



## Fall Harvest Tour to China

**October 11, 2013 – October 21, 2013**

**26 years Canada-China agri-industry experience to serve you,**

**Meet your opportunities and partners there...**

**Together we CAN make a difference!**



<b>Total Days in China</b>	<b>Visiting Areas</b>	<b>Transportation in China</b>	<b>Total Tour Guides</b>
→10 days	→Shanghai →Guilin →Xian →Qingdao →Wei fang →Beijing	→Flight – coach  →Bullet train	→2 CCAgr guides  →1 local English-speaking professional tour guide  →1 local agricultural official in their area

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### **TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip International airfare Depart: Toronto, or Vancouver, to Beijing
- 3 and 4 star hotel accommodations
- 3 full meals each day
- Coach tour, including entrance fee for tour attractions
- Fluent and knowledgeable, English speaking Canadian professional agrologist and tour guides.
- Several important events: Welcome Dinner in Beijing

### **TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Travel insurance
- Personal spending money
- Any overweight flight costs.

## **PASSPORT, TRAVEL INSURANCE and CHINESE VISA**

- Ensure passport is current.
- The original copy of the passport must have at least six months of remaining validity with enough blank visa pages. Name on passport and ticket must match exactly.
- CCAgr offers invitation letters from China government. Traveller must apply for Visa from their local Chinese Consular or Embassy directly. (Approximate cost \$50)

### ***Day 1: Friday October 11, 2013 –Toronto/Vancouver to Shanghai***



Once you arrive in Shanghai, China's most cosmopolitan city, our local guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy!

### ***Day 2: Saturday October 12, 2013 –Major Attractions in Shanghai***

Today, your full-day excursion of incredible Shanghai will include: Shanghai Museum, the Bund, the Nanjing Road, Yu Garden, and Yuyuan Market. In the evening, you will enjoy the wonderful Portman Acrobatic Show at the Shanghai Centre Theatre



**Shanghai Museum:** Often ranked as China's best museum, it is the biggest museum in China with a fine collection of over 120,000 pieces of Chinese artifacts.

**The Bund:** Where the great trading houses and banks had their headquarters in 1920s and 1930s, about a mile long, it is the city's fulcrum.

**Nanjing Road:** known as “China's No.1 Shopping Street” with a large quantity of merchandise on sale.

**Yu Garden:** located in the Old Town of Shanghai and laid out in 1559 AD by a powerful Ming official. Yu Garden recreates a beautiful landscape of pagodas, pavilions, rockeries, fountains, ancient trees, and precious flowers.

**Yuyuan Market:** Outside the Yu Garden, a bustling market with different snacks and trinkets.

**Portman Acrobatic Show:** Chinese Acrobatics is one of the oldest performing arts with its history tracing back to Neolithic times. During its development in history, it has been absorbing plentiful merits from the opera, dance, and Chinese Kungfu, as well as formed its own artistic features. At the Acrobatic Show, you will enjoy many breathtaking and stunning programs, such as Calvaria Skills, Silk Suspending, Hoop Diving and much more performed by very skillful performers. It is truly an unforgettable experience!



### ***Day 3: Sunday October 13, 2013 – Shanghai and Plane to Guilin***

Your morning will be free to tour Shanghai. Later, our local guide will escort you to the airport for your flight to your next destination—Guilin. Upon your arrival in Guilin, the most scenic city in China, our local guide will then escort you to your hotel.

Today's excursion will bring you to the Elephant Trunk Hill, the Fubo Hill, and the Reed Flute Cave, as well as some farm tours. The climate in this area is different from the northern part of China due to its geographic location. In this province, we will enjoy different crops, plants, and animal husbandry such as rice and water buffalo. We will also visit a piggery in the suburbs that has more than 3000 pigs! Afterwards, we discuss agriculture and exchange knowledge with local agricultural experts.



**Elephant Trunk Hill:** The symbol of Guilin, which resembles a giant elephant drinking water from the Li River.

**Fubo Hill:** You will see lots of statues of Buddha that was left about 1000 years ago in the Returned Pearl Cave. After climbing to the very top, you will experience a breathtaking bird's eye view of the whole city.

**Reed Flute Cave:** 5 kilometers away from the city center, famed as “A Natural Palace of Art”. Here, you will see lots of stalactites & stalagmites illuminated by the different colour lights and learn how they were formed.



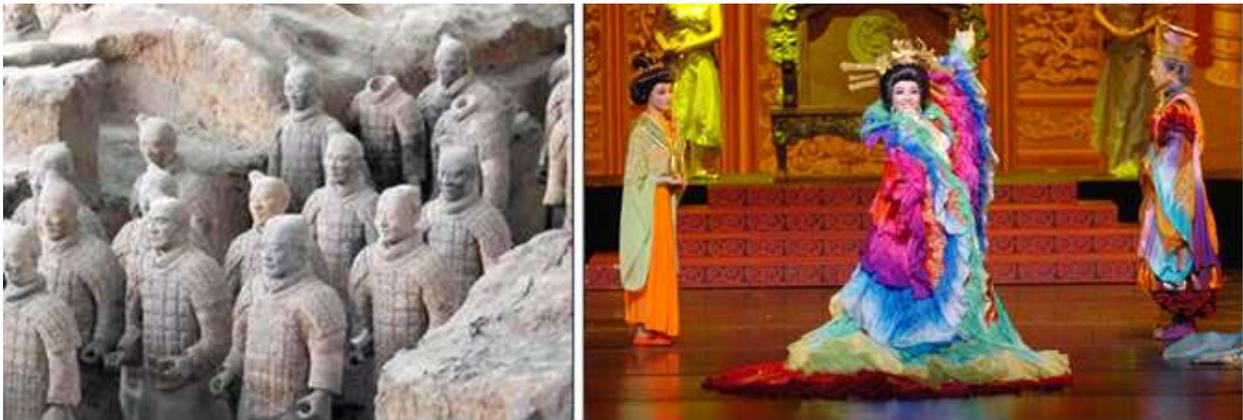
#### ***Day 4: Monday October 14, 2013 –Guilin***

After breakfast, we will drive to Zhujiang Pier (approximately 40 mins.) to start the boat cruise along the tranquil Li River, the highlight in Guilin. Along the river, you will be inspired by breathtaking views of peaks and pinnacles, crystal-clear water, serene pastoral rice paddies, magnificent water buffalo and countless duck farms. We will stop at Yangshuo, a tiny county set amidst pinnacles, making it a great base to explore other villages and talk to peasants about their rice production, water buffalo and other enterprises. Following this tour, we will drive back to Guilin, and have dinner with local business owners and agricultural experts.



### ***Day 5: Tuesday October 15, 2013 –Guilin to Xian***

After breakfast, you will take a plane to Xian where our local tour guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel. After freshening up, you are off to tour the beautiful city of Xian! Today, you will experience: the incredible Terracotta Warriors and horses, the Ancient City Walls and the Bell Tower. To complete the day, we will have a savory dumpling dinner at the Tang Dynasty show at Shaanxi Grand Opera Theatre.



**Terracotta Warriors and Horses:** discovered in 1974 by local farmers digging a well, this is one of the most significant archeological finds of the 20th century. These 6,000 life-sized painted terracotta warriors and horses—individually sculpted from real-life models and arranged in battle formation—have been protecting the mausoleum of the first emperor in Chinese history—Emperor QinShihuang (approximately 2,200 years).



**The Ancient City Walls:** built during the 14th century on Tang dynasty foundations, the walls are the largest and best-preserved ancient fortress in the world. There is a gate on each of the four sides. These gate towers built over each gate look lofty and magnificent and form a tight defence engineering system.

**Bell Tower:** stands in the center of the city and was built in 1582. The Bell Tower is a three-story wooden structure with traditional Chinese architectural features. An iron bell is hung in the tower to give the correct time.

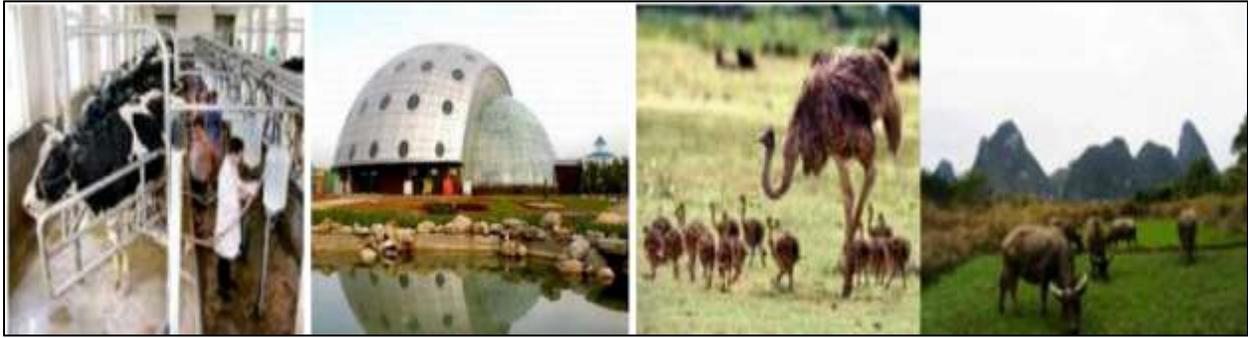
**The Dumpling Dinner:** Dumpling or Jiaozi in Chinese is a traditional and popular food in China, especially in the north. At the dinner, nearly 20 varieties of dumplings that are steamed and stuffed with different delicious fillings such as vegetables, meats and seafood are served. These dumplings are not only tasty, but also characteristic with their colors and fragrance, style and cultural meanings. A very unique experience awaits you!

**Tang Dynasty Show:** the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD) was one of the most glorious dynasties in China's history. Xian was the capital during the Tang Dynasty and called as Chang'an. The Tang Dynasty Show is a performance of Chang'an music and dances in Tang Dynasty style laid out according to various historical records and ancient arts and relics discovered in Xi'an. During the show, you will experience the Tang-Dynasty-style musical instruments and the dancers wearing a Tang-Dynasty-style robe with long white silk sleeves. You will certainly enjoy this national art that reflects the glory and richness of the Tang Dynasty era.



## ***Day 6: Wednesday October 16, 2013 – Xian Agri-Tour***

Today you will visit the mythical birthplace for Chinese Agriculture—Yangling , nearby downtown Xian. Legend has it that one Hou Ji began to teach people in the area how to farm, starting a revolution that wound up creating Chinese civilization.



We will drive about two hours to the rural county to see corn, a potato farm, cattle, piggeries, orchard farms and irrigation schemes. We will also visit the largest ostrich farm in Asia! Technical meetings with local agricultural experts, officials, marketing experts and farmers will be arranged after each visit. We will have lunch and test local fresh foods at an ecological restaurant!

**The Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone:** the only such zone in China was established in 1997. Since then, it has continuously received support from 19 ministries and Shaanxi People’s Government.

Yangling is rich in scientific research and educational resources as two universities and some research institutes are located here and more than 5000 achievements have been reached. Yangling is now the cradle of China’s agricultural science and

technology development and a significant base for the demonstration of agricultural industries. Yangling enjoys leading industries in plant and animal breeding, environment conservation, agri-materials, green food and bio-pharmaceuticals. So far about 800 enterprises are based here.

### ***Day 7: Thursday October 17, 2013 – Xian to Qingdao***

After breakfast, we will take a flight to Qingdao, Shandong province. Upon your arrival, our local guide will meet you and escort you to the hotel. Qingdao offers food with distinctive flavors--especially seafood. Take this opportunity to enjoy the delicious seafood of Qingdao! Also, Qingdao is the home of the famous Qingdao (Tsingtao) Beer. Have a bottle of pure Qingdao Beer right here in Qingdao!

After lunch, the local guide will take you to tour this unbelievable city!

**Qingdao:** a beautiful seaside city that is located in the southeast part of the Shandong Province. To the east, a short distance across the Yellow Sea, lie Korea and Japan, making Qingdao an important city for international trade.

From 1919 until 1949, Qingdao was a colony of Germany and Japan. Thus, Qingdao has a great deal of European architecture. This foreign architecture (a remnant of the colonial past) now beautifies this seaside city. The red roofs, green trees, blue sea, and azure sky form a bright and colorful picture. The city is sometimes known as the Switzerland of the Orient. *An interesting fact:* in cooperation with the Beijing Olympic Games 2008, Qingdao also held the Sailing Competition in the Olympic Games in 2008!



**Shandong Agriculture:** ranks as one of top provinces in the production of a variety of products including: cotton, wheat, poultry, pork and vegetables. Shandong is one of the richer provinces of China. This province ranks number one in agri-food exports.



***Day 8: Friday October 18, 2013 – Qingdao to Wei fang***



After breakfast, we will take a private bus and tour the most important agricultural area of China –Wei fang. Our local agricultural experts will guide us all day. We will visit a flower farm, a swine farm, Chinese-style sunning greenhouses and a vegetable farm. The sunning greenhouse technology, invented by Chinese, does not need any extra energy and can grow vegetables all year round, even in the cold winter season! Several Canadian greenhouse professionals already visited these sites and want to import this technology for cold Canadian winters to help save money.

Wei fang is not just famous for agriculture but also kite flying. Every year the Wei fang International Kite Festival attracts thousands of Kite Flyers from all over China and kiting enthusiasts from around the world. We will visit the Yangjiabu Kite Museum and Workshop in Wei fang. You can buy some fabulous kites as gifts there!



Our kind local agricultural experts will invite us for a local fresh dinner before we take an evening flight to our last stop in China—Beijing, China’s capital! Upon your arrival, our local guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel.



### ***Day 9: Saturday October 19, 2013 – Wei fang to Beijing***

As an introduction to the imperial city of Beijing, the tour offers a stroll in Tiananmen Square, bordered by the Great Hall of the People and the National Museum of China. This will be followed with a walk to the Forbidden City, and the complex of the Imperial Palace. It was home to the Chinese Emperors for over 500 years, and is sited on 72 hectares of land with 9000 rooms covering a floor space of 150,000 square meters. Grand halls and courts gradually give way to more intimate domestic quarters, giving an insight into the pampered isolation of the emperors.

This afternoon will be one of the highlights of our tour, the climbing of the Great Wall! No visit to China would be complete without seeing the Great Wall. After this excursion, we will have a Peking Duck Banquet.



**The Great Wall of China:** was first built in the Warring States period (475-221 BC) as a series of earthworks erected by individual kingdoms as a defense against each other as well as from invasions from the north. Its main objective was to keep out Genghis Khan and the Mongolian hordes. This proved only partially successful. The present day wall was left from the Ming dynasty and it represents one of the wonders of the world.



**Peking Duck Dinner:** Peking roasted duck is processed in several steps: first the ducks are rubbed with spices, salt and sugar, and then are hung for some time. The ducks are then roasted in an oven, or hung over the fire till they have browned and fully cooked through. A delicious treat for all!

*Day 10: Sunday October 20, 2013 – Beijing to Canada*



After breakfast, you will visit Beijing's splendid Temple of Heaven, which will be the last stop on the tour. You will then take the afternoon flight back home with all your new friends from across Canada.

**The Temple of Heaven:** the place which was visited yearly by the emperors who performed intricate rituals to insure a good harvest for the whole nation in ancient times.



RESERVE NOW! Space is limited.

\*A down payment of \$300 is required by **July 31, 2013** to ensure your spot\*  
(Note: This payment will be refunded if not enough participants sign up.)

Please contact the Canada-China Agriculture and Food Development Exchange Centre at **1-877-949-0045** or email [admin@ccagr.com](mailto:admin@ccagr.com)

Bon Voyage! 路顺风!

