

SAMPLE ITINERARY CHINA PERFORMANCE TOUR

(itinerary subject to change)

DAY ONE: BEIJING ARRIVAL (D)

Afternoon Arrive into Beijing!

Established as the capital of the Yuan Dynasty by Kublai Khan in 1267, Beijing has been at the political and cultural center of China for over 700 years. Taking its shape during the subsequent Ming and Qing Dynasties including the building of the Forbidden City, Beijing is both a modern and ancient capital. Reestablished as China's capital by Mao Zedong, nowhere is the power and authority of present day China more visible. Beijing is surrounded by historical evidence of the recent imperial past and of monuments to the current People's Republic.



Collect your luggage and move through customs and immigration. Meet your local Chinese Tour Manager and load the coach.

As an introduction to Beijing, you will visit Tiananmen Square, said to be the largest square in the world and capable of holding over 1 million people.

Afterwards, transfer and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening Dinner as a group at the hotel, and the rest of the evening is free for an early night.

DAY TWO: BEIJING (B,L,D) – Performance #1

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel with a choice of Chinese and Western foods.

After breakfast you will have the chance to walk the marble staircases and corridors of the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperor made annual offerings for the good of the Empire and received the Mandate of Heaven.

You may also catch the locals engaging in community activities of all sorts – singing, dancing, playing traditional Chinese music instruments, etc.

Afternoon Lunch as a group at a local restaurant.

Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly the Beijing Peking University Concert Hall or similar).

Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant

Performance at a local venue in Beijing (TBC – possibly the Beijing Peking University Concert Hall or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble.

Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.





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DAY THREE: BEIJING (B,L,D)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Today, you will visit the stunning Great Wall of China. The wall was built in many sections over the course of 2,000 years and stretches more than 3,000 miles from the Great China Sea to the Gobi Desert. You will have time to climb the wall and enjoy the amazing amount of work it took to create such a monument.
Afternoon	Lunch as a group en route to the hotel.
Late Afternoon	Arrive back into Beijing. Free time to freshen up.
Evening	Enjoy a traditional Peking Duck Dinner at a local restaurant. Following dinner, enjoy a Kung Fu Show at a theatre in Beijing.



The Legend of Kung Fu follows the story of a young boy found wandering outside an ancient temple. Like every boy in China, he dreams of becoming a Kung Fu master. On the road to enlightenment the young monk encounters many difficulties and temptations.

After the show, return to the hotel.

DAY FOUR: BEIJING (B,L,D) – Performance #2

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. This morning enjoy a visit to the Summer Palace. The Summer Palace was the summer residence of the final two Emperors and Empress Dowager (the Emperor's mother). The Palace is built around a beautiful lake and set at the foot of a hill. The opulent grounds (including a boat made entirely of marble) are a testament to the Empress Dowager's rule.
Afternoon	Lunch as a group at a local restaurant. Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly the Guotu Concert Hall at the National Library or similar).
Evening	Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue. Dinner as a group at a local restaurant. Performance at a local venue in Beijing (TBC – possibly the Guotu Concert Hall at the National Library or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble. Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.





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DAY FIVE: BEIJING → HANGZHOU (B,L,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check-out of the hotel and load the coach.
Depart for a visit to the Forbidden City.

The Forbidden City was the capital and residence of the ruling Emperors during the Ming and Qing Dynasties (14th Century to the early 20th Century). You will visit the formal audience chambers and grand spaces where the grandeur and pomp of Imperial China come to life.



Afternoon Lunch as a group at a local restaurant.
Following lunch, transfer to the Beijing Train Station.
Depart for Hangzhou on a high speed train.

The beauty of Hangzhou has inspired poets and artists for centuries. China's capital during the Southern Song Period (12th and 13th Centuries), Marco Polo described Hangzhou as "the city of heaven, the most magnificent in the world". Today the beauty of Hangzhou continues to inspire visitors and gives a fascinating glimpse into China's rich cultural heritage.

Early Evening Arrive into Hangzhou Train Station, disembark and board your coach.

Transfer and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening Dinner as a group at the hotel.

DAY SIX: HANGZHOU (B,L,D) – Performance #3

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
This morning enjoy sightseeing around Hangzhou including a visit to the Lingyin Temple (one of the most important Buddhist temples in China and famous for its rock carvings), Leifeng Pagoda, and West Lake Cruise.

Afternoon Lunch as a group at a local restaurant.
Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly the Hangzhou Grand Theatre or similar).
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
Performance at a local venue in Hangzhou (TBC – possibly the Hangzhou Grand Theatre or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble.
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.





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DAY SEVEN: HANGZHOU → SHANGHAI (B,L,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel, load the coach and depart for Shanghai (approx. 2.5 hour drive).

During the late 19th Century through the 1920s and 1930s, Shanghai was the financial capital of Asia and served as the entry point for Europeans into China. Today it is boldly reclaiming its title as the “Financial Capital of Asia” as attested by the amazing and unprecedented building boom. With its blend of colonial European buildings and modern skyscrapers, Shanghai is an interesting mix of old and new and dramatically shows what the future holds for all of China.

Afternoon Upon arrival into Shanghai, lunch as a group at a local restaurant.
After lunch, depart on a tour of the Pudong District. In twenty years, the Pudong District has gone from rice paddies to a modern high rise city. Some of the most interesting architecture in the world exists in Pudong.
Transfer to Nanjing St. via the historic Bund (where European banks and trading companies established headquarters in the 19th Century).
Late afternoon, transfer and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening Dinner as a group in Shanghai and this evening is free.



DAY EIGHT: SHANGHAI (B,L,D) – Performance #4

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
This morning, enjoy a visit to the classically styled Yu Gardens, an oasis in the middle of Shanghai’s Old Town.

Afternoon Lunch as a group at a local restaurant.
Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly the Shanghai Conservatory of Music or similar).
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening’s venue.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
Performance at a local venue in Shanghai (TBC – possibly the Shanghai Conservatory of Music or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble.
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.





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DAY NINE: SHANGHAI DEPARTURE (B)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Arrive at Shanghai Pudong International Airport and check-in for your flights.
Afternoon	Depart Shanghai.

WELCOME HOME!!





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INCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Round-trip, economy class airfare including taxes/fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♪ Accommodation:
 - BEIJING – Four (4) nights at a local hotel
 - HANGZHOU – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
 - SHANGHAI – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
- ♪ Breakfasts: Daily (eight (8) total) at the hotels
- ♪ Lunches: Seven (7) as a group at local restaurants
- ♪ Dinners: Eight (8) as a group at local restaurants
- ♪ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♪ High Speed Train between Beijing and Hangzhou
- ♪ One (1) local tour manager per coach with the group in China
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - BEIJING:
 - * Tiananmen Square
 - * Temple of Heaven
 - * Kung Fu Show
 - * Great Wall of China
 - * Summer Palace
 - * Forbidden City
 - HANGZHOU:
 - * Lingyin Temple
 - * Leifeng Pagoda
 - * West Lake Cruise
 - SHANGHAI:
 - * Pudong District Tour & Bund
 - * Yu Gardens
- ♪ Performance setup in China as follows:
 - BEIJING:
 - * Performance at a local venue (TBC – possibly the Beijing Peking University Concert Hall or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble
 - * Performance at a local venue (TBC – possibly the Guotu Concert Hall at the National Library or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble
 - HANGZHOU:
 - * Performance at a local venue (TBC – possibly the Hangzhou Grand Theatre or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble
 - SHANGHAI:
 - * Performance at a local venue (TBC – possibly the Shanghai Conservatory of Music or similar) in conjunction with a local ensemble
- ♪ Large percussion / piano rental as required by the ensemble for all concerts (as is available)
- ♪ China Visa Processing (for eligible passport holders)
- ♪ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♪ Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Ground Transportation from Home Airport
- ♪ Checked Baggage charges / Excess or overweight baggage charges
- ♪ Meals not listed in “Inclusions” / Drinks at included dinners
- ♪ Sightseeing entrances not indicated in the itinerary/inclusions list
- ♪ Passport processing fees
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)

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