Splendid China 10 Days

Day 1 Departure
To start off your amazing China Tour, you will leave your departure city and fly to Beijing. Meals and snacks will be provided on the plane.

Day 2 Arriving Beijing
When you arrive in Beijing, a Rewards Travel China local representative will meet and greet you at the airport. The local representative will transfer you to your hotel and the rest of the day is yours to explore and relax.

Day 3 Beijing (Breakfast)
A day at leisure to explore at your own pace. We suggest an optional excursion (USD$65/person) with lunch to the Forbidden City, the former seat of the emperors throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is a true architectural masterpiece and home to the National Palace Museum. After an included lunch, proceed to the Summer Palace, a former royal retreat and now a lovely part. Then visit a Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine. This evening, delight in an optional banquet (USD$35/person) featuring the famous "Peking Duck".

Day 4 Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch)
Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall (Juyongguan), one of the “Seven Wonders of the World”! Recognized by UNESCO, and get a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Then tour the iconic “Beijing 2008 Olympic Center”; which includes the famous Bird’s Nest and Water Cube which now hosts many spectacular opening ceremonies and events. Although there is no tour inside these buildings, it is a magnificent architectural structure from the outside, providing a perfect photo opportunity. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia enroute. After lunch, see skilled artisans work at a Cloisonné Factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" show (USD$50/person).

Day 5 Beijing fly to Shanghai, Bus to Suzhou (Breakfast, Dinner on airplane)
Today you are free to explore Beijing, or you can sign up to join one of our popular day tour programs. We will take a late evening flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival at Shanghai airport, transfer directly to Suzhou by bus. It is only about a one-hour drive. Additional one-day tour Program: Take a morning tour to Temple of Heaven, recognized by UNESCO, an architectural masterpiece built between 1406-1460 AD to be used by the emperors from the Ming and Qing dynasties for ceremonies honoring the god of harvests. Then take a famous rickshaw Hutong Tour & Local Family Visit, this package also includes a traditional Beijing Zhajiangmian (“Fried Sauce noodles”) as lunch. (Optional $79/person)

Day 6 Suzhou / Wuxi (Breakfast, Lunch)
Suzhou–the city of paradise is also known as the Oriental Venice for its exquisite canals, bridges, pagodas, and beautiful gardens. Suzhou is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After breakfast, tour the Lingering Garden, a classic private garden with 500 years of history. Next, visit the Suzhou Silk Factory, the largest silk factory in the country to discover the mysterious processing of silk.
After lunch, enjoy **Optional cruise along the ancient canal from the city to the picturesque Grand Canal (Optional $30/person)**.

Late afternoon, continue to Wuxi, visit the Lingshan Grand Buddha, One of China's largest Buddha statues at over 80m tall. The whole Lingshan area is a tourist attraction, with a musical fountain which plays out the story of the birth of the Buddha, as well as the Brahma palace (梵宫), a very grand palace with the pillars made of sandalwood, built to host the 2009 Buddhist conference.

**Day 7 Wuxi-Hangzhou (Breakfast, Lunch)**

This morning tour the Brilliance of Lake Lihu located at Famous Lake Taihu, followed by visit a Fresh Water Pearl Farm.

Continue to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world".

This evening, you could join the symbolic performance of Hangzhou, "The Romantic show of Song Cheng"; it is being performed over 2,000 times per year. Since it was created, the show has been performed more than 20,000 times, and entertained over 60 million audiences. It is the theatre performance that has been performed for most times and has the largest audience number; along with the O Show in Las Vegas, and the Moulin Rouge in Paris, the three are regarded as the "Top 3 Famous Shows in the World". (USD$65/person).

**Day 8 Hangzhou-Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Hangzhou, also known as the “Paradise on Earth”, has been immortalized by countless poets and artists. The West Lake Cultural Landscape has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After breakfast, visit The West Lake, the most beautiful lake in the country.

You may take an optional boat ride on the West Lake (USD$35/person), the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites.

Then, visit No.1 Tea Plantation and taste the well-known Dragon Well Tea. Many studies say that green tea is excellent for your health. Dragon Well Tea is the best Green Tea in China. After lunch, drive to Shanghai. Walking along the famous Bund, lined by the colonial architecture of European design, this area is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. It is now the called “Wall Street of the East”.

At night, you may enjoy and optional "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai at your own expense (USD$50/person).

**Day 9 Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch)**

In the morning, tour Shanghai Museum, to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade, followed by a visit to an Emerald exhibition center. Then visit the City God Temple Bazaar, which is composed of specialty stores, selling traditional Chinese arts and crafts, medicine and souvenirs.

Evening choose optional Chinese Acrobatic Show - "ERA The Intersection of Time" (USD$60/person)

**Day 10 Shanghai- Home (Breakfast)**

After breakfast transfer to the airport, departure Shanghai and head back home or extend your trip to other city in China.