



Sacramento-Jinan Sister-City Trip to China
“Historic & Scenic China”

October 15, 2012 – October 29, 2012

Shanghai – Zhangjiajie National Park – Hangzhou – Xi’an– Jinan – Qufu – Beijing

Trip Highlights:

- Visit Sacramento’s sister city Jinan as a Citizen Ambassador and an invited VIP guest of the City of Jinan
- Climb the Great Wall of China
- Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors in Xi’an
- Tour famous cities including Shanghai (China’s largest city), Qufu (Confucius’ Birthplace), and Hangzhou (Paradise on Earth)
- Escape to Nature’s Finest – Zhangjiajie - China's first national forest park

Cost: TBD (including tour with private English-speaking local guide and private AC coach bus service, 4-5 star hotel rooms of double occupancy, meals as stated, admission tickets and China domestic airfare).

\$100 discount for JSSCC members.

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Visit our homepage www.jsscc.org or our page on the City of Sacramento’s website

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/sistercities/jinan.htm>

Day 1 10/15/2012 San Francisco – Shanghai

Leave San Francisco and arrive in Shanghai the next day. The International Date Line will be crossed. A full meal and beverage service will be available during the overnight flight.

Day 2 10/16/2012 Shanghai (上海) – Paris of the East & the Largest City in China

Arrive in Shanghai at night, transfer to Hotel.

Day 3 10/17/2012 Shanghai - Zhangjiajie

Visit Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, and the Bund. Fly to Zhangjiajie in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day 4 10/18/2012 Zhangjiajie (张家界) – China’s 1st National Park

Today's itinerary highlights the most beautiful scenic spots in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park. After breakfast in the hotel, you will set off for Huangshi Fort which is 1080m above the sea level, a mesa higher on the north side elevated by stiff cliffs. It is the best platform to view the beautiful scenes of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park and you'll fully understand why they say he who does not reach Huangshi Fort would be regarded as having never been to Zhangjiajie. The afternoon will give time to explore the Jinbian Brook. It covers a distance of 7.5 km from north to south, winding across mountains and valleys. (B-L-D).

Day 5 10/19/2012 Zhangjiajie – Shanghai

Tianzi Mountain is our goal today. It is a mesa in the northwest of Wulingyuan. Up on the mesa, the field of vision is widely opened up and it is a perfect location to have a panoramic view of the nature reserve. The two-way cable car ride saves your energy to enjoy the views and relax. Enjoy a meal at Hei Zhu Gou



Restaurant. This restaurant is famous for its use of many varieties of fresh mushrooms together with the Tujia minority dishes served in the restaurant. Fly to Shanghai at night. (B-L-D)

Day 6 10/20/2012 Hangzhou (杭州) – Paradise on Earth

Private coach bus to Hangzhou. As the Chinese saying goes: “In heaven there is Paradise, on earth there is Hangzhou”, this paradise on earth will take your breath away. Visit China National Tea Museum, West Lake, and Dragon Well (Longjing) Tea Plantation. After dinner, you’ll watch "Impression West Lake", one of the signature large-scale scenery live shows created by Director Zhang Yimou. (B-L-D)

Day 7 10/21/2012 Xi’an (西安) – Ancient Capital of China

Take the first flight out to Xi’an. Visit Terra-cotta Warrior sites, Huaqing Hot Springs, Banpo Neolithic Village Museum. Enjoy a Chinese Dumpling banquet dinner (B-L-D)

Day 8 10/22/2012 Xi’an (西安) – Jinan

Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient City Wall. Fly to Jinan in the afternoon. (B-L-D)

Day 9 10/23/2012 Jinan (济南) - The City of Springs & Sister City of Sacramento

Attend an international sister-city event, and meet with participants from all over the world. Dinner hosted by the Jinan officials. (B-L-D)

Day 10 10/24/2012 Qufu (曲阜) – Confucius’ Birthplace

Day trip to Qufu. Visit Confucius temple, Confucius family residence and Confucius family cemetery. Back to Jinan in the evening (B-L-D)

Day 11 10/25/2012 Jinan

Jinan sightseeing.

Day 12 10/26/2012 Jinan - Beijing

Take the high-speed rail, and ‘fly’ at 180 miles an hour and reach Beijing in mere 1.5 hours. Tour the Tian’anmen Square and Forbidden City (the Palace Museum) (B-L-D)

Day 13 10/27/2012 Beijing (北京) – Capital of China

Enjoy a free day to relax and/or explore Beijing on your own. (B)

Day 14 10/28/2012 Beijing

We’re saving the best for last - climb the Great Wall Mutianyu section. Enjoy an authentic Peking duck farewell dinner. (B-L-D)

Day 15 10/29/2012 Beijing – San Francisco

Fly to San Francisco and arrive on the same day. (B)

** Itinerary tentative & subject to change*

** B-L-D: Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner included in the tour cost.*