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**Program Fee includes:**
- Round-trip airfare
- 11 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast daily
- 9 dinners and 6 lunches
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Beijing • Xi’an • Shanghai • Hong Kong
- 2 visits to special attractions: Great Wall • Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army
- Experiential learning: Visits to leading companies

**Chart China’s emergence as an economic power as you explore the inner workings of the local business environment in Beijing’s Zhong Guan Cun, Xi’an and Shanghai. To truly understand a country’s business prowess, one must also understand its history and culture, which is why your tour also includes visits to the Great Wall, the Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army and a traditional tea house, as well as a ricksha tour among the hutongs.**

**Day 1 Flight**

**Overnight flight** • Your adventure begins as you fly through the night to China.

**Day 2 Beijing**

**Arrival in Beijing** • Touch down in Beijing. It was in this city that Chairman Mao proclaimed the People’s Republic of China in 1949. Meet your bilingual tour director, who will remain with you throughout your stay, then transfer to your hotel.

**Day 3 Beijing**

**Guided sightseeing of Beijing** • An expert local guide introduces you to the Chinese capital, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. This ancient city first received its modern name when it became the capital for the second time in Chinese history in 1402 (“Beijing” means “Northern Capital”). See Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest public square in the world. Visit the Forbidden City (Gugong), accessible only to members of the imperial court until as late as 1949. Get a close-up look at the golden-roofed Imperial Palace, one of the world’s greatest architectural achievements. Hundreds of thousands of workers labored on the construction of this palatial complex during the Ming Dynasty (1403-1424). It was renovated during the 18th century (Qing Dynasty). Although situated in the very heart of Beijing, the Forbidden City is surrounded by both a moat and a protective wall. The emperors who once resided here often spent their entire lives within the complex.

**Visit to a tea house** • You’ll better understand the importance of tea in Chinese culture when you visit a tea house. Not only for refreshment, Chinese tea holds a place in medicine, art and even literature. Inhale the earthy aromas and experience the culture and custom surrounding this ancient pastime as you are served a traditional tea.
Day 4 Beijing
Excursion to Badaling and the Great Wall of China • Travel north to Badaling to view one of the wonders of the world: the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against the Mongols: 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. The Great Wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles—perhaps only a tenth of its former length!
Ricksha tour of hutongs • A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing. Today, although the city is becoming an international metropolis, its small lanes and alleyways still provide access to dwellings for half the total urban population.

Day 5 Beijing
Company visit in Zhong Guan Cun • In the “Silicon Valley of China,” you will get a behind-the-scenes look at a company. There are more than 12,000 high-tech enterprises throughout Zhong Guan Cun’s seven parks. Here, 489,000 technicians are employed and 100,000 students graduate from its two prominent universities each year.
Peking Duck dinner • Tonight, you’ll be treated to northern China’s most famous dish: Peking Duck! During this special feast, learn about the ritual preparation and savory side dishes that accompany this regional specialty.
Day 6 Xi’an
Flight to Xi’an • Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Xi’an (pronounced Shi-ahn), one of China’s most extraordinary cities. Xi’an was once the largest city in the world and the capital of 11 dynasties.
Guided sightseeing of Xi’an • Follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo as your local guide shows you this historic city. Xi’an was located at the eastern end of the Silk Road, the route the famous traveler followed. See the 7th-century Big Wild Goose Pagoda, built upon the orders of Xuan Zang, the monk who introduced Buddhism to China; the city walls; the 118-foot-high Bell Tower; and the Great Mosque (one of China’s oldest Muslim temples).
Visit to the Shaanxi Provincial Museum • See artifacts from the Han and Tang dynasties at the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, which was built on the site of a former Confucian temple.
Visit to the Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army • Visit the intriguing Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army, which exhibits the amazing collection of figures discovered by peasants digging for water in 1974. The army’s 8,099 painstakingly modeled, life-size warriors and horses—of which no two are alike—were sculpted to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, founder of the Qin Dynasty (221–206 B.C.) and the first ruler to unify China.
IMAX Theater • On the 3-D IMAX screen, view a fascinating film depicting the excavation process of the Terra-Cotta Army.

Day 7 Xi’an
Visit to a local company • Take a tour of a leading company in Xi’an. You might visit a pharmaceutical company and learn how foreign investment helped spur China’s fast-growing pharmaceutical industry and how the industry today works hand-in-hand with the Chinese government to link tradition and cultural heritage to modern science. In fact, when the government was looking for a way to protect the precious statues of the Terra-Cotta Army, it turned to the pharmaceutical company Janssen for help.

Day 8 Shanghai
Flight to Shanghai • Fly to Shanghai, China’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai (meaning “up from the sea”) has been an important port for centuries. China’s Communist Party—and later the Cultural Revolution—began in Shanghai.
Guided sightseeing of Shanghai • Your tour begins in the heart of the city with a visit to the Bund (once considered the “Wall Street of the East” and today the largest base of Chinese industrial technology), a beautifully landscaped promenade overlooking the waterfront. You’ll also view the Jade Buddha Temple. The extraordinary Buddhas you see here (each sculpted from a single piece of white jade) were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana. Continue on to the glorious Yu Garden, a showcase of classical Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537. The Chinese consider gardening a complex art form in which the challenge is to construct an entire world in miniature, using minerals, plants and animals in a limited space.
Nanjing Road • Spend time admiring the crafts and delicacies in the interesting shops that line colorful Nanjing Road.
Jin Mao Tower • Enjoy spectacular views from the Jin Mao Tower, China’s tallest building and the fifth-tallest building in the world.

Day 9 Shanghai
Visit to a local company • Take a tour of a leading company in Shanghai. You might visit an automobile company and learn more about Shanghai’s emergence in the world auto industry. In recent years, Chinese companies have entered into more joint ventures with Western car companies.
Free time in Shanghai • Enjoy a free afternoon in Shanghai to make new discoveries or revisit some of your favorites. And ask your tour director for some fun suggestions.

Day 10 Shenzhen
Flight to Shenzhen • This morning, fly to the city of Shenzhen, bordering Hong Kong. In fact, many workers from Hong Kong commute to Shenzhen every day, and many students from Shenzhen cross over to Hong Kong to study.

Visit to the Special Economic Zone of Shenzhen • Created as China’s very first Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Shenzhen’s flexible status allows it to manage its economy separately from that of the nation and to have much more control on the provincial level. To encourage foreign investment, Shenzhen offers special tax incentives for foreign investments. It also offers greater independence with international trade. Visit one of the companies taking advantage of the special policies in this zone.

Day 11 Hong Kong
Train ride to Hong Kong • Today, you’ll travel directly to the city known as China’s Window on the World. Hong Kong, a bustling metropolis, important financial center and former British Crown Colony, reverted to Chinese control in 1997. (Britain first claimed Hong Kong following the Opium War in 1842, and later, in 1898, signed a 99-year lease for the territory.)

Guided sightseeing of Hong Kong • A guided tour brings you up to Victoria Peak for a truly breathtaking view of the city, harbor and neighboring islands. You’ll also pass Happy Valley, the Royal Yacht Club, Repulse Bay (Hong Kong’s most popular beach) and the world-famous Aberdeen Harbour (known for its floating restaurants).

Day 12 Hong Kong
Free day in Hong Kong • Enjoy a free day to explore the city on your own. You may choose to browse amid Hong Kong’s renowned bargains and stop for tastes of a variety of Chinese regional cuisines: Cantonese, Beijing, Chiu Chow, Hakka, Shanghai or Sichuan. Save room for your farewell dinner tonight!

Day 13 Home
Return home • Transfer to the airport, where you’ll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.