



SACU 50th Anniversary Tour BEIJING, XIAN & SHANGHAI

Sunday 16th October Day 1

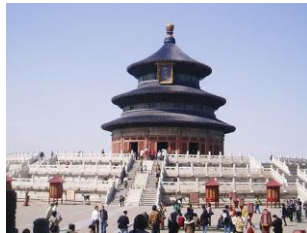
1020 Depart Heathrow on Finnair flight 832

1515 Arrive Helsinki

1820 Depart Helsinki on Finnair flight AY 051

Monday 17th October Day 2 Beijing – 4 nights dinner

As the capital of modern China, Beijing is fast becoming a popular and fashionable tourist destination: and for good reasons too. Beijing is not only the modern political, cultural and educational centre of China, but holds the biggest collection of ancient sites and relics in the nation. Beijing has been the heart and soul of politics and society for over 5000 years. If the pace of change in the city today is anything to judge by, Beijing is determined to stay at the forefront of Chinese civilization.



0655 Arrive Beijing International airport, meet and greet by local guide and transfer to the hotel.

Suggested hotel – Ping An Fu Hotel <http://www.pinganfu-hotel.com/>

Visit Tiananmen Square – the Palace Museum Welcome dinner

Tuesday 18th October Day 3 Beijing breakfast lunch dinner

Visit the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven - or opportunity to visit art galleries – 798 at Dashanzi Meeting and dinner with CPAFFC to be arranged during the visit.

Wednesday 19th October Day 4 Beijing breakfast lunch and dinner

Morning visit Beijing University with Sun Hua then continue for afternoon to visit Great Wall at Jiayuguan dinner on the way back.

Thursday 20th October Day 5 Beijing breakfast lunch and dinner

Visit Michael Crook at the Bailie School and see the Lama Temple Confucius Temple the Wudaoying Hutong – see the new developments in Sanlitun.

Friday 21st October Day 6 Beijing – Express Train to Xi'an Overnight on the train (B L D)

Full day tour in Beijing's hutongs : possible visit to Shijia Hutong Museum restored by the Prince's Trust.

Walk through the areas featured in Paul French's Midnight in Peking – meet SACU member Tamara Treichel or Bruce Connolly, from Radio Beijing.

After dinner transfer to the Station and take overnight train to XIAN (**Z19 2043/0758+1**).

Saturday 22nd October Day 7 Xi'an 4 nights (B L D)

Xi'an is the first of China's Four Great Ancient Capitals and played a very important part in Chinese history. Xi'an is proud of its ancient heritage. The immaculately restored and mighty city wall still dominates the centre of the city, with traffic passing through the underpasses. Many modern buildings are in keeping with ancient style.



Meet and greeted by local guide and visit the City Walls Muslim Street the Bell Tower Square and the 8th Army Museum.

Suggested hotel –Bell Tower or similar. SACU has contact with Xian officials who will arrange some visits directly.

Sunday 23rd October Day 8 Xian Breakfast lunch and dinner

Day visit to the Terra-Cotta Warriors Museum, Huaqing Hot Springs and Banpo Museum.

Monday 24th October Day 9 Xian breakfast lunch and dinner

Day visit to Forest of Steles, Great Wild Goose pagoda, Shaanxi History Museum etc.

Alternatively – visit the tombs at Qian Ling connected with Empress Wu Zetian.

Tuesday 25th October Day 10 Drive to Fengxian, Baoji, (4 hours) 2 nights

We will set off with our driver and local guide for Fengxian.

Suggested hotel in Fengxian County Zhongyuan Xianggelila Hotel

Wednesday 26th October Day 11 in Fengxian programme to be arranged

We will explore the George Hogg connections with the Bailie School at Shuangshipu – programme to be arranged specially for SACU members

Thursday 27th October Day 12 Return to Xian for overnight at Bell Tower Hotel.

Friday 28th October Day 13 Xi'an/Shanghai 4 nights breakfast lunch and dinner

Known throughout the world as the "Pearl of the Orient" Shanghai is a modern and fast growing city, rich in history, and culture, with a wealth of areas and sites just waiting to be explored. One of the nicest aspects of Shanghai is that the crowds here are much more manageable than in a city like Beijing. This is largely because there are no great ancient sites which people flock to. Rather, this is a city to be walked, wandered, explored and discovered in your own time and, in your own style.



Morning flight from Xi'an to Shanghai – transfer to hotel – afternoon visit to the Bund.

Suggested hotel – Pacific on People's Square

Saturday 29th Oct.2016 Day 14 Shanghai breakfast lunch and dinner

Visit the Old Chinese City and former concession areas. Peoples Square. Visit the Shanghai Propaganda Poster Museum in Huashan Road run by Mr Pei Wang Ming. Meet George and Betty Barr Authors of Shanghai Boy Shanghai Girl –both born in Shanghai and SCA members.

Sunday 30th .2016 Day 15 Shanghai breakfast lunch and dinner

A day excursion to **Zhujiajiao water Village (about 1 hour drive)** and enjoy the fantastic Boat Ride. Return to down town for some free time shopping

Monday 31st Oct.2016 Day 16 Free day in Shanghai dinner only

Tuesday 1st November 2106 Day 17 Shanghai/Home – it will be possible to extend your stay !

Departure Transfer to Pudong Airport.

0920 Depart Shanghai on Finnair flight AY 058

1420 Arrive Helsinki

1600 Depart Helsinki on AY 833

1710 Arrive Heathrow

Included in the price

Economy class international flights by Finnair including taxes (group size minimum 10)

Flights and transportation in China

Accommodation in twin rooms. Single supplement payable

Transportation throughout by coach with English speaking guide

Daily breakfast and Chinese meals as shown in the programme



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