2007 Beijing International Choral Festival

Extension #3 (Festival + Guilin) - 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 or 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



Friday July 13, 2007 Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day excursion to Tianjin (1-1/2 hours from Beijing)

Lunch at local restaurants

Afternoon Dress Rehearsal with chorus, orchestra and soloists Individual group dinners

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

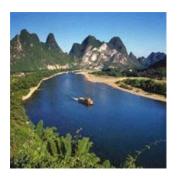
Stop en route back to Beijing at a cloisonné factory. Lunch at local restaurants. Afternoon free for shopping and sightseeing on own

Sunday July 15, 2007 Guilin

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Guilin via morning flight. Arrive in Guilin. Afternoon city tour to Elephant Trunk and Fubo Hills, and Mount Yao, the highest mountain in Guilin by chairlift.

Guilin lies in the middle of some fabulously beautiful countryside in the northeast of the autonomous region of Guangxi. Several crystal-clear rivers meander through the town, which is encircled by a ring of mountains with bizarre rock-formations and caves. The landscape was formed over a period of some 200 million years, when the sea still reached this far inland. Layers of muschelkalk (chalk formed from fossilized shells) were deposited; then the earth's crust was formed, the chalk stratified and was shaped by wind and water to produce vast numbers of caves, all which make Guilin a unique natural experience.





Monday July 16, 2007 Guilin

Breakfast at the hotel. Cruise the fascinating Li River by passing through the spectacular scenic mountains to Yangshou, and stop by at Crown Cave, one of the largest and the most beautiful caves in Guilin.

Tuesday July 17, 2007 Guilin

Breakfast at the hotel. Guilin is the best scenic spot in China with thousands of the strange formation of the limestone mountain peaks, but the scenery in Yangshuo is better than Guilin. This morning, you will explore this

wonderland of Yangshuo by bicycle, tricycle pedal cab, trolley or even on foot. Return to Guilin in the afternoon by coach and visit Reed Flute Cave.

Wednesday July 18, 2007 Depart for home

Transfer to Beijing or Shanghai's international airport for return flight home. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.

