

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

Standard Tour #2 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1

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 2

Beijing (D)

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

Evening Welcome Dinner

Beijing has more attractions than any other city in China. It has blossomed into a city that any international traveler 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, Tian An Men Square, and the Great Wall should not be missed. For the last six centuries, Beijing has been the most important capital of China

Day 3

Beijing (B,L,D)

Aboard your motorcoach en route to sightseeing, enjoy an orientation of Chinese culture, a brief history, and a discussion of the economic and political situations in China. Morning visit to 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 4

Beijing (B,L,D)

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

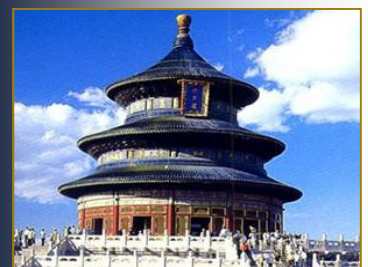
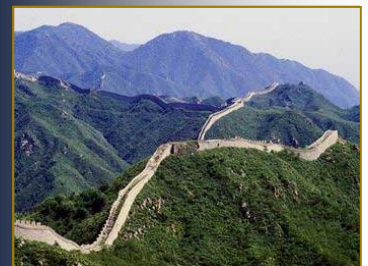
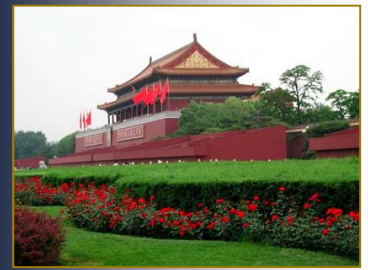
On the way back to the city, stop at the Beijing Arts & Crafts Jade Carving Factory, the largest of its kind in China.

Evening attendance at a Beijing Acrobatic Show

Day 5

Beijing (B,L,D)

Visit the Temple of Heaven, the largest temple and altar complex in China, where the ancient Emperors worshiped Heaven and prayed for good harvests



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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, including dinner with students and professors

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in China

Day 6 **Qinhuangdao** **(B,L,D)**

Transfer to Qinhuangdao via motorcoach (3 ½ hours)
You will have a few hours in the afternoon to tour this beautiful historic city

An ocean front city, where the mountain and sea water meet, known as Shanhai Pass, the very starting point of the Great Wall of China. Today, it is the summer and beach resort for all the top leaders of the Chinese Government from Beijing

Day 7 **Qinhuangdao** **(B,L,D)**

Sightseeing in Qinhuangdao includes Beidaihe, one of the most popular holiday and health resorts in China with numerous guesthouses and sanatoriums

Also visit the starting point of the Great Wall

Afternoon rehearsal time

Dinner with local musicians and Government Officials

Evening performance at City Hall as part of the American Celebration of Music in China

Day 8 **Tianjin** **(B,L,D)**

Transfer to Tianjin via motorcoach (2 ½ hours). A guided city tour will include the historic sites and the new economic development district

Possible afternoon visit to a school, with dinner with students and professors

Evening performance at the Concert Hall of the Tianjin University as part of the American Celebration of Music in China

The most important seaport in Northern China, Tianjin was first open for foreign trade after the Opium War in 1842. It is one of the four Municipalities in China directly under the administration of the Central Government

Day 9 **Beijing** **(B,L,D)**

Transfer back to Beijing via motorcoach (1 ½ hours). Day at leisure in Beijing. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal for additional sightseeing, shopping, museum visits or excursions

Day 10 **Depart for home** **(B)**

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

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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