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Day 6 Beijing/Xian - Tang Style Dancing Show  Rise and shine with breakfast at your hotel. This morning you will embark on a flight to Xian. Welcome to Xian the capital of China’s central Shaanxi province and a must for history buffs. Once the gateway to the Silk Road and a meeting point for scholars, poets and monks, and today is home to timeworn artifacts from another world. In the afternoon you have the opportunity to partake in an optional tour of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the city wall and the Banpo Museum. At the Banpo Village Museum, your stop will take you 6,000 years in the past. We will tour the village and learn about the matriarchal community of the Yangshao culture through the various relics and exhibitions offered. Cultural Discovery Series - an exciting evening of entertainment and fun follow with an included Tang Style Dancing Show. (B,D)

Day 7 Xian - Terra-Cotta Warriors  Power-up with breakfast at your hotel and then board your first-class motorcoach for an excursion to see the acclaimed Terra-Cotta Warriors at the Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin Dynasty. In 1974 discovery of thousands of life-sized Terracotta Warriors was one of the greatest archeological finds of the 20th century. These figures date back to 210 BC and were meant to guard the first emperor of China in the afterlife. See the huge statue of the emperor that now guards the entrance to the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, undeniably high point of any trip to Xian and the three enormous pits are filled with row upon row of these remarkable effigies, with the first pit alone holding some 6,000 examples in excellent condition. Cultural Discovery Series - on route, visit to the Xian Art Ceramic & Terra Cotta Factory gives you time to shop for artistic mementos to share your time in China. (B,L)

Day 8 Xian/Shanghai - City Tour  After breakfast, fly to Shanghai and transfer to your hotel. In 1841, the city was a small fishing village, but today it has transformed into the most westernized city in China and is at the forefront of China’s modernization. The city is changing fast and nearly a quarter of the world’s construction cranes are working in this city. This afternoon a panoramic city tour awakens to take you to the vibrant sights and sounds of Shanghai. Often referred to as the "Pearl of China" or the "Paris of the Orient," your tour takes you to explore the essence of Shanghai visiting sites including the Bund located on the city’s waterfront. The Bund is Shanghai’s most famous attraction that ties together the city’s old world and new, showcasing pre-1949 architecture in a row of buildings that served as its financial and commercial center in the 1930’s. Cultural Discovery Series - en route visit the Shanghai Silk Factory. (B,L)

Day 9 Shanghai  Free day to relax and explore. Shanghai is an international metropolis with a long history. From the architectural landmarks lining the Bund, major museums, shopping areas and the charm of the Old Town to the secluded back streets of the former French section, Shanghai is a city that is waiting to be explored. The combination of the traditions and modernism has built its unique charm which attracts millions of visitors every year. The day is yours. (B)

Day 10 Shanghai to USA or extend your stay with an optional Shanghai extension  Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before your transfer to the airport for your flight home or opt to stay an extra few days to explore even more of China’s allure. (B)

OPTIONAL SHANGHAI EXTENSION

Day 10 Shanghai - Suzhou  Today you will head out on a full-day tour to Suzhou, nicknamed “Venice of the East.” Famous around the world for its methodically landscaped classical gardens and interweaving waterways. We visit the Master of the Nets Garden, Humble Administrator's Garden, and take a canal cruise with lunch included to round-out your experience. Afterwards return to your hotel in Shanghai. (B,L)

Day 11 Shanghai  Free day to explore, head out for last minute shopping or maybe take a ride on the Shanghai Transrapid. This unique form of transportation is a magnetic levitation train, or maglev line that operates from Shanghai. (B)

Day 12 Shanghai to USA  After breakfast today your transfer awaits to take you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

TOUR PRICE

Tour price is $2,599 per person, double occupancy.
For single occupancy, add $399.
Fuel surcharges of $550 per person are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently $150 per person and are additional. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.
The price of $2,599 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by November 2, 2016. The price increases by $100 per person ($2,699) after this date.
Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to adjust itineraries at guide’s discretion due to local conditions. The Chinese visa is not included in the price and is an additional $170 per person.
Optional Shanghai Extension:
Shanghai Extension: $399 Double Occupancy or $548 Single...
CANCELLATION POLICY:
Cancellations with more than 90 days prior to departure 25% of total cost per person (or a minimum of $500 per person) is retained
Cancellations between 89 and 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost per person is retained
Cancellations between 30 or less prior to departure including no shows: 100% of the package price is retained
Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate’s cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce – China program – April 6-15, 2017 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.centralholidayswest.com/terms

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________