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International Horticulture Exposition 2011 Xi'an TOUR

(HEX-003) Beijing-Xi'an-Guilin-Shanghai (14 days / 13 nights)

International Horticultural Exposition 2011 Xi'an will be held in the Chan-Ba Ecological District, Xi'an from April 28 to October 22 with the theme of "eternal peace & harmony between nature & mankind, nurturing the future earth". Landmarks of International Horticulture Exposition 2011 Xi'an Park include Chang'an Tower, Theme Pavilion, Greenhouse and Guangyun Entrance.

This tour focuses on attending Xi'an Horticulture Exposition 2011, also visit the classical cities of Beijing and Shanghai, as well as the country's most picturesque city - Guilin. There is a popular saying: "Guilin Shan Shui Jia Tian Xia", which means Guilin's mountain and water scenery is the best under the heaven.

Day01 Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel. (D)

Day02 Beijing

Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Tian'anmen was built in 1417 and served as the entrance gate to the Imperial Palace. Move on to visit the Imperial Palace, well-known as **Forbidden City** which is the large scale construction of the palace extended from 1406 to 1420. It was the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. 24 emperors lived and ruled China from here. In the afternoon, visit **Temple of Heaven**, built in 1420 A.D., which was originally the platform to offer sacrifices to Heaven during Ming and Qing Dynasties. The buildings and parklands reflect an ancient Chinese thought of "the Heaven is round and the earth is square". Enjoy **Peking Duck** for Dinner. (B,L,D)

Day03 Beijing

Today's highlight is the visit to the **Great Wall** (Badaling or Juyongguan Section, excluded cable car), one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across mountains. Then, drive to visit the statue-lined **Shenlu (Spirit Road)** leading to the Ming Tombs, here you can see some marvelous stone sculptures. The Ming Tombs area is for 13 deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Visit the **Changling Tomb** which is the largest of the 13 as you can imagine it is quite impressive. On the way back to the hotel, stop at **Olympic Park** and **outside view** the National Stadium (Bird's Nest, no entry) and the National Aquatics Center (Water Cube, no entry), which are the main stadium of the 29th Olympiad in 2008. You could have your pictures taken by these marvelous buildings! (B,L,D)

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Day04 Beijing

After breakfast, visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. As a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design, it integrates the natural landscape of hills and open water with manmade features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges into a harmonious and aesthetically exceptional whole. Then, visit the **Yonghe Lama Temple**, the largest and most perfectly preserved Tibetan Buddhist Lama Temple outside Tibet. It was built in 1649 as the residence of Prince Yong of Qing Dynasty, and was converted to a temple after he became Emperor moving to Forbidden City. Walk along **Nanluogu Lane** (Nannluoguxiang) where has a history of over 700 years dating back to Yuan Dynasty in 13th and 14th century. Running from north to south, this lane is about 800 meters long with 16 hutongs - 8 hutongs on each side of the lane. The lane is now famous for the cafes and bars and clothing and handcraft shops that line its hutong laneways as well as its traditional hutong and courtyards (Siheyuan). (B,L,D)

Day05 Beijing-Xi'an

Take a morning flight to Xi'an. Climb the ancient **City Wall**, actually built on the fortifications of Tang Forbidden City, standing 12 meters high, 12-14 meters across the top, 15-18 meters thick at the bottom, 13.7 meter in length with a deep moat surrounding it. It is the most complete city wall that has survived in China, as well being one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world. Then, pay a visit to the **Great Mosque**, built primarily in the Ming Dynasty when Chinese architectural elements were synthesized into mosque architecture, and it is the largest and best-preserved one of the early mosques of China. Walk around **Bell & Drum Tower Square**, here marks the geographical center of the ancient capital, the East, South, West and North Streets cross here. (B,L,D)

Day06 Xi'an

Visit the expo site. (B,D)

Day07 Xi'an

Visit the expo site. (B,D)

Day08 Xi'an



After breakfast, visit **Shaanxi History Museum**, the first huge state museum with modern facilities in China, and given the reputation of "bright pearl of ancient city, treasure house of China". Then, visit once-in-a-lifetime viewing of the extraordinary **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**, 2,200-year-old underground army of

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he first feudal Emperor, Qin Shihuang. Life size terracotta figures of warriors and horses arranged in battle formations are the star features at the museum. Drive back to the city and pay a visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, originally built in 652 A.D. in Tang Dynasty (618-907A.D.), it functioned to collect large volume of Buddhist scriptures that were taken from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. Have a characteristic **Dumpling Dinner** and enjoy **Tang Dynasty Show** in the evening. (B,L,D)

Day09 Xi'an-Guilin

Take a morning flight to Guilin, one of China's top attractive destinations. Take sightseeing of the beautiful **Fubo Hill**, well known as the wonderland on wave with its exquisite peak rising high and its foot half in water and half on land. Then, visit the **Reed Flute Cave** is Guilin's largest and most impressive cave and contains some of the most extraordinary underground scenery in all of China. (B,L,D)

Day10 Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin

Today's highlight is the **cruise down the Li River**, stretching 83km waterway from Guilin to Yangshuo, which is the masterpiece of Li River, decorating with rolling hills, steep cliffs, fantastic caves, leisurely boats and lined bamboos. The cruise will give you a chance to savor the lovely view of the area's extraordinary limestone peaks. The cruise ends in Yangshuo. Visit **local markets**. Yangshuo is a charming small town with its main street lined with small hotels, countless souvenir shops and restaurants. Then, drive back to Guilin. (B,L,D)

Day11 Guilin-Shanghai

Take a morning flight to Shanghai, known as "Paris in the East". Visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Pay a visit to **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, which was specially built for Pan's parents as a place to enjoy themselves a tranquil and happy time in their old age. The pavilions, halls, rockeries, ponds and cloisters are unique characteristic. And also take a walk through Chenghuangmiao (known as Yuyuan Garden Market) built in the fifteenth century during the Ming Dynasty. It filled with antique markets and specialty stores. Enjoy a fabulous **Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B,L,D)

Day12 Shanghai

This morning, you will visit **Shanghai Museum** (excluded audio guide), a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Proceed to visit **Jade Buddha Temple**, built in 1882 to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. The two precious jade Buddha statues, one sitting Buddha and one Recumbent Buddha, are carved with whole white jade. Pay a visit to **Shanghai Xintiandi**, located in the center of Shanghai city south of Huaihai Zhonglu. For its

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concept of constructions, Xintiandi become an urban tourist attraction, a fashionable pedestrian street composed of Shikumen and modern architecture style. It retains the old walls, tiles and exterior of the Shikumen housing of old Shanghai. On the other hand, its interior appears a totally different world of international gallery, bars and cafes, boutiques or theme restaurants. Visit **Tianzifang** nearby, known as "Creative Art Park", which is developed from the local residence area. (B,L,D)

Day13 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai

Today's highlight is visit the famous private garden in Suzhou. Visit the **Lingering Garden**, renowned for the artistic way in which the spaces between various kinds of architectural forms are dealt with. Then, pay a visit to the **Garden of the Master of the Nets**, the smallest of the Suzhou residential gardens, the most impressive because of its use of space which creates the illusion of an area that is much greater than its actual size. You will also visit **Suzhou Silk Museum** to see how the world's most beautiful silk is produced. Enjoy a **boat on the Grand Canal** reveals the traditional way of lift for the people who have lived here for generations. China's emperors took such route many times to inspect their territory and people in the South, leaving lots of legends and stories in the history. (B,L,D)

Day14 Depart from Shanghai

Transfer to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. TOUR ENDS! (B)

Note: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner

Hotel list (or the same standard):

Standard A: 3-star

Beijing: *** Ping An Fu Hotel Beijing

Xi'an: *** Wan Nian Hotel Xi'an

Guilin: *** Fubo Hotel Guilin

Shanghai: *** New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Price in 1/2 double room: RMB--pp

	≥ 10pax	Single Supplement	6-9pax	Single Supplement	2-5pax	Single Supplement
Apr, May, Sep & Oct	9740	2250	12190	2840	14440	2840
Jun, Jul & Aug	9655	2165	12075	2725	14325	2725

Standard B: 4-star

Beijing: **** Qianmen Jian Guo Hotel Beijing

Xi'an: **** Bell Tower Hotel Xi'an

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Guilin: **** Guilin Brova Hotel

Shanghai: **** Best Western New Century Hotel Shanghai

Price in 1/2 double room: RMB--pp

	≥10pax	Single Supplement	6-9pax	Single Supplement	2-5pax	Single Supplement
High Season	10740	3250	13420	4070	15670	4070
Shoulder Season	10270	2785	12975	3625	15225	3625

Included:

- Twin sharing accommodation with buffet breakfast
- Domestic flights in economic class and its airport tax: Beijing-Xi'an, Xi'an-Guilin, Guilin-Shanghai
- Lunch and Dinner as mentioned in the itinerary in good local restaurant including Peking Roasted Duck in Beijing and Dumpling Dinner in Xi'an. A glass of soft drink or beer is included in the mainland China
- (first) Entrance fee mentioned above
- English speaking accompanying guide through out program on all days with excursions
- All Transfers specified in the itinerary by air-conditioned vehicle

Excluded:

- International Flight and airport tax
- Tips, personal expenses
- Transfer for "day at leisure"
- Guide Service during the plane and train