



Sacramento-Jinan Sister-City 25th Anniversary Trip to China

October 7, 2010 – October 20, 2010

Beijing – Jinan – Qufu – Zibo – Weifang – Yantai – Qingdao – Suzhou – Shanghai

Tour Highlights:

- **Attend celebration activities in Jinan for the 25th Anniversary of Sacramento-Jinan sister-city relationship as a member of the official delegation and invited guests to Jinan**
- **Climb the Great Wall of China and see giant panda bears with your own eyes**
- **Visit the World Expo in Shanghai**
- **Learn Chinese culture through tours of gardens**
- **Tour major cities in Shandong (山東), one of the most prosperous and populous provinces of China with Jinan as its capital city and Confucius as its most illustrious son: enjoy tour of Confucius' birthplace, wine tasting, beer museum, folk arts and ceramics, etc.**

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Visit us at the City of Sacramento's website <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/sistercities/jinan.htm> or our homepage www.jsscc.org.

Itinerary

Day 1 10/07/2010 San Francisco – Beijing

Fly from San Francisco to Beijing. A full meal and beverage service will be available during this overnight flight. The International Date Line will be crossed during the flight.

Day 2 10/08/2010 Beijing (北京) – Capital of China

Arrive in Beijing, transfer to 4-star hotel, welcome dinner (D)

Day 3 10/09/2010 Beijing

Visit the Great Wall, Cloisonné Factory, Summer Palace, Beijing Olympic Park. Enjoy a Peking Duck Dinner. (B-L-D)

Day 4 10/10/2010 Beijing – Jinan

Tour the Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City (The Palace Museum), Beijing Zoo. Take the afternoon express train to Jinan D37 (2:10pm – 5:35pm). (B-L-D)

Day 5 10/11/2010 Jinan (濟南) – City of Springs & Sacramento's Sister City

Attend the ceremony of 25th anniversary celebration with Jinan citizens and officials. Official duties between elected officials will be arranged. Visit the Children's Palace and the Sacramento Garden (inside the Jinan Garden Expo), a permanent replica modeling after the World Peace Rose Garden on the Capitol ground in Sacramento. Dine with Jinan government officials. (B-L-D)

Day 6 10/12/2010 Jinan

Visit Baotu Spring Park, Daming Lake, the Yellow River, Old City Moat, Spring City Square and Acrobat Show. (B-L-D)

Day 7 10/13/2010 Qufu (曲阜) – Confucius’ Birthplace

Take a day trip to Qufu by our private tour bus. Visit Confucius temple, Confucius family residence and cemetery. Return to Jinan for a Farewell Dinner sponsored by the Jinan Foreign Affairs Office. (B-L-D)

Day 8 10/14/2010 Jinan – Zibo (淄博) – Weifang (潍坊) - Yantai (烟台)

Take our private tour bus to Yantai and experience one of China’s best highways.

En route tour the following two cities :

Zibo – Capital of Ceramics: Visit Zibo Museum of Ceramics

Weifang - Capital of Kites: Tour Yangjiabu Folk Arts Grand View Garden and see how handmade kites are decorated with Chinese folk arts and how woodblock Chinese New Year paintings are made.

Arrive in the charming seaside city Yantai in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day 9 10/15/2010 Yantai – Napa of China

Taste wine at Changyu winery, China’s largest and oldest grape winery. Visit Penglai Pavilion, built in 1601 and deemed as one of the four famous pavilions in Chinese history. Stay in Yantai. (B-L-D)

Day 10 10/16/2010 Yantai – Qingdao (青岛) - Home to Tsingtao Beer, Haier & Hisense

Drive to the beautiful coastal city Qingdao. A German colony in the late 1800s, Qingdao is perhaps best known for its Tsingtao Brewery, which German settlers founded in 1903, and which produces Tsingtao beer, now the most famous Chinese beer. Tour the city center, its colonial-style houses and the breathtaking waterfront scenery. Visit Beer Museum, Little Fish Hill, etc. Stay in Qingdao. (B-L-D)

Day 11 10/17/2010 Qingdao - Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai in the morning. Visit Jade Buddha Temple and Yu Garden followed by shopping in the complex surrounding the Garden. You will get a glance of the historic heart of Shanghai, its narrow lanes and its bustling street markets. After a lunch of dim sum, we will stroll along the elegant Bund waterfront with Shanghai’s banks and trading centers. Cruise on the Huangpu (Yangtze) River and take in the city skyline. Enjoy more shopping on Nanjing Road. (B-L-D)

Day 12 10/18/2010 Shanghai (上海) – Paris of the East & the Largest City in China

Free day for you to explore the World Expo (B).

Day 13 10/19/2010 Suzhou (苏州) - Venice of the Orient

Day trip to Suzhou by private coach bus: Visit Wangshi Garden (Master-of-Nets Garden). An unforgettable boat ride on the Grand Canal will highlight the day. A visit to the Silk Mill will reveal the success of the Chinese in dominating the fabric industry of the world for so many centuries. Return to Shanghai in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day 14 10/20/2010 Shanghai – San Francisco

Fly from Shanghai to San Francisco and arrive on the same day.

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

Jinan – The City of Springs and Sister City of Sacramento

When a local group of Sacramentans sought to establish a “sister city” relationship with a city in China, Jinan was selected because of its many similarities with Sacramento. The two cities lies at the similar latitude on Earth, on the opposite ends of the World set apart by the Pacific Ocean (Sacramento Latitude: 38° 31' N, Longitude: 121° 30' W; Jinan Latitude 36° 40' N and Longitude 116° 57' E). Jinan is the capital of Shandong province and is situated on the lower reaches of the Yellow River - the second longest river in China. The Sister City affiliation with Jinan was endorsed by the Sacramento City Resolution on October 16, 1984.

Known as the “City of Springs”, Jinan is also known for its abundance of cultural relics and historic sites dating back more than 6,000 years. It is considered as one of China’s 14 ancient cities. Since the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 AD), Jinan has been the political, economic and cultural center of Shandong Province. Nearby is the town of Qufu - the birthplace of Confucius, China’s most illustrious son, and Taishan (Mt. Tai) - the holiest of China’s five sacred mountains.

Jinan is the political center as well as the education center of Shandong Province. It is not only one of the most economically developed coastal provinces in China, but also a major contributor to the ancient Chinese culture — the auspicious birthplace of Qilu culture. Shandong University is one of the oldest and prestigious universities in China. It was founded in 1901 in Jinan and is the second national university established in China.

With a population of 5.69 million, Jinan is a booming industrial center manufacturing machine tools, precision instruments, fertilizers, paper, marble, textiles, etc. Jinan’s hot and dry summer climate contributes to its thriving agricultural industry and a top producer of grain crops, vegetables, fruit and cotton. Serving as a major communication and transportation center, Jinan is a junction of east/west and north/south railways and highways.

For more on Jinan, go to www.jsscc.org or <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/sistercities/jinan.htm>

Map of Shandong

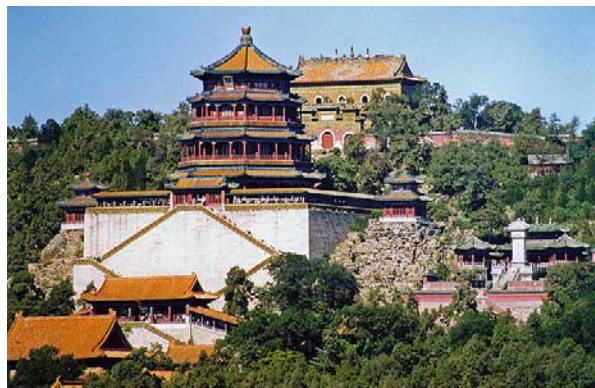


Map of Cities and Regions Covered by the Trip:



Garden Illustrations

Beijing: The Summer Palace (Gardens of Nurtured Harmony 颐和园) – The Summer Palace is a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. It is built around the Longevity Hill (60 meters high) and the Kunming Lake in the suburb of Beijing. The Summer Palace started out as the Garden of Clear Ripples (清漪园) in 1750 and then artisans reproduced the garden architecture styles of various palaces in China. The natural landscape of hills and open water are combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value. It served as a summer resort for Empress Dowager Cixi at the end of the 19th century.



Jinan: Baotu Spring Park (趵突泉公园) & Sacramento Garden – The park was originally established in 1956 and recently has been extended to 26 acres. The garden is built around the Baotu Spring, known as the best of the 72 natural springs in Jinan. Spring water pours out from the underground limestone cave throughout the night and day. The spring retains its temperature at 64 degree all year round. The park is also considered a cultural center, hosting the Li Qingzhao (a well-known 12th century woman poet) Memorial Hall and the Li Kuchan Gallery (famous Chinese artist) in its Ten-Thousand Bamboo Garden.



Shanghai: Yu Garden (豫园) – It is located in the center of the Old City and is considered one of the most lavish and finest Chinese gardens in the region. First established in 1559 as a private garden, now it occupies 5 acres, and is divided into six sections: Grand Rockery, Heralding Spring Hall, Inner, Jade Magnificence Hall, Lotus Pond, and Ten Thousand-Flower Tower.



Suzhou: Wangshi Garden (Master-of-Nets Garden 网师园) – Sometimes the smallest package can contain the most magnificent gift. The Master-of-Nets Garden is a clear example of this. It is the smallest of the Suzhou residential gardens, yet it is the most impressive because of its use of space which creates the illusion of an area that is much greater than its actual size. Even more than the architectural achievement is the mood of tranquility and harmony that this humble garden embodies. This exquisite garden was first designed during the Song Dynasty (960 - 1279) as part of a residence. The garden is divided into three sections: a residential section, the central main garden and an inner garden. The inner garden is only about 660 square feet, and is used as the model for the Ming Hall Garden at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and also completely miniaturized for an exhibit in the Pompidou Center in Paris.

