

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

Standard Tour #5 (5 nights / 7 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 the hotel.

Beijing has more attractions than any other city in China. It has blossomed into a city that any international traveller 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

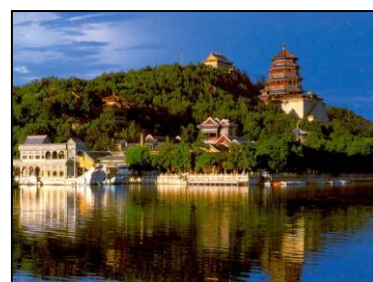
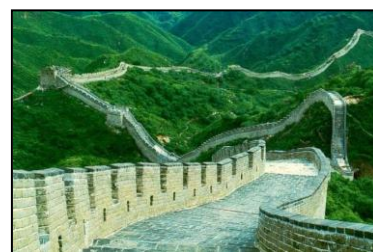
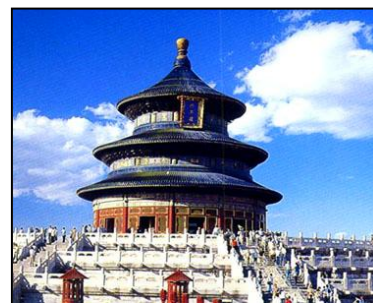
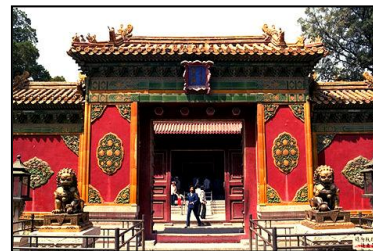
Aboard your motorcoach en route to sightseeing, enjoy an orientation of Chinese culture, a brief history, and a discussion of the economic and political situations. Visit Tian An Men Square, the largest open plaza in the world that accommodates half a million people at one time. Tour the Forbidden City (Palace Museum), the former Imperial Palace for the 24 Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty, and also visit the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperors of both dynasties worshiped heaven. 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. In the evening, attend the Beijing Acrobatic Performance.

Day 5 Beijing

Morning tour of the Summer Palace, the summer resort of the royal families, including the famous Marble Boat. Afternoon visit to 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. ***Rehearsal and joint Concert at the Conservatory's concert hall as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.***



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Day 6 Beijing

Morning tour will take us to Yonghe Palace, one of Beijing's most spectacular palaces, and on a Hutong Rickshaw tour. In the afternoon, visit a Children's Palace, where music and Chinese traditional instruments, paintings and calligraphy, dancing, martial arts, and other art lessons are taught. ***Perform a mini-concert (30 min) to the children (ages 5-16).*** Following the concert, explore the Wangfujing Pedestrian Shopping District for the rest of the day and night. Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight.



Day 7 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.



Forbidden City Concert Hall

