



Join Wartburg College Alumni and Friends and
tour host Les Huth for an incredible tour to

CHINA

June 14 – 28, 2009

Beijing Xian Suzhou Tongli Guilin Long Sheng Shanghai



Dear Wartburg Alumni and Friends,

I am extremely excited about the Wartburg Alumni Tour to China. Many of you saw the 2008 Olympics and have heard of the phenomenal development in China as well as the spectacular sites and history of China. This tour will give you an opportunity to view and experience the highlights of this country.

I have had the opportunity to lead groups of US teachers and teach secondary students at Guangxi University in Guilin China in 1999, 2001, 2004. Following the three week teaching experience, I led small groups to most of the sites we will visit. We believe Wartburg tours take on special meaning when group members meet friends of the tour directors and gain a deeper understanding of the country. However, the beauty in and near Guilin is the Li River as well as one of the most naturally beautiful sites in the world, the Terraced Rice Field.

Your applications will be processed by Kent Williams at Travel World in West Des Moines, but I will be happy to respond to any questions about the tour. My email is: Leslie.huth@wartburg.edu and I will always be available on my cell phone at any time: 319-290-2571.



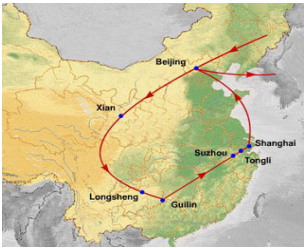
We hope you will join us for this great tour of China.

Sincerely,

Les Huth

PS- Some of you have read earlier information about the tour, but we are now offering a tour that is \$500 less, adds three additional days, and includes the China Visa. We have significant interest in this tour and urge you to apply early.

OUR TOUR ITINERARY



Day 1: Depart USA

Board our flight in Minneapolis and connect in San Francisco for our Air China nonstop flight to Beijing. En route, cross the International Date Line. (IM)

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing in the afternoon. Meet your local representative and transfer to your hotel. Relax and enjoy the evening in China's historic and vibrant capital city.

Day 3: Beijing

Tour Beijing's imperial treasures. First, Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world, capable of holding a million people. Stroll across its vast expanse. An assortment of historical buildings, Communist monuments and huge museums, including Chairman Mao's Mausoleum, the Monument to the People's Heroes, and the Great Hall of the People – home of the National People's Congress, flank the Square. Walk through the Gate of Heavenly Peace, under the famed portrait of Chairman Mao, to enter the Forbidden City, a 9,999-room compound, where the 24 emperors of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties ruled the Middle Kingdom for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards and private quarters. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit the Giant Panda at Beijing Zoo. In the afternoon tour the idyllic Summer Palace, with its sprawling encampment of temples, pavilions, the marble boat, and the 728-yard Long Corridor. Enjoy a boat ride on Kunming Lake. (B,L,D)



Day 4: Beijing

In the morning, you visit the Temple of Heaven; this remarkable building is considered the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture. During each winter solstice, the Ming and Qing emperors would perform rites and make sacrifices to Heaven praying for good harvest for their empire. The most striking edifice is the "Hall of Prayer of Good Harvests", which according to the emperor's Fengshui masters, is the exact point where heaven and Earth met. Built in 1420, this masterpiece of Ming architecture, features triple eaves, dramatically carved marble balustrades, and gorgeous glazed azure roof that symbolizes the color of heaven. Built without a single nails, this 120-foot-high structure is fixed by four inner pillars represent the seasons, and two sets of 12 columns denote the months and the traditional Chinese division of a day.

Later, you tour the "Bird Nest" and "Water Cube" – the main 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics venues.



You then take a scenic drive through the countryside to reach China's most renowned monument – the Great Wall. The 'original' wall was begun in the 5th century BC to keep out foreign invaders. Construction continued for centuries, eventually linking up the walls of the former independent kingdoms. The Great Wall meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert – a distance of over 3500 miles! Chairman Mao once said "You haven't walked on the Wall, you haven't been a good Chinese". Today you will have ample time to climb a section of the Great Wall and to get a sense of the enormity of this ancient edifice. In the evening, savor a specially prepared meal of Beijing Duck, cooked to crispy perfection. (B,L,SD)

Day 5: Xian

Join our Culture InSites™ Program and experience the world of Beijing's Hutongs, via rickshaw. This network of courtyard homes and narrow lanes traditionally linked the old city. Tour the maze-like alleyways and neighborhood residences. See the locals as they go about their daily activities. Highlights include visits to a local kindergarten, to the 800-year-old Drum Tower and to a traditional courtyard style home. This unique tour concludes with a meal served at the home of a local family. After lunch transfer to the airport for a flight to Xian, an ancient capital and the historic gateway to the Silk Road. Xian was the capital of the Middle Kingdom for 11 dynasties. In a time when ancient Beijing was just a remote trading post, Xian was the capital of China and one of the world's largest and richest cities, with a population exceeding one million in the 10th century. Meet your local representative and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy your evening at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Xian

Today's excursion will take you to modern China's greatest archaeological discovery – The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, which silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. In 1974, a local farmer uncovered the first of three massive earth and timber vaults, while digging a well. The extensive excavation, still in progress, has yielded over 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, each individually sculpted, with the physical characteristics of the humans they were modeled after. Archers, infantrymen, horses and bronze chariots have also been unearthed. A Circle Vision documentary is available on site. Lunch at a local restaurant and see a noodle making demonstration. Later you take a walk through one of Xian's most fascinating areas – the Muslim quarter, to the 7th century Great Mosque. Stand in four beautiful courtyards of ancient trees, ornate arches and stone steles, the Mosque is the center of life for the Muslim community – the descendants of the merchants that ferried the religion into China along the ancient Silk Road.



Tour the lovely and unusual area with bustling stalls and enjoy some of the best street food in China. Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907), traditionally regarded as the golden age of China, was a time of patricians and intellectuals, Buddhist monks and Taoist priests, poetry and music, song and dance – a period of peace and exceptional creativity lasting 300 years. This evening, you attend a feast of culinary and cultural delights with a special Dumpling (dim sum) banquet followed by a fascinating Tang Dynasty stage show. Indulge yourself in this remarkable show and reinvent your China dream with a travel back in time to the world of China's Golden Age, then come back to the present with a greater understanding of this amazing time. (B,L,SD)

Day 7: Guilin

This morning, tour the Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark. This seven-story pagoda was initially constructed in 652 AD to house the Buddhist sutras brought back from India by the monk, Xuan Zang, who later translated them into Chinese. His pilgrimage to India is immortalized in the Chinese classic – The Journey to the West.

Today's Culture InSites™ Program will offer you a rare opportunity to witness a real rural life at a typical village in central China. You visit a rural primary school and mingle with students and faculties at their classroom. Later, you stop at a "Yao Dong" (Literally an arched tunnel) – a typical cave dwellings that stretches across six provinces in north central China. The "Yao Dong" is caves dug into mountainsides with a signature arched front. Usually, one family unit consists of three arched openings, and the units are interconnected inside. The center cave can be termed the "living room," which includes a stovetop cooking area. The two side caves are sleeping quarters. Outside of the cities of this region, some 90% of the rural population live in yaodongs.



In the late afternoon, you fly to Guilin and indulge yourself in China's most amazing natural landscapes. Guilin is celebrated for its picturesque karst limestone pinnacles and meandering Li River. An old Chinese saying describes Guilin's landscape as "the best scenery under heaven". Its misty limestone peaks "rise as suddenly from the earth as trees in a forest, and surrounding the city like mountains floating in an imaginary sea". Meet your local representative and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city. Your hotel is located at the foot of Mount Laoren and surrounded by Osmanthus Lake, which is then connected by Guilin's three major rivers to all five lakes in the area. At night, the hotel is lit up and spectacular views are reflected on the Lake Osmanthus. It's a place for relaxation and also offers a perfect escapade after one week of group travel. (B,L,D)



Day 8: Long Sheng

This part of the country encompasses China's most famous scenic landscape. Before discover the best treasures Guilin has to offer, we start an off-the-beaten-path tour to travel northward of Guilin to explore Long Sheng's spectacular Dragon Spine Rice Terraces. Over the centuries, the Yao minority people have sculpted 2000 feet peaks here with rice terraces that are the most astounding in Asia. Visit the unique culture of local minorities and their villages where the life remain unchanged for thousand of years! This memorable journey is rarely included in the conventional itinerary. Return to Guilin in the afternoon and visit its natural landmark, the Elephant Trunk Hill, which resembles an elephant taking a drink of water from the Li River. Your evening is at leisure or join an optional cormorant fishing tour. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Li River Cruise – Yangshuo

A beautiful day waits! You take a scenic motor coach ride through the countryside, past lush green fields and rice paddies. Arrive at a local village and embark on a memorable Li River cruise. The 52-mile trip has countless twists and turns. The scenery is reminiscent of classical Chinese landscapes – bamboo groves, sleepy villages, fishermen on bamboo rafts, cormorants, water buffalo, soaring karst pinnacles and mist shrouded peaks... your cruise concludes at the famed Yangshuo, a small town, amidst a haunting and surreal setting. Enjoy an exploration at this fascinating town. Later travel by motor coach back to Guilin. In the afternoon, tour the Reed Flute Cave, Nature's subterranean wonder filled with stalactites and stalagmites. The grand chamber known as the Crystal Palace, is an awesome spectacle, not to be missed. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Guilin - Suzhou

Take a morning flight to Shanghai, then travel by deluxe motorcoach to the fabled water town of Suzhou. Suzhou is often referred, by the Chinese, as the "Venice of the East". It is a 2,500-year-old city renowned the world over for its traditional gardens, ancient canals and silk worm production. In 1997 Suzhou was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site. The construction of the Grand Canal created a means whereby goods from this region could be transported to the Northern capital, Beijing, a distance of over 600 miles. With prosperity came prestige as merchants and artisans plied their trade. Elaborate gardens were built. Visit the Garden of the Master of Fishing Nets, and experience all of the elements of a classical Chinese garden. In the afternoon, tour the Silk Spinning Mill, where you will learn how silk is created from the mulberry-munching silkworms to produce thread and fine cloth. Marco Polo once reported that so much precious silk was produced in Suzhou that every citizen was clothed in it. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. Your hotel, the Suzhou Nanlin, is centrally located in the quaint old city, within walking distance of art studios, silk shops, tea houses and handicraft stores. (B,L,D)



Day 11: Tongli - Shanghai

Today, you will travel to Tongli, another unique water village, in the region. Reminiscent of scenes from traditional Chinese paintings, it is complete with canals, arched stone bridges, cobbled lanes, and tile-roofed wooden houses. Visit a courtyard mansion to learn about the lavish

life style of its residents. Then, learn about traditional Chinese wedding customs at a local folklore museum. Take an exciting ride on a gondola and experience the charm of Tongli's waterways. You will have free time to browse and buy some local specialties along Old Street, which is lined with Ming style homes and storefronts. Return to Suzhou in the afternoon for a tour of the world-acclaimed National Embroidery Research Institute. See magnificently embroidered silks and watch the artisans at work. Then travel to Shanghai, China's financial and artistic center, and enjoy your evening at leisure. (B,L,D)



Day 12: Shanghai

Walk along the Bund, the elegant riverside promenade which symbolized European and foreign influence and affluence in the 1930s. See the ships and barges on the Huangpu River, enroute to the sea or going upstream to the interior of China. The modernistic Oriental Pearl TV Tower looms in the background, redefining the skyline. Then visit the futurist Pudong area. Transformed from once fertile farmland, this new area, is rapidly becoming the symbol of modern China with its world class hotels, international financial institutions, and commercial centers. Enjoy a stunning view of Shanghai from the 88th floor of the Jinmao Tower, the tallest building in China. At 1,380 feet, it is the world's third tallest building, as well as home to the world's tallest hotel, the Grand Hyatt Shanghai. Enjoy a traditional Mongolian BBQ Buffet lunch. In the afternoon, visit the architectural inspiring Shanghai Museum, with its 120,000 piece collection of ancient Chinese

relics. The priceless collection includes jade, bronze, ceramics, paintings and furniture, etc. After dinner, attend an unforgettable performance of the Shanghai Acrobats. (B,SL,D)

Day 13: Shanghai

Today is a free day to explore this vibrant city on your own. You will be provided with a specially prepared orientation list. You can stroll through the Old Shanghai bazaar, shop at Nanjing Road's emporiums, or enjoy a nostalgic evening performance by the renowned senior citizen's Jazz band at the Peace Hotel. (B)



Day 14: Journey home

After breakfast, board the Maglev, the world's fastest magnetic levitation train, for your trip to the Pudong International Airport. The Maglev travels at a speed of 287mph and will cover the 20 mile distance in less than 8 minutes! We board our flight to San Francisco and connect to our flight to Minneapolis. (B)



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip non-stop flights between Minneapolis and Beijing and return from Shanghai via wide-body jet service
- All Intra-China flights, ground transportation and transfers
- Superior First Class accommodation with private bath
- Comprehensive private sightseeing tours including entrance fees
- 32 bountiful meals including 12 American buffet breakfast, 10 lunches and 10 dinners
- Unique culinary events including an authentic Peking Duck dinner, a traditional Mongolian Barbecue buffet lunch, and a delicious Dumpling Banquet in Xian
- Special evening shows including Tang Dynasty stage show and a breathtaking Shanghai Acrobatics
- Exclusive Culture InSites Program: Hutong tour in rickshaws, including a visit to kindergarten, Drum Tower, local family visit, home-hosted lunch, etc.
- Exclusive experience of flashy new maglev ride in Shanghai
- Professional service of an expert, resident Tour Director throughout China
- Professional local guiding service in each destination city
- Baggage handling service throughout China

***\$3,299** per person – double occupancy **plus air taxes & fees of \$530.00** (subject to change) (price includes China Visa)
\$460.00 optional single supplement

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TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE

Travel Protection Insurance for your China trip is strongly recommended. Following is a summary of our comprehensive travel insurance plan that we provide for our passengers for only **\$139** per person.

This plan is available regardless of your age and tour cost. Pre-existing medical conditions are covered if the premium for the coverage is received by Travel World, within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your Trip (provided you are not already disabled from travel when you pay your premium).

Travel Protection Insurance may be purchased any time by final payment due date and is non-refundable, but pre-existing conditions exclusion is not applicable if purchased more than fourteen (14) days after deposit is paid. After we have received your final payment, our special travel insurance package will not be available. This coverage includes the following features:

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Post-Departure Trip Interruption	Up to Trip Cost
Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation	Up to Trip Cost
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Dental	Included
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$50,000
24-Hour Worldwide Assistance	Included
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$300
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$150 per day / \$750 maximum

Trip Cancellation & Interruption: Up to trip cost. Covers non-refundable payments or deposits up to the air and land cost for cancellation prior to departure or trip interruption after departure, in the event of covered sickness, injury or death.

Pre-existing Medical Condition Exclusion Waiver: The pre-existing conditions exclusion will be waived provided your premium is received by Travel World within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your trip, and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. We recommend purchasing travel insurance at the time of reservation so as to take full advantage of this excellent benefit.

Medical Expense & Emergency Assistance Benefits Could Be a Real Lifesaver! If you have a serious illness or injury, the last thing you want to worry about is getting the care you need. Our comprehensive Travel Protection Plan gives you peace of mind with benefits that cover, up to \$25,000, everything from medical expenses (incurred within one year of a sickness or injury that began during your trip).

Emergency Evacuation is crucial when you are seriously ill and need to be evacuated for medical treatment. Our comprehensive insurance plan provides up to **\$50,000** coverage for special transportation (such as an air ambulance) required for medical reasons.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment: Up to \$ 25,000. These benefits are paid if loss occurs within 365 days of covered injury that occurs while on your trip.

Baggage & Personal Effects: It's a traveler's nightmare. You arrive at your destination, but your baggage has disappeared. Or has been stolen or damaged. What do you do? If you're protected by our comprehensive protection plan, you'll be reimbursed up to \$1,500 to replace or repair your lost or damaged luggage and personal articles.

Baggage Delay: Our Travel Protection Plan reimburses you up to \$300 to help cover the cost of clothing, toiletries and/or personal items if your baggage is delayed for more than 24 hours or more while you are on your trip.

Travel Delay: Up to \$150 per day for a maximum of \$750. Reimburses for additional expenses incurred by you for hotel accommodations, meals, telephone calls and local transportation if you are delayed 12 hours or more. We will not pay benefits for expenses incurred after travel becomes possible.

24-Hour Hotline Assistance: 24 hour hotline to provide help and legal assistance for medical and legal emergencies.

Payment & Cancellation

Methods of Payment

Master Card, Visa, Discover, personal check, bank check, money order and electronic bank wire are all acceptable forms of payment for your China Tour. Third-party credit cards are not acceptable. Check or money order should be made payable to "Travel World". Passengers joining our tours from outside the U.S. must make payment by electronic bank wire, bank check or international money order in U.S. currency. Please contact us for information on bank wire payment.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of USD\$500 per person is required to secure your China Tour reservation. Reservations will not be confirmed until your deposit is cleared with our company. To secure a reservation on this tour departing within 50 days, full payment is required at the time of booking.

Final Payment

Final payment is due 50 days prior to departure. If you wish to pay your balance by credit card, upon receipt, please complete the credit card authorization form on your invoice, sign and return it to us by fax or postal mail. This form authorizes us to charge the fare as indicated on your invoice.

Travel Documents

Travel documents including air tickets, passports and visa (where applicable), final itinerary, luggage tags, credential holder and other travel essentials will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure date. The delivery cost is included in your tour price. For the delivery to Alaska, Hawaii or anywhere outside USA, the delivery charge will be billed to the recipient.

Cancellation & Refund

Notification of a cancellation for any reason must be in writing. Verbal cancellation by phone is not acceptable. Any cancellation refunds will be calculated from the date the written cancellation is received in our offices.

Traveler(s) unable to complete the vacation for any reason acknowledge that any and all unused portion(s) of the vacation package is neither refundable nor exchangeable.

Should the traveler(s) cancellation change the room configuration and thereby incurs a single supplement charge to a roommate the amount of charge will be deducted from the travelers' refund. This is in addition to any other cancellation fees that may apply.

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Cancellation Policy (Cancellation penalty is assessed according to the number of days prior to departure date)

50 days or more-----\$500 per person
49 days to 31 days-----\$1500 per person
30 days to 15 days-----75% tour fare per person
14 days or less-----100% tour fare per person

China visa handling fee is not refundable and is in addition to the above penalty if the visa is processed.

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FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

TRAVEL WORLD 5922 Ashworth Rd. West Des Moines, IA 50266

Attn: Kent Williams 800-331-0380 515-223-7474

CHINA 2009 Registration Form

To make a reservation for our China tour, please fill out the registration form below and sign the disclaimer notice. Please send this form along with your deposit check made payable to Travel World at the above address. We're happy to have you with us.

(1) Passenger's Passport Name Last First Middle

(2) Passenger's Passport Name Last First Middle

Address City State Zip

Home Phone E-Mail

(1) Passport Number Expiration Date

(2) Passport Number Expiration Date

I am paying by: Credit Card Check

Credit Card Name (Visa, Master Card, Discover) Credit Card # Exp. Date

Please use this same credit card for my final payment? yes no

Hotels: Smoking or Non-Smoking room? Sharing Room With?

Travel Insurance: We strongly advise the purchase of travel protection insurance at \$139 per person. It must be purchased at time of registration and first deposit. Do you wish to purchase this insurance? Charge it to your credit card?

Do you have any physical or medical conditions that we should be aware of?

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Passenger Signature Date

I reject the travel protection insurance. (please initial) I am accepting the purchase of travel protection insurance. (please initial)