

# GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

## RESERVATIONS

Bookings are taken through our home office in Torrance, CA or online at [www.chinadiscoverytours.com](http://www.chinadiscoverytours.com)

- Deposit:** A deposit of \$200 per person is required at time of booking. Reservation will automatically be cancelled if CDT does not receive the deposit within 7 days after confirmation of reservation. Receipt of deposit confirms your reservation and is applied toward final payment. Recommended Travel Insurance, which includes medical cancellation, is available at time of booking for an additional fee.
- Final Payments:** Final payment for the balance of tour fare, applicable airport taxes and visa processing fees are due in our office no later than 60 prior to departure. Payment is accepted by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express), with completed Credit Card Authorization Form, up to 60 days before departure. Credit card will be used to charge the balance at the time of ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure date). If your payment is not received by the due date, the reservation will be subject to cancellation and the deposit will be forfeited.

## REVISION AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- Revisions:** One revision is allowed free of charge after your reservation is confirmed, based on availability. A revision fee of \$50 per person will be added for any date or itinerary change within 60 days of departure and will be treated as a cancellation and new booking. Regular cancellation fees may apply.
- Postponement:** Tours may be postponed up to 60 days before departure with written notice. Revision fees will apply, insurance amount will be forfeited and visa fees will be deducted if visas have been issued. Your balance will be kept with CDT and will be applied to any departure booked within one year from date of postponement. Balance will be considered forfeited if future travel is not booked within one year of postponement date.
- Cancellations:** All cancellations will only be accepted upon receipt of written notice. Tour postponements within 60 days of departure or tour cancellations will be assessed as follows per person:
  - A transaction fee of \$150 per person will be charged for any purposes of cancellation.
  - Cancellation penalties are strictly enforced and are as follows:

60 days or more	\$200
59-45 days	25% of total cost
44-8 days	40% of total cost
7-3 days	50% of total cost
2 Days and Departure Day	100% of total cost

- Travel Insurance does not cover cancellation fees accrued for business class customers and customers with a returning flight from Hong Kong and/or with domestic add-on air portion. If airline tickets have already been issued, there will be an added airline cancellation fee (see #6 below).
- In the event of cancellation, the Travel Insurance premium is non-refundable.
- The visa fees are non-refundable for any purpose of cancellation if visa has been issued.
- Ticket Revision/Cancellation Fee: Once tickets are issued, a \$350 per ticket revision/cancellation fee will apply to each ticket plus the cost of express mail charges. This fee is subject to change. CDT reserves the right to issue airline ticket immediately upon receipt of your deposit.

## TOUR FARE INCLUDES

- Airfare:** a) Prices quoted in this catalog include round trip international economy class airfare from LAX. Domestic airfare within China, Japan, Thailand, or Vietnam is also included as noted in itineraries. Departures are also available from JFK or SFO. b) It is the responsibility of the travel agent/traveler to verify that the name shown on the invoice exactly matches the traveler's passport name. A revision fee of \$100.00 per person will be charged if name must be changed within 75 days prior to tour departure date; changes are also subject to airline penalties. CDT is not responsible for any ticket reissue charges or denial of boarding by an airline due to name discrepancy. c) CDT reserves the right to change international airline used. All taxes, fees and surcharges associated with airline tickets vary by airline, and are subject to change at any time during the year. Clients are responsible for any such extra charges should they occur. Hotels: Based on two adults sharing one room with two twin beds. Customers traveling alone are required to pay a single supplement and will be invoiced as such at time of booking. Please contact us for a hotel list. Hotels are subject to change without notice.

- Meals:** Up to 3 meals a day are provided on tours as specified in itineraries. Meals will be served at hotels, local restaurants, or on board cruises or flights. Western style restaurants such as McDonald's and KFC are located in the bigger cities throughout China and Asia.
- Sightseeing:** While the sightseeing program is specified in the itinerary, final itinerary may be modified as determined by the tour guides based on local circumstances beyond the control of CDT. Such circumstances include but are not limited to: weather, acts of God, dangers, incidents at sea, fire, break down in machinery or equipment, acts of government or authorities and wars. CDT will make every effort to follow the predetermined itinerary as accurately as possible.
- Tour Admissions/Entrance Fees:** All entrance fees for programs or places mentioned in the itineraries in this catalog will be included unless otherwise stated.
- Tour Guides:** All of our tours are conducted by professional English speaking guides who are there to ensure the safety and pleasantness of your trip.

## TOUR FARE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airport Taxes:** Applicable taxes as noted in the itinerary are due upon final payment. Due to the increasing costs of fuel, airport taxes are subject to increases by the airline. Until tickets have been issued, in the event of an increase, you will be responsible for the difference.
- Visa Fees:** CDT will be pleased to secure your China Visa for \$170 per person and Vietnam Visa for \$120 per person. Please mail original passport along with one (1) passport size (2" X 2") photo and completed visa application form to China Discovery Tours at least 60 days prior to departure. Visa fee is subject to change and is non-refundable once the visa is issued. If you are applying for your own visa, a copy of your passport and entry visa should be sent to China Discovery Tours. All document and tickets will be issued under your passport name. For those traveling to Japan or Thailand, US passport holders do not need a visa to enter these countries on our tours. CDT is not responsible when you are denied entrance for any reason at any foreign country, even if you have a valid passport and visa.
- CDT Highly recommends the purchase of the Travel Protection Plan offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc. To view the plan benefits and terms and conditions go to: <http://www.tripmate.com/wp422C/>
- Add-on Airfare:** Discounted airfare from your hometown to the international departure city can be arranged. We will take responsibility for changes that needs to be made so you don't have to worry about it.
- Tips:** We recommend \$5-\$7 per day per person to the national guides. You do not have to tip the bus drivers and local guides individually. The national guide will take care of their respective tips.
- Miscellaneous:** In addition, CDT cannot be held responsible for charges levied by local state, federal or national government agencies, meals not mentioned in the catalog, deviation fees, any expenses due to delay or changes of schedule, overbooking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strike, acts of God or terrorism, force majeure, acts of government's civil disturbances, war, quarantine, customs regulations, epidemics, criminal activity or any other causes beyond the control of CDT. Any personal charges such as excess baggage charges, phone bills, postage, laundry, drinks, etc., are the responsibility of the customer.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Unused Tour Features:** Any unused tour feature, either on air transportation or for land arrangements are not refundable or exchangeable.
- Tour Price:** All tour prices are in US dollars and are based on tariffs and rates of currency exchanges in effect at time of printing. These rates are subject to change as deemed necessary and fair by CDT. When the total number of tour members is below 10 passengers, CDT reserves the right to cancel the tour, consolidate departure dates or increase price of tour. Currency surcharges, flight schedule changes which require additional nights and cost or increased airport taxes will result in assessment to each passenger.
- Health:** To provide the best possible experience of all travelers, CDT recommends that travelers be in good health. Please consult with your physician regarding your wellness and ability to travel long distances. CDT must be notified of any physical or mentally disability at time of reservation. Special arrangements or private groups for those with physical or mental disabilities can be arranged for an additional fee.

## Early Booking Discounts - Reserve your tour by these dates

December 31, 2008 - Save up to \$200 per couple  
 January 31, 2009 - Save up to \$150 per couple  
 February 28, 2009 - Save up to \$100 per couple

- Baggage:** Two pieces of checked baggage and one carry-on is allowed for US transpacific flight. Maximum weight/size for each checked bag is 50 lbs/62 inches (sum of three dimensions). One carry-on, not to exceed 45 inches (sum of three dimensions), is allowed. Within China and on Inter-Asia flights, one piece of baggage not over 44lbs. is allowed. Additional baggage may result in extra fees. Baggage allowance differs for the transpacific and China/InterAsia section of your tour. Each airline baggage restriction varies and is subject to change at any time. Please call or check our website: [www.chinadiscoverytours.com](http://www.chinadiscoverytours.com) for the most up-to-date requirements.
- Deviation Charge:** A \$100 charge per person will be assessed for any purpose of deviation from the tour. For a minimal additional fee, CDT will provide necessary transfers.
- Travel Documents/Tickets:** All travel documents will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks before departure via 2nd Day Priority Mail with Signature Confirmation. Overnight delivery can be arranged for an additional cost. If you live in the Southern California area and would like to pick up your final packet, please let us know ahead of time. If we obtained your entry visa, your passport will also be included in this package.
- Passports:** All passports must be valid for at least 7 months from your departure date in order to board an international flight. If your passport does not meet this requirement, please apply for a new passport before obtaining any visas.
- Last Minute Bookings:** Any customer booking a tour within 60 days of departure must provide final payment with personal check or money order within 7 days of reservation. Expedited visa fees can be arranged for a minimal additional fee, airfare increases may apply.
- Child Fare:** Children under 12 years old at time of departure pays 75% regular adult fare when rooming with two paying adults, without an extra bed. Children requiring an extra bed, rooming with one adult at time of departure are charged regular adult fare.
- Shopping:** To meet your shopping needs, certain shopping stops during the tour have been arranged. Although CDT's tour directors will be happy to assist you with any shopping requirements, we do not take any responsibility for any items purchased at shops on the tours. Any after sales correspondences is between the customer and the shops.
- The reservation and payment for any CDT tour shall be deemed to agree and to be consent to these terms and conditions.

Prices and availability of tour packages in this brochure are subject to change. Please visit our website or call 866-99-CHINA (992-4462)

## RESPONSIBILITY

China Discovery Tours, a division of Travel Design USA, Inc. (hereafter referred to as CDT), as tour operator, acts only as an agent for contracted services. All travel arrangements included in this trip are made on participant's behalf upon the express condition that neither CDT nor its agents shall be liable or responsible in the absence of it (or their) negligence for any direct, indirect, consequential, or irregularity of any kind which may be accessioned by reason of any act or omission of any person or entity, including without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, train, motor coach, private car, cruise vessel, boat, or any other conveyance, hotel, sightseeing provider, local ground-handler, etc., which is to or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Participant understands that CDT neither owns nor operates such third party suppliers and accordingly agrees to seek remedies directly and only with those suppliers and nor hold CDT responsible for their acts, omissions or commissions. Without their limiting the foregoing, CDT and its agents are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes of schedule, over booking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strike, acts of God, acts of terrorism, force majeure, acts of government's civil disturbances, war, quarantine, customs regulations, epidemics, criminal activity or for any other cause beyond its control. All such losses or expenses have to be borne and paid for by the participant.

CDT accepts no responsibility for value, reliability, quality or authenticity of any goods purchased while on tour or for any mailing, freight or shipping arrangements. CDT reserves the right to substitute hotels, alter the itinerary, withdraw any tour and make any alteration for the convenience of the operation of tours. CDT reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure for any reason. Liability for such cancellation is limited to full refund of money received by CDT, and this will constitute full settlement with the tour member.

All tour fares shown are based on the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollars as of printing of this catalog (Sept. 2008) and in current tariffs on the same date and are subject to change. In China, costs are quoted by the Chinese handling travel agency in US dollars.

## CHINA AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (°F)

City	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Beijing	33	38	52	67	78	85	86	85	78	66	49	37
Chongqing	46	49	57	66	72	77	83	75	65	65	57	49
Yichang	38	42	50	61	71	78	84	83	74	64	52	42
Guilin	52	55	61	73	81	86	90	91	86	79	68	59
Hangzhou	46	50	57	68	79	84	91	90	82	73	63	52
Hong Kong	65	65	71	77	83	87	88	88	86	82	75	69
Kunming	61	63	71	77	88	76	76	77	74	69	64	60
Lhasa	7	9	13	16	20	23	22	21	20	17	12	8
Shanghai	46	46	55	66	77	82	90	90	82	73	63	63
Urumqi	13	14	25	37	47	55	58	56	47	35	22	16
Xian	39	45	55	68	77	86	87	85	76	66	52	42

## JAPAN AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (°F)

Osaka	48	49	55	67	75	81	88	91	83	72	62	53
Tokyo	49	49	54	64	73	77	83	87	80	70	61	53

## THAILAND AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (°F)

Bangkok	89	90	92	94	92	91	90	90	89	89	88	87
Phuket	88	90	91	91	88	87	87	86	85	86	86	87

## VIETNAM AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (°F)

Ho Chi Minh	90	91	93	93	91	90	88	90	88	88	86	88
Hanoi	66	67	72	80	87	90	90	89	88	82	76	71

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

CDT Highly recommends the purchase of the Travel Protection Plan offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc. To view the plan benefits and terms and conditions go to: <http://www.tripmate.com/wp422C/>

## TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Trip Cost	Premium Rate Per Person
Up to \$2,500	\$149.00
\$2,501 to \$5,000	\$199.00
\$5,001 and up	\$249.00



However, the Chinese handling travel agency reserves the right to alter or adjust its costs. In the event that the Chinese handling travel agency increases the cost of any service within China, tour fares are subject to adjustment. The right is reserved to cancel the tour prior to departure for any reason. In such case, a full refund of all payment will constitute a full settlement with the participant. The Chinese handling travel agency has sole and exclusive control over the operation of all tours in China. The Chinese handling travel agency reserves the right to make alterations or adjustments in the itinerary as to destinations, transportation, accommodations and all other services. Neither CDT nor any subsidiary or affiliate of CDT shall be responsible for any such alteration made by the Chinese handling travel agency.

Baggage is carried at owner's risk and baggage insurance is recommended. CDT is not responsible for typographical or printing errors or omissions in this catalog. CDT accepts no responsibility for cost, which may occur as result of a participant failing to secure adequate insurance coverage, which coverage is highly recommended. Generally, your health insurance does not cover expenses outside the USA. CDT is not responsible for participant's visa or passport requirements, nor will a refund of unused services be made, nor reimbursement of any additional expenditure if a participant is denied entry to a country for this or any other reason.

CDT will not be held responsible for loss, death, physical harm or any expenses by passengers if they deviate from original tour itinerary or from tour group.

The general conditions under which you agree to utilize the services of CDT may not be amended in any way, except in writing, by an authorized officer of CDT. By utilizing the services of CDT, you agree that the exclusive venue for all claims shall be the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and such claims shall be determined according to the laws and jurisdiction of the State of California.

The issuance of tickets and vouchers shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions and to these terms and conditions.

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