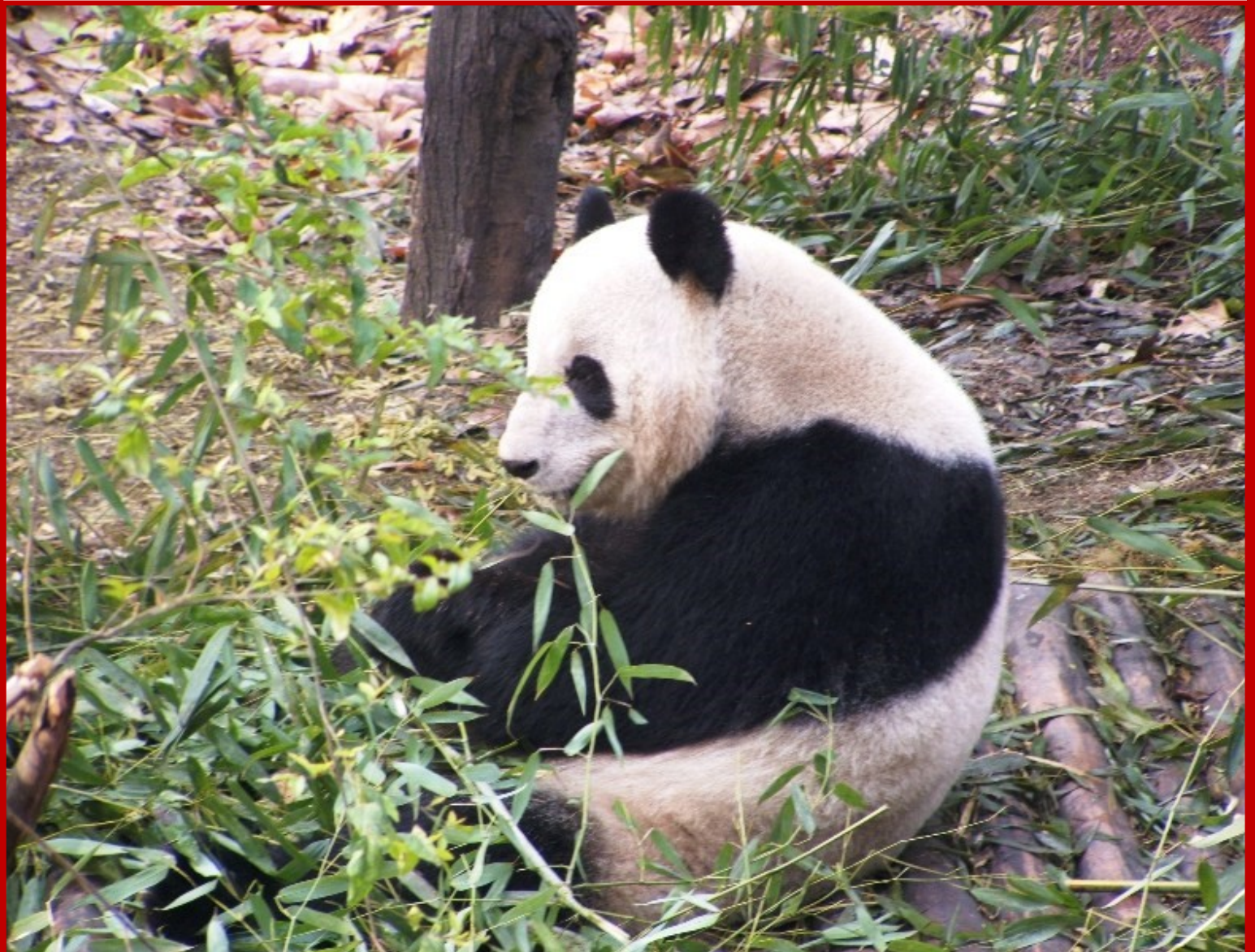


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# CHINA

**Agricultural & Cultural Tour  
Including Visits to Dairy, Cotton, Rice Farms  
PLUS Mongolian Herdsmen**

**May 08 ~ 25, 2018      18 Days**



## Tour Highlights –

- ♦ Walk the Great Wall of China, stroll through Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
- ♦ Stay in Hohhot, ‘China’s milk capital’ and visit some of the biggest milk processing companies in China
- ♦ Visit the Mongolian herdsmen of the Xilamuren Grasslands
- ♦ Experience the traditional Chinese farming lifestyle, with visits to yak and sheep farmers
- ♦ Visit to Qinghai Lake, the largest holy lake of Tibet
- ♦ Visit a silk mill and enjoy a cruise through the canals of Suzhou ‘the silk capital of the world’
- ♦ Stay in Shanghai and visit Shanghai Old Town and the Bund
- ♦ Enjoy a Tang Dynasty show and Acrobat Show

### **Itinerary with our ATOI Partner**

#### **Tuesday 08 May 2018 North America – Beijing *IFM***

Depart North America on overnight flight to Beijing.

#### **Wednesday 09 May 2018 Beijing *B/L/D***

Arrive Beijing and transfer to a city hotel for a 2-night stay. This evening enjoy a Peking duck dinner.

#### **Thursday 10 May 2018 Beijing *B/L/D***

Today's visit will be to the Temple of Heaven or the Summer Palace plus a cattle farm within the city. Lunch consisting of a traditional Hot Pot will be served at the farm. You then have a chance to walk around the feedlot before returning to your hotel.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Friday 11 May 2018 Beijing *B/L/D***

This morning you take a rickshaw tour through the narrow streets and alleys of the oldest part of Beijing, to enjoy lunch with a local family in their home and take a look around their homes and compounds in the Hutong where they live. This is followed with a relaxing cruise on Houhai Lake. This afternoon, visit Tiananmen Square; the Great Hall of the People; and the Forbidden City, which was home to the Emperors for over 500 years.

#### **Saturday 12 May 2018 Beijing – Hohhot *B/L/D***

Today visit the Great Wall where the wall is still like when it was first built 600 years ago. A cable car will take you to the highest point for fantastic view of rolling mountains with grass and many orchards. On your return to Beijing you take a Chinese first class Sleeper Express Train to Inner Mongolia.

#### **Sunday 13 May 2018 Hohhot *B/L/D***

Upon your arrival at Hohhot, transfer to your hotel for breakfast and check-in for a short rest. Then visit the famous Dazhao Temple, which was built in the Ming Dynasty. This region has the biggest production of milk

in China and visit the milk processing facility. Return to the hotel for a 2-night stay.

#### **Monday 14 May 2018 Hohhot *B/L/D***

Today drive to the beautiful grassland Xilamuren, stopping at a local village to talk with the sheep farmers in the region. You have a typical Mongolian lunch of roast mutton, and a traditional Mongolian folk dance and singing, wrestling and a horse race. Return to hotel.

#### **Tuesday 15 May 2018 Hohhot – Xian *B/L/D***

This morning visit a wool and cashmere processing factory, plus a visit the Zhaojun Tomb. This afternoon fly to Xian for a 3-night stay/

#### **Wednesday 16 May 2018 Xian *B/L/D***

Xian was the cradle of ancient Chinese civilisation. It is from here that caravans started on the Silk Road to Europe. This morning enjoy a tour to Big Goose Pagoda; the City Wall; and the Museum of the Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses.



This is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. This evening enjoy the spectacular Tang Dynasty Show with dinner.

#### **Thursday 17 May 2018 Xian *B/L/D***

Today, you will visit the rural County of Shanxi, famous for “Hometown of farmers paintings”. Return to hotel late afternoon.

#### **Friday 18 May 2018 Xian - Xining *B/L/D***

In the morning fly to Xining capital of Qinghai Province, which is situated on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau. On arrival transfer to hotel to check in for a 2-night stay, then visit a Tibetan private company that processes Yak wool.



**Saturday 19 May 2018 Xining B/L/D**

Today you visit Qinghai Baide Food Co. Ltd. one of the largest yak and sheep meat processing companies in Qinghai. Then visit wheat and vegetable farms and talk with growers. Later visit the Tibetan Medical Museum to see the medical achievements made in monasteries.

**Sunday 20 May 2018 Xining-Qinghai Lake-Gonghe County B/L/D**

Today drive up to Qinghai Lake, the largest holy lake of Tibet and the largest salt lake in China. Visit local Tibetan nomadic families and then drive to Gonghe where you visit Qinghai Kekexili Food Co, Ltd Gonghe Branch to see its meat processing lines. Then check into hotel for the night.

**Monday 21 May 2018 Gonghe – Heka – Xining B/L/D**

After breakfast drive further to the west for one hour to Heka – wild grassland where you visit one of the company Kekexili’s farms to see how the local yaks and sheep are herded. Visit Tibetan farmers, then drive to Gonghe / Chabcha for lunch. Following lunch you drive back to Xining.

**Tuesday 22 May 2018 Xining - Shanghai B/L/D**

This morning you visit Kumbum Monastery also called



Ta'er Temple which was founded in 1583 in a narrow valley close to the village of Lusar in the historical Tibetan region of Amodo. It is a repository of Tibetan culture and art with

various sculptures, statues and religious artifacts. Transfer to the airport for a mid afternoon flight to Shanghai for a 3-night stay.

**Wednesday 23 May 2018 Shanghai B/L/D**

This morning you visit Yangshan Deepwater Port, one of the two Shanghai ports and meet with officials from the Shanghai Pudong container terminal. The amount of commerce flowing through this port will astound you and the 32.5km bridge to get there is called the eighth wonder of the world! This afternoon you visit the Yu Garden, an island of tranquillity amid the hustle and bustle of the city. Covering nearly 5 acres it contains over 30 pavilions and has numerous corridors, small halls, lotus ponds, bridges and winding paths which are characteristics of the architectural style of the Ming Dynasty. It was a private garden with a history of 400 years. Outside the Yu

Garden there is a very interesting market, the Yuyuan Bazaar, with everything that you can think of for sale at low prices. This evening you enjoy a Chinese Acrobat Show – an amazing performance of skill and agility.

**Thursday 24 May 2018 Shanghai – Suzhou – Shanghai**

**B/L/D**

After breakfast, travel to Suzhou, the Silk Capital of the World and a Land of Rice and Fish in China.



Suzhou has long been

famous for its canals and gardens, and the Grand Canal, which is believed to be the largest internal waterway in the world. It was originally constructed to carry grain from the southern regions to the capital. After lunch, visit a Silk Factory to see how silk is produced from the silkworms and made into the finished articles both in traditional and modern ways. Then a sightseeing tour cruising on the canals to view people’s daily life. Return to Shanghai for your last night on the tour.

**Friday 25 May 2018 Suzhou - Shanghai - North America B/IFM**

After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to North America

**OR**

**Join a 10-Day Yangtze River Cruise also visiting Guilin and Hong Kong.**

**Price Per Person**

Canadian Dollars/ Based on Double Occupancy

**\$10,880.00**

Plus Air & Government Taxes: \$644.60

Single ADD \$1,570.00

Airfare from:

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Winnipeg/Toronto



#### Partial Responsibility & Liability

#### General Information:

##### Deposit:

**Booking Deposit: \$2,000.00 per person**

**Final Payment: is 90 days prior to departure**

Payment not received by rule and regulation dates guide lining that tour, may result in the travelers reservation being canceled and booking penalties assessed against the traveler.

#### Cancellation Fee:

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90 days – 0 days prior to departure: 100% non-refundable.

Travelers shall not be entitled to any refund from Select Holidays for any portion of the trip not taken or used.

#### Late Reservations & Changes:

As late reservations need special administrative attention, bookings made within 30 days of departure require FULL payment before the process of requesting rooms and tour space begins. If we are unable to confirm the request, a full refund will be made. If a booking is cancelled once the tour has been confirmed, cancellation penalties apply. To offset administrative costs incurred by late changes, a fee of an additional

\$250.00 per passenger will be charged for late reservations, changes in departure date and itinerary or a passenger's name, once travel documents have been printed. The above fee is in addition to any fees that may be charged by travel vendor.

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