

Beijing International Women's Choral Festival

Festival Tour Itinerary IV ~ 7 nights / 9 days

Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 Beijing

Depart via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Beijing, China

Wednesday, July 7th, 2010 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing's International Airport, where you will be met by MCI's Chinese staff who assists the group to awaiting chartered motorcoaches for the transfer to a downtown hotel. Time permitting, enjoy a brief orientation tour of Beijing en route to the hotel

Thursday, July 8th, 2010 Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel

Chorus members and non-singing participants gather for morning orientation, registration, and choral workshops (non-singing participants may enjoy additional sightseeing opportunities).

Lunch at a local restaurant

In the afternoon, visit Tian An Men Square, the largest open plaza in the world that accommodates half a million people at one time, followed by a tour of the Forbidden City

Enjoy a traditional Beijing Duck Banquet, possibly with the participating Chinese Choirs

Friday, July 9th, 2010 Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to the Great Wall of China at Ju Yong Pass, one of the world's architectural wonders

Optional Individual Choir Performances on the Great Wall of China with participating American and Chinese Choirs

On the way back to the city, stop for lunch and shopping at the Beijing Cloisonne Factory, the largest of its kind in China

Afternoon guided tour of the Summer Palace, the summer resort of the royal families, including the famous Marble Boat

Evening rehearsal

Saturday, July 10th, 2010 Beijing

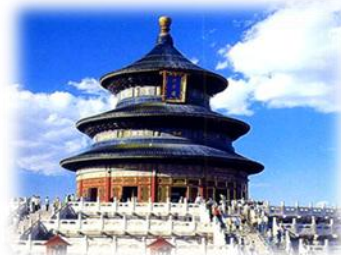
Breakfast at the hotel

Morning dress rehearsal in the Beijing Concert Hall

Take an afternoon tour of the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperors of both dynasties worshiped heaven. Also visit the Hutong by rickshaw

Dinner at a local restaurant

Festival Performance in the Beijing Concert Hall



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Sunday, July 11th, 2010 Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional participation/presentation as part of the All-China China National Choral Directors Association Conference

Dinner at a local restaurant

In the evening, transfer to Xi'an by overnight train

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 12th, 2010 Xi'an

Arrive in Xi'an. Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, acclaimed as the "Eighth Wonder of The World", the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and the Ancient City Wall

Lunch to be arranged in the Museum

Welcome Banquet - Dumpling Feast

In the evening, attend Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Cultural Show



Tuesday, July 13th, 2010 Xi'an

Breakfast at the hotel

Early morning, participate in Taichi exercise and enjoy a performance by the students of Xi'an Martial Arts School

Afternoon rehearsal

Lunch and dinner at local restaurants

Evening joint concert at the Concert Hall of Xi'an Conservatory of Music as part of the American Celebration of Music in China



Wednesday, July 14th, 2010 Depart for home

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Xi'an Airport for flight to Beijing for return flight to USA



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