China

SUITCASE SEMINAR

Dynasties of Power: Past and Present

April 9 to 22, 2012
We affectionately refer to our China Suitcase Seminar as “China 101.” It is fast-paced and designed to be an overview of a complex and immense country. This trip continues to be one of our most popular and for good reason: we’ve crafted a mix of the highlights of China combined with cultural experiences and local contacts perfected through years of Stanford know-how and connections. In the midst of its thriving economy, China has managed to create harmony between its ancient treasures and the glittering skylines of its metropolitan cities, making the nation an extraordinary and unforgettable destination for travelers.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**SPEND** three full days exploring ancient monuments in Beijing: the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, the Ming Tombs and many others.

**BE AMAZED** by the vast army of terra-cotta warriors at Xian, discovered in 1974 and considered by many to be China’s most important archaeological find.

**VIEW** fantastic sugarloaf mountains that rise from the flat plains along the Li River near Guilin and have inspired poets, painters and travelers for centuries.
Itinerary

MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 9 & 10
DEPART U.S. / BEIJING, CHINA
Depart the U.S. on international flights, crossing the international date line in flight and arriving in Beijing on Tuesday. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. GRAND HYATT HOTEL

WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 12 & 13 BEIJING
During our three full days in China’s capital city, visit the Forbidden City, site of the Imperial Palace of omnipotent Chinese emperors. Walk through Tiananmen Square, which is flanked by the Great Hall of the People, the Museum of Chinese History and the Gate of Heavenly Peace. Visit the Temple of Heaven, a complex of three main structures: the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, the Imperial Vault of Heaven and the Circular Mound Altar of Heaven. Take an excursion outside of Beijing to see the wondrous Great Wall. Enjoy a hutong tour by pedicab and feast on a special Beijing duck dinner. GRAND HYATT HOTEL (B,L—ALL 3 DAYS; D—4/12)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 BEIJING/ XIan
Fly to Xi’an, one of the only cities in China with a totally intact ancient city wall; view its South Gate as we enter the city. Walk through the old district where the Great Mosque and the Chinese garden surrounding it create an island of tranquility. SOFITEL RENMIN SQUARE XIAN (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 XIan
Xi’an served as the capital during the reign of Qin Shi Huang Di, the first emperor of China. The legendary life-size terra-cotta army, China’s most breathtaking archaeological find, was created to protect his tomb. Discovered in 1974, it is only part of the treasure trove, much of which remains hidden beneath the low hills outside Xi’an. SOFITEL RENMIN SQUARE XIAN (B,L)

MONDAY, APRIL 16 XIAN / GUILIN
This morning visit the Yangling Tomb Museum, which opened in 1999 and features recent archaeological discoveries from the Han dynasty. In 2006 an incredible extension to the site was opened where we can now view the underground excavation trenches. Fly to Guilin to view the sugarloaf mountains that rise from the flat plains near the Li River and have inspired poets and painters for centuries. SHERATON GUILIN (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 GUILIN
Spend a full day exploring the scenic countryside. Enjoy a cruise down the Li River and, as we pass limestone pinnacles, rice paddies and
bamboo groves, watch village life unfold along the banks of the river. The evening is free to explore Guilin at leisure.

**Sheraton Guilin (B,L)**

**Wednesday, April 18**

**Guilin / Shanghai / Suzhou**

Explore Guilin this morning before our flight to Shanghai. On arrival at Shanghai’s domestic airport, continue by coach into the Yangtze River delta region known as the “Land of Fish and Rice” to Suzhou. This city of classical gardens and silk production is sometimes known as the “Venice of China,” and its wealth and culture left a deep impression on Marco Polo during his travels.

**Suzhou Pan Pacific Hotel (B,D)**

**Thursday, April 19**

**Suzhou**

Our stay begins with a visit to the Master of Nets Garden, famous for its elaborate rock sculptures and silk spinning factory. Stop at the Humble Administrators Garden, one of many UNESCO World Heritage sites in Suzhou.

**Suzhou Pan Pacific Hotel (B,L)**

**Friday, April 20**

**Suzhou / Shanghai**

Board a coach for our return drive to Shanghai. Visit the city’s Yu gardens and stroll along the Bund, a popular place for early-morning exercise or evening walks. Tonight enjoy a magical performance by the Shanghai Acrobat.

**Hyatt on the Bund (B,L)**

**Saturday, April 21**

**Shanghai**

This morning tour the Shanghai Museum with its 30 centuries of art treasures. Enjoy a free afternoon before our farewell reception and dinner.

**Hyatt on the Bund (B,D)**

**Sunday, April 22**

**Shanghai / U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the Shanghai airport for flights to the U.S., crossing the international date line en route and arriving home the same day. 

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**Yangtze River**

**Optional Post-Trip Extension**

APRIL 22 TO 26, 2012

(4 additional days)

Fly to Chongqing and explore the Stilwell and Three Gorges museums before boarding our riverboat for a three-night cruise along the Yangtze River. Journey to the upper reaches of the River and through the Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges. Conclude our voyage at the Great Three Gorges Dam site, then disembark and fly to Shanghai for one final evening before returning home. Details will be sent with trip confirmation.
Information

DATES
April 9 to 22, 2012 (14 days)

SIZE
Limited to 45 participants

COST*
$6,995 per person, double occupancy
$8,345 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

INCLUDED
12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 5 dinners
Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
Bottled water on excursions
Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all group activities
All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary, including internal flights within China
Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare
Passport and visa fees
Immunization costs
Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
Independent and private transfers
Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
Excess-baggage charges
Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines from San Francisco to Beijing and from Shanghai to San Francisco is approximately $1,248 as of August 2011 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

What to Expect

We consider this Seminar to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and very busy. Daily excursions involve two to five miles of walking, often on uneven terrain, including stairs without handrails, high thresholds and cobbled paths. You will have to handle your own luggage at airport customs points where porters are not permitted. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the China Suitcase Seminar. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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CAROLEE KOLVE, ’67, CHINA SUITCASE SEMINAR, 2010