

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

Standard Tour #7 (6 nights / 8 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled airline service to Hong Kong. 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 Hong Kong

Arrive in Hong Kong. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to downtown hotel. Time permitting; enjoy a brief orientation tour of Hong Kong en route to the hotel.

Hong Kong is one of the most beautiful big cities in Asia. On July 1, 1997, China resumed sovereignty over its richest, most cosmopolitan city, Britain's former Crown Colony. Hong Kong is still an international city, vibrant and brash, where East and West meet on confident, familiar footings. The harbor, pinched between Hong Kong Island (officially called Victoria) and the southern peninsula (Kowloon), is the focal point of the city. Day or night, the harbor view is dramatic.

Day 3 Shenzhen

A morning sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island includes a tour to the top of Victoria Peak. Also visit the quiet fishing village of Aberdeen (a floating community), taking a sampan ride there. Afternoon departure for Shenzhen after a Dim Sum Lunch. Upon arrival, visit China Folk culture Villages and the Splendid China Theme Park, a replica of all of China in one place with over 100 exhibits of sightseeing spots and ancient palaces and temples (with the scale of 1 to 10), such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, and the Guilin Mountains, etc. Also view three cultural shows, the best of its kind in China.

Shenzhen was the first Special Economic Development Zone in China, established in 1980 with the original population of less than 30,000. Today, it's the most economically developed city in China with a total population of over eight million.

Day 4 Shenzhen

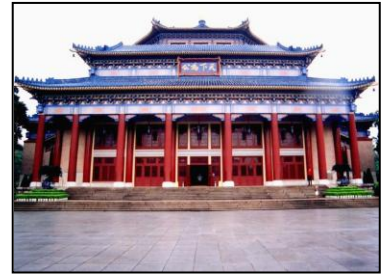
This morning tour will introduce to you the old and the new city of Shenzhen. Afternoon school visit, music and cultural exchanges and activities. ***Rehearsal followed by an evening joint concert at the Art Performing Hall of Shenzhen University as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.***



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Day 5 Guangzhou

Transfer to Guangzhou via motorcoach (2 hrs). Upon arrival, visit Dr. SUN Yat-Sen Memorial Hall and the Canton Trade Fair site (the largest Chinese export commodities Trade Fair is held here every Spring and Autumn). Afternoon visit to the most prestigious Olympic School in Guangzhou with music and cultural exchanges and activities. ***Rehearsal followed by a joint concert with the Olympic School music group as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.***



Guangzhou, known in the West as Canton, is the capital city of the huge province of Guangdong China. There is a colonial side to Guangzhou that has a relaxed and laid back feeling to it. Many of the buildings and churches on Shamian Island are well maintained and rather pretty, especially compared to the high rises and granite buildings on the other side of the river. Guangzhou is the birthplace of Sun Yat Sen, the "Father of Modern China". It is also the first city in China that opened for foreign exchanges and trade.



Day 6 Guangzhou

Morning sightseeing includes Yuexiu Hill with the stone sculptures of Five Rams (the symbol of Guangzhou), Liurong Temple and Pagoda, and Chen Clan Ancestral Shrine, a gloriously colorful temple built in the 1890's to act as a temple of ancestor worship and a school for the Chen Clan. Afternoon visit to the Children's Palace, where all music and Chinese traditional instruments, paintings, calligraphy, dancing, martial arts, and all kinds of art work are taught. ***Rehearsal followed by a joint concert performance at a key School in the Tianhe District as part of the American Celebration of Music in China.***



Day 7 Hong Kong

Transfer to Hong Kong via Express Train (2 hrs). Afternoon sightseeing includes a visit to the Hong Kong History Museum, Ocean Terminal, Hong Kong Cultural Center and the Golden Mile District. Evening visit to the ocean front Promenade and the Temple Street Night Market with street Chinese opera singers and fortune tellers. Farewell Dinner and overnight.



Day 8 Depart for home

Transfer to Hong Kong's International Airport for return flight. Arrive home in the evening of 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.



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