



2012 CHINA TRIP

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CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IT'S SMART BUSINESS.

3/26/12: DAY 1 – CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO/JFK/BEIJING

Travel to JFK on your own. Board an afternoon flight by 3:30 p.m. to Beijing. (Air China International Flight 982). Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner. Cross the International Dateline.

3/27/12: DAY 2 – BEIJING

(KingWing Hot Spring International Hotel/5-star) Arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China, at 6 p.m. Your local tour guide will meet you at the airport. Arrive at the hotel after dinner.

3/28/12: DAY 3 – BEIJING

Visit Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world, and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heavens for a good harvest. Sightseeing includes the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms. You will also see the Summer Palace, known for the Long Corridor with its painted gallery, Kunming Lake, Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and the Marble Boat.

3/29/12: DAY 4 – BEIJING

Enjoy a tour bus excursion to the Great Wall. The 4,000-mile long and 2,000-year-old construction is said to be the only man-made structure visible by naked eye from the moon. Visit the Ming Tombs, including one of 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs that is fully excavated and open for exploration. After the excursion, enjoy a roasted Beijing duck dinner.

3/30/12: DAY 5 – BEIJING/SHANGHAI/SUZHOU

(Glamor Hotel Suzhou/5-star) Take a morning China Eastern flight to Shanghai, then board a tour bus to Suzhou. Afternoon sightseeing includes a trip to the centuries old Linger Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. We will also visit the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with a 1,000-year history. End the day with an evening dinner show featuring traditional Chinese music.

3/31/12: DAY 6 – SUZHOU/HANGZHOU

(Regal Plaza Hotel Hangzhou/5-star) Board a morning tour bus for a journey to Hangzhou to visit an economic development zone. Tour the centuries-old Lingyin Temple, featuring the 64-foot-high camphor-wood carved Buddha.

4/1/12: DAY 7 – HANGZHOU/SHANGHAI

(Guangdong Hotel Shanghai/5-star) Enjoy a morning boat cruise on West Lake with a relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas and tea houses. In the afternoon, see the city on a tour bus trip of Shanghai.

4/2/12: DAY 8 – SHANGHAI

Spend the day sightseeing in the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over-arching trees. Visit the Bund, a famous waterfront park along the Yangtze River and home to the "Wall Street of the East," and the Pudong economic development zone.

4/3/12: DAY 9 – SHANGHAI/BEIJING/JFK/CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO

Take a morning flight to Beijing, then an afternoon flight to JFK (Air China International Flight 981), where you will arrive at 1:30 p.m. on the same day (4/3/12). Travel from JFK on your own.

