce and art in China; visit a local silk manufacturing plant.

Afternoon visit to a Hangzhou school for a cultural exchange,

followed by dinner and a **joint concert performance**.

Day 8 Suzhou

Check-out of the hotel and drive (100 miles) to Suzhou, a city of immense beauty that is often compared to Venice because of its charming canal system. See the Grand Canal and Panmen Watergate, then visit Suzhou Embroidery Research Institute, where many of the world's finest hand-embroidered silk pieces are collected.

Day 9 Shanghai

Check-out of the hotel and drive (65 miles) to Shanghai. See the Old Town, Nanjing Road pedestrian district, the Bund waterfront area,

and visit Yu Garden, a serene Chinese garden preserved amidst the rapidly-growing modern city. Check-in to the hotel.

Day 10 School Visit and Concert

Visit the Jade Buddha Temple, a more-modern shrine built in the traditional Chinese style, which houses a 3-ton white jade Buddha.

Afternoon visit to a local school for cultural exchange, rehearsal, and final dinner in China prior to a **joint concert performance**.

Day 11 Flight to USA

Check-out of the hotel and enjoy last-minute time for shopping or relaxing before transferring to the airport for the return flight(s) to the USA. (B)

Notes on meals

Three meals are provided each day: breakfast in the hotel; lunch and dinner in inspected and approved local restaurants.

On arrival day, only dinner (D) is provided. On departure day, only breakfast (B) is provided.



Clockwise from top: Hangzhou West Lake; Shanghai Bund District and Huangpu River lit at night; one of the many characteristic canals of Suzhou



summary of tour inclusions and exclusions

transportation

- roundtrip airfare on regularly-scheduled air carrier from EWR
- chartered motorcoach in Beijing and Hangzhou-Suzhou-Shanghai
- High-Speed train from Beijing to Hangzhou

meals

- any meals provided by the airline en route
- daily breakfast (9)
- 8 lunches
- daily dinner (9)

staff/services

- fully-escorted by experienced tour guides and concert tour managers
- professional drivers for motorcoaches
- gratuities to all staff
- dedicated pre-departure staff in USA
- Accent Concerts staff on-site in China
- individual account management and customer service

experiences

- 3 concerts, as part of cultural exchanges with local schools
- performance on the Great Wall of China
- 9 nights lodging in first-class (4*) hotels
- Entrance to
 - Forbidden City
 - Summer Palace
 - Beijing Zoo
 - Great Wall
 - Acrobatic Show
 - West Lake (cruise)
 - Silk manufacturer
 - Embroidery museum

exclusions

- **tourist visa to China**
- additional meals
- beverages at meals
- souvenirs and other personal expenses
- passport acquisition
- travel insurance
- anything else not specifically included

