

**Brit Olom Tours**  
**Family China Group**  
**August 1-10, 2012**

### **Itinerary**

**Wed, Aug 1: Depart Miami.** We depart Miami today and connect to our Air China flight to Shanghai.

**Thu, Aug 2: Arrive in Shanghai.** We will be greeted upon arrival and transferred to the **Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Puxi**.

**Fri, Aug 3: Shanghai.** This morning we explore Shanghai on our full-day tour. Acrobatics have long been a part of Chinese culture, and we begin our day by attending an acrobatic rehearsal. Afterwards, we tour the Bund, Shanghai's famous waterfront area where many buildings of historical importance line the banks of the Huangpu River. We continue to Yu Garden; with many halls and pavilions, it is one of the finest Chinese gardens in the region. We finish the day with a visit to a delightful Children's Palace to see the children participate in extra-curricular activities such as learning music, foreign languages, and doing sports. This evening we'll enjoy a special dinner of Shanghai, followed by a thrilling acrobatic show. Meals Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner

**Sat, Aug 4: Xi'an.** We fly to Xi'an today, an ancient capital of China for eleven dynasties and the starting point of the famed Silk Road. In the afternoon we'll visit a local teahouse to meet two local families; tea will be served and we will have the opportunity to become pen pals (or email pals) with the children. Our hotel for the next two nights is the **Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel**. Meals - Breakfast – Lunch

**Sun, Aug 5: Xi'an.** The true highlight of Xi'an is the amazing underground tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang; which is guarded a more than 7,000 life-size Terra Cotta warriors and horses. We'll also visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Buddhist holy place and reminder of the prosperous Tang Dynasty. Nearby the Pagoda is Asia's biggest musical fountain, with 1000 nozzles shooting water that is synchronized with music and light. This evening we will be making dumplings prior to enjoying a special dumpling dinner and Tang Dynasty Show. Meals - Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner



**Mon, Aug 6: Beijing.** We travel to Beijing today, China's sprawling capital city and cultural and political center. The city is a central base to many fascinating sites, and few other Chinese cities offer such a concentrated view of ancient and modern China. Upon arrival we are greeted and transferred to the **Shangri-La Hotel Beijing**. Meals Breakfast – Lunch



**Tue, Aug 7: Beijing.** Today we embark on a full-day tour of Beijing. We visit the incomparable Forbidden City, home to two dynasties spanning 500 years. This architecturally stunning 200-acre compound, with more than 800 buildings and 9,000 rooms, houses a vast collection of imperial treasures and cultural artifacts. Nearby Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest public square, and site of Mao Zedong's Mausoleum and the Great Hall of the People. We continue to the Summer Palace, home to China's largest imperial garden; and finish the day with a visit to the Beijing Zoo to visit the pandas. Meals - Breakfast - Lunch



**Wed, Aug 8: Beijing.** No visit would be complete without an excursion to see the Great Wall, truly one of the greatest feats of human engineering, stretching nearly 4,000 miles long. Begun in the 7th century B.C., final additions were completed in 16th century A.D. and originally built to keep out invaders of the north. We also visit the "Sacred Way" at the Ming Tombs, where we can walk along the road to see the statues of guardian animals and officials guarding the tomb. On our return we will stop at the Beijing Olympic Green for pictures of the "Bird's Nest" and "Water Cube." Meals Breakfast - Lunch

**Thu, Aug 9: Beijing.** This morning we have a fun Hutong Tour. We ride through Beijing's old, narrow lanes, on an old-fashioned pedicab to visit Siheyuans. A Siheyuan, also known as Chinese quadrangles, are historical residences featuring a courtyard surrounded on each side by buildings. During our tour we'll learn how to make and fly kites, and have lunch with a local family. In the afternoon we'll visit a Martial Arts Training School to learn about these ancient fighting techniques. This evening we celebrate our journey through China with a special Peking Duck Farewell Dinner. Meals - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

**Fri, Aug 10: Depart Beijing.** We bid farewell to China as we head to the airport and depart for our flights home. Meals Breakfast

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### **About Beijing**

Beijing has served as China's capital and cultural center for the past 700 years. An integral part of China's history for centuries, there is scarcely a major building of any age in Beijing that does not have at least some national historical significance. Magnificent sights here include the Forbidden City, enormous Tian'anmen Square, and the Summer Palace. No visit would be complete without an excursion to the Great Wall of China, certainly one of China's greatest wonders and "must see" places. During your stay enjoy a special Peking Duck dinner, the tasty signature dish of Beijing.

### **About Xi'an**

Xi'an is home to one of China's greatest wonders, the Terra Cotta Warriors. Discovered in 1974 by local farmers digging a well, the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang was uncovered, guarded by an amazing terra cotta army of generals, warriors, officials, horses and chariots. The figures are numbered in the thousands, and many are yet to be uncovered. Xi'an's well-preserved Big Wild Goose Pagoda is a symbol of old Xi'an.

## **About Shanghai**

Vibrant Shanghai, the famous port city situated on China's east coast, is a major financial hub. Visit the popular Bund area to see the many historical buildings that line the banks of the Huangpu River; and tour Yu Garden, with its many halls and pavilions. See how children learn music and the arts at a Children's Palace, and thrill to an amazing performance of Shanghai acrobats. With new developments happening around the city at a record pace, Shanghai is truly a city on the move.

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## **Courtyard by Marriott Puxi, Shanghai**

338 Heng Feng Road  
Shanghai, Shanghai 200070 China  
Tel: 011-86-21-2215-3888

Known as a commercial centre and home to the largest park in the city, the Zhabei District is an ideal destination for business and leisure. Within minutes of The Courtyard Shanghai Puxi, guests will find the Shanghai Railway Station, the Metro, Nanjing Road West, Jing An Temple, and People's Square. In addition, hotel is just 30 minutes from Hongqiao International Airport and 60 minutes from Pudong International Airport. Inside hotel, guests will enjoy spacious accommodations featuring well-lit desks, high-speed Internet, in-room safes and mini-bars, as well as a 30th-floor Executive Lounge with panoramic skyline views. To satisfy your craving, the MoMo cafe, MoMo 2 Go and lounges offer coffee, cocktails and casual dining throughout the day. You can even workout in the 24-hour fitness centre, and unwind in our indoor pool.

## **Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel, Xi'an**

8 Chang Le Road West  
Xian 710032 China  
Tel: 011-86-29-8323-2981

The Golden Flower Hotel, Xian is the premier luxury address in this fascinating and historic city. Just 40 minutes from the international airport, and 30 minutes from the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, the hotel is perfectly situated for sightseeing, business and shopping. The hotel's 416 well-appointed guest rooms and suites offer the most spacious in the city, providing ample room to relax at the end of a busy day of work or exploration. With an ideal location, comfortable accommodation in addition to a range of facilities and exceptional service, Golden Flower Hotel goes beyond the offerings of other Xian hotels.

## **Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing**

29 Zizhuyuan Road  
Beijing 100089 China  
Tel: 011-86-10-6841-2211

The award-winning Shangri-La Hotel, Beijing is a landmark in the western part of the city, close to the financial district, Summer Palace, State Guesthouse, the Beijing Exhibition Hall, Beijing Zoo and 35 kilometers from Beijing Capital Airport. This renowned hotel in Beijing benefits greatly from its location and fine reputation earned over years of fine service to be regarded as a number one choice of business and leisure travelers to Beijing.

