

2007 Beijing International Choral Festival

Extension #1 (Festival + Xi'an) - 9 nights / 11 days

Sunday July 8, 2007

Departure from the USA via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment
The destination is Beijing, China



Monday July 9, 2007

Groups arrive in Beijing and check into hotel. If schedule allows, take a panoramic tour of Beijing



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, Tiananmen Square, and the Great Wall should not be missed. For the last six centuries, Beijing has been the most important capital of China.

Tuesday July 10, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel
Chorus members and non-singing participants gather for morning orientation, registration, and *initial rehearsal* (non-singing participants may enjoy additional sight-seeing opportunities)
Lunch at local restaurants
Afternoon guided tour of Beijing, including entrance to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
Welcome Dinner (Peking Roast Duck)



Wednesday July 11, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning rehearsals
Lunch at local restaurants
Afternoon guided tour of the Summer Palace
Individual group dinners at local restaurants
Evening rehearsals

Thursday July 12, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning tour to the Temple of Heaven. Also visit the Hutong by rickshaw (pedal tricycle)
Afternoon Dress Rehearsal with chorus, orchestra and soloists in the concert venue
Individual group dinners at local restaurants
Festival Performance in the Beijing Concert Hall at Xinhua Gate



Friday July 13, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day excursion to Tianjin (1-½ hours from Beijing)

Lunch at local restaurants

Afternoon Dress Rehearsal with chorus, orchestra and soloists

Individual group dinners at local restaurants

Festival Performance at the Tianjin Grand Theatre at the Tianjin People's Square

Return to Beijing hotel



Saturday July 14, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour excursion to the Great Wall of China

Possible short concert at Ju Yong Pass

Stop en route back to Beijing at a cloisonné factory

Lunch at local restaurants

Afternoon free for shopping and sightseeing on own

Evening Farewell Banquet Dinner

Sunday July 15, 2007

Breakfast at the hotel

Beijing - Xi'an via flight (1 ½ hours)

Upon arrival, visit the entrance Gate of the Ancient City Wall

Climb this ancient city wall, the only complete city wall existing in China

Welcome Banquet - Dumpling Feast



Once the largest city in the world and a model of imperial splendor, Xi'an is best known as one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. Xi'an, China's ancient capital, is home to the terra-cotta armies of the first emperor, the royal tombs of 10 successive dynasties, and two pagodas from the golden age of the Tang. Xi'an spans the first 17 centuries of China's dynastic history.



Monday July 16, 2007 Xi'an

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, acclaimed as the "Eighth Wonder of The World" with a stop at Hua Qing Hot Springs, a winter resort for the ancient Emperors

Upon return to Xi'an, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda

In the evening, attend the Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Performance

Tuesday July 17, 2007 Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel

Early morning, participate in Taichi exercise and enjoy the performance of Martial Arts. Also, visit the Stone Tablet Museum, the largest stone library in the world

Farewell Dinner



Wednesday July 18, 2007 Depart for the USA

Return to the USA via scheduled airline service, arriving in the late afternoon or evening of the same day.