

## OPTIONAL TOURS for 8N9D group

### INTRODUCTION

**DAY 4 BEIJING Hutong Tour 39USD/P and The Legend of Kung Fu 39USD/P**

#### **Hutong Tour**

Hutong is a traditional living area for ordinary Beijing citizens, the history of which dates back to 1000 years ago. Hundreds of thousands of houses of traditional architecture style are densely flanked on both sides of narrow and zigzag streets in which people have been living a peaceful and traditional life there through many generations. Tourists will first get on a traditional rickshaw, two for each, for a Hutong tour, riding through those narrow streets tracing the taste of the historical life of an oriental country. Afterwards, tourists will visit local families interviewing their life and cooking Chinese dumplings with the family members. During lunch time, tourists will be served with delicious Chinese domestic dishes and the dumpling tourists make. During the two hours Hutong tour tourists will learn a lot of China's modern life and its people. It is another highlight after the Great Wall.

\*\*\*\* Clients not taking Hutong Tour: the local guide will take the clients to have lunch at local restaurant.

#### **The Legend of Kung Fu**

The Legend of Kung Fu is the a production which combines the elements of kung fu, story-telling, acrobatics, modern dance, and original music to celebrate the philosophy and skill of martial arts. The show tells the story of a young boy, Chun Yi (the pure one), who in order to pursue spiritual and physical harmony is apprenticed as a monk to learn kung fu. Along the way he overcomes obstacles, is distracted and tempted, but ultimately achieves the designation of master who will enlighten the younger generations. Invited by Canada's most experienced cultural brokers, John Cripton of Great World Artists, 'Chun Yi: The Legend of Kung Fu' had its first North America tour from August 2005 to January 2006. During the time, it played 150 performances in Vancouver, Toronto, Reno and other North American cities and won enormous audience admiration.

\*\*\*\* Clients not attending the evening show: we will arrange transfer back to hotel for a rest.

**DAY 5 SUZHOU Canal Cruise 29USD/P**

It will be over one-hour boat ride on the canals. That will be quite an experience for you. Part of the cruise will be on the ancient Grand Canal, which was dug up over 1,300 years ago. This Grand Canal with a total length of 1,100 miles is the longest man-made canal in the world, far longer than the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal. It is one of the two most famous engineering feats in China. And part of the cruise will be on the smaller side canals in the old part of the city. This will be the most interesting part of the cruise. Since you can not only see the water country view with old arched bridges and old houses on the two sides of the canal, which this city is famous for, but also you will get a firsthand view of what life is like living on the canal. Laundry hanging on lines to dry, children playing and waving, potted plants bathing in the sun and women doing laundry in the canal are common sights along the canal. Half way of the cruise you will also make a stop in the old part of the city to explore the real life of the ordinary people. There is a local market there, and you will have the chance to see a lot of interesting things of the daily life of the local natives. That will also be a fun experience. The canal cruise will be the charm of the "Venice of the East".

\*\*\*\* People who are not going on the tour will walk around the local wedding dress market with our guide

**DAY8 EVENING SHANGHAI ERA Show 39USD/P**

Invested with nearly US \$10 million created by international masters, the first of its kinds in China, ERA is a multimedia odyssey whose inspiration is a direct result of the combination of traditional Chinese acrobatic arts and modern technology. Just like Shanghai, ERA evolves through a constant collision between the past and future. ERA is a love story, yet it is also contemplation across the millennia, a fascination with that other dimension man has yet to conquer: time. Not only will the audience be amazed by the acrobats' control and precision, they will be enchanted by the world that is created through the use of multimedia, technology, lighting and sound effects, elaborate costumes, original live music and a lot more. The one-and-a-half-hour show tells of a fascinating story with a journey of "past", "present" and "future". The audience will be subject to the stimulation of vision, wind, surrounding sound and effect of light or no light... Making them become a show participant. As such, ERA can remain universal, without language or cultural barriers. A thousand-year-old gesture is worth a thousand emotions, a thousand images, a thousand words .....

\*\*\*\* People who are not going on the show will be on the private tour in the evening on their own

**DAY 8 or DAY 9 SHANGHAI Maglev Train 25USD/P Round Trip or 15USD/P Single Trip**

Shanghai maglev train, the first and the only commercial rail line of its type in the world, links Metro Line 2 at Longyang Road with the Pudong International Airport by a train traveling at top speed of 431 kilometers per-hour which is much faster than the Bullet Train in Japan. Shanghai Maglev Train takes only 7 minutes and 20 seconds to cover 30 kilometer trip, which currently takes 30 to 40 minutes by driving. Invested with a total amount of 10 billion Yuan, it took 2.5 years to complete. Powered by electromagnetism, when running it is suspended in air, about 10 millimeters above the track on a magnetic cushion. It brings a speed revolution to the world in ground transportation, and riding on the train will be an exciting experience for you!

Round or single trip depending on flight time or different Airport.

\*\*\* People who are not going on the train will take the tour bus to the airport

**payment:**

**Beijing: payment of optional tours can only be cash.**

**East China: payment of above tours could be either cash or credit card (credit card payment will be for those who are running out of cash. The only credit card paying time will be on Day 6 at lunch time in Suzhou.**

**We strongly recommend the above optional tours which are well worth going with a never-forgettable experience. Of course, you are free to make your own judgment and decision.**