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Happy Chinese New Year



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ACFS LUNCH FOR CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY - 12.00PM

No. 1 STEAMBOAT RESTAURANT, 1 LYGON STREET (CNR VICTORIA ST).

\$30 PER HEAD (ACFS MEMBERS), \$35 PER HEAD (NON-MEMBERS)

Bookings by Friday 19 February

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Language, Communication and Ethnic Identity in Australia

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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On behalf of ACFS (Vic) I welcome all members and readers to 2013, the Year of the Snake.

I never cease to be amazed by the complexity and nuances of Chinese cultural traditions. Those of us brought up in Anglo/European culture often think of snakes as malignant and negative, no doubt being influenced by the Garden of Eden story in Christian tradition. However, according to Chinese culture and tradition people born in the Year of the Snake are said to be intuitive, introspective and graceful. They are also exciting and dark at the same time and can be contemplative, private and not outwardly emotional. They can plot to achieve their goal. I suppose these are matters to consider.

Our committee looks forward to a full and exciting year and I look forward to seeing you at our lunch on 23rd February at 12 noon as detailed in our newsletter.

John D. Breheny - President

We are looking for people of Chinese-Australian heritage (Mandarin speaking) to participate in a study on how ethnic identity is expressed by people from different ethnic backgrounds.

Participants will need to have been born (or emigrated here as an infant) in Australia but have Mandarin-speaking parents born in China.

We would like participants to come in pairs and will film the two of you chatting and being interviewed.

So, if you and a friend or relative both fit the above description, have a spare 90 minutes and are happy to be videotaped:

- (1) having a conversation with each other,
- (2) retelling a story based on a stimulus video
- (3) being interviewed about your experiences as

a member of your community (and you both are happy for these videos to be made available to researchers), then please contact Alexandra:

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Australian-China Friendship Society in Association with Travman Tours

Ancient Silk Road by Private China Orient Express 6 -17 Sep 2013

In ancient times, the Silk Road was China's link with central Asia and Europe. We retrace this epic route by the privately chartered Orient Express, unveiling the mystery and excitement of this legendary route as it takes us through desolate mountains and deserts, through bustling bazaars and crumbling mud-brick towns.

Beijing Luoyang Xian Tianshui Jiayuguan Dunhuang Turpan Urumqi

Price per person at twin share basis:

Ex Melbourne, Sydney or Perth: \$3,820

Ex Brisbane: \$4,080.

Single room supplement: \$1,520

* Passengers ex Melbourne depart on 5 Sep, return on 18 Sep. Passengers ex Sydney or Perth, depart on 6 Sep, return on 18 Sep. Passengers ex Brisbane depart on 5 Sep, return on 19 Sep.

Inclusions:

- * China Southern Airline economy class return airfares & taxes
- * 5 nights superior twin share cabin on China Orient Express Train
- * 6 nights 4 -5 star twin share hotel accommodation
- * All transfers, sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary
- * English speaking national escort on the train
- * Local English speaking guides
- * Daily breakfast, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- * Peking duck, Tang Dynasty dinner & show
- * Chinese visa application fee
- * Local tipping

Price and itinerary is subject to change without notice. To make a booking, a non-refundable deposit \$450 per person is required with a completed booking form. Final balance is payable 90 days prior to the departure. Booking terms and conditions apply.

Itinerary

6 Sep 13 FRI Fly Australia to Beijing

Board China Southern Airline flight to Beijing. Upon arrival you will be met & transferred to Beijing Sheraton Hotel or similar for one night.

7 Sep 13 SAT Train Beijing to Luoyang

This morning tour the magnificent Forbidden City, the imperial residence for the Qin and Ming emperors. After a tasteful Peking duck lunch, we ride the pedi-cab to explore the local historical Hutongs. Next, after dinner board the chartered China Orient Express train departing Beijing Rail Station. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Accommodation: Superior Twin cabin, China Orient Express

8 Sep 13 SUN Luoyang to Xian

Upon early arrival at Luoyang, the City of Peony, we will get off the train and will be picked up and drive to the Shaolin Temples, the cradle of Chinese martial arts, explore the historical temples, watch Kongfu Show and taste the vegetarian lunch. Later tonight we board on the Orient Express for Xian. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Accommodation: Superior Twin cabin, China Orient Express

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**9 Sep 13 MON Xian**

After breakfast our train arrives at Xian, China's most important ancient city and the starting point of the Ancient Silk Road. Next, climb the Ancient City Wall and have a stroll on it. This afternoon visit the iconic Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight enjoy the spectacular Tang Dynasty dinner and show. Meals: Breakfast, Peking duck lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Xian Sheraton Hotel or similar

10 Sep 13 TUE Xian to Tianshui

Today's highlight is the Terracotta Warriors, one of the greatest historical discoveries in the world. This afternoon stroll in the picturesque Hot Spring Park. Later tonight our train departs for Tianshui. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Superior Twin cabin, China Orient Express

11 Sep 13 WED Tianshui to Jiayuguan

Upon early arrival, we will get off the train and tour Maiji Grottoes, one of the four historical grottoes in China, with more than 7000 stone carvings. Next board China Orient Express heading to Jiayuguan Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Superior Twin cabin, China Orient Express

12 Sep 13 THU Jiayuguan

Upon early morning arrival at Jiayuguan, a city with a history of more than 600 years, the western end of the Great Wall. Tour the Great Wall and the ancient City Tower.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Jiayuguan Holiday Inn Plaza pr similar

13 Sep 13 FRI Jiayuguan to Dunhuang

After breakfast, relax yourself on board until we get off the train at Dunhuang, an important historical city. Tour the Sand Dunes, experience the camel ride in the Gobi Desert and visit the Crescent Moon Spring. Tonight browse through the bustling local night markets before we check in our hotel. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Dunhuang Hotel

14 Sep 13 SAT Dunhuang to Turpan

This morning we visit the World Cultural Heritage, Mogao Grottoes, one of the most significant cultural discoveries in the 20th Century. Later this afternoon we board the Orient Express train departing for Turpan.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Superior Twin cabin, China Orient Express

15 Sep 13 SUN Turpan to Urumqi

Upon early morning arrival at Turpan, we start to explore the ancient water irrigation system, an incredible ancient project, and the flaming mountains. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Urumqi Hoitak Hotel or similar

16 Sep 13 MON Urumqi

Take the day excursion to cruise on the Heavenly Lake, explore the breathtaking sceneries of the mountain ranges. Next visit the provincial museum and the bustling international bazaar. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Urumqi Hoitak Hotel or similar

17 Sep 13 TUE Fly Urumqi to Australia via Guangzhou

After breakfast, free at leisure to explore until transfer to the airport for flight to Guangzhou, then connect flight home.

18 Sep 13 WED Arrive Australia



AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY IN ASSOCIATION WITH TRAVMAN TOURS

Culture and Minorities of Southern China **Guiyang - Anshun - Kaili - Kunming - Dali - Lijiang**

Situated in the Southwest of China, Yunan & Guizhou provinces proudly have the most ethnic minorities, such as Miao, Yi & Tujia people, this tour will take you to explore the remote villages, to experience their diversified culture, to get close to the friendly people as well as to discover the untouched beauty of this vast land.

Itinerary

Day 1 25 Aug 13 Fly Melbourne - Guangzhou

Fly China Southern Airline flight to Guangzhou, overnight on plane.

Day 2 26 Aug 13 Fly Guangzhou - Guiyang

Fly to Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou Province, home to more than 30 minorities. This afternoon visit the Jiaxiu Tower, the city's historical icon. Have a stroll in the Qingyan Ancient Town, a town completely constructed with stones.

Accommodation: Guiyang Regal Hotel, 2 nights

Day 2 27 Aug 13 Anshun

Today we drive to Anshun and visit Huanggeshu Waterfall, the largest waterfall in Asia. On the way visit the ancient town and enjoy the local grand opera of Laohan ethnic group. Return to Guiyang for overnight. (B/L/D)

Day 3 28 Aug 13 Guiyang - Kaili

Appro 3-hour drive takes us to Kaili, the hometown for Miao & Gejia Minorities. After a short visit to the folk museum about the local ethnic groups, drive to Qingman Short Skirt Miao Village and Shiqiao Miao Village. Stay in Kaili for the next two nights. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Kaili Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 nights

Day 4 29 Aug 13 Kaili

This morning visit the colorful local market, and then drive to explore the amazing Langde Miao Village, get interactive with the locals and watch them sing and dance. (B/L/D)

Day 5 30 Aug 13 Kaili - Guiyang - Kunming CZ3423 1945/2050

Drive back to Guiyang and fly to Kunming. Arrive Kunming. Yunnan Province which is made up of twenty six ethnic nationalities. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Kun Ming Hotel 2 nights

Day 6 31 Aug 13 Kunming

Spend a day visiting the Stone Forest, one of the most remarkable nature phenomenal in China. It is located 86 KM from Kunming in the Lunan Yi Autonomous County and is the habitat of the Sani people. The Stone Forest is a collection of grey limestone pillars, formed about 270 million years ago. Visit a local Sani Tribe's village on the way back. (B/L/D)

Day 7 1 Sep 13 Fly Kunming - Dali

This morning after visit the Yunnan Ethnic Village, we fly to Dali, a famous ancient city in China. Dali lies at the corner of Erhai Lake and the snow-capped Cangshan Mountain, which is home to the Bai people. You will have a short trip on the Erhai Lake. This afternoon you will visit the traditional Bai people's Tie-Dye- Cloth workshop at Zhoucheng Town. Visit the Bai People's Town Xizhou for the traditional Bai's house with their traditional Three-Course-Tea. Then visit to the famous three towering pagodas of Chongsheng Monastery, the Old Town of Dali for its traditional Bai's life style and interesting local market. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Landscape Hotel 1 night

Day 8 2 Sep 13 Dali - Lijiang

Drive on the scenic country road to Lijiang, home to the Naxi people. On arrival you will visit the White Water River and Ming Dynasty's Baisha Mural Paintings, an old town, which is a 'living museum' with its maze of cobbled streets and canals, ornately carved wooden buildings and teahouses. Visit the Black Dragon Pool renowned for its flowers and

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various famous pavilions. (B/L/D)
Accommodation: Jianhnanchun Hotel, 3 nights.

Day 9 3 Sep 13 Lijiang

Visit the Spring Meadow on the Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car - the top of the mountain is covered in snow all year round. Visit Jade Peak Lamasery. This evening attend a performance of Dongba Ancient Music, the only music from Tang Dynasty, some 1,200 years ago. (B/L/D)

Day 10 4 Sep 13 Tiger Leaping Gorge

Enjoy an excursion to the Tiger Leaping Gorge, the deepest gorge in the world. Trekking the gorge will reward you with some spectacular views of the local scenery. (B/L/D)

Day 11 5 Sep 13 Fly Lijiang - Kunming - Guilin CZ3488 1605/1645 CZ3248 1755/1940

Free at leisure to explore the old town until transfer to the airport for flight to Guilin. (B/-/-)
Accommodation: Park Hotel 2 nights

Day 12 6 Sep 13 Guilin

Today's highlights is the Cruise on the legendary Li River, with breathtaking views of limestone peaked mountains. Browse the bustling Yangshuo market before return to Guilin. (B/L/D)

Day 13 7 Sep 13 Fly Guilin - Guangzhou - Melbourne This morning sightseeing features the colorful Reed Flute Cave, the Elephant Trunk Hill. Enjoy some free time transfer to the airport for flight to Guangzhou, then connect flight to Melbourne. (B/L/-)

Day 14 8 Sep 13 Arrive Melbourne

Price per person: \$3,575.00 (Twin share), single room supplement: \$570.00

Inclusions:

China Southern Airline return airfares & taxes Melbourne - Guangzhou - Guiyang, Guilin - Guangzhou - Melbourne
Domestic airfares Guiyang - Kunming - Dali, Lijiang - Kunming - Guilin and taxes
12 nights first class hotel accommodation
Daily breakfast, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
Private chartered air-conditioned coach
Sightseeing tours with entrance fees
Local English speaking guides
Chinese visa application fee

Price for land only: \$2,770.00 per person (Twin share). (Inclusion as above except international airfares & taxes from Melbourne - Guangzhou - Guiyang, Guilin - Guangzhou - Melbourne.)

Conditions: Above costs are based on minimum 10 people traveling together. Price is subject to increase if there are less than 10 people booked.

Not included in the prices: Foreign exchange rate fluctuation, increases in taxes, or gratuities to the local guide / driver at \$80 per person. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

Optional trip 1 - Nine Village Valley**Chengdu - Mt Emei - Jiuzhaigou****Day 13 7 Sep 13 Fly Guilin- Chengdu**

Today fly to Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan Province. Transfer to your hotel. (B)
Accommodation: Tibet Hotel

Day 14 8 Sep 13 Fly Chengdu - Jiuzhaigou

This morning visit the Panda Breeding Centre, a rare chance to see these incredible endangered animals. Fly to Jiuzhaihou, known as the Nine Village Valley, a natural wonder on the earth. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Gesang Hotel, 3 nights

Day 15-16 9-10 Sep 13 Jiuzhaigou

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We spend two full days to visit the scenic wonders, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, covered by primitive forests and dotted with hundreds of lakes and ponds. (B/L/D)

Day 17 11 Sep 13 Fly Jiuzhaigou- Chengdu - Mt Emei

This morning we fly to Chengdu, and drive by coach to Leshan, where we pay visit to the Giant Buddha, the tallest stone Buddha in the world. Later we continue to Mt Emei. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Hongzhushan Hotel 1 night

Day 18 12 Sep 13 Mt Emei - Chengdu

This morning we take the cable car to the Golden Peak, enjoy the breathtaking views of the mountain ranges and explore the Buddhist Temples. Later drive back to Chengdu for overnight. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Tibet Hotel 1 night

Day 19 13 Sep Fly Chengdu - Guangzhou - Melbourne

Free at leisure to relax until transfer to the airport for flight to Guangzhou, then connect flight to Melbourne.

Day 20 14 Sep 13 Arrive Melbourne**Surcharge per person:**

\$2,100 (Twin share) if the group size is between 6-9 people.

Or \$1,835 (Twin share) if the group size is more than 10 people.

Single room supplement: \$520.

Inclusions:

Domestic flights & taxes Guilin - Chengdu - Jiuzhaigou - Chengdu

6 nights first class accommodation

Daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 5 dinners

Privately chartered air-conditioned coach

Sightseeing tours with entrance fees

Local English speaking guides

Not included: Increases in taxes & foreign exchange rate fluctuation, or gratuities to the local guide/driver at \$40 per person.

Optional trip 2 - Fujian Province Xiamen - Yongding - Wuyishan - Fuzhou

Day 13 7 Sep Fly Guilin - Xiamen

Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for flight to Xiamen. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Xiamen Minnan Hotel 2 nights

Day 14 8 Sep Xiamen - Yongding - Xiamen

This morning after 3.5 hour scenic drive, we arrive at Yongding, visit the Hakka Cultural Village, a world heritage site. Later return to Xiamen. (B/L/D)

Day 15 9 Sep Fly Xiamen - Wuyishan

This morning we board the ferry to Gulangyu Island, highlights on the island include the traditional puppet show, a seaside garden, piano museum, and the South Putuo Buddhist Temple. Later fly to Wuyishan. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Wuyishan Hotel 2 nights

Day 16 10 Sep Wuyishan Mountain

Full day tour features bamboo rafting along the Jiuqu Stream, the Wuyi Palace, Tianyou Peak and the ancient street. (B/L/D)

Day 17 11 Sep Wuyishan - Fuzhou

This morning continue to explore the natural beauty of Wuyi Mountain before we travel by scenic train ride to Fuzhou, the capital city of Fujian Province. (B/L/D)

Accommodation: Ramada Hotel 1 night

Day 18 12 Sep Fly Fuzhou - Guangzhou - Melbourne

Free at leisure to explore until transfer to the airport for flight to Guangzhou, then connect flight to Melbourne. (B)

**Day 19 13 Sep Arrive Melbourne****Surcharge per person:**

\$1,550 (Twin share)

Single room supplement: \$385.

Inclusions:

Domestic flights & taxes Guilin - Xiamen-Wuyishan

Soft seat train Wuyishan - Fuzhou

5 nights first class accommodation

Daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

Privately chartered air-conditioned coach

Sightseeing tours with entrance fees

Local English speaking guides

Not included: Increases in taxes & foreign exchange rate fluctuation, or gratuities to the local guide/driver at \$40 per person.

Above price is based on minimum 6 people traveling together.

How to book

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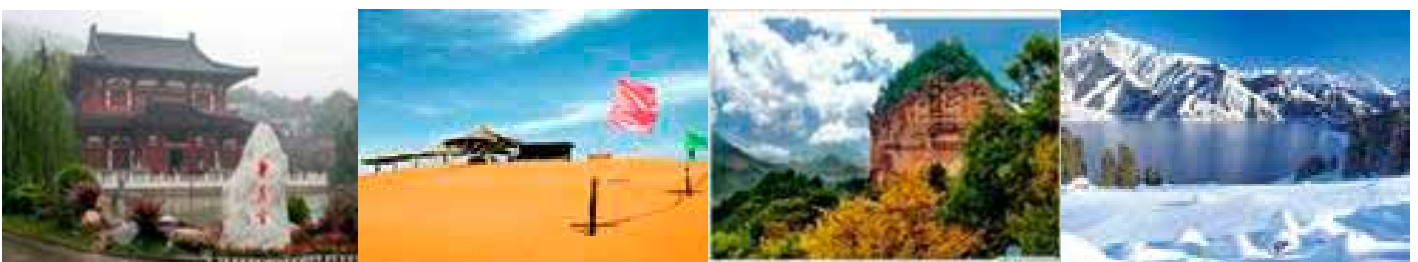
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THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY'S AIMS

Cultivate friendly relations with the people of China by fostering the study of China's history, language, culture, social and political structure.

Promote mutual understanding through friendly exchanges between the people of China and Australia. Strengthening ties with travel, the exchange of ideas, information and trade between the two countries.

To seek to clarify misunderstandings between the peoples of China and Australia, which may arise from the misrepresentation of information.

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Family Name (Mr /Mrs/Ms/Other)..... Given Names

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