



**“Culture and Trade Exchanges of 30 Years”
Sacramento-Jinan Sister-City 30th Anniversary Trip to China
August 23, 2015 – September 6, 2015
Beijing – Jinan – Qufu – Xi’an – Shanghai – (Hangzhou)**

Highlights:

- ✚ Visit China as a VIP guest of the City of Jinan, Sacramento’s sister city since 1984
- ✚ Meet officials, business leaders, and citizens of Jinan and attend the VIP reception of 30th Anniversary of Jinan-Sacramento sister-city relationship
- ✚ Meetings and visits to local businesses and/or schools will be arranged upon request
- ✚ Climb the Great Wall of China
- ✚ Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors in Xi’an
- ✚ Tour Qufu, birthplace of Confucius

\$3099/person (\$3299/person for non-JSSCC members) on double occupancy by March 1
(\$200/person check/cash non-refundable* deposit is required by March 1)

\$3299/person (\$3499/person for non-JSSCC members) on double occupancy after March 1
(\$200/person check/cash non-refundable* deposit is required by May 1)

Single supplement **\$849**

Hangzhou optional tour **\$120**

\$949/person for Jinan visit only on double occupancy (+\$349 for single supplement)

For more information, please contact Grace at grace.liu@jsscc.org or Gloria at 916.685.8049.
To apply, please fill out the application form and mail your deposit of \$200 to
JSSCC, 1017 L St, #1160, Sacramento, CA 95814

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DAY 1 AUG 23 (SUN) - Depart from San Francisco to Beijing

Meals: In-Flight Meal

Embark on a memorable journey when you board Air China's non-stop flight to Beijing via Boeing 777 featuring personal entertainment system for each passenger. En route, cross the International Dateline and lose one day. SFO to Beijing is 12 hours non-stop.

DAY 2 AUG 24 (MON) - Arrive Beijing

Meals: In-Flight Meal

Arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport Terminal 3 at 5:55 pm local time. You will be greeted by our experienced tour guide(s) outside the customs and they will transfer you to your hotel, located at the

heart of Beijing. On the way to the hotel, your guide(s) will briefly introduce themselves to you and provide you with some important information regarding your trip.

Staying at - Gehua New Century Hotel



DAY 3 AUG 25 (TUE) - Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The first day of your journey begins with a wake-up call by your tour guide. Enjoy a delectable American breakfast buffet before starting your day. A deluxe motor coach and your devoted tour guide(s) are ready for your memorable trip. Your first day in China will be an excursion to the Great Wall. On the way, you will visit the **Sacred Way of the Ming Tomb**. Located in the mountains according to Feng Shui principles, this imperial mausoleum is a site not to be missed. Tour the exterior portion of the tombs that include the "Spirit Way," a seven kilometer road lined with statues of mythical animals and officials to guard the 13 emperors buried in this necropolis. You will visit a jade factory on the way.

After lunch, you will travel to the **Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China**, also considered as one of the greatest wonders of the world. This massive wall stretches well over 4,000 miles and once was used as the soldiers' safeguard to protect the Chinese empire's northern borders against invaders. You then have the opportunity to climb up the mammoth sized wall at your own pace. Be sure to take in the experience and enjoy the breath-taking view from the top of one of the greatest achievements of civilization. On the way back to Hotel you will have a photo stop for **the Bird Nest, officially the National Stadium**. The stadium was designed for use throughout the 2008 Summer Olympics and Paralympics. The stadium is currently used mostly for football matches.

DAY 4 AUG 26 (WED) - Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

The first day of your journey begins with a wake-up call by your tour guide. Enjoy a delectable American breakfast buffet before starting your day. A deluxe motor coach and your devoted tour guide(s) are ready for your memorable trip. Your first peek into the capital city of Beijing begins with a visit to the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place - **Tiananmen Square**. Around the vast square, you can see The Great Hall of People, holding the congress of the Communist Party and National People's Congress, History Museum, Military Museum and Monuments to the People's heroes. When available, you can visit Mao's Mausoleum, where his body is in a crystal coffin. Under the

famous Mao's portrait, which is positioned at the center "The Gate of Heavenly Peace" entrance, you will walk into the **Forbidden City** (also known as Imperial Palace), which holds 9,999 rooms. Experience the intricate architecture and exquisitely designed layout of these grand buildings once housed by Chinese Emperors who ruled during the period of the Qing and Ming Dynasties for almost 500 years (1420-1911). Thereafter, you will visit a pearl factory before you partake in a tranquil visit to the picturesque landscape of the **Summer Palace** with historic temples, numerous pavilions, marble boat and famous 728-yard Long Corridor, situated on the man-made Kunming Lake. You will capture the lifestyles of families residing within the **Historic Hutong by rickshaw**. The amazing gray brick courtyard residence is Beijing's oldest and remains infused with timeless culture and history. In the mid-1990's, most of the original Hutongs vanished rapidly and was substituted by high-rise buildings and commercial offices. You will then wrap up the evening with a delicious **Peking Duck Dinner** at one of the most prestigious restaurants in Beijing recognized for its specialty.



Our group at Tian'anmen Square in fall 2010

DAY 5 AUG 27 (THU) - Beijing to Jinan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch in the National Museum on your own, Dinner on high speed rail on your own

Visit the **Temple of Heaven**, built during 1406 to 1420; it was used by Chinese Emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties to pray for bountiful harvests. The Temple of Heaven is a complex of Taoist buildings with some of the most exquisite architectures in Beijing. Capture the detailed essence of all the rich colors blended together on the hand painted tiles and roofing of the structures. This remarkable construction is pledged highest level of Chinese traditional architecture. Today, it has become a popular leisure activity center for the local elders. You will likely bypass people engaged in exercise, tai chi, martial arts, and Chinese opera, as you make your way from the tour bus to the main buildings. Your tour bus will take you to the **National Museum**. It is a very large museum that showcases the best of Chinese culture and history. Enjoy lunch on your own. In the late afternoon you will experience an ever memorable, smooth and quiet 2-hour **high-speed rail** ride to Jinan- the City of Springs. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the Jinan Foreign Affairs officials and your tour guide. Check into your **hotel**.

DAY 6 - 9 AUG 28 (FRI) - AUG 31(MON) to be arranged by the Jinan Foreign Affairs Office
VIP reception, discussion with city officials and business leaders. Visit the high-tech zone, visit school(s), etc. Sightseeing includes the Yellow River, Baotu Springs Park, Quancheng City Square, Daming Lake, etc. Day trip to Qufu, etc.



Meeting and Banquet of our 25th Anniversary Trip in Jinan in 2010

DAY 10 SEP 01 (Tue) Jinan to Xian

Meal: Breakfast

Take time to stroll around your hotel and savor your time in Jinan. In the afternoon you will fly to Xian, which was the ancient capital for 11 dynasties and east end of the Silk Road. It was the world's most open and prosperous ancient international metropolitan with a population of over a million before Beijing became the political and economic center of China.

Staying at - Empark Grand Hotel



DAY 11 SEP 02 (WED) - Xi'an

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

Today you will be given ample time to tour the exhibit of the historical **Terracotta Warriors** belonging to the era when the infamous Emperor Qing Shihuang reigned. It was in 1974 when a farmer who was merely digging for water came across one of the biggest discoveries of the world which led to the massive excavation of an army of over 7,000 life-size Terracotta Warriors and horses molded by clay. Explore the vast sea of clay warriors in all three vaults. For the next 5 years, visitors will not only see the existing warriors and horses but might get lucky to witness some of the greatest new discoveries while the archeologists are digging the vaults in front of you. You will visit an art ceramics factory on the way to the Terracotta Warriors. Thereafter, you will visit the well-preserved emblem of Xi'an, the **Wild Goose Pagoda**. The towering 211.6 feet high structure completely made of bricks originated during the Tang Dynasty when Emperor Gaozong once reigned. The day will conclude with a tasteful and creatively prepared Dumpling Feast followed by an exquisite traditional **Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show**. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy!

DAY 12 SEP 03 (THU) - Xi'an to Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

In the morning, you will take a tour of the **Ancient City Wall** of Xian. Then you will take a flight to Shanghai. After you are transferred to your hotel, you will **enjoy the rest of the day free on your own** exploring the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Shanghai. Indulge yourself by shopping at the stores along Nanjing Road, which is the main shopping street of Shanghai and one of the world's busiest shopping streets. If you're interested in more sightseeing, then visit the Jade Buddha Temple. It is still an active temple with 70 resident monks who live and work there. Another option is the Yuyuan Garden & Bazaar, which is believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty over 400 years ago. One of the highlights is the

Exquisite Jade Rock that resembles the appearance of jade with its translucent nature and numerous holes caused by water erosion. If you're just looking for a relaxing time, stop by the famous Old Jazz Bar at Peace Hotel. It is open daily from 8pm to 2am where you can enjoy jazz music dating back to the 30's and 40's and experience specially prepared cocktails and Irish or Italian coffee. The local guide will be available through the hotel check-in process to give you directions and advice if you cannot decide what to do. Whatever you choose, you will enjoy the splendors of this magnificent city!

Staying at - Ocean Hotel



DAY 13 SEP 04 (FRI) - Shanghai Free Day or Optional day tour to Hangzhou

Meals: Breakfast

Today is a **free day to explore** the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Shanghai. Indulge yourself by shopping at the stores along Nanjing Road, which is the main shopping street of Shanghai and one of the world's busiest shopping streets. If you're just looking for a relaxing time, stop by the famous Old Jazz Bar at Peace Hotel. Its open daily from 8pm to 2am where you can enjoy jazz music dating back to the 30's and 40's and experience specially prepared cocktails and Irish or Italian coffee. You can also visit the massive Shanghai Museum with a collection of over one hundred thousand ancient artifacts, arts, and cultural relics. Whatever you choose, you will enjoy the splendors of this magnificent city!

Optional Hangzhou Day Excursion

As one of the seven ancient capitals in China, Hangzhou is a tourist must-see. As the saying goes, "In Heaven there is Paradise; on Earth there are Hangzhou and Suzhou." Hangzhou has numerous "heavenly" attractions. It is also the headquarter of Alibaba, the company that made its founder Jack Ma the richest person in China. You will take a deluxe coach to Hangzhou. Your sightseeing will include a cruise on the **West Lake, visit to Lingyin Temple and a tea plantation**. Lunch will be provided.

DAY 14 SEP 05 (SAT) Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

You will first begin the day with a visit to the **Oriental Pearl TV Tower** and **Shanghai Municipal History Wax Museum**. After lunch, you will take a walking tour along the world renowned **Shanghai Bund**. This landmark known for its district neo-classic architecture of 52 European style buildings not only lined the Huangpu River but once upon a time housed the most influential financial institutions including national banks that were considered part of the "Big Four." Your walking tour will then end in the **old town of Shanghai**, the most ancient area of the city, still maintaining its circular shape as it did

centuries ago. You will have some time to explore this area on your own. At the old town of Shanghai, you would find the City God Temple, and the famous Yu Garden (Yuyuan). Tonight, you will attend a memorizing **Shanghai Acrobatic Show**. You will also visit a Silk Museum today.

DAY 15 SEP 06 (SUN) - Depart Shanghai for San Francisco

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight Meals

We hope you enjoyed your time in China and will be leaving this country with endless stories, memories, and captivating pictures of the entire journey. You will be transferred to the airport and Air China will take you home on the same day.

Flight Detail: 16-hour flight of Air China to SFO with a stopover in Beijing. Your luggage will be checked through all the way from Shanghai to USA. You will arrive back in the SFO on the same day.

Tour Fare Includes

- Round-trip Flights from US to China
- Air & Ground transportation and transfers in China
- US and China taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges
- 4-star or 5-star hotel accommodations
- All meals specified in the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking guides
- Admissions to all attractions and shows specified in the itinerary

Tour Fare Excludes

- China Visa fee \$140 + processing fee \$30 = \$170/person
- Gratuities for your guides and drivers \$10/day/traveler
- [Business Class Upgrade](#)
- Extension / Deviation (transfer to the airport is not included)
- Travel Insurance
- Single Supplement Fee: \$849 (single occupancy)
- [Additional baggage fees may apply](#)

Tour terms and conditions <http://www.chinafocustravel.com/home/pages/terms-conditions>

*** Non-refundable deposit: It will be applied to your tour payment. If you later decide not to join the trip, the deposit will be considered as your donation to JSSCC.**

Jinan – City of Springs and Sister City of Sacramento

When a local group of Sacramentans sought to establish a “sister city” relationship with a city in China in the early 1980s, Jinan was selected because of its many similarities with Sacramento. The two cities lie at the similar latitude on Earth, on the opposite ends of the World set apart by the Pacific Ocean (Sacramento Latitude: 38° 31' N, Longitude: 121° 30' W; Jinan Latitude 36° 40' N and Longitude 116° 57' E). Jinan is the capital of Shandong province. Like Sacramento as a ‘River City’, Jinan is situated on the lower reaches of the Yellow River - the second longest river in China. The Sister City affiliation with Jinan was endorsed by the Sacramento City Resolution



on October 16, 1984. Then on May 19, 1985, the first delegation of Sacramento officials and citizens visited Jinan and signed the sister-city agreement.

Known as the “City of Springs”, Jinan is also known for its abundance of cultural relics and historic sites dating back more than 6,000 years. Since the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 AD), Jinan has been the political, economic and cultural center of Shandong Province. Nearby is the town of Qufu - the birthplace of Confucius, China’s most illustrious son, and Taishan (Mt. Tai) - the holiest of China’s five sacred mountains.

Jinan is also the education center of Shandong Province. It is one of the most prosperous provinces as well as a major contributor to the ancient Chinese culture — the auspicious birthplace of Qilu culture.



Shandong University is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in China. It was founded in 1901 in Jinan, the second national university established in China.

With a population of 6 million, Jinan is a booming industrial center with increasingly growing information technology, biotech and other high-tech companies and manufacturing in machine tools, precision instruments, fertilizers, paper, marble, textiles, etc. Jinan’s hot and dry summer climate contributes to its thriving agricultural industry and a top producer of grain crops, vegetables, fruit and cotton. Serving as a major communication and transportation center, Jinan is a junction of east/west and north/south railways and highways.

For more on Jinan, please visit www.jsscc.org



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