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ESSENTIAL CHINA

April 17 to 30, 2018

Whether you are looking for ancient history, urban wonders, picturesque landscapes, or cultural experiences; this trip to China taking in all the first time visitor essentials will not disappoint. Join Sandra this spring to discover this beautiful and historic land.

**TOUR COST: \$3,725.00 from Toronto INCLUDING airport taxes, per person sharing double.
Single supplement \$1230.00**

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 - Tuesday, April 17: Toronto – Overnight flight
Evening departure from Toronto on Air Canada or similar direct service to Beijing. Full inflight services including dinner and a snack will be provided.

Day 2 - Wednesday, April 18: Beijing (D)
Arrival in Beijing, the political and cultural center of the world's most populous nation. Following customs formalities we are met by our local guide who will be with us for the duration of the tour. Transfer to the hotel where we will have time to settle in before a welcome dinner. Overnight at Pullman Hotel Beijing South ***** or similar (<http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-7025-pullman-beijing-south/index.shtml>)

Day 3 – Thursday, April 19: Beijing (B/L/D)
Breakfast at the hotel followed by a full day sightseeing tour of the Chinese capital. We begin with a visit to Tiananmen Square, site of the June 1989 student led protests which became part of the democratic revolution. We continue with a visit to the Forbidden City where from 1420 to 1912 it served as the home of emperors and their households as well as the ceremonial and political center of Chinese government. Today it is the home to the Palace Museum filled with many priceless treasures. (<http://en.dpm.org.cn>). Our day ends with an exploration of The Temple of Heaven, an imperial complex of religious buildings situated in the southeastern part of the city. Tonight we will enjoy a sumptuous Roast Duck dinner followed by a local folklore show, Legend of Kung Fu. Overnight.



Forbidden City

Day 4 – Friday, April 20: Beijing (B/L/D)
Today we travel outside of the city to the Great Wall an awe-inspiring feat of ancient defensive architecture. It is the world's longest wall and biggest ancient architecture. The Chinese Great Wall stretches over 6000kms from west to east: across deserts, over mountain peaks, deep into ravines till at last it reaches the sea. As one of the Eight Wonders in the

world, the Great Wall of China has become the symbol of the Chinese nation and its culture. Time to walk a part of the wall before enjoying a lunch of local specialties. We return to Beijing in the late afternoon and will have a photo stop at the Olympic sites, where we will see the Bird Nest Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic centre. Before returning to the hotel there will be a stop at a local Jade Factory to see the art of Chinese Jade making followed by a pedi-cab ride through the ancient streets and residential areas to see the daily life of local people. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 – Saturday, April 21: Beijing-Yichang (B, D)

Transfer to Beijing airport for our flight to Yichang where we will board our ship, one of the Yangze President series, for a cruise through the three gorges. Meals may be altered to accommodate the flight schedule.

Day 6 – Sunday, April 22: Three Gorges (B/L/D)



Three Gorges Dam

Early morning optional guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning (or similar available activities). Enjoy the stunning scenery as we sail through Xiling Gorge. Today we embark on a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site, the largest water conservancy project undertaken by man. Later in the day we enjoy the spectacular sights while passing through the Three Gorges Dam 5-stage ship locks. In the evening, there will be a Captain's Dinner and a Folkloric Performance.

Day 7 – Monday, April 23: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Early morning optional Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning (or similar available activities). Depending on the river conditions, there may be a shore excursion to Shennong Stream, which is a natural habitat of the mandarin ducks and golden-hair monkeys. After lunch, admire breathtaking sights of the narrow cliff walls and dramatic vistas in the Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge.

Day 8 - Tuesday, April 24: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Early morning optional Tai Chi session on the sun deck. Later in the morning, take a shore excursion to Fengdu "the Ghost City" or Shibaozhai, home to a 12 storey red wooden pavilion built against a protruding 220 meter rectangular rock.

Day 9 – Wednesday, April 25: Chongqing – Xian (B/L/D) by flight (TBA)

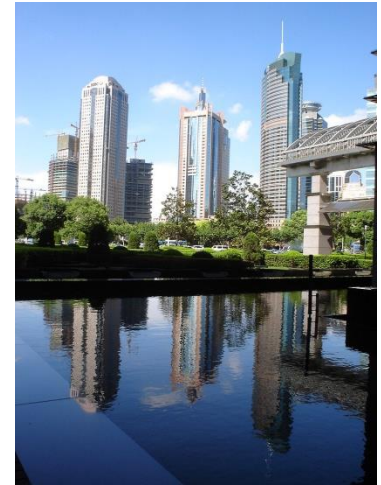
Morning arrival in Chongqing. Following breakfast we disembark the ship for a guided tour of the city. Following the tour we transfer to the airport for our short flight to Xian. Transfer to the hotel followed by dinner. Overnight at Grand Barony Hotels Xi'an ***** or similar (2 nights)

Day 10 – Thursday, April 26: Xian (B/L/D)

Today is devoted to visiting the Terra Cotta Museum home to a collection of over 8,000 Terra Cotta Warrior sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. They are a form of funeral art that was used to bury people of influence in ancient China. The first Emperor of China (210–209 BC) was buried with them to protect him in the afterlife. This evening will feature a dumpling dinner as well as an amazing Tang Dynasty Dinner Show. Overnight.

Day 11 – Friday, April 27: Xian - Shanghai (B/L/D) by flight.

Meals may vary depending on airline schedule. Transfer after breakfast to Xian airport for the short flight to Shanghai, China's biggest city and a global financial hub. On arrival, we transfer to the city centre for a city tour. Highlights include; a visit to the City-God Temple Market, sprawling Yu Garden with its traditional pavilions, towers and ponds, the Bund, a famed waterfront promenade lined with colonial-era buildings and fabulous views of the futuristic skyline including 632m Shanghai Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, with distinctive pink spheres. In the late afternoon we arrive at our hotel The Crown Plaza Fudan. Following dinner tonight will be an Acrobatic Show.



Shanghai

Day 12 – Saturday, April 28: Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (B/L/D)

Morning departure for Suzhou, a city known for its stunning gardens and canals but equally famous as a major centre for China's illustrious silk production. Our visit here begins with a guided tour of the city including a visit to the Master of Nets Garden and a boat ride on the Grand Canal. Following lunch we transfer to a silk production facility where we will learn more about the ancient techniques and fine craftsmanship of Suzhou's most famous export. Return to Shanghai in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

Day 13 – Sunday, April 29: Shanghai (B/D)

Free day to explore Shanghai or enjoy shopping and sight-seeing at your leisure. Our guide will make suggestions on possible places to visit as well as offering an optional Huangpu River cruise or a ride on the Maglev Train. Farewell dinner this evening.

Day 14 – Monday, April 30: Shanghai-Toronto (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flight on Air Canada or similar to Toronto.

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Single supplement \$1230.00

Price Includes:

- Return flights on Air Canada or similar including all airport taxes and surcharges;
- Internal flights as indicated in itinerary;
- Entrance fees and scheduled sightseeing by air-conditioned transportation with English speaking guide;
- Accommodations based on double occupancy – Single room supplement \$1230;
- Transfers from airports in China as specified in the itinerary;
- Meals as specified in itinerary. (B/L/D) is Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner;
- Tipping to tour guide and driver;
- Services of a Pauwels Travel tour escort.

Price Excludes:

- Chinese visa fee approx. \$180.00;
- Personal Expenses such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, excess baggage;
- Optional travel insurance. Please call our office for details.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. February necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Essential China" departing April 17 – 30, 2018.
Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)
Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flight _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 6 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: (Residence) _____ (Business) _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES _____ NO _____.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Other _____

OR Decline Insurance _____. (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

***I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment*.**

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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