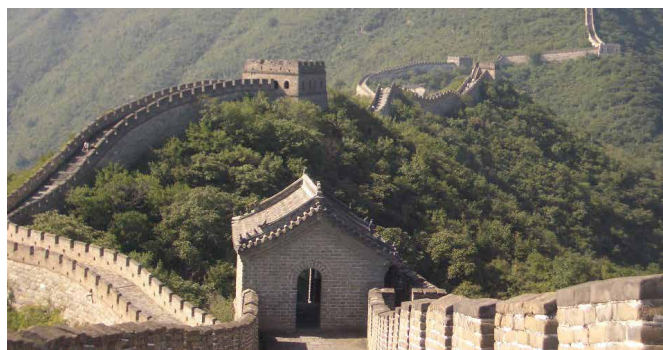


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American Celebration of Music in the People's Republic of  
**China**

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



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# An Exclusive Concert Series

The People's Republic of China is opening wide its doors to Western ideas, culture, and business. It is very anxious to promote cultural exchanges at many levels. In 2001, the China International Travel Service, along with the governments of Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Guangzhou and Shenzhen exclusively requested Music Celebrations International to bring American ensembles to China and perform in the top music conservatories and interact with their music students to help them build their music programs. This has now led to the annual American Celebration of Music in the People's Republic of China. Recommended bands, choirs, and orchestras are now annually invited to perform in the most prestigious concert halls throughout China.

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associa-

and strangeness, nor has a longer, richer historical legacy, and few other nations are likely to be as important in the 21st century. China's culture remains exotic, despite rapid modernization and growing Western influences.

It is now possible to travel to most of the interesting places in China in a style not dreamed of ten years ago, or barely possible five years ago. China travel is a mobile feast of sights and sensations, new and old. Chinese art and history are a constant delight, and to see China's past made visible, whether in the vaults where the First Emperor died among his terra-cotta armies or in the Forbidden City where the last emperor was born, brings the dreamy Middle Kingdom to life.

The interest by the Chinese in Western culture is such that an American orchestra, choir or concert band can captivate a large



tions, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

No other place on earth possesses such an intensity of beauty

and enthusiastic audience no matter where it performs. Imagine your musical group performing near the Great Wall, an ancient city square, a cultural center auditorium, or perhaps participating in a musical cultural exchange at a Chinese school -- all these things are possible! Music Celebrations International and their official colleagues are ready to transport you to another world -- the Middle Kingdom!

# Sample Tour

## Beijing / Tianjin / Xi'an

### Day One

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- Depart via scheduled airline service to Beijing, China. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Pacific overnight flight. Cross the International Date Line during this flight

### Day Two: Beijing

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- Arrive in Beijing Airport, where you will be met by MCI's Chinese staff who assist 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 hotel check-in

### Day Three: Beijing

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- Aboard your motorcoach en route to sightseeing, enjoy some orientation about Chinese culture, a brief history, and a discussion of the economic and political situations
- Visit Tian An Men Square, the largest open plaza in the world (it accommodates half a million people at one time!)
- Visit the Forbidden City (Palace Museum), the former Imperial Palace for the 24 Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasty. Also visit the Summer Palace, the summer resort for the Royal Family
- This evening, enjoy a traditional Peking Roast Duck Dinner

### Day Four: Beijing

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- Take an excursion to the Great Wall of China at Ju Yong Pass, one of the world's architectural wonders
- **Performance on the Great Wall as part of the American Celebration of Music in China**
- On the way back to the city, stop at the Beijing Arts & Crafts Jade Carving Factory, the largest of its kind in China
- In the evening, attend the Beijing Acrobatic Performance

### Day Five: Beijing

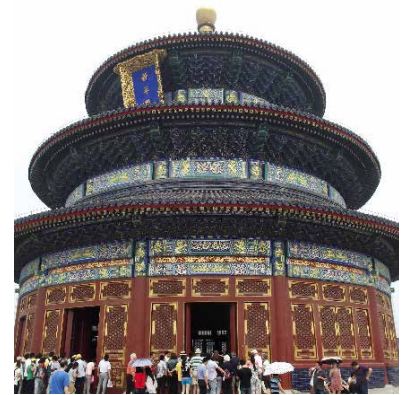
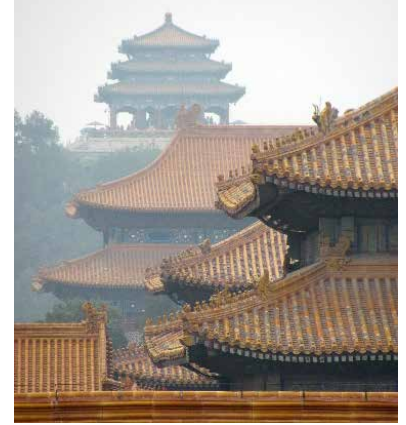
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- Visit the Temple of Heaven, the largest temple and altar complex in China, where the ancient Emperors worshiped Heaven and prayed for good harvests. Visit a school in Beijing that specializes in training students in traditional Chinese musical instruments, and participate in a cultural exchange with a school affiliated with the Central Music Conservatory
- **Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in China**

### Day Six: Tianjin

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- Excursion to Tianjin via motorcoach (1½ hours). Your Tianjin city tour will include the historic sites and the new economic development district
- Possible afternoon visit to a school
- **Evening Performance at the Concert Hall of the Tianjin University as part of the American Celebration of Music in China**
- After the concert, return to your Beijing hotel



## Day Seven: Xi'an

- Morning flight to Xi'an (1½ hours)
- Upon arrival, visit the Ancient City Wall, the only complete city wall existing in China
- Welcome Banquet - Dumpling Feast
- In the evening, attend the Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Performance

## Day Eight: Xi'an

- Visit the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, acclaimed as the "Eighth Wonder of The World" with a stop at the Xi'an Drum Tower Walkway
- Visit a school affiliated with the Xi'an Music Conservatory for a cultural exchange performance
- **Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in China**

## Day Nine: Beijing

- Early morning, participate in Taichi exercise and enjoy the performance of Martial Arts
- Also tour the Big Wild Goose Pagoda
- Afternoon flight back to Beijing. Check into a hotel near the airport for a Farewell Dinner and overnight

## Day Ten: Depart for home

- Return via scheduled airline service, arriving home on the same day



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### Standard Performance Tours in China

#### **TOUR #1** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

6 nights in Beijing (with an excursion to Tianjin), 2 nights in Xi'an

#### **TOUR #2** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

5 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Qinhuangdao, 1 night in Tianjin

#### **TOUR #3** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

4 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Hangzhou, 2 nights in Shanghai

#### **TOUR #4** (5 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS)

5 nights in Beijing

#### **TOUR #5** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

1 night in Suzhou, 2 nights in Wuxi, 1 night in Nanjing, 2 nights in Hangzhou, 2 nights in Shanghai

#### **TOUR #6** (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

2 nights in Hong Kong, 2 nights in Shenzhen, 2 nights in Guangzhou

*"My head still is spinning from our recent trip to northern China, arranged by MCI. I took 93 instrumentalists from Santa Rosa High School (California) to this fascinating country. Our itinerary included the bustling, sprawling and rapidly changing city of Beijing and the colorful, ancient capitol, Xian. The Great Wall experience at Ju Yong Pass, on the outskirts of Beijing, was the highlight of our 10-day trip. None of us ever will forget the concert we played on the wall, or the nearly two hours we had after the concert to explore this world wonder. MCI's Chinese staff, led by the estimable Sheldon Poon, is amazing! Each of the comfortable, spacious buses has at least one of these folks at all times. Our guide, Judy, is quite possibly the most charming person I've ever met. I'm sure that every group falls in love with her. We heard similar expressions of gratitude and appreciation for the other guides from people on the other buses. I am offering an unequivocal and enthusiastic endorsement of (MCI's) tour package."*

*Mark Wardlaw,  
Santa Rosa Band & Orchestra  
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