

2007 Beijing International Choral Festival

Extension #2 (Festival + Shanghai) - 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 Beijing

Groups arrive in Beijing and check into hotels. 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 Beijing

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 Beijing

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 Beijing

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



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Friday July 13, 2007 Beijing

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 Beijing

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

Sunday July 15, 2007 Shanghai

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning transfer to Shanghai via morning flight. Arrive in Shanghai.
Afternoon city tour to the Bund (waterfront), Shanghai Old Town and Yu Garden. Evening to Nanjing Road Pedestrian Shopping District.



Shanghai is clearly one of Asia's most powerful cities, perhaps soon to be its most powerful economically. With 13 million residents, Shanghai is China's most populous city, and the United Nations estimates that by the year 2015 Shanghai's population will reach the unimaginable figure of 23-24 million.



Monday July 16, 2007 Shanghai

Breakfast at the hotel
Visit Shanghai Museum, Jade Buddha Temple, Oriental Pearl Tower and Xin Tian Di Food and Entertainment Plaza. In the evening enjoy a Huang Pu Harbor Cruise.



Tuesday July 17, 2007 Shanghai

Breakfast at the hotel
Day at leisure or an optional day excursion to Suzhou (1 ½ hours by coach), the garden city and the silk capital in China, and the ending point of the Grand Canal.

Wednesday July 18, 2007 Depart for home

Transfer to Shanghai International Airport for the return flight to USA. Return home in the evening of the same day