

STUDY OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

The People's Republic of China

Beijing-Guilin-Xi'an

June 22-July 01, 2008



PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Overview of China's Education System

School visits in each of the cities

Face to face interactions with the Chinese Teachers and Children.

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Forbidden City

Tiananmen Square

Great Wall of China

Beijing Silk Factory

Peking Roast Duck Dinner

Chinese Kung Fu Show

Reed Flute Cave

Li River Cruise

Rural village school in Guilin

Dumpling banquet in Xian

Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian

Orphanage visit in Xian

BEIJING

Day 1: Beijing (D)

Arrive Beijing, transport to Beijing International Hotel

Briefing on Chinese language, governmental structure, history, etiquette, and culture

Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Beijing (B, L, D)

PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE:

Professional overview of China's Education System at Beijing Teacher's University

- Afternoon visit to the **School of Education** of Beijing Teacher's University
- Visit to University teacher training classes.
- "Legend of Kung Fu" Martial Arts performance this evening

Day 3: Beijing (B, L, D)

- Visit to a **Public Primary School** affiliated with Beijing Teacher's University
- interact with the Teachers and children there.
- Lunch and Peking duck dinner included.
- Afternoon visit to the old neighborhood of Beijing



Day 4: Beijing (B, L)

CULTURAL VISITS:

The Great Wall of China

The Forbidden City

Tiananmen Square and the Great Hall of the People



GUILIN

Day 5: Beijing - Guilin (B, L, D)

CULTURAL VISITS AND TRAVEL DAY:

Flight to Guilin

Reed Flute Cave

Dinner together in specially picked local restaurant

Day 6: Guilin (B, L)

PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE:

- Full day interaction at a **County-based Primary School** to better understand the **rural education** in China. Including:
- Meeting with the teachers, and class room teaching demonstration.
- Lunch included, dinner open

Day 7: Guilin (B, L, D)

CULTURAL EXCURSION:

Li River Cruise to Yangshuo

Village Farm Family and village school visit

Dinner together in a local restaurant



XI'AN

Day 8: Xi'an (B, L, D)

Tai Chi lessons and shopping in morning

Flight to Xi'an

Visit Xi'an City Wall (14 km long and 600 yrs old)

Dumpling Dinner at Specially chosen local Restaurant



Day 9: Xi'an (B, L)

PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

- Visit a **Private Primary School** in Xian to learn about China's **Private education**, which is brand new concept in the country.
- Visit an orphanage in the afternoon, interacting with the lovely children there and may help with some volunteer works.
- Lunch included, dinner open



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Xi'an Children's Welfare Institute (Orphanage)

Day10: Xi'an (B, L, D)

CULTURAL:

Terra Cotta Warriors

Afternoon free for shopping and site seeing

Farewell Dinner



Day 11: (B)

Flight to Beijing for return flight home

REGISTRATION:

\$2990 Per person based on double occupancy, includes air in China
\$970. Single room supplement

\$1960 Optional Tibet extension
\$690. Single supplement

Discount: \$200 per registered and traveled guest or colleague referred by you

Download Registration form online or call 1-888-727-3224

Price Includes:

1. Hotel accommodations at Beijing International Hotel, Guilin Waterfall Hotel and similar standard hotel in Xian.
2. Flight tickets from Beijing-Guilin-Xian- Beijing.
3. All city based transportation.
4. English speaking guide services.
5. All meals specified in the itinerary, and tickets to the sites as well as special events specified in the program, free flow of soft drinks and local beers at each arranged meal.
6. Tips to city guides and bus drivers in all cities, not including the national guide.
7. A national guide will travel along with the delegation throughout the whole trip.

NOTE: Many delegates wish to utilize their air miles; therefore we do not include international flights in our itinerary. However, we are happy to handle your air arrangements, please contact our office.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

LHASA, TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION

(Domestic Air from Xi'an and back to Beijing is included)



Lhasa, Tibet is rightly one of the most featured and dreamt-about cities in the world. This is not only because of its remoteness, its high altitude at 3,650 meters (11,975 feet) means limited accessibility, but also because of its impressive heritage of over a thousand years of cultural and spiritual history that has helped to create the romantic and mysterious Tibetan region.

Day 1: Xian-Lhasa (L, D)

Delegates will take an early morning **flight from Xi'an to Lhasa.**

Upon arrival, delegates will be met by your local guide at Konggar Airport, and transferred to Lhasa, which is a 1 1/2 hours' scenic drive. On the way, you'll be greeted by Nie Tang Buddha - a Buddha image engraved in the mountain face. Check into the hotel, rest and acclimatize. Dinner this evening will be served at a special traditional restaurant.



Day 2 -Lhasa (B, L, D)

Morning visit to the renowned **POTALA PALACE** a 13 story 1000 room citadel served as the headquarters of the former "church-state" of Tibet and was home to the successive Dalai Lamas, who from the latter half of the 18th century used it as their winter palace. The palace is still visited by Tibetan pilgrims as a holy site, and you will notice them circling the building a bowing prostrate to the Dalai Lama.



The afternoon visit is to the **SERA MONASTERY**, known as one of the 3 great monasteries of Tibet. All belonging to the lineage of Gelugpa started by Je Tsong Khapa in early 15th century and all are within Lhasa, where there are many practicing Buddhist Monks to meet and converse with.



Delegates will also have an opportunity today to visit a **LOCAL TIBETAN VILLAGE** and meet face to face with Tibet families. You will be touched by their kindness, honesty and friendship! Delegates may personally prepare some gifts and present them on the spot.

This evening you will enjoy a **TIBETAN FOOT MASSAGE**. Medical massage, also named as Tuina, is a very important part of Traditional Chinese Medicine. You will surely understand why, after resting in a reclining chair, having your feet soak in hot water, followed by the massage therapists performing their wonderful skills on your feet. Your fatigue will completely evaporate!



Day 3 (B, L, D)



Your morning visit today will be to a School for the Blind. It is an amazing interaction with the local people.

Your afternoon is free for delegates to explore the city themselves, with such activities as shopping at **BARKHOR STREET** or visiting other temples. Since there is almost a zero crime rate in Tibet, you will feel quite safe! Dinner will be shared at a handpicked local Tibetan restaurant.



Day 4 Lhasa-Beijing (B, L, D)

All delegates will have a relaxing morning and then catch your flight to Beijing in the afternoon.

Upon your arrival in Beijing, you will be picked up by your guide and transported to the Beijing

International Hotel.

Day 5 Beijing-Home (B)

Check out of the hotel in the morning and fly home!

TUITION AND REGISTRATION

\$1960 per person based on double occupancy, including air from Xi'an to Lhasa, and Lhasa to Beijing;

Optional single room supplemental fee \$690

Requests for the optional Lhasa extension must be received with a \$250 deposit no later than 90 days prior to departure with payment in full no later than 60 days prior to departure

Quotation includes:

1. Hotel accommodation at Brahmaputra Hotel in Lhasa (5 star) www.brahmaputra.com.cn , Beijing International Hotel
2. Flights from Xian-Lhasa & Lhasa -Beijing
3. Motor Coach Transportation
4. English speaking guide services
5. All meals and tickets to the scenic spots as well as special events specified in the program, free flow of soft drinks and local beers at each arranged meals.
6. Tips to city guide and bus driver are included