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Day 1, November 11—Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD)/Beijing

Check in at Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) Airport and board an afternoon flight, HU498, by 3:20pm to Beijing. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Pacific aboard a wide cabin jetliner. Cross the International Dateline.

Day 2, November 12—Beijing

(Shangri-La Hotel Beijing, 5 star, 29 Zizhuyuan Road, Tel:0086-10-68412211)

You will arrive in Beijing, the Capital of China, at 6:00 PM. You will be met by your local tour guide at the airport, taken to dinner then transferred to the hotel following dinner.

Day 3, November 13—Beijing

In the morning you will visit the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D., where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest. Visit the 2008 Beijing Olympic venues for the outside views of National Stadium, the Bird’s Nest, and the National Aquatic Center. Continue the tour to the Great Wall. En route you will visit the Jade Factory. The Great Wall, a 4,000- mile long, 2,000 years old construction, is said to be the only man-made structure visible by naked eye from the moon. Visit a Ming tomb, one of 13 Ming Emperors’ Tombs that is fully excavated and open for exploration. A Peking Roast Duck dinner is arranged.

Day 4, November 14—Beijing

Sightseeing includes the Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world followed by the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, home to 24 emperors with a total of 9,999 rooms. Visit the Pearl Market. The Summer Palace, significant for many features such as the Long Corridor with a painted gallery, Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill, Seventeen-Arch Bridge and Marble Boat.

Day 5, November 15—Beijing/Shanghai/Suzhou

(Grand Metropark Hotel Suzhou/4star, 1355 Jinjih Avenue, Suzhou Industrial Park, Tel: 0086-512-62800666) Flight to Shanghai HU7605 8:25am/10:50am, then take a bus riding to Suzhou. Afternoon sightseeing to the Tiger Hill.

Day 6, November 16—Suzhou/Hangzhou

(Crowne Plaza Hotel Hangzhou Xanadu Resort, 5star, 3318 Xianghu Road, Tel:0086-571-83880888) Morning visit the Suzhou Silk factory. Continue the tour with the centuries old Linger Garden. Afternoon visit to the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years history. Take a bus ride to Hangzhou.

Day 7, November 17—Hangzhou/Shanghai

(Renaissance Shanghai Putuo Hotel, 5 star, No.50 Tongchuan Road, Putuo District, Tel: 0086-21-22195888) In the morning have a boat ride on West Lake with relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas. Visit the Longjing Green Tea Plantation. The centuries old Lingyin Temple, with the main feature of the 64.3 ft-high camphor-wood carved Buddha. Continue the bus journey to Shanghai.

Day 8, November 18—Shanghai

Enjoy the Bund, a famous waterfront park. Visit the Shanghai Silk Rug Factory. In the afternoon enjoy the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over arching trees. Free time will follow for exploration of the old town bazaar. Visit the Pudong District.

Day 9, November 19—Shanghai/Beijing/ORD

Morning flight to Beijing HU7604 8:40am/10:50am. Connect the afternoon flight HU497 departing by 1:20pm for Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) where you will arrive at 1:20pm on the same day.