

China Trip with Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce

China Trip May 11 - May 21, 2019

Beijing-Xi'an-Suzhou-Tongli-Shanghai 10 Days



Great Wall of China



Terra-cotta Warriors

Dreaming of seeing China? Join us for a 10-day China Highlights trip for **\$1999**, including all flights, hotels and meals. Add \$380 for a single room.

Trip price includes: Airfare LAX- China - LAX, domestic flights within China, air fuel taxes, complete tour bus service in China, modern 4* & 5* hotels, all meals except flight transfer time, admission tickets for listed events, English speaking tour guides

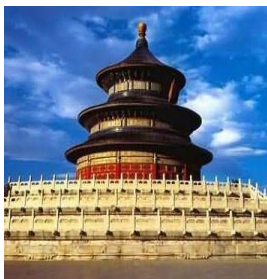
Trip price does not include: Visa fees, Tips (\$10 per day divided between tour guide and bus driver, luggage handlers if used), Travel or Cancellation insurance, transportation to or from LAX.

Questions? Contact Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce China Trip Co-Chairs:
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ITINERARY:

Day01 5/11/2018 (evening departure to LAX) & **Day02 5/12/2018** On Route to Beijing CA984 01:40am/05:20am + 1 Day

Day03 5/13/2018 Arrive Beijing Capital International Airport 05:20am. Meet your tour guide at the exit terminal (Breakfast in the airplane/ Lunch/Dinner) Hotel: Grand Gongda Jianguo or Similar 4* (<http://www.bthhotels.com/en/hotel/JG0011>)

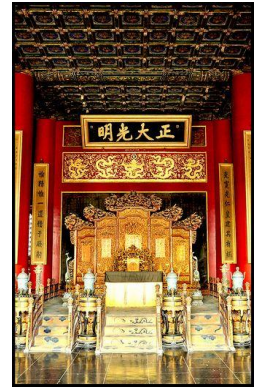


- **Temple of Heaven 2008 Olympic Games Site:** view the Bird's Nest and Water Cube and take pictures.
- **Summer Palace:** enjoy the royal garden with a marble boat
- **The Pearl Factory:** experience the process of colorful pearls freshly taken out of oyster shells.

Day04 5/14 /2018 Beijing (B/L/SD) Hotel: Grand Gongda Jianguo or Similar 4*



- **Beijing Panda Zoo:** to enjoy giant and baby pandas
- **Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City,** a UNESCO World Heritage site – the palace for 13 emperors in Ming and Qing Dynasties since 1402 AD
- **Tongrentang** – Chinese Traditional Medicine & Herb Center. Attend a 30- minutes lecture by a Chinese traditional medical doctor on pulse-reading diagnosis and herbs for health..
- **Roasted Peking Duck Banquet** served with a variety of dishes



Day05 5/15/2018 Beijing (B/L/D) Grand Gongda Jianguo or Similar 4*



- **The Great Wall of China** at Juyong Pass. Experience one of the Wonders of the World, zig-zagging over 2500 miles from East to West along mountain ridges. Construction took place 221 BC - 1644 AD. It is the only object visible on earth with naked eyes from the space. Climb to a few message towers or simply enjoy the view.
- **Jade Factory and museum** boasts some of the world's finest jade sculpture. Jade symbolizes prosperity and peace.

Day06 5/16/2018 Beijing - Xi'an Flight CA1289 9:00AM -11:05AM (B/L/D)

Hotel: Ramada Bell Tower Hotel Xi'an or Similar 4* (<http://www.ramadabelltower.com/en/index.asp>)



- **Shaanxi Provincial Museum** displays 370,000 artefacts & exhibits from prehistoric times to about 1840 AD. Discover 5000 years of civilization in China. The architectural style of the museum reflects the Tang Dynasty of over a thousand year ago.



Day07 5/17/2018 Xi'an (B/L/SD)

Hotel: Ramada Bell Tower Hotel Xi'an 4*



- **The Terra-cotta Warriors:** Emperor Qin Shihuang established the 1st dynasty in China after conquering six nations in 221 BC. He built himself a massive tomb 20 years before he died in 210 BC. Buried under ground were over 8,000 terra-cotta soldiers, 800 horses and chariots guarding his resting place. After 2,000 years of burial, a local farmer discovered it in Xian. The discovery in the early 1982's stunned the world!



- **Small Wild Goose Pagoda**
An original Buddhist temple built in the Tang Dynasty over 1000 years ago. Landmark of Xian and a historical museum.
- **The Muslim Quarter**
The starting point of Silk Road trade since the 1st century AD -- a fascinating place with exotic food and Muslim culture.



- **Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show** following a **Dumpling Banquet!**

Day08 5/18/2018 Xi'an/Shanghai/Suzhou CA1215 12:20pm/02:30pm (B/D)

Grand Metro Park Hotel or Similar 5*



- Bus ride to **Suzhou** from Shanghai. Enjoy sightseeing by the Grand Canal. Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". Famous for China's silk weaving industry.

Day09 5/19/2018 Suzhou/Tongli Water Town/Suzhou (B/L/D) Grand Metro Park Hotel or Similar 5*



- **Lingering Garden:** A UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the elegant pavilions, bridges and beautifully paved paths of this classic garden.
- **The Silk Factory:** This is your chance to see how silk is made.
- **Tongli Water Town:** This charming water town has a history of over 1000 years by the South Yangtzi River. It preserves the original architectural and life style.

Day10 5/20/2018 Suzhou/Shanghai (B/L/D) Baolong Hotel (<http://www.baolonghotel.com/En/>)



- **Shanghai Museum** – Enjoy a rich collection of Chinese history, art and culture
- **Huangpu River Bund** - a famous waterfront that showcases the Western influence with its European architectural style on one side of the river; with modern Shanghai on the other.
- **Nanjing Street** - Enjoy window shopping along this walking commercial street.

Day11 5/21/2018 Shanghai/Beijing CA1884(04:40pm/07:05pm)/Los Angeles CA983(09:00pm/06:00pm+1)



- **The ChengHuang Temple - Old Town of Shanghai**
Shop in a large bazaar that offers local cultural activities, teahouses, art and craft shops, food, and much more.

After lunch, take the **tour bus to the airport** for a flight to Beijing, then transfer at Beijing Int'l Airport for your homebound flight. (B/L), dinner will be served after boarding the **Int'l Flight on CA 983 for Los Angeles.**

Four Steps to China!

Step 1 - Sign up & Deposit

Make a **deposit of \$200** payable to the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce to secure your space. Mail or deliver your deposit check to: **Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce China Trip Attn: Debbie Newman, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Phone: 949.363.0136.** This deposit is refundable up to 30 days before the trip if you must cancel. **Due to the group size limit by the airline, space will be reserved based on the order that deposits are received.** Contacts:

Debbie Newman in the Laguna Niguel Chamber office (949) 363-0136, Wendy Harder at wvharder@soka.edu or Lisa Lu lu@soka.edu (949) 480-4083

Step 2 - Check your passport

Be sure it doesn't expire within six months after **May 10, 2019**. Apply for a new passport if you need to – allow at least eight to ten weeks. Please make sure that the **name on the traveler's passport and all other documents matches the traveler's registration name**. Once the ticket has been issued, each flight ticket will be charged extra if corrections to the traveler's name are needed.

Step 3 – Final Payment due by 03/01/2019

Send the remaining tour fee of \$1799 by March 01, 2019 (double occupancy, or add \$380 for a single room) to Star River International Travel Inc. Make the final payment check payable to **Star River International Travel** with a memo note: LN Chamber China Tour. Mail your check together with a **copy of the first page of your passport** showing your full name to: Gao Jun, Star River International Travel Inc., **15375 Barranca Parkway, Suite K-101 Irvine, CA 92618**. Star River contact info: 626-228-6318; 626-839-5719; starriverusa@gmail.com
www.starriverusa.com

Step 4 – Tour Meetings (*Please do not arrive before 11:50 as the office is conducting business*)

Friday, November 16, 2018 at Noon: OPTIONAL INFORMATION MEETING at 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 located at Laguna Niguel City Hall, the corner of Alicia Pkwy & Crown Valley Pkwy. Phone: 949.363.0136

Friday, April 5, 2019 at Noon: VISA APPLICATION MEETING to help you submit your visa application, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Phone: 949.363.0136. You must bring to this meeting:

- 1) Original Passport
- 2) A check for \$175 visa application fee (*\$140 charged by Chinese Consulate; \$35 service fee*) payable to Star River Holidays; **for non-California residents \$225 (\$170 plus \$55 separate & special process)**
- 3) One 2x2" passport photo
- 4) Completed visa application form. Form will be provided by email. Must type answers and print it out. Handwriting not accepted. If you don't have an email address, contact us for help.
- 5) Copy of the 1st page of your passport .
- 6) Copy of your driver's license front & back
- 7) Copy of all hotel confirmations (to be prepared by the tour company, **no need for you to prepare**)
- 8) Copy of Flight Itinerary (to be prepared by the tour company, **no need for you to prepare**)

Friday, April 26, 2019 at Noon: PASSPORT AND AIR TICKET DISTRIBUTION MEETING, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 to receive passport back with approved visa inside; air tickets, luggage and name tags and final Q&A. Now you are ready to pack for China!

*****This tour price is based on a minimum of 16 travel members**

The Star River Holidays Tour company Rules & Instructions:

The Reservation, Cancellation, and Payment rules and conditions:

1. Please include a copy of your passport when sending the payment required by Air China. Travelers must pay a \$200 dollars deposit, and the rest of the outstanding travel fare must be paid 60 days prior to departure.
2. If the travelers cannot pay for the fees before the agreement time (see above), the company has the right to cancel the traveler's reservation and charge a fee due to the violation of the agreement.
3. Please make sure that the name on the traveler's passport and all other documents match the traveler's registration form. Once the ticket has been issued, each flight ticket will be charged \$300 dollars if corrections of the traveler's name or departure date are needed.
4. Tours cancellation fees:
 - 60 days or more before departure: \$500 dollars
 - 45-59 days before departure: 70% of the total package fare
 - 7-45 days before departure: 90% of the total package fare
 - 100% of tour fare will be the fine for no show on the departure date or within 6-3 days before to departure. Besides the cancellation fees above, travelers will also have to pay for penalties and process fees charged by the airline if the flight tickets have already been issued.The company is not responsible, and will not give out refunds, if a traveler decides to withdraw from a tour due to any reason: including: sickness, family emergencies, or simply does not want to participate and attend the rest of the events.

Visa information: Passports must be valid for more than 6 months from the date of the departure. It is the travelers' responsibility to arrange their schedule and acquire proper documents for their destined country; no refunds are available if the traveler fails to attend the tour due to invalid documents. Star River International Travel will not return visa application fees, if travelers decide to let us do the application process and do not participate in the tour.

Tour Fare includes: Flight tickets for each traveler. Two adults will be residing in one bedroom with two queen-size beds. If a traveler wants to stay in a single room by him or herself, please notify the agent during the registration and pay for additional fees. Meals mentioned in the itinerary. The company reserves the rights to exchange hotels, within the same price level, without notice. Under unforeseen situations, such as weather, flight, schedule, and **Service exclude: -Tips & personal effects; -Travel insurance** safety issues, the team leader will change the travel plans accordingly; there will be no refunds for the unused parts. **Service include:-International and domestic airfares; -All accommodations 4* & 5*;- Sightseeing and meals;-Tour bus service to tour sites and airports-English speaking guide.**

Tour Fare excludes: All personal expenses, such as visa application fees, tipping about \$10 per day per person, passport process fees, phone calls, laundry, drinks, postages, insurance, baggage, overweight baggage, and other activities outside of the tour package. The fare does not include tips for the tour guide, driver, and other service staffs. In addition, it does not include the transportation from the traveler's resident to the airport, and government or airport taxes. Under the conditions of special circumstances, unforeseen cases, diseases, injuries, traffic, boycott, weather, political and government actions, war, etc. that would cause extra spending during the tour, Star River International Travel will not be responsible.

Rules & Conditions for Chinese Tours: The company has the right to cancel the scheduled tour if there are less than 10 participants, and will return the tour fare. All travelers must arrive on time to the airport; for domestic flights please check in 3 hours before the airplane takes off, and for international flights check in 4 hours before the scheduled flight. For all international returns, please verify your tickets 72 hours prior to the scheduled flight.

The company will not be responsible for the passengers' personal belongings, including: handbags and checked baggage, if damaged, delayed, or lost during the flight. For international flights, each passenger is allowed two checked luggage; each bag may weigh no more than 50 pounds and be no bigger than 62 inches; hand bags cannot be bigger than 45 inches. For Chinese tour routes, passengers are allowed to bring bags up to 44 and 20x20x20 inches.

Our tour guides are willing and eager to help you shop for goods during the tour; however, if there is a need for exchange or return of the products it is between the customer (traveler) and the sellers, we are not responsible for any customer service on the good that the traveler has bought.

Currency: there are places to exchange foreign currency at the airport, hotels, and banks. Currency and traveler's checks can be exchanged to Chinese RMB, but credit cards can only be used in limited places. We suggest travelers to bring both American dollars and traveler's checks for their convenience.

Electronic Devices: Hong Kong and China's electrical system operate at 220 V; please bring your own voltage converter and adopter if you wish to use electronic devices that are bought in the U.S.

Customs: Chinese Customs allow you to bring up to 400 cigarettes, 2 bottles of alcohol, and U.S dollars. Please fill out the necessary forms for the custom inspection and keep it until you come back to the U.S. Please do not bring any restricted items.

For any unforeseen situation, such as traffic, road conditions, accidents, mechanical problems, authority of law, public enemies, strikes, riots or any other natural circumstances beyond our control, Star River International Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary and tour fare without prior notice.

All tour participants should strictly abide by the laws and regulations promulgated by the government of the visiting country, include but not limited to the Immigration and Customs laws. Star River International Travel will not be responsible for the act of any tour participant.

Tips for tour: In general, \$10 each day including tour Guide and driver