

American Celebration of Music in the People's Republic of China

Standard Tour #2 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled airline service to Beijing, China. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Pacific overnight flight. Cross the International Date Line during this flight.

Day 2 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing Airport, where you will be met by MCI's Chinese staff who assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoaches for the transfer to a downtown hotel. Time permitting, enjoy a brief orientation tour of Beijing en route to hotel check-in. Evening Welcome Dinner.

Beijing has more attractions than any other city in China. It has blossomed into a city that any international traveler can enjoy, and has become a vibrant and international city. The list of musts is impressive: the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, Tian An Men Square, and the Great Wall should not be missed. For the last six centuries, Beijing has been the most important capital of China.

Day 3 Beijing

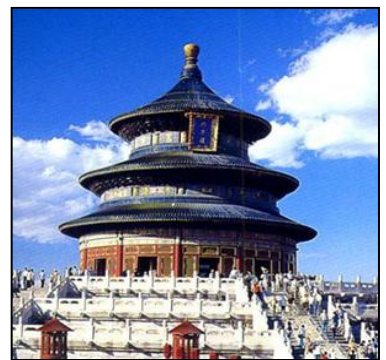
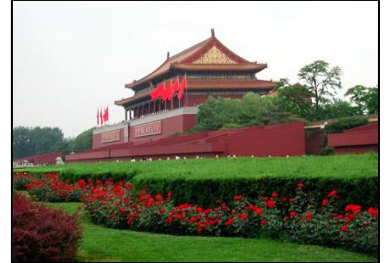
Aboard your motorcoach en route to sightseeing, enjoy an orientation of Chinese culture, a brief history, and a discussion of the economic and political situations in China. Morning visit to Tian An Men Square, the largest open plaza in the world (it accommodates half a million people at one time!). Visit the Forbidden City (Palace Museum), the former Imperial Palace for the 24 Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty. Also visit the Summer Palace, the summer resort for the Royal Family. This evening, enjoy a traditional Beijing Duck Banquet.

Day 4 Beijing

Excursion to the Great Wall of China at Ju Yong Pass, one of the world's architectural wonders. ***Performance on the Great Wall as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.*** On the way back to the city, stop at the Beijing Cloisonne Factory, the largest of its kind in China. Also visit the Ming Tombs, the sacred burial ground of 13 of the 16 Ming Dynasty emperors. Evening attendance at a Beijing Acrobatic Show.

Day 5 Beijing

Visit the Temple of Heaven, the largest temple and altar complex in China, where the ancient Emperors worshiped Heaven and prayed for good harvests. Visit a school in Beijing that specializes in training students in traditional Chinese musical instruments, and participate in a cultural exchange with a school affiliated with the Central Music Conservatory, including dinner with students and professors. ***Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.***



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Day 6 Qinhuangdao

Transfer to Qinhuangdao via motorcoach (3 ½ hours). You will have a few hours in the afternoon to tour this beautiful historic city.

An ocean front city, where the mountain and sea water meet, known as Shanhai Pass, the very starting point of the Great Wall of China. Today, it is the summer and beach resort for all the top leaders of the Chinese Government from Beijing.

Day 7 Qinhuangdao

Sightseeing in Qinhuangdao includes the Meng Jiangnu Miao Temple and Beidaihe, one of the most popular holiday and health resorts in China with numerous guesthouses and sanatoriums. Also visit the starting point of the Great Wall. **Afternoon rehearsal time.** Dinner with local musicians and Government Officials. **Evening concert at City Hall as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.**

Day 8 Tianjin

Transfer to Tianjin via motorcoach (2 ½ hours). A guided city tour will include the historic sites and the new economic development district. Possible afternoon visit to a school, with dinner with students and professors. **Evening concert at the Concert Hall of the Tianjin University as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.**

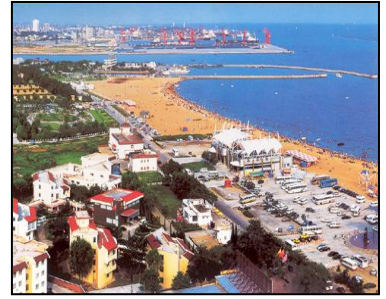
The most important seaport in Northern China, Tianjin was first open for foreign trade after the Opium War in 1842. It is one of the four Municipalities in China directly under the administration of the Central Government.

Day 9 Beijing

Transfer back to Beijing via motorcoach (1 ½ hours). Day at leisure in Beijing. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal for additional sightseeing, shopping, museum visits or excursions.

Day 10 Depart for home

Return via scheduled airline service, arriving home on the same day.



NOTE: Three meals per day are included in China. The sightseeing mentioned above can be modified according to the group's wishes and interests.