Dynasties of China and Tibet

The Himalayas and the Yangtze

October 7 to 21, 2017
Dear Alumni & Friends:

Mysterious China and enchanting Tibet—two lands whose stunning beauty form the backdrop of centuries-old civilizations steeped in legend and tradition. Here, the people’s reverence for ancestral customs has been passed on through dynasties and kingdoms and preserved from one generation to the next, influencing life today as well as providing an impetus for change and a springboard for the future.

Join us on this exceptional, custom-designed and comprehensive journey encompassing the breadth of China from the Himalayan “Rooftop of the World,” with three nights in Tibet’s spectacular and seldom-visited city of Lhasa, through the dramatic gorges of the Yangtze River and to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai for an in-depth appreciation of ancient culture with modern advancements. Experience the imperial dignity of Mandarin Beijing, the dynastic treasures of historic Xi’an and the Tibetan Buddhist “Sun City” of Lhasa with its architectural masterpiece, the Potala Palace, a symbol of peace and the historic home of the Dalai Lama.

Ideally located Five-Star hotels have been carefully selected for our land accommodations, including Shanghai’s legendary Fairmont Peace Hotel and Lhasa’s renowned Shangri-La Hotel. Our three-night cruise travels the fabled Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang through captivating landscapes, historic port cities and resplendent gorges aboard the deluxe M.V. Victoria Jenna, newly relaunched in 2016 after an extensive refurbishment. Cruise the magnificent Three Gorges, enjoy a private boat tour on the spectacular Goddess Stream in the Wu Gorge and visit the extraordinary engineering marvel of the Three Gorges Dam.

Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites during specially arranged included excursions accompanied by experienced, knowledgeable, English-speaking guides. Enjoy meeting the fascinating people of China and the friendly people of Tibet, who will welcome you to their modern-day earthly paradise—a true Shangri-La that is newly opening up to Western travelers.

This small group program is an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime travel opportunity, an excellent value and a great highlight for travelers who have experienced this impressive and comprehensive itinerary. Reserve now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available, as this program sells out quickly!

Sincerely,

Kathy Barnard
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

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Beijing, China

The former imperial city of the Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing is one of China’s oldest citadels. Rich in historical sites and cultural relics, this dynamic city of more than 12 million people is the cultural and spiritual heart of the country and the ideal place from which to begin tracing back the fascinating narrative of ancient China.

Visit the magnificent Great Wall of China, a UNESCO World Heritage site and symbol of imperial grandeur since 500 B.C. Constructed over the course of 2000 years, this imposing fortification once spanned more than 13,000 miles. Walk along this historic border and marvel at sweeping views of China’s northern plains and valleys.

Walk through historic Tiananmen Square, the world’s largest public square and site of the memorial of modern China’s founder, Mao Zedong. Then, pass through the imposing Meridian Gate into the mystical UNESCO World Heritage-designated Forbidden City, residence of Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years. Inside, ascend the stone steps of the magnificent Hall of Supreme Harmony to explore the ceremonial halls, royal apartments, gardens and temples of the Imperial Palace.

The beautifully landscaped Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design, was the retreat of 19th-century Empress Dowager Cixi. Walk through Cixi’s private apartments, filled with jewel-encrusted furniture, and see her ornate Marble Boat. Then, enjoy a small boat cruise across Kunming Lake’s tranquil waters, which, along with Longevity Hill, form the key aesthetic features of the Summer Palace gardens.

Tour another extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of Heaven, a magnificent complex of religious buildings symbolizing the relationship between heaven and Earth.

Xi’an

Ancient Chang’an, known today as Xi’an, was China’s thriving capital of emperors, courtesans, monks, merchants and soldiers for 11 dynasties. It was a place where many of the world’s great religions coexisted and the fabled launching point of the Silk Road, where camel caravans introduced Chinese influence to the world and distributed goods from the Eurasian continent. From Xi’an’s distinctive, triple-eaved Bell and Drum Towers, watchmen once signaled dawn and dusk with a bell and a drum.

Tour the exquisite Yangling Imperial Tomb, where thousands of captivating figurines excavated from the 2100-year-old tomb of Emperor Liu Qi capture the essence of daily life during the Han dynasty, a high point in Chinese history, when culture and the arts flourished as never before.

Cover photo: Clay was individually applied to the visages of each figure in Emperor Qin Shihuang’s Terra Cotta Army to create distinct facial features.

Photo this page: Walk along the Great Wall of China, dotted with thousands of beacon towers and fortresses, and feel the mystery and allure of one of the world’s oldest civilizations.

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Visit the amazing UNESCO World Heritage site of the famous life-size Terra Cotta Warriors, no two alike. In 1974, farmers digging a well unearthed this incredible archaeological discovery—one of the most extraordinary finds of the 20th century—an army of thousands of terra cotta warriors and horses maintaining a silent vigil over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.). This visionary monarch, the first ruler of a unified China, introduced a standardized writing system, reformed the legal code and commenced the building of the Great Wall of China, the greatest public works project of its era. The emperor, as large a figure in death as he was in life, lies buried in a mausoleum that took 36 years to construct and required the efforts of 700,000 laborers. The tomb itself remains unexcavated, guarded by row upon row of charioteers, infantry, cavalry and horses. Each warrior has a distinctive, lifelike facial expression and bears trappings denoting his rank within the imperial army—general, senior officer, junior officer or common soldier.

Walk along Xi’an’s fortified medieval city walls, the best-preserved in China, and explore the lively streets of the Huimin quarter, infused with a rich heritage influenced by merchants who traveled the Silk Road 1300 years ago. Dumplings, called jiaozi in China, are said to have been introduced to Chinese cuisine 1800 years ago. Enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner in one of Xi’an’s most famous restaurants.

Lhasa, Tibet
One of the world’s highest cities at an elevation of 11,800 feet, Lhasa has been a center of Tibetan Buddhism since the religion was introduced here in the seventh century. Today in this captivating city, one can see devout pilgrims, prostrating monks, colorful neighborhood quarters and medieval monasteries.

Atop rocky Red Mountain, the magnificent 1000-room, 384-foot-tall Potala Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and once the winter residence of the Dalai Lamas, towers above the city.

The Chinese philosophy of feng shui—a space—guided the harmonious design of Lhasa’s monasteries and palaces. The magnificent 1000-room, 384-foot-tall Potala Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and once the winter residence of the Dalai Lamas, towers above the city.

Walk up the central stone staircase to this 13-story masterpiece of Tibetan architecture and see the ornately carved and painted ceremonial hall of the White Palace, where Tibet’s rulers ascended to the throne. Further up the mountain, visit the stunning chapels in the Red Palace, where opulent, jewel-laden monuments honor previous Dalai Lamas. Just outside the city, the 15th-century Sera Monastery, one of the great educational centers of Gelugpa, or Yellow Hat—the most widespread order of Tibetan Buddhism—once housed more than 5000 monks. Observe the animated style of debate they practice each afternoon in the courtyard of Sera’s largest school, a fascinating Tibetan tradition.

The UNESCO World Heritage-designated 18th-century Norbulingka Palace was built by the seventh Dalai Lama on a site of medicinal springs; the lush grounds of this “Jeweled Park” today constitute the largest garden in Tibet.

Cruise the scenic waterway carved by the Yangtze River through the heart of China, an exotic landscape of verdant mountains and shear cliffs.

“The China trip was a once-in-a-lifetime journey to eight cities. David and I are simply in awe of what you provided for the travelers. I truly believe that almost every single person in the group realizes we saw China as very few are privileged to do. Gohagan Travel Directors, the outstanding local guides, the hardworking and kind ship’s crew—they all were key to this incredible adventure.”

–Julie Nixon Eisenhower
The elaborate Jokhang Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the most sacred building in Tibet, was constructed in A.D. 647 in the heart of the city’s Old Town by Emperor Songtsen Gampo to honor his two Buddhist wives. Outside the temple complex, stroll along the winding lanes around bustling Barkhor Square, where Tibetan monks chant mantras and spin prayer wheels, fragrant incense wafts through the air and the brilliant colors of silk robes and turquoise jewelry line the alleys. Lhasa’s only female Buddhist monastery, the Canggu Nunnery, is an oasis amid the activity of Barkhor; here, the residents welcome visitors to wander the brightly hued courtyards and listen to their rhythmic recitations.

Chongqing, China
This picturesque mountain city, located at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers, is known for its traditional teahouse culture and spicy Szechuan cuisine. Visit Chongqing’s zoo, one of the largest of its kind in China, to see playful giant pandas—recently removed from the endangered species list after decades of conservation efforts—in specially designed garden habitats that emulate their natural environment.

Yangtze Cruise
Three Gorges/Three Lesser Gorges/Three Gorges Dam
This compelling three-day cruise aboard the m.v. VICTORIA JENNA stops in fascinating, historic ports and showcases the grandeur of one of China’s greatest natural wonders, the Three Gorges.

Ming and Qing emperors offered sacrifices and prayed for bountiful harvests in Beijing’s dignified Temple of Heaven, founded in the early 15th century.

Stay in Shanghai’s historic FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, whose pyramid-shaped roof is a landmark of the Bund skyline.

Five-Star Hotels

These distinctive and centrally located Five-Star hotels—a rarity in China—where you can actually walk to the major sites of Beijing, Xi’an, Lhasa and Shanghai, have been specially selected to enhance your individual exploration of each city.

HILTON WANGFUJING, Beijing, provides luxury accommodations in an unrivaled location in the colorful Wangfujing district, considered the cultural heart of Beijing.

FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, Shanghai, is a recently restored, legendary landmark hotel on the Bund and host to the world’s elite for over 80 years.

HILTON Xi’an, is ideally located within the ancient city walls, offering contemporary amenities and proximity to the city’s cultural highlights.

SHANGRI-LA, Lhasa, was inspired by the mythical paradise of James Hilton’s novel, Lost Horizon, and offers stunning views of the Himalayas and Potala Palace.
The deluxe M.V. VICTORIA JENNA provides modern cruise comfort on the Yangtze River. Designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards, the ship underwent a complete renovation in 2016.

There are only 189 spacious, river-view Suites and Cabins, decorated in contemporary Chinese and Western styles. All accommodations feature floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, from which guests can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River; air conditioning; private bathroom with bathtub/shower; telephone; satellite television with English and international channels; safe; closet; and hairdryer.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the Dynasty Restaurant. Chinese and Western cuisine feature local ingredients. Complimentary house wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are served throughout the cruise.

There are two lounges and three bars, an Observation Deck, library, Wi-Fi hotspots for Internet access, gift shop, spa and beauty salon, and fitness center. Shipboard entertainment and exercise programs feature traditional Chinese culture. There is a doctor on board. Laundry service is available.

The M.V. VICTORIA JENNA has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that provides personalized, amiable service.

Visit Shibaozhai, which translates literally to “Stone Treasure Fortress,” a rocky promontory on the north bank of the river. Built into its side is the Pearl of Yangtze, a graceful, 12-tiered red wooden pagoda rising 184 feet to the top of a towering cliff.

Pass through Kui Gate, the soaring twin peaks that mark the gateway to Qutang, the most dramatic of the Three Gorges. Admire the quiet beauty and sheer white-stone cliffs of stunning Wu Gorge, where the legendary Twelve Peaks look down from misty Wu Mountain, and embark a private small boat to float gently down the picturesque Goddess Stream. Lastly, cruise through spectacular Xiling, the longest gorge, en route to the Three Gorges Dam locks.

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Shanghai

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Included Features

In Beijing, China
◆ Three nights in the Five-Star Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, centrally-located near the Forbidden City. Full Western breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception and Peking duck dinner in the hotel.
◆ Excursion to the magnificent Great Wall of China, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch is included en route.
◆ Walking tour of the mysterious Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a visit to Tiananmen Square.
◆ Visit to the towering Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

In Xi’an
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star Hilton Hotel, located within the ancient city walls. Full Western breakfast each morning.
◆ Visit to the T’angling Imperial Tombs, a unique discovery.
◆ Excursion to the vast complex of the legendary Xi’an Terra Cotta Warriors, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Tour of old Xi’an, including the city’s inner walls, and the ancient Huimin quarter.
◆ Traditional Chinese dumpling dinner in one of Xi’an’s most famous restaurants.

In Lhasa, Tibet
◆ Three nights in the Five-Star Shangri-La Hotel. Full Western breakfast each morning, one dinner featuring traditional Tibetan music and two lunches.
◆ Visits to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Potala Palace, Norbulingka Palace and Jokhang Temple (including Barkhor Square).
◆ Excursion to the 15th-century Sera Monastery.
◆ Visit to the serene Canggu Nunnery.

In Chongqing, China
◆ Lunch in the Five-Star InterContinental Hotel.
◆ Visit to the Chongqing Zoo to observe giant pandas.
◆ On board the M.V. Victoria Jenna
◆ Three-night Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing to Yichang, with port calls at Shibaozhai and Sandouping for the Three Gorges Dam.
◆ River-view Suite or Cabin with a private balcony and private bathroom.
◆ Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner Banquet.
◆ Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner; complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea are available throughout the day.
◆ Complimentary Executive Lounge access, including Internet usage; Wi-Fi; and beer, wine and spirits one hour before dinner.
◆ Tai chi exercise sessions during the cruise.
◆ Excursion to Shibaozhai to see its impressive wooden pagoda.
◆ Private boat cruise on the Goddess Stream in Wu Gorge.
◆ Transit and tour of the Three Gorges Dam, the world’s largest hydroelectric dam complex.

In Shanghai
◆ Two nights in the historic Five-Star Fairmont Peace Hotel, located on the famous Bund waterfront. Full Western breakfast each morning.
◆ Farewell Reception.
◆ Panoramic tours of the famed Bund and Pudong districts.
◆ Visit to the renowned Shanghai Museum.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer/s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Tibet travel permit.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Chinese civilization originated along the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers during the Neolithic era, and for centuries, its culture, literature and philosophy flourished, with each dynasty and kingdom adding to its collective knowledge and heritage. Similarly, Tibet possesses a long and storied history of deep cultural tradition that formed along the Yarlung River Valley in the seventh century. Historic home of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's remote location among the foothills of the Himalayan mountains holds an intriguing allure. The peaks of the Himalayans are sacred to Buddhism, the religion that serves as a powerful bridge between the physical and spiritual relationship of China and Tibet. Its teachings have played an influential role in the politics, economics, technology and art among Tibetans, Chinese and their neighbors through the present day. Yet, for hundreds of years, China and Tibet were insular countries, allowing only glimpses of their cultural richness to the outside world via the Silk Road, which stoked the European’s imagination of exotic lands in the East. A mysterious land, one which Napoleon referred to as “a sleeping giant that would change the world when awoken,” China finally lifted its shroud in 1972. The reopening of China, and Tibet several years later, and the introduction of their ancient traditions to the Western world, vaulted the country into its current progressive nation status, which has been and continues to be a spectacular transformation of the most populous, perhaps most culturally unique place on earth.
Cabin Category | LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* | Early Booking Tariff* through March 22, 2017 | Tariff* after March 22, 2017
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5 | Cabin with two twin beds or one queen bed, Main Deck. | $4995 | $5995
4 | Cabin with two twin beds or one queen bed. Promenade Deck, forward and aft. | $5595 | $6595
3 | Cabin with two twin beds or one queen bed. Bridge Deck. | $6195 | $7195
2 | Executive Suite with two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, larger sitting area. Bridge Deck. | $7695 | $8695
1 | Executive Suite with two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, larger sitting area. Observation Deck. | $8195 | $9195
Deluxe Suite | Suite with two twin beds that convert to one queen bed and larger sitting area with sofa, chairs and writing desk. Promenade Deck. (limited availability) | $9195 | $10195
Shangri La Suite | Suite with extra large private veranda having front and side views of passing scenery, including a table with two chairs, one queen bed, jacuzzi tub with separate shower and additional living area with sofa, dining table and chairs. Sleeping and living areas can be separated by a curtain. Promenade Deck. (limited availability) | $9495 | $10495

Singles are available in category 4 at $8695* and in category 2 at $12195* on or before March 22, 2017. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 22, 2017.

*Taxes are an additional $210 per person and are subject to change.

Airfare Beijing/Xi’an, Xi’an/Lhasa, Lhasa/Chongqing and Yichang/Shanghai (internal program air) is $1295 per person additional and subject to change.

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I/We ___ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2017 Dynasties of China and Tibet.

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☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).

☐ Double occupancy (one queen bed).

☐ Single accommodations.

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☐ I/We want you to book my/our air from ______ (fill in departure city) to Beijing, China, with return from Shanghai, China, at additional cost to be advised. ¹

☐ Economy Class

☐ Upgraded Economy

☐ Business Class

☐ First Class

¹ Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

☐ I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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