



Agricultural Exploration Tour to China

July 5, 2013 to July 15, 2013

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

Meet your opportunities and partners there...

Together we CAN make a difference!



*****Attention parents: This Tour to China is the perfect opportunity for students to travel, learn and experience a new culture while taking a much needed vacation away from school. *****

Total Days in China	Visiting Areas	Transportation in China	Total Tour Guides
→10 days	→Beijing →Xian →Luoyang →Zhengzhou →Suzhou →Shanghai	→Flight – coach →Bullet train →Bus	→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 July 5, 2013 –Arrival to Beijing



After a 12 hour plane ride, you will arrive at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK), the 2nd busiest airport in the world. You will be greeted by our tour guide and transferred to check in at your hotel where you will settle in, relax, and enjoy the evening.

Day 2: Saturday July 6, 2013 –Beijing’s Sacred Landmarks

Today you will tour of some of Beijing’s most sacred landmarks, followed by a delicious Peking duck dinner in the evening.

Beijing, the capital city, is also the second largest city in China with population of 17.4 million. Your full day tour begins at the **Tiananmen Square**, which is one of the largest public squares in the world, and contains the Monument to the People's Heroes, the Great Hall of the People, the Museum of History and Revolution, and the Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall (with Mao's embalmed body). Next, you will tour the **Forbidden City (The Imperial Palaces)**, which is the imperial palace for Ming and Qing emperors for 500 years, and is sited on 72 hectares of land with 9000 rooms covering a floor space of 150,000 square meters.



Day 3: Sunday July 7, 2013 –Famous Landmarks of Beijing and Train to Xian

Today we will continue to enjoy China's most famous landmarks including the **Great Wall of China** and **Peking University**. This will be followed by a visit to the **Beijing Zoo**. On our last day here, you will continue to learn about the city's history, culture as well as the everyday lifestyle in China. You will also notice the difference in the way of life in the inner city areas, in comparison to the countryside locations we will visit later on in the trip.

Beijing Zoo - Situated to the west of Beijing Exhibition Center, the Beijing Zoo has developed rapidly and by 1987, covered an area of over 40,000 square meters. Bears, elephants, pandas, lions, tigers, songbirds, hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses, antelopes and giraffes were brought in the late 1950s. They also added: a gorilla cage, leaf-monkey cage, and aquarium house. The Beijing Zoo is also home to more than 100 species of reptiles from all over the world, including crocodiles and pythons. This amazing place is definitely a must see!



The Great Wall of China - This land mark,



most commonly associated with China, has been named as one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. It is a dream destination for millions of Chinese and people around the world. Many come to see the magnificent structure and to fulfill the famous Chinese saying "One cannot be a successful person without a visit to the Great Wall".

Peking University (PKU) - Founded in 1898, it is the first national university in Chinese modern history. Peking University has an abundance of teaching resources and research applications available to students, giving it a high reputation both in and outside China. The university now consists of 40 departments and is home to over 30,000 students and 4,000 staff annually. We will tour the campus with students of the university who will share their knowledge and experiences. We will also be meeting some Canadian students that are studying in China. International officers and university professors will be present and available to speak about the opportunities available to you.



Afternoon:

This afternoon, you will enjoy a social networking event where you will interact and chat with Chinese students! This is a great way to make contacts for the future and gain insight into what options and opportunities are open to you in China. Maybe one day you will consider coming to China to carry out your studies!

Evening:

After dinner, we will be leaving Beijing to take a 13 hour train ride to the beautiful city of Xian.

Day 4: Monday July 8, 2013—Xian and the Tang Dynasty Stage Show

In the morning, we will arrive in Xi'an, get settled in, and begin the day's adventures! Today you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum (Bing Ma Yong). Following these attractions, you will enjoy a delicious Imperial Dumpling Banquet at the bell tower and in the evening, experience the famous Tang Dynasty Stage Show.



Xian, the former capital of many Chinese dynasties, has a rich history dating back thousands of years. Even in the prehistoric era, it is believed that the Lantian man lived here 500,000 years ago. The first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, unified China in 201 BC and made a significant impact in Chinese history. When he died, an entire Terra Cotta Army was buried with the emperor in the mausoleum. While the mausoleum was documented by Chinese historians, it was not until 1974 that the site was uncovered by a team of farmers. This became one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in history. It's known as the 8th miracle in the world. The whole mausoleum is a vault full of relics and cultural treasures. If you liked history class, you will love this city!

Evening:

The Tang Dynasty Show – This show is a wonderful performance of ancient music and dance depicting the tang dynasty, the most powerful and prosperous dynasty in the history of Chinese culture. The impressive costumes, instruments and art forms are used to accurately illustrate China’s history, brilliant arts, distinct traditions and unique customs.



Day 5: Tuesday July 9, 2013—Tour of Rural Xian and Train to Luoyang

Today we will take a 2 hour bus to the rural areas of Xian to see a potato farm, cattle, piggeries, orchard farms, ostrich farms and irrigation schemes. Technical meetings with local agricultural experts, officials, marketing specialists and farmers will be arranged after each visit in order to gain insight on the great agriculture China has to offer the world.



For lunch, we will visit the Eco-Restaurant. It was decorated as an eco-park with plants, rockery, water and animals. Due to the size of the restaurant, the servers wear roller skates while serving the tables. All of the cooking ingredients are organic vegetables produced by the restaurant.



Afternoon:

Following our lunch at the Eco-Restaurant, we will take a train to Luoyang. This will give you the opportunity to view China's countryside on a larger scale as well as gain insight into the rural aspect of Chinese lifestyle.

Once we arrive in Luoyang, we will get settled in at your hotel and rest in preparation for the next day's exciting adventure!

Day 6: Wednesday July 10, 2013—Exploring Luoyang and Bus to Zhengzhou

Today, you will experience a more spiritual and religious aspect of Chinese culture when you visit the Shaolin temple of Luoyang. Here, we will see the ancient art of Chinese Kung Fu and learn what it is all about.



There are many legends and mysteries surrounding the Shaolin temple (established in 495). The origin of martial arts and Kung Fu embodies the vague mysteries of the Shaolin Temple and the shaolin monks. This temple is probably the most famous in China, not only because of its long history and its role in Chinese Buddhism, but also because of its martial arts or Wushu Chan.

Evening:

In the evening, we will take a short bus ride to Zhengzhou where the night is at our leisure to enjoy the city, and relax.

Day 7: Thursday July 11, 2013—Exploring Zhengzhou and Train to Suzhou

Today we will embark on a leisurely tour to learn about the many historical aspects of the Zhengzhou, as well as the city's current role in China's economic development.

Although Zhengzhou is not typically a city to tour, it is one that is very educational in terms of technological advances, the economy and various agricultural benefits. Zhengzhou has an approximate population of over 7 million people. It is home to the production of apples, paulownia, tobacco, cotton and wheat. We will view the yellow river, and learn of the severe economic benefit it holds for China. If you like the city, you will love Zhengzhou!



Afternoon:

In the afternoon, we will disperse and relax until the evening, where we will take a train Suzhou.

Day 8: Friday July 12, 2013—Exploring Suzhou

On this day, we will take a boat cruise along the canal to view the city, the beautiful surrounding environment and the daily life of the locals. We will stop off at the **Suzhou Silk Institute**, do some shopping, and see the **Surging Waves Garden**. Following this, we will make a visit to the silkworm farms.



Suzhou is renowned for its beautiful stone bridges, pagodas, and meticulously designed gardens which have contributed to its status as a great tourist attraction. Also, it is famous for its beautiful Silk Institute and the art of silk manufacturing.

The Suzhou Silk Institute – Established in 1957, it employs over 100 specialized experts including: Chinese master craftsmen, senior craftsmen, and highly qualified artists. Many foreign customers bring their pieces to the Suzhou Silk Institute in hopes to have it embodied. At the silkworm farms we will learn how delicate Chinese silk is made, and learn some history regarding the development of the art. It is definitely a spectacle to see! How in the world is silk made out of worms? When you visit, you will learn!

Following the silkworm farm tour, we will visit the **Surging Waves Garden**, the oldest existing garden in the city and one of the four most famous classical gardens in China built in Song Dynasty 900 years ago.



Day 9: Saturday July 13, 2013—The Magnificent City of Shanghai

After breakfast, we will leave the peaceful area of Suzhou and bus for 2 hours to the large, busy city of Shanghai. From here, your two day excursion will include: visits to the famous **Huangpu River**, the **Oriental Pearl TV Tower**, the **Shanghai Museum**, **Nanjing Road**, the **Jade Buddah temple** and to celebrate the trip, entertainment provided by the **Shanghai Acrobatic show!**



Huangpu River – Known as the 'mother river' of Shanghai, it serves as a symbol of embodiment. This river is synonymous with the History of Shanghai, being inextricably intertwined with the social and economic life of the city and having nurtured its prosperity and witnessed its honours and disgraces. The Huangpu River is a must for travelers visiting Shanghai.

Oriental Pearl TV Tower – This tower is surrounded by the **Yangpu Bridge** in the northeast and the **Nanpu Bridge** in the southwest. It creates the picture of “twin dragons playing with pearls”.

Shanghai Museum – This magnificent museum has an immense collection of ancient Chinese art. There are over 120,000 precious cultural relics stored in this museum including: bronzes, chinaware, calligraphy, paintings, bamboo and wooden lacquer works.

Day 10: Sunday July 14, 2013—The Magnificent City of Shanghai Continued & Final Departure

Nanjing Road – Shanghai's main shopping streets and famously named one of the World's Seven Great Roads in the 1930's. The road stretches from - The Bund - east towards Hongqiao, with Shanghai's center point- People Square in the middle.



Jade Buddha Temple – Home to 70 resident monks at last court with symmetrical halls and courtyards, upturned eaves and bright yellow walls. Inside, the centerpiece is a 1.9-metre-high white jade Buddha, which was installed here after a monk had brought it from Burma to Province in 1882.

Zhejiang **The Shanghai Acrobatic Show** – This show is set in a very typical Shanghai setting and atmosphere. Here, you will enjoy the skillful performers as they perform many breathtaking and stunning programs such as Calvarias Skills, Silk Suspending, and Hoop Diving. You will truly have an unforgettable experience of a lifetime!



Evening:

Following the acrobatic show, we will travel to the airport to take our plane from Shanghai back to Toronto.

RESERVE NOW! Space is limited.

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

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Bon Voyage! 路顺风!

