

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

Standard Tour #6 (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 (D)

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 (B,L,D)

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 ten million

Day 4

Shenzhen (B,L,D)

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 performance 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** **(B,L,D)**

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 performance 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

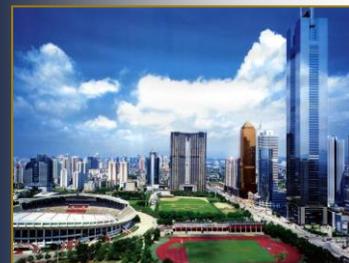


Day 6 **Guangzhou** **(B,L,D)**

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

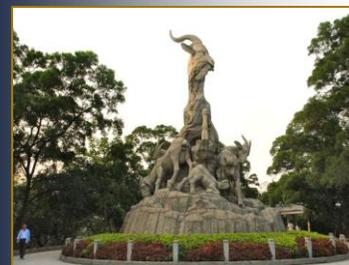
Afternoon visit to the Children's Palace, where all music and Chinese traditional instruments, paintings, calligraphy, dancing, martial arts, and all kinds of art work are taught

Rehearsal followed by a joint performance at a key School in the Tianhe District as part of the American Celebration of Music in China



Day 7 **Hong Kong** **(B,L,D)**

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** **(B)**

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



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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