CHINA DISCOVERY TOUR
+ OPTIONAL YELLOW MOUNTAIN TOUR

Join Meridian Magazine’s Scot and Maurine Proctor on an unforgettable journey of a lifetime!

Highlights include walking on the Great Wall, exploring the Forbidden City, seeing the Terra Cotta Warriors, cruising the Yangtze River and visiting the Bund. We will also take you to some fun and unforgettable places that most tour groups don’t get to go like remote sections of the Great Wall where you will contribute to its restoration by adding your own brick! We’ll learn Tai Ji while visiting the Temple of Heaven, experience a personal archaeological excavation in Xian and end the tour with a fun cooking class in Shanghai learning to make their famous Dim Sum.

We highly recommend this economical and fabulous add-on at the end. We will be taking a post-tour to the exciting Yellow Mountains, one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

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Day 1/2: Thurs./Fri. Sept 6-7  Depart USA to Beijing
We will take flights from our various home cities, make transfers, and arrive the following day (Sept. 7) at the Beijing International airport.

Day 3: Sat. Sept 8  Beijing
In the morning we tour the Forbidden City; a huge complex of palaces, pavilions, courtyards and gardens. Walk through Tian’anmen Square, the site of many history-making events. After lunch, visit the Summer Palace, located in a park full of charming pavilions and scenic views. This evening watch the famous Beijing acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Mon. Sept 10  Beijing
After breakfast, transfer to the Temple of Heaven. The Temple itself is graceful and impressive, and with the serenity of the grounds, this is among the most notable temples in the city. We will enjoy a Master Class and learn Tai Ji. Afterwards, head to the Hutong neighborhoods. The Hutongs are an excellent look at the historic character that Beijing is trying their best to hold on to as you watch people play mahjong, see inside traditional homes, marvel at traditional Chinese buildings, and more. You will explore the hutongs on foot and by pedicab. (B,L)
Day 6: Tues. Sept 11  Beijing/Xian
Fly to Xian in the morning. Upon arrival, transfer to visit Hanyangling Tomb, clients can experience archaeological excavation by personally on site. Then transfer to visit the Ming Dynasty City Wall, Tonight, you may wander around in the Moslem Street. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Wed. Sept 12  Xian
Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, one of the world’s great archeological treasures. This afternoon you will visit Shaanxi History Museum, which boasts more than 370,000 rare cultural relics unearthed in Shaanxi. Tonight, you will be served a dumpling banquet and watch the Dances & Music of the Tang Dynasty. After the Show, clients can take photo with the King or Queen, acted by the actor. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Thurs. Sept 13  Xian/Chongqing
Fly to Chongqing in the morning, visit Erling Park, and the Three Gorge Museum. Board the deluxe cruise after dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Fri. Sept 14  Yangtze River Cruise
Your shore excursion today visit Shibao Stockaded Village(Shibaozhai), which was built on a skerry named Yu’Ying. It’s form from three parts: gate, body and cockloft. With 56 meters high, it has 12 floors and is reputed as the one of eight ancient peculiar architecture. Return to the ship and set sail for Yichang. Tonight enjoy the captain’s welcoming dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Sat. Sept 15  Yichang/Shanghai
Excursion to the Dam Project Site to visit the world’s largest dam. Disembark in Yichang and fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Sun. Sept 16  Shanghai
Today we tour China’s largest city and most important commercial center. Visit the Jade Buddha Temple, the bund, Yu Garden bazzar, a silk factory and the City God plaza. Then enjoy a cooking class and learn to cook Dim Sum. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Mon. Sept 17  Shanghai/Home City
After breakfast, depart to the airport for your homebound flight. (B,L,D)

POST TOUR-Day 1: Mon. Sept 17  
Huangshan Post Tour-Day 1 - Shanghai - Tunxi
Meet at hotel lobby and coach to Tunxi, visit She county Ancient City Wall en-route. Stay one night in Tunxi. (B/L/D)

POST TOUR-Day 2: Tues. Sept 18  
Huangshan Post Tour-Day 2 - Tunxi to Mt Huangshan
Today we travel from Tunxi to Mt. Huangshan. “We’ll take a cable car up to the mountain, visit Beihai scenic area, Xihai scenic area, Flying Stone and Bright Summit. (B/L/D)

POST TOUR-Day 3: Wed. Sept 19  
Huangshan Post Tour-Day 3 - Mt Huangshan - Tunxi
This morning we will catch the Magical sunrise before taking the cable car back down the mountain. We’ll visit Hongcun village and then meet our coach to return to Tunxi and visit Old Street. (B/L/D)

POST TOUR-Day 4: Thurs. Sept 20  Shanghai
Today we will head back to Shanghai and transfer to the hotel. (B)

POST TOUR-Day 5: Fri. Sept 21, 2018  
Huangshan Post Tour-Day 5 - Shanghai -departure.
Meet at hotel lobby and transfer to the airport, end of the tour. (B)