

## Overview:

This educational and cultural program provide our participants with a myriad of opportunities to experience first-hand the spectacular array of peoples and cultures that give China its unique identity. Its emphasis upon broadening and deepening the perspective of each participant, by encouraging them to interact with the culture, allows the participants to create their own exclusive experiences of China. It strives to cultivate a high degree of cultural, spiritual and historical learning through an in-depth exploration of China. This goal will be fostered by immersing the participant in a novel culture, a new language, and a fresh set of adventures. A popular Chinese idiom states "Yan Jian Wei Shi", with the literal translation: "seeing is believing". We believe that this program opens the eyes of our participants to their widest extent.

## Who Should Attend?

Principals, teachers, education workers, or anyone who is interested in China's educational model and cultural uniqueness.



## Trip Highlights

This 8 days' educational and cultural tour to Beijing, Suzhou and Tongli, Shanghai is a perfect blend of China business knowledge and cultural learning. You will:

- Attend a half-day pre-departure orientation at Minneapolis addressing Chinese culture and values, etiquettes and program logistics
- Visit Beijing Sport University and interact with teachers
- Visit Suzhou High School and attend different classes
- Visit Shanghai Children's Palace and learn about after-school-education
- Experience the fabled cultural and historic highlights of the oldest living civilization in the world!

## Cities to be visited:

- **Beijing** - Recognized as the political, educational and cultural center of the People's Republic of China, Beijing has been an integral part of China's history over the past eight centuries. *New Otani Changfugong 5\* hotel or similar.*
- **Shanghai** - This city is often regarded as the center of finance and trade in mainland China. With its industrial and commercial strength, Shanghai is the most prosperous city in China and is known as the "Shining Pearl of the Orient" around the world. *Crowne Plaza 5\* hotel or similar.*
- **Suzhou** - Located on the shore of Taihu Lake in southeast Jiangsu Province, Suzhou, a "paradise on earth," is a renowned historical and cultural city with a history of more than 2,500 years. As the largest economy in Jiangsu Province, Suzhou is a city full of market opportunities for foreign investors and remains the top economic focal point. *Suzhou Gardenview 5\* hotel or similar.*
- **Tongli** - Established in 7th Century, the town is famed for its townhomes, architecture, bridges, landscapes and canals. It is also well known for its scholars, wealth and economic developments.

## The Tour Includes:

Round-trip airfare from Seattle; 5-Star luxury hotel accommodations; Three meals each day; Deluxe bus; Professional guides; Admissions; Airport taxes, and business activities throughout the trip!

## Tour cost: All Inclusive for only \$1890!

Per person for MN Educators; based on twin sharing. Private single rooms are available for \$380/pp.

\* Travelers are responsible for the transportation to/ from Seattle Intl Airport..

## Tour Operator

**CIAC Travel** is a subsidiary of CIAC Inc. which was founded in Minnesota in 1986. As a member of NTA; USTOA; IATAN, ASTA and UCBC, **CIAC Travel** is the oldest and the largest China tour operator in Minnesota. It is also the only tour operator recommended by China National Tourist Office (CNTO) in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North & South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska.

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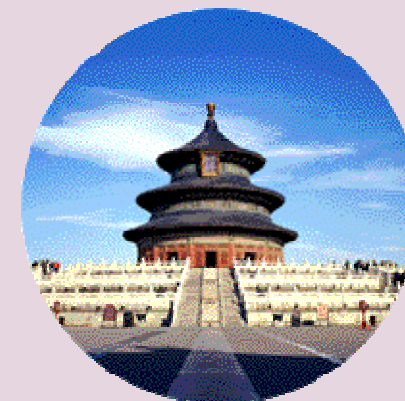
## Educational & Cultural

March 13th - 20th, 2010

March 20th—27th, 2010

March 27th—April 3rd, 2010

*An 8 Day Tour to Beijing, Suzhou,  
Tongli, and Shanghai*



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# Detail Itinerary March , 2010

## Day 1 Saturday Mar 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> Seattle/Beijing

Travel (on your own) to Seattle International Airport for an afternoon flight to Beijing. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner and cross the international dateline!

Hainan Airline 496 2:00pm/ 4:15pm

## Day 2 Sunday Beijing (Dinner)

Arrive in Beijing, the dynamic capital of the People's Republic of China. Once the imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing today is still extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics. After clearing government formalities, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy welcome dinner and Beijing city night view including the intriguing architecture of the main Olympic venues, the National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and the National Aquatics (Water Cube) for its unique design.



## Day 3 Monday Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast, visit Temple of Heaven, the 500 year old Temple houses altars on which sacrifices and offerings were laid to the gods in a glorious setting of gardens, trees and sculptures. Continue to City Planning Museum, where introduce the long history of the immortal city of Beijing, display the great achievements of the modern urban planning and development, and exhibit the splendid future of Beijing's urban development. Visit Tiananmen Square (the world's largest city square) before lunch. After lunch, visit Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was the home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. and if time permits, to Beijing City Underground (the vault built in early 60th for the war time period). Famous Beijing Roasted Duck dinner will be a perfect ending of the day.

## Day 4 Tuesday Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Morning tour to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the ten wonders of the world. Picnic lunch atop of Great Wall. In the afternoon, visit

Beijing Sport University, where you will find the Garden of Champions, as more than 50 students graduated from this university have won world championship titles, and more than 60 have won Asian championship titles; visiting indoor training gyms and outdoor sports fields and courts, museum etc. Followed by taking a pedi-cab Hutong tour and visit local resident's courtyard home. If time permits, visit Xiushui Market before or after dinner.



## Day 5 Wednesday Beijing/Shanghai/ Suzhou (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Take a morning China Hainan flight to Shanghai, then take the tour bus trip to Suzhou. The afternoon sightseeing is to the centuries old Lingering Garden, and Hanshan Temple. Visit to the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years' history. Finally, enjoy an evening dinner show of the traditional Chinese music.

Hainan Airline 7605 8:40am/10:40am



## Day 6 Thursday Suzhou/Tongli/Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Morning visit to Suzhou High School. We will go to different classrooms to have some activities, such as brush calligraphy, Chinese cooking, martial art (Kongfu) and handcraft. Before drive back to Shanghai via Tongli, a historic water town with more than one thousand years of history. Fifteen rivers divide the town into seven island and 49 sets of historic bridges connecting the town as a whole. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, drive to Shanghai. Visit the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai.

## Day 7 Friday Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



In the morning, visit the old Bazaar, the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over-arching trees. Afternoon, visit to Lu Pu Bridge. You will take the high-speed elevator up to the main deck of the bridge, then walk up 367 steps of the arch, the back of this "giant-bow", for about 280 meters long, reach the 110 meters high viewing platform. Enjoy a fantastic bird view of both the Huangpu River

and the 2010 Expo Park. If time permit, visit Shanghai Children's Palace where offers after-school-education for gifted children aging from 5 to 14. Enjoy Acrobatic show tonight.

## Day 8 Saturday Shanghai (Breakfast)

Time to go home! You will take a morning flight to transit at Beijing then you'll head for Seattle where you will arrive at 12:00pm on the same day and return to Minnesota via individually planned transportation. Hainan Airline 7604 Shanghai to Beijing 9:05am/ 10:55am Hainan Airline 495 Beijing to Seattle 4:20pm/11:40am

## Questions about the tour? Come for our orientation!

An orientation session will be held by CIAC Travel on first Wednesday of Nov, Dec. 2009 to provide important information about the trip, including country background information, health requirements (immunizations), customs and culture information.

## Reservation Form

China Trip March 2010

Early Bird:

\$100/pp OFF

Deposit before  
Nov. 30th, 09

Name per passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passengers Information:

No.	Last Name	First/Middle Name	DOB
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### Preferred Departure Date:

Mar. 13th  Mar. 20th  Mar. 27th

### Authorization

I give the authorization to CIAC Travel Inc. to charge amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my credit card below.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CVV No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Deposit

None refundable \$300 per person upon reservation. Remaining balance is due on Jan. 13th, 2010.

### Visa & Insurance (extra charge applied)

Would you like us to handle your visa?  Yes  No

Travel insurance is highly recommended, would you like to take the insurance?  Yes  No

### Mail or fax your reservation form with deposit to:

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