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2009 Solar Eclipse and 19 Days Beijing, Xian, Guilin, 3 Day Yangtze River Cruise, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Wuyuan Includes World famous Tidal Bore

Departure date Wednesday July 8 2009,

Returning Sunday July 26 2009

\$ 3299.00 \$ 790 Single Supplement

Prices are based on tariffs and rates of exchange current as at October 10, 2008
and are quoted in US Dollars. Prices are subject to change without notice in the event of
fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

Including: International Airfares Los Angeles/ Beijing and Shanghai/ Los Angeles and

1. Hotel Accommodation throughout the tour in China.
2. Excellent English-speaking tour guide.
3. Deluxe A / C Motor Coach Services.
4. Admission fees as specified.
5. Meals as specified, B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, SD=Special Dinner, IM=In Flight Meals.
6. Evening entertainment as specified.
7. Domestic airfares from Beijing to Xian, Xian to Guilin, Guilin to Chongqing, Yichang to Shanghai Including Domestic Airport Taxes.
8. Cruise tickets for Yangtze River Cruise.

Day 01. July 8 Wednesday Arrive in ---Beijing (IM)



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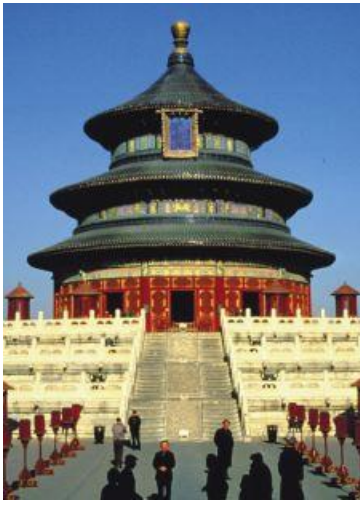
Day 02. July 9 Thursday---Beijing (B/L/D)

Today we visit Tian'anmen Square, the largest square in the world.

From here we enter the Forbidden City - which houses the best-preserved group of ancient buildings in all of China. After visiting this amazing imperial palace we head off on rickshaws to explore the narrow alleyways known as Hu Tong to experience traditional Chinese life.

And then the incomparable Summer Palace.

Tonight you will enjoy a feast of Peking Duck



Day 03. July 10 Friday Beijing (B.L.D). This morning after an early breakfast we will visit the Great Wall, one of the world wonders. As you will climb to the top of the Great Wall, you are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes. After lunch, the tour continues to the Ming Tombs and then back to Beijing where we will visit the Beijing Ancient Observatory.



Day 4. July 11 Saturday Beijing (B.L.D) This morning we will visit the Temple of Heaven and then drive to Prince Gong's Mansion to the north of Shichahai, This is a fine example of ancient Chinese architecture. After lunch we will return to Beijing and the rest of the day is free.

Day 05. July 12 Sunday Beijing--Xian (B.L.D) After breakfast this morning you will have a half day free to shop, Silk Street is recommended or return to your favorite place in Beijing then in the afternoon you will transfer to Beijing International Airport for your flight to Xian. You will be met by your guide for Xian and taken to your Hotel. Xian, the capital city for 12 Imperial Dynasties. As China's capital during the Han and Tang dynasties Xian rose to world prominence as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road. Enjoy a night at leisure.

Day 6. July 13 Monday Xian (B.L.D) We begin our exploration of Xi'an with a guided tour to the Terracotta Warriors. The Warriors are over 2000 years old and were created to protect the tomb of China's first Emperor. Afterwards, we stop at the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, built to house Buddhist scriptures brought back from India. Tonight's dinner features a Dumpling Dinner and a grand performance with traditional song, dance and color from the Tang Dynasty period.



Day 07. July 14 Tuesday Xian—Guilin (B.L.D) This morning we visit the magnificent Xi'an City Wall, constructed in the early Ming Dynasty it has been preserved virtually intact to this day. We explore the unique culture of the Muslim Quarter. After an early lunch we then transfer to the airport for our flight to Guilin, a city famous for its beautiful scenery.

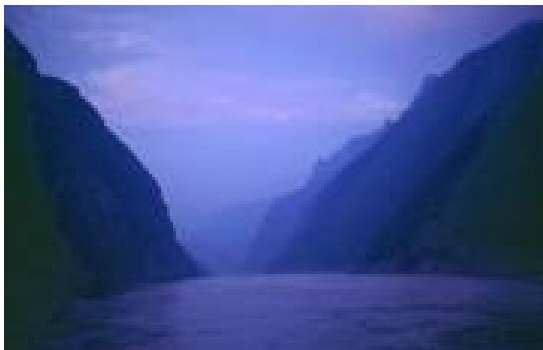
Day 08. July 15 Wednesday Guilin (B/L/D) Today we discover Guilin scenic jewel, the Li River. We sail leisurely down the river and enjoy the beauty of the lime stone karsts and their wonderful formations; we pass water buffalo along the banks of the river and see beautiful old villages, lunch on board and then stroll through the quaint village of Yang Shuo where we experience life in this typical southern community. This evening watch the local cormorant fishing.



Day 09. July 16 Thursday Guilin—Chongqing (B.L.D)

This morning we explore the Reed flute cave Reed Flute Cave is Guilin's largest and most impressive cave. Its name is explained by the fact that reeds for making flutes and pipes have been grown in this region since ancient times. Then we will take our flight to Chongqing. The Mountain City is famous for its super spicy Sichuan Hotpot and its bicycle-free hilly streets, we will visit the Giant Panda at the local zoo before boarding our ship for our cruise down the Yangtze.

Day 10. July 17 Friday Yangtze Cruise (B/L/D) Today we start our cruise down the Yangtze. We will dock in Fengdu and join an excursion to Snow Jade Cave. Here, you will visit an underground labyrinth of streams and caverns with brilliant stalagmites.



Day 11. July 18 Saturday Yangtze Cruise (B/L/D) Today we pass through two of the most spectacular gorges on the Yangtze. First is the Wu Gorge, we then transfer to a local boat and cruise the crystal clear waters of the Lesser Gorges. See historic sites such as the 2000-year-old hanging coffins of the Ba people and an ancient plank road carved into the side of the cliff. You'll dock along the river's banks for lunch as you take in some of the river's most scenic landscapes. Once back on board we pass through Qutang one of the major Gorges

Day 12. July 19 Sunday Yichang--Shanghai (B/L/D) Today we cruise through the longest of the three Gorges Xiling. Arrive at Yang Jia Wang this morning and visit the Three Gorges Dam site. Continue to Yichang where you will disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai where you will spend two nights.

Day 13. July 20 Monday Shanghai (B/L/D) Today we explore this diverse and cosmopolitan city, the largest in China and the country's economic heart. See the bustling street markets on your tour of old Shanghai and visit the exquisite Yu Yuan Gardens established during the Ming Dynasty Tour which has a reputation as the "Wooded Hill in the City," the garden is very well preserved. Carved dragons wind across atop the walls, which divide the garden into different scenes. We also take in the "Bund", Shanghai Wall Street. Lastly you will visit the Shanghai Museum, which houses the world's greatest collection of Chinese art.





Day 14. July 21 Tuesday Shanghai -- Hangzhou --Wuyuan (B/L/D) Early start for travel in our coach to Hangzhou, a city renowned for its natural beauty and historical and cultural heritages. We will first visit Lingyin Temple/ Monastery of the Hidden Souls : Lingyin Temple is one of the ten most famous ancient Buddhist temples in China. It is famous for it has more than 470 stone carvings of Buddhist figures. We will then cruise on the West Lake: Lying on the west edge of Hangzhou city, West Lake is the symbol of Hangzhou as well as one of the most beautiful sights in China. In the afternoon we will drive to Wuyuan. Wuyuan County is home to some of the best-preserved ancient architecture in China. Each of the numerous ancient

buildings has a distinctive shape and structure. They emerge from among the emerald green mountains, clear rivers, green trees and the crisscrossing paths between the fields.

Day 15. July 22 Wednesday --Wuyuan (B/L/D)

Wuyuan Today is Eclipse Day – After an early breakfast we will drive to our viewing location on the beach and in case of cloud (doubtful) we will drive further north to find the best viewing location --First contact will occur at 8:23 a.m., with the sun at an elevation of 40 degrees over the horizon. Totality at our eclipse-viewing location will begin at 9:36 a.m., with the sun at an altitude of 57 degrees over the horizon –Fourth contact will be at 11:02 a.m. –We will enjoy a full 5 minutes and 55 seconds of Totality. Depending on the tide times we will then witness the The world's largest Tidal Bore which races up the Qiantang River through Hangzhou reaching up to 12 Metre (40 ft) in height. Tonight we will celebrate with a **Special Dinner**.

Day 16. July 23 Thursday (B.L) Wuyuan –Shanghai (B.L)

After breakfast we will go to Zhou Zhuang. It is one of the most famous water townships in China, noted for its profound cultural background, the well preserved ancient residential houses, the elegant watery views and the strong local colored traditions and customs. It has been called the "Venice of the East". and after an early lunch we will return to Shanghai where the rest of the day is free.



Day 17. July 24 Friday – Shanghai (B) Today is a free day for you to explore Shanghai – Places recommended are Grandmother Dumpling for lunch on Nanjing Road (Half way between the River and the Park on the right going West –downstairs) and Gongdelin Vegetarian restaurant at 445, Nanjing Road West (You will eat vegetables you have never heard of---Cooked to perfection)

Day 18. July 25 Saturday Shanghai (B) Today is another free day for you to explore Shanghai before we board the coach for the last time for the trip to the airport and your flight back to Sydney.

Day 19. July 26 Sunday (IFM) Arrive Sydney

Excluding:

1. International Airport Taxes.
2. Personal expenses not included in the itinerary, such as Telephone calls, Laundry etc.
3. Visa Fees and Tipping. (\$ 165 for one entry visa to China)
4. Travel protection Insurance