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Discover China

May 8 to 22, 2013

Join me and Friendship Force ambassadors from around the world for an amazing experience in China! We'll explore Beijing, Xian, Chongqing and Shanghai. We'll also experience a night of home hosting with local families in Nanjing, organized by FFI's partner organization, JICEC.

Here are a few of the highlights of Discover China:



Hutongs in Beijing

Hutongs are alleyways formed by rows of traditional Chinese courtyard-style houses. We will have lunch with a local family in one of these traditional homes. Then, you'll have an opportunity to learn how to make dumplings, make and fly a Chinese kite, learn calligraphy or try the art of Chinese scissor cutting.

Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven

No visit to Beijing would be complete without seeing its most famous and relevant historical landmarks. Tiananmen Square is the third largest city square in the world and the site of several important events in Chinese history, including the protests of 1989. Built in 1420, the Forbidden City was the home of China's imperial families and the center of government for almost 500 years. These same emperors visited the Temple of Heaven for annual prayer ceremonies.



The Great Wall

The Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China is one of four places where the wall is accessible to tourists. Farther from Beijing and the road, this section is less crowded - we'll take a cable car to the top!

The Terracotta Warriors

In Xian, we'll view the world famous army of life-sized terracotta warriors that have stood guard over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang for over 2,000 years. Also in Xian, we'll be able to walk on the ancient city wall and take in a music and dance performance.



Yangtze River

On a three-day river cruise, we'll take in spectacular sites, including the fabled Qutang Gorge and the Twelve Peaks of Wu Gorge.

Nanjing

Spend a night with a Chinese family in Nanjing. Former FFI board member Jack Cang and the Friendship Force partner organization JICEC will provide a fascinating cultural program for us in Nanjing, including visits to local schools, a folk music concert, and sighting-seeing in the Confucian Temple area and other historical sites.



Optional 3-day Li River Extension

For even more great experiences, add the optional 3-day extension. It includes a Li River cruise, unique opportunities for shopping and tasting local food specialties, and a visit to the Reed Flute Cave, where ancient inscriptions dating back to 792 AD have been found. [Read more.](#)

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Contact me with your questions or to apply.

Rita Powell, FF Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, USA

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Estimated Price: \$2,750 USD for the main 14-day program. Includes FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Program Fees. This fee does not

include international airfare or tipping and gratuities. The single supplement fee for the main program is \$576 USD. You are required to have a visa to enter China: fees for your Chinese visa are not included in the program pri