

Orient Odyssey – *Journeys beyond the ordinary™*

11 Day

Historic China with Bullet Train

Join us to explore the fascinating historic and less visited towns and villages of this vast country
Trace steps of Confucianism that effect 5,000 years of Chinese history, and still rooted in today's life

Behold the street in heaven at summit of Mt. Tai, the most sacred of all mountains in China

Take side paths to unspoiled villages and farmers' homes to seek authentic insights of rural life

- **Beijing** – Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace, old courtyard home, and more...
- **Jinan** – Yellow River Dyke, Black Tiger Springs, Spring City Square, and Shandong Cuisine Banquet
- **Buyang Village** – Dumpling lunch at a peasant's home, visits to the kindergarten and a nursing home
- **Mt. Tai** – Dai Temple, cable car ride to Jade Emperor Summit, Street In Heaven and spectacular sceneries
- **Qufu** – Confucius' quiet, unspoiled home town, Confucius' family cemetery, Confucius' Mansion and Temple
- **Suzhou** – Venice of the Orient, China's best antique gardens, Silk Mill and National Embroidery Institute
- **Tongli** – An unspoiled ancient water town with cobble stone street, arch bridges, & sampan ride in canals
- **Shanghai** – The Bund, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Nanking Road, Acrobatic Show



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Visits to multiple UNESCO World Heritage and Culture Sites and China's best museums

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Enjoy the ride on the world's newest high speed bullet train

Explore Qufu, the Confucius' hometown and Mt. Tai, China's most sacred mountain

The visit to the Great Wall at the more popular and scenic, less crowded Mutianyu Section

Unique "People to People Contacts©" feature throughout the journey

Interact with locals to obtain true insights of daily life, random stops at villages, farmer's home and markets

Culture Experiences - Rickshaw ride, Acrobatic Show, Peking Duck local flavor, Lunch at a home in old quarters of

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Tour Cost Includes:

1. Guided comprehensive sightseeing, admission and culture shows as per specified
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4. Daily meals, special local flavor dishes, and delicious banquets as per specified
5. China domestic transportation via flight, train, bus, water craft and cruise ships as per specified
6. Round trip transfers and luggage handling

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

1. International airfare between USA & China,
2. Tipping, Travel Insurance, China single entry visa fee and handling
3. Any misc. charges with personal natures that are not mentioned in the itinerary

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Tour Name: HISTORIC CHINA with BULLET TRAIN
Tour Code: CH – 2015

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Personalize Your Journey.....

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Tour Code	Arrival Date	Exit Date	Land Cost	Single Supplement
	Day 2 - Arrive Beijing	Day 11 - Exit Shanghai	(not include int'l air) Day 2-11 Beijing-Shanghai	
0315CH	Mar 16, 2015	Mar 25, 2015	\$2886	\$722
0412CH	Apr 13, 2015	Apr 22, 2015	\$2886	\$722
0517CH	May 18, 2015	May 27, 2015	\$2886	\$722
0628CH	Jun 29, 2015	Jul 8, 2015	\$2886	\$722
0726CH	Jul 27, 2015	Aug 5, 2015	\$2886	\$722
0906CH	Sep 7, 2015	Sep 16, 2015	\$2886	\$722
1011CH	Oct 12, 2015	Oct 21, 2015	\$2886	\$722
1018CH	Oct 19, 2015	Oct 28, 2015	\$2886	\$722
1108CH	Nov 9, 2015	Nov 18, 2015	\$2886	\$722
1122CH	Nov 23, 2015	Dec 2, 2015	\$2886	\$722

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B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner, F-In flight snacks & meals, SL / SD-Special local flavor meal or banquet

Day 01 USA – Beijing

Depart from Los Angeles, New York, or any other major US gateways. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Move your watch one day ahead as you fly cross the international dateline. **F**

Day 02 Arrive in Beijing

Your flight will land in Beijing Capital International Airport. After immigration and customs, VIP private transfer service will greet and take you to the 5 star, luxurious, **Beijing International Hotel** with prime downtown location. **F**

Day 03 Beijing

Welcome to Beijing, China's capital and political heartland. The city gained its prominence as a winter capital during the Yuan dynasty under the



meaning "The Great Within". The massive 9,999 rooms compound served as the royal

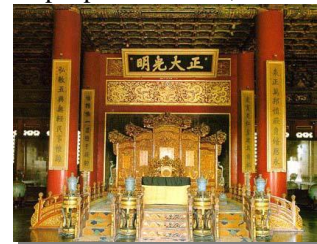
Mongol Emperor **Kublai Khan** in late 13th century. Our program today begins at the magnificent Forbidden City, also called "**Da Nei**" in the last dynasty,

residence of the imperial family for over 500 years. 24 Emperors from the Ming and Qing Dynasties called here home. It is now the largest and best preserved imperial palace museum in the world. Today we will marvel at the



architectural splendor of the grand palaces and halls, beautiful ceremonial courtyards, as well as exquisite private quarters. In its heyday there were 8,000 – 10,000 people lived here, including

3,000 eunuchs, and maids and concubines. Its formidable 30 ft high walls are surrounded by a massive 160 ft broad



moat. Life behind its colossal palace gates was once dictated by complex rules and rituals, and was strictly out of boundary for commoners. Now these very same gates will lead us to a



fascinating display of the best preserved classical Chinese architecture at its pinnacle. Next, we walk through the Gate of the Heavenly Peace under the massive portrait of Chairman Mao, and enter the Tiananmen Square, the largest

public plaza in the world that can hold a million people. We will stroll across its vast expanse and take pictures at the Great Hall of the People – home of the National People’s Congress, Chairman Mao’s Mausoleum, and the Monument to the People’s Heroes, as well as other surrounding historical buildings, monuments and museums. In early afternoon we will take a Rickshaw ride through old Beijing’s atmospheric Hutongs, a network of centuries old courtyard homes and narrow lanes that once pervaded the traditional city. Used to be the center of life for its citizens, they are now



disappearing fast to leave way for the modern development of high rises, department stores and highways. We will discover the mazz like alleyways – some are so narrow that only one person can walk by at a time, and observe the locals go about their daily life. Initially each Hutong was its own community with unique history. The courtyard home along the lane are called “*Si He Yuan*”, literarily means “*Four Combined Courtyard*”, offering generous and functional space for four or more generation living under one roof, reflecting the Confucius idea of the perfect harmonious family value. Through **Orient Odyssey’s** unique “**People to People Contact®**”, we will njoy our lunch in an old courtyard home, prepared and cooked by the family members, who we can take the opportunity to mingle and interact with. The clash of new and old are apparent: with the capital’s rapid development, Hutong, along with the centuries old life styles are disappearing fast. Left behind are mostly seniors or those who treasure the traditional way of life and determine



to preserve it at all cost. The rickshaw ride ends at the ancient Dum Tower where we can climb to the top and enjoy a

birds-eye view of the capital. On route back to the hotel, we will take a picture-stop at the famous 2008 Beijing Olympic Venues: The Bird Nest and the Water Cube. **B/SL/D**

Day 04 Beijing

This morning we take a scenic drive through the countryside to the most famous monument in China - the Great Wall. **Orient Odyssey** is proud to feature the less visited, but more spectacular (and more expensive too) **Mutianyu Section**, reputedly the best preserved part of the wall. The original wall was built in the 5th century BC to exclude foreign invaders. After centuries’ construction, the walls of the former independent kingdoms were eventually linked up. Stretching over a distance of 3,500 miles. The Wall starts at the Yellow Sea at its west end, ends in the Gobi



Desert in the east. Today we enjoy ample time to walk the wall at our own pace – we highly recommend the optional cable car ride to reach the wall at the mountain top for best birds’ eye views, taking in the enormity of this edifice. We will enjoy the breathtaking view of the mighty wall climbing and descending along with the verdant mountain landscape. Let us also venture into couple of the formidable watch towers, few of them



have been restored and more are in ruins. On route back to the city, we may make a stop at a cloisonné factory to observe the painstaking labor intensive procedures to create some unbelievable art pieces. Late afternoon we reach the idyllic imperial Summer Palace - the “*Garden of Cultivated Harmony*” built by **Empress Dowager Tsu Hsi**, using the state budget initially intended for the creation of a naval fleet. The beautiful resort, with its temples, lakes and pavilions, was designed to copy the best gardens and sceneries all over China. We enjoy a leisurely stroll in the Long Corridor,

heavily decorated with exquisite Chinese paintings at every corner depicting the scenes from 5,000 years of Chinese mythology and



famous historic events. The 2,572 ft covered pathway runs parallel to the Northern shore of the picturesque Kunming Lake, ended at a lavish marble boat adorned with European style glasses, said to be one of **Tsu Hsi's** favorite spot for afternoon tea. Tonight's multi-plate welcome dinner features the famous delicious local flavor dish of Peking Duck, roasted to the crispy perfection. Red wine is on us! **B/L/SD**



Day 05 Beijing – Bullet Train – Jinan

After breakfast, we board the **high speed bullet train G13**, leaving Beijing at 10:00 a.m.. Enjoy the smooth scenic ride through the vast Northern China Plain, sometimes reaching the amazing speed of around 240 mph! High speed rail



service was just introduced to China in 2007. By now China already has the world's largest high speed rail network. Shortly before our arrival in Jinan at 11:32 a.m., our train will zip cross the bridge over the Yellow River. The guide will greet and escort us to the 5 star, luxurious, **Shandong Hotel**. The area of the present-day Jinan has played an important role from the beginnings of the Chinese civilization. Its name literally means "*South of the Ji* (waters)",

referring to the old Ji River that had flowed to the north of the city until the middle of the 19th century when the Yellow River changed its course northwards and took over its bed. We will start today's sightseeing at the dyke of the Yellow River, the second longest in China after Yangtze and the sixth longest in the world, estimated at 3,395 miles. It is frequently regarded as "*the cradle of Chinese civilization*" as its basin was the birth place of Chinese civilization and the most prosperous region in early Chinese history. In recent years, the continual elevation of river bed – in some areas Yellow River is running above the level of its surrounding fields – has caused numerous devastating floods that killed millions. Jinan is also referred to as "*City of Springs*", because of the many spring wells that bubble up within the city limits, specially known for their supreme



water quality and clear sweet taste. Today we will visit one of the largest spring - the Black Tiger Spring, where the water sounds like the roar of a tiger gurgling out through three carved tiger heads into the green city moat. Tonight we feast on a special multi course banquet of Shandong Cuisine, one of the most influential in Chinese cooking styles. As an exclusively feature of **Orient Odyssey's** program, we will visit the kitchen and interact with the master chef to learn some behind the scene "*secrets*" of the culinary delights. After dinner, through **Orient Odyssey's** unique "**People to People Contact®**" we head to Quancheng "Spring City" Square, and mingle with locals – this is the local residents' most favorite spot for exercises, dancing, Taichi practicing, or simply spending time with children or grandchildren. Feel free to join them or simply observe. **B/L/SD**



Day 06 Jinan - Buyang Village – Tai An

In the morning we set out for a smooth scenic drive. Take in sceneries of vast Northern China plain, wheat, potato and vegetable fields, passing villages, small towns and markets. Enjoy **Orient Odyssey's** "**People to People Contact®**" we will stop at Buyang Village, an unspoiled, dusty

Chinese village at foot of the Mt. Tai. Enjoy the opportunity to have a close look at the authentic Chinese rural life. We will visit a farmer's home and have dumpling lunch and mingle with the household members. Learn how to make dumplings and assist the family to cook. We will also visit a village Kindergarten and a nursing home, enjoy interaction with teachers, children, and seniors. It is a rare opportunity to obtain the authentic insights of the daily about in



the Chinese village. We then continue our journey to the beautiful Dai Temple, the temple of the God of Mt. Tai. It is the largest and the most complete ancient building complex in the area. Built in Han Dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD), it covers 24 acres. Its design has been a replica of the imperial palace, which makes it one out of the three extant structures in China with the features of the imperial palace (the other two are the Forbidden City in Beijing, and the Confucius' Temple in Qufu). Throughout the Chinese history, it is where emperors held lavish ceremonies, made sacrifices to the God of the Heaven and Earth, and worshiped the God of Mt. Tai. We will stroll through five major halls. The most significant is the Palace of Heavenly Blessings built in 1008 AD, which houses a 13 ft tall shrine of Mountain God and the magnificent 10 ft high 203 ft long ancient mural dating back



to the same time period. In the backyard, we will also marvel at the Yaocan Pavillion with its ancient archway, and the exquisite Bronze Pavilion (dating back to 1672 AD), and its iron tower, iron lions, and Double Dragon Pool. The temple ground is surrounded by Han Dynasty Courtyards, where we can find some 2,100 years old Cypress. Tonight we check-in at the 5 star, luxurious, Ramada Plaza Tai'an, one of the newest luxury properties in town. **B/L/D**

Day 07 Mt. Tai – Qufu

After breakfast we will explore China's most sacred mountain, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mt. Tai. We first drive to the midway through a scenic gradual ascend, and then take a spectacular cable car ride to the summit – the Jade Emperor Peak at 5,069 ft. Mt. Tai, associated with sunrise, birth and renewal, is regarded as the most sacred of the “*Five Greatest Mountains*” in China. For over 3,000 years it has been a place of worship, and overtime, this worship evolved into an official imperial rite. Hence Mt. Tai became the most important



ceremonial grounds where almost every emperor throughout the Chinese history would pay homage to heaven (on the summit) and earth (at the foot of the mountain). Chinese emperors consider themselves as the “*mandate from heaven*”, while they regard Mt. Tai as the emperor of all mountains. Through highly ritualized ceremonies, emperors would travel here to make sacrifices of food, jade and various other ritualistic items, which would then be arranged in a ritually correct pattern before being buried on the mountain.



The cable car ride (or take advantage of about 7,200 ancient steps if you wish) will take us to the summit, where we will take time to stroll on the “*Street in Heaven*”, teaming with ancient temple complexes, numerous vendors and restaurants (all their supplies must be carried up by porters on foot from the bottom of the mountain), and quiet stone pathways. We will explore Jade Emperor Temple, Qingdi Palace, Dou Mu Hall, numerous ancient cliff side

inscriptions and stone tablets left by poets, literary scholars and emperors throughout the history. One of the most famous one says “*Most*



Revered of Five Sacred Mountains”. The other one marked “*Lu Viewing Platform*”, from which Confucius once stood to enjoy a birds’ eye view of his home state below, and expressed in awe “*the world is small*”. Early afternoon we head to Qufu, the quiet Confucius’ hometown via a scenic drive. Check-in at the 5 star, luxurious, [Shangri-la Hotel Qufu](#), the newest and the most luxury property in the area. Qufu is the hometown of Confucius, who is believed to have been born at the nearby Mt. Ni. Upon arrival, [we will explore the Cemetery of Confucius](#), “*Kong Lin*” as it is called in Chinese. Some of the oldest graves found in this location date back to the Zhou Dynasty (1046 – 256 BC). We will take a look at **Confucius’** Tomb, erected in later days in a cone-shaped hill, surrounded by tombs



of his descendants (in the number of around 100,000 over a period of 2,000 years), many of whom were honored with noble titles and given imperial princesses as wives. The most recent tombs belong to the descendants in the 76th and 78th generation. In November, 1966, during the

Cultural Revolution, university students from Beijing came to Qufu and destroyed more than 6,000 artifacts. The corpse of the Duke of Qufu – the 76th generation of **Confucius’** family, was removed from his grave and hung naked from a tree in front of the palace. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has been restored to formal glory, and is surrounded by more than 10,000 mature trees with a serene forests-like appearance. [B/L/D](#)

Day 08 Qufu – Suzhou

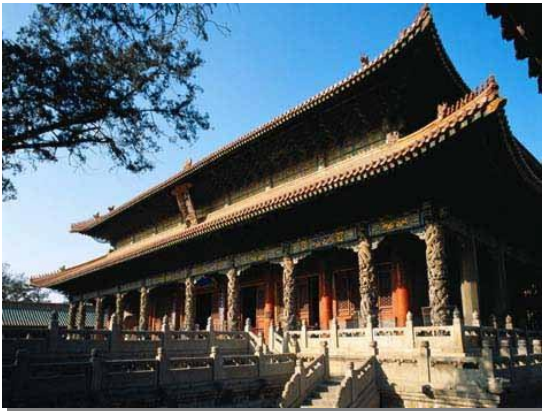


The philosophy of **Confucius** (551 – 479 BC) was endorsed by most of the imperial dynasties throughout the Chinese history. It emphasized personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice and sincerity. The principles of Confucianism – strong family royalty, ancestor worship, and respect of elders – became the base of common Chinese tradition and belief. From Han (206 BC – 220 AD) and Tang (618 – 907 AD) Dynasty, Confucianism gained widespread prominence. The works of Confucius were made the official imperial philosophy and required reading for civil service examinations from 140 BC, consistently, without hardly any interruptions, all the way till the end of the 19th century. [Today we will explore the](#)



[grand, magnificent Confucius’ Temple](#), “*Kong Miao*”. Within two years after **Confucius’** death, his former house was already consecrated as a temple by the Prince form Lu Kingdom. In 205 BC, the Emperor of the Han Dynasty came to Qufu to offer sacrifices to the memory of Confucius, setting an example for many Emperors and high officials to follow in the next two thousand years. As a result, total 12 different Emperors paid 20 personal visits here, and about 100 others sent their deputies for 196

official visits, mostly after their enthronement or on important occasions such as a successful war. Today the sprawling complex covers 4 square acres with 460 rooms. It is modeled after the Forbidden City in Beijing, with 9 courtyards on a central axis. We will stroll under the grand Lingxing Gate with yellow roof tiles (a feature exclusively reserved for the emperor) and red-painted walls, to the Stele Pavillions, Kuiwen Hall, and the De Mu Tian Di Arch. Then we



will reach the magnificent Dacheng Hall – “*the Hall of Grand Perfection*”, supported by 28 beautifully carved pillars, each 20 ft high, and 2.7 ft in diameter, all carved from entire pieces of local rock. They are adorned with coiled dragons that are so spectacular, that they have to be covered during visits by the Emperor in order not to arouse his envy. The hall is served as the principal place for offering sacrifices to the memory of Confucius. In front is the courtyard where the Apricot Platform stands. It commemorates the story that Confucius’ gave lessons to his disciples under an apricot tree. Now a yearly grand ceremony is held here to commemorate **Confucius’** birthday on Sep 28. Our next stop is the family mansion of Confucius, “*Kong Fu*”, an incredible home complex of 152 buildings, 480 rooms, covering an area of 134,200 sq ft. The mansion was inhabited by descendants of **Confucius** (they once controlled



the largest private rural estate in China) until 1937, when the 76th and 77th generation of the **Confucius** fled to Chongqing during the Second Sino – Japanese War (WWII), and later to Taiwan during the Chinese Civil War. The layout of the mansion is traditionally Chinese. Official rooms are in the front, and residential quarters are in the rear. The distribution of the buildings is according to the seniority, gender, and status of their inhabitants, reflecting the Confucian principle of order and hierarchy. For example, the most senior descendant of Confucius always took up residence in the center of the three main buildings, while his siblings occupied the halls to the east. This afternoon, we board *high speed bullet train G135*, leaving at 3:21 p.m., passing verdant rice fields, villages, small towns and markets of Eastern China, reaching Suzhou, often referred to as “*Venice of the Orient*” at 6:24 p.m.. The guide will greet and escort us to the 5 star, deluxe, *Nanlin Hotel*. The remaining of the day is free to rest or explore at our own pace. The hotel is centrally located in the city center. Within a short stroll one can reach the zigzag canals, the old cobble stone path dotted with serene ancient gardens, and the bustling city center with famous restaurants and countless shops. **B/L**



Day 09 Suzhou/Tong-li Excursion – Shanghai
Welcome to Suzhou, a 2,500 year old city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for her traditional gardens, ancient canals and silk



production. of the Grand Canal began 1,500 years ago for transporting goods to the northern capital of Beijing, over 600 miles away. With prosperity came prestige. As merchants and artisans plied their trades, elaborate gardens were built. Today we will explore the Master

[Fisherman's Net Garden](#) dating back to 1,140 AD, intricately designed with changing scenes at each turn, considered by many one of the finest examples of China's antique gardens. During our comfortably paced stroll, we will see pavilions, rockeries, fountains, pagodas, ancient trees and precious flowers. The principle of the Chinese garden construction: creating an illusion of the



universe in a small space, is clearly evident here. [Our next stop is the silk spinning mill](#), where we will learn how silk

is created from the mulberry munching silk worms to thread producing and to cloth weaving. **Marco Polo** once reported that so much precious silk was produced in Suzhou that every citizen was clothed in it. [We also visit the National Embroidery Institute](#), where artists present the amazing double side embroidery, frequently used as state gifts to world leaders. After lunch [we board a wooden sampan to cruise the narrow canal water ways](#) and take in the water side floating communities, beautiful bridges, and bustling river traffic. [A short drive will take us Tong-li](#), a small ancient canal town that has retained much of its original architecture and charm. [Visit a courtyard mansion](#) and peek into the lavish life style of its past residents; [learn about the traditional Chinese wedding customs at a local folklore museum](#). We will have some free time to [stroll on the narrow old cobble stone street](#), enjoying views of white washed homes,



stone bridges, browsing the Ming style storefronts selling local specialties. In the evening we will take a scenic coach ride to Shanghai, and check-in at the 5 star, luxurious, newly renovated, [Ocean Hotel Shanghai](#). [B/L/D](#)

Day 10 Shanghai

Shanghai was once called the "[Paris and New York of the East](#)". As one of the earliest Chinese ports opened for foreign commerce and residence by the **Treaty of Nanking** in 1842, it was forced to set aside British, French, American and later international "[Concessions](#)", or settlements, in which, foreign residents were given immunity from the Chinese laws. Along the famed Bund, neo-classic high rise bank buildings dominated the skyline, while luxury villas and tree lined boulevards as well as other various European architectural styles boomed in different parts of the city. The high society



enjoyed the luxury accommodation at the art deco style Park Hotel, Asia's tallest building until 1952; danced with the famed jazz band at the Sassoon House,

the most prestigious address in the Far East; bet in the horse race at Shanghai Race Club – the first race track in the country; and drink gin and tonics at the Shanghai Club, home of the world's longest bar. At WWII Shanghai became the safe haven for Jewish Refugees during the holocaust. As an open city, and one of the few places in the world that did not require a visa to enter, nearly 20,000 Jews found shelter here during 1930s to 40s. The taking over in 1949 by the Chinese Marxist-Leninist-Maoists, and decades' of revolutionary movements that followed, had turned the city into a grey, lifeless, Soviet block type model. From the opening policy in early 80s, with a strong industrial and foreign trade base, the metropolitan



quickly regained its strength. Now it enjoys the full returning glory, if not more, as China's symbol of modernization, as one of the key financial centers in the Far East, and as one of the world's most expensive city to live (in term of real estate). It becomes a tremendously stimulating place to visit and to take a close-up look of the advances, dislocations, and yearnings of today's China. [Today we will have a full day to experience the wonders of this bustling cosmopolitan](#). [First, we head to the Bund](#), the legendary waterfront promenade loomed by the

most impressive skylines in Far East, where locals call “*Waitan*”, meaning the outside beach.



It is indeed a wide eight-lane motorway in front of an impressive collections of old and new tall buildings in various styles – including French, German and British, from 1920’s neoclassic bank buildings fully restored to the original glory, to the shocking 1,614 feet World Financial Center, one of the world’s tallest buildings. It is



reputed as a “*Museum of Architecture*”. Next we explore the famous Jade Buddha Temple: home of over 70 monks and two rare precious Buddha statues both carved from entire piece of white jade brought in from Burma in 1882. In the afternoon we tour the unparalleled Bronzes Collection at Shanghai Museum, one of the best in the world housing numerous priceless artifacts. We also take some time to stroll and take pictures on the People’s Square



in front of the museum, surrounded by stunning buildings as the compelling Crystal Palace – the Shanghai Grand Opera House, and the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall. The square is also one of



local’s favorite hang out for kite flying, ballroom dancing, or folks out for a simple leisurely stroll. The highlight of the day will be **Orient Odyssey’s** unique “**People to**

People Contact” - a walk on the Nanking Road, reputedly the city’s (or probably the country’s)

most fashionable, and busiest pedestrian-only street, lined up with bars, department stores, entertainment facilities, restaurants (some of Shanghai’s best), and shops. There are large world class emporiums and small mom and papa stores. It is a perfect place to see and to be seen, and certainly an ideal place to observe the busy daily life of a Chinese metropolis. After dinner, we attend a world renowned Acrobatic Theatre and enjoy the amazing skills and talents of the performers. **B/L/D**



Day 11 Shanghai - USA

After breakfast, there is still some free time to explore, pack or savor the memory of the thrilling China Historic Odyssey. Enjoy VIP Private Transfer Service to the airport. Check-in for homebound transpacific flight and reach USA on the same day per international dateline. **B/F**

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KE853	Seoul – Beijing	1900 / 2015
KE5894	Shanghai – Seoul	1430 / 1710
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Sample int’l flight schedule from San Francisco:

KE24	San Francisco – Seoul	1225 / 1735 + 1
KE853	Seoul – Beijing	1900 / 2015
KE894	Shanghai – Seoul	1430 / 1710
KE23	Seoul – San Francisco	1610 / 1040

Sample int’l flight itinerary from New York EWR:

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AC7478	Toronto – New York EWR	2100 / 2235

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- International and domestic flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Important Notice

- ❖ Itinerary is subject to change due to local condition and weather. Kindly refer to attached General Terms and Conditions. Living conditions and culture in China are different from those in North America and passengers should be aware and prepared.
- ❖ Never pack your passport, international air tickets, insurance documents, and medication into the check-in luggage. Please always keep those important documents with you.
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