



JSSCC China Trip 2020

Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Sacramento-Jinan Sister City Relationship “Welcome Aboard Yangtze River Cruise & More”

September 5, 2020 - September 20, 2020

Jinan - Qufu – Beijing – Yangtze River Cruise – Chongqing – Chengdu - Shanghai

Highlights:

- ⊕ Visit China as a citizen ambassador of the Sacramento delegation led by local elected officials and as a VIP guest of the City of Jinan, sister city of Sacramento since 1984
- ⊕ Meet dignitaries, business leaders, and citizens of Jinan as well as other sister cities of Jinan from all over the world at the Jinan International Sister Cities Festival
- ⊕ Meetings and visits to local businesses and organizations will be arranged upon request
- ⊕ Climb the Great Wall of China
- ⊕ Cruise along the Yangtze River on the ultra-luxurious 5-star cruise ship by President Cruises and visit Three-Gorges Dam, etc.
- ⊕ Visit Confucius' birthplace and learn about Confucianism
- ⊕ Visit Panda Research Institute and Breeding Center in Chengdu
- ⊕ Visit China's largest city Shanghai

\$2998/person (\$3198/person for non-JSSCC members) on double occupancy by January 31, 2020
(\$500/person check/cash non-refundable* deposit is required by January 31, 2020)

\$3198/person (\$3298/person for non-JSSCC members) on double occupancy after January 31, 2020 & by April 30, 2020 **(\$500/person check/cash non-refundable* deposit is required by April 30, 2020)**

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Single supplement \$1000

This 16-day all-inclusive travel package includes international air tickets and China domestic air, meals, deluxe hotels, high-speed rail, chartered bus transportation, sightseeing and all culture activities listed in the following itinerary; plus, English-speaking tour guide service.

For more information, please contact grace.liu@jsscc.org

Day1 Sat 09/05/2020 Fly from **San Francisco** to **Qingdao** via direct flight by China Eastern airline (IM).

D2 09/06 Arrive in Qingdao, and transfer to **Jinan** via high speed rail (2 hour ride). Stay at Shandong Hotel or similar (IM).

D3 09/07 Attend the **Jinan Sister Cities International Festival**. Detailed schedule will be provided upon notification by the Jinan Municipal Government. Activities include meetings with Jinan officials, dignitaries from other sister cities of Jinan, and Jinan business community, visit to local school and businesses, and sightseeing and cultural entertainment program in the evening (B-L-D).



Sacramento delegation at Jinan International Sister Cities event in September 2019, led by Sacramento City Councilmember Rick Jennings (1st from left).



Sacramento delegation led by Councilmember Jeff Harris (7th from left) at the Forum in Jinan in 2018



Sacramento delegation with Jinan officials in 2015, led by Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna

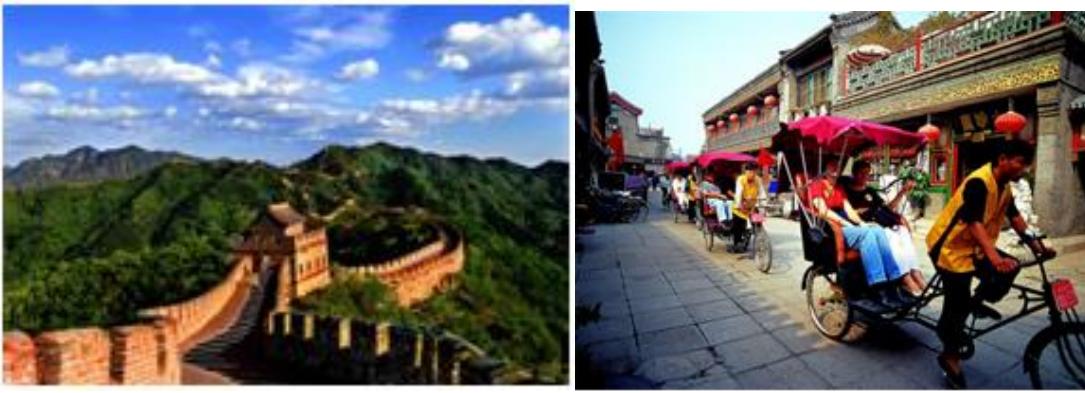


Sacramento Delegation led by Sacramento City Councilmember Steve Hansen (4th from right) in 2017

D4 09/08 More **Jinan sister city** sightseeing and cultural activities. (B-L-D).

D5 09/09 Day tour to **Qufu**, birthplace of Confucius. Visit Confucius Temple, Confucius family residence, and Confucius family cemetery. Return to Jinan in the evening. (B-L-D)

D6 09/10 Take the **high-speed rail to Beijing**, 'fly' at 186 miles an hour, and reach Beijing in one and a half hours. Climb the Great Wall, tour Hutong old Beijing neighborhood on foot. Enjoy welcome-to-China Peking duck dinner. (B, SD)



You will arrive at the Mutianyu section of the **Great Wall of China**, 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 can climb up the mammoth sized wall at your own pace. In the afternoon, 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.

D7 09/11 Visit Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City (Palace Museum). Fly to Wuhan after dinner (B-D) Adventure 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 and the enormous National Museum of China. On the Square stand the Monuments to the People's Heroes and Mao's Mausoleum. Under the famous Mao's portrait, which is positioned at the center of "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 ruled during the period of the Qing and Ming Dynasties for almost 500 years (1420-1911).



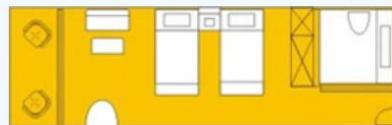
D8 09/12 Tour the Hubei Provincial Museum. Transfer to train station and take high speed rail to **Yichang** (2 hour ride). Transfer to **Maopin Pier** and board the ultra-luxurious **5-star cruise ship operated by President Cruises**. All cabins are outside with a **private balcony**. We will enjoy Executive Deck and Services, including cabins with better viewing, VIP area reserved for evening entertainment, complimentary unlimited wine, beer, and soft drink for lunch and dinner, and much more. (B-L)

D9 09/13 In the morning, take a land excursion to the **Three Gorges Dam Site**. It is the world's largest dam, 1.7 miles long and 220 feet high, and the largest electricity-generating plant of any kind. The dam body was completed in 2006. All of the originally planned components of the project were completed on October 30, 2008. There were over 1.2 million people who immigrated to other parts of the country in order to complete the project. In the afternoon, set sail on the beautiful Yangtze River. There will be a **Captain's Welcoming Dinner** and evening entertainment. (B-L-D)



Deluxe Standard Cabin

Total Cabins: 215
Room Size: 27.50 m²
Beds: Twin beds (1.1 m * 2.0 m)
Private Balcony: Yes
Bathroom: Shower
Location: 2F/3F/4F/5F/6F



D10 09/14 After breakfast, experience a once in a lifetime adventure when you transfer to a small riverboat and cruise up the tributary **Shennong Stream**. After lunch, sail through **Wu Gorge**, which is 25 miles long and well known for its 12 forest-covered peaks and quiet beauty with ever-changing scenery. Then sail through **Qutang Gorge**, the shortest (5 miles), narrowest (500 feet) and most dramatic one. (B-L-D)



D11 09/15 After practicing Tai Chi on the sundeck, take a land excursion to **Shibaozhai**, one of the gems of Chinese architecture along the Yangtze River. The 720-foot hill on the north bank can appear to resemble a jade seal. It is said that the hill was created by the goddess Nuwo while redecorating the sky. Atop the hill sits a temple built during the reign of Emperor Qianlong. This magnificent pagoda, which no nails were used to build, is appropriately named "The Pearl of the Yangtze". After the land excursion, there are various cultural programs you may attend on the ship. A **Farewell Dinner** is planned for the night (B-L-D).

D12 09/16 After breakfast, disembark in Chongqing, the world's largest city by population of about 30 million and the largest by area of 32,000 Square miles, the picturesque "Mountain City," previously known as China's wartime capital during the Second World War. You will take a **city tour** before embarking on a fast train to your next destination to Chengdu, the city located in the agriculture province of Sichuan. Stay at Tibet Hotel or similar (B-L)



D13 09/17 Tour the **Panda Research Institute and Breeding Center** (there are 102 pandas currently) and watch these lovable and charismatic creatures live their lives. You will get a glimpse of the pandas during feeding hours and see them indulge in their favorite past time-sleeping. After an authentic Sichuan lunch, you will be transferred to the airport and take a flight to Shanghai. Stay at Riverview Hotel or similar (B-L).

D14 09/18 Shanghai city tour: **Shanghai Bund, Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Yuyuan Garden**, and shopping at the **Old Town of Shanghai**. Stay in the Riverview Hotel or similar (B-L).

A walking tour along the world-renowned **Shanghai Bund** in the afternoon. This landmark known for its distinct neo-classic architecture of 52 European style buildings along the Huangpu River. Your tour will end in the **old town of Shanghai**, the ancient area of the city, still maintaining its circular shape as it did centuries ago.

D15 09/19 Free day for you to relax or explore Shanghai on your own. (B)



D16 09/20 Take a direct flight back home, arrive in **SFO** on the same day. (B-IM)

IM = In Flight Meal B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner SD = Special Dinner

* Tour price is based on cash/check incentive. Please add \$100 if paid by credit card. China visitor visa fee is \$140 to the Chinese Consulate and additional \$60 processing fee if you do not want to apply in person at the Consulate. Should you change the travel plan later, your non-refundable deposit of \$500 cash/check will be considered as your donation to JSSCC. If interested in joining JSSCC, the annual membership fee is \$50/person, \$100/family.

JSSCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has been committed to promoting people-to-people exchanges since the Sacramento City Council endorsed the Sister City affiliation with Jinan on October 16, 1984. For more information on JSSCC, please visit our homepage www.jsscc.org.