

EXPLORE CHINA

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OPTIONAL TOURS

Citslinc highly recommends the following **OPTIONAL TOURS**:

DAY 4, November 14—BEIJING

Hutong Tour—\$39 USD

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 where people have been living a peaceful and traditional life through many generations. Tourists will first get on a traditional rickshaw, two for each, for a Hutong tour, riding through those narrow streets and tracing the taste of the historical life of an oriental country. Afterwards, tourists will visit local families, learn about their life and cook Chinese dumplings with the family members. During lunch time, tourists will be served delicious Chinese domestic dishes and the dumpling tourists make. During the two hours of the Hutong Tour tourists will learn about China's modern life and its people. It is another highlight after the Great Wall.

The Legend of Kung Fu—\$39 USD

The Legend of Kung Fu is 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 Crompton of Great World Artists, 'Chun Yi: The Legend of Kung Fu' had its first North American tour from August 2005 to January 2006. During that time, there were 150 performances in Vancouver, Toronto, Reno and other North American cities and won enormous audience admiration.

DAY 5, November 15—SUZHOU

Canal Cruise—\$29 USD

This over one hour boat ride on the canals 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 two of the most famous engineering feats in China. 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. You will 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 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".

DAY 8, November 18—EVENING

Shanghai ERA Show—\$39 USD

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 also a 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 much 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 participants of the show. 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, November 18 or 19—SHANGHAI

Maglev Train—\$25 USD Round Trip or \$15 USD 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 are cash only.

East China: Payment of above tours can be made with cash or credit card