NC State Alumni Association presents

CLASSIC CHINA & THE YANGTZE

April 19-May 2, 2016

14 days from $4,384 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($3,895 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $489 airline taxes and fees)

A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of North Carolina State University

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Beijing, China

Day 2: Arrive Beijing  We arrive in the Chinese capital and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax we meet our tour director for a walking tour of the area surrounding our hotel. Dinner is on our own.

Day 3: Beijing  After this morning’s briefing with our tour director, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast — and infamous — Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1368-1911). Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall  Our day begins with a rickshaw ride through Beijing’s ancient back roads and alleys (hutongs). Here we visit the home of a local family for a rare glimpse of the traditional communal life-style that is fast disappearing. Then we make a brief photo stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we encounter the Great Wall, the incredible collection of ancient defense installations (and UNESCO World Heritage site), that stretches more than 5,500 miles and where we visit the Mu Tian Yu section by cable car. B,L,D

Day 5: Beijing  This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex where China’s emperors once worshipped. Later this afternoon we tour the Summer Palace, formerly the royal retreat with beautiful gardens and temples that is now a park attracting both visitors and locals. B,L

Day 6: Beijing/Xian  This morning we fly to Xian, once among the world’s greatest cities that devolved into a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974 — considered among the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th-century. This afternoon, we tour Xian’s impressive nine-mile...
city wall and moat. Tonight, we enjoy a special dinner of traditional Chinese dumplings. **B,L,D**

**Day 7: Xian**  Our day begins at Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE), among China’s most acclaimed Buddhist temples. After lunch we visit the museum housing the renowned Terra Cotta Warriors, the more than 7,000 life-sized soldiers created to guard China’s first emperor in the afterlife. We see these astounding pieces, each with an individually sculpted face, standing in military formation in three separate vaults. The entire complex is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. **B,L,D**

**Day 8: Xian/Chongqing/Board Ship**  This morning we fly to Chongqing, where we visit the zoo housing the beloved pandas. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we board our Victoria Cruises ship and set sail this evening. **B,L,D**

**Day 9: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu**  Prized for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world’s busiest and longest (3,600 miles) rivers. As we cruise along the storied riverway, this afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the “ghost city” of Fengdu, with its complex of shrines, temples, and monasteries. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Wu Gorge/Small Gorges/Xiling Gorge**  It’s a day of beautiful scenery as we first pass through narrow Qutang Gorge, smallest of the Yangtze gorges, followed by tranquil Wu Gorge. Then we board a small *sampan* for a cruise through the stunning Small Gorges. Flanked by sheer cliffs and steep mountains, the Small Gorges recall scenes from ancient Chinese scroll paintings. Back on board our Victoria Cruise ship, late this afternoon we enter 42-mile Xiling Gorge, with its swift rapids and churning whirlpools. Tonight we enter the locks of the immense Three Gorges Dam. **B,L,D**

**Day 11: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai**  We tour the site of the immense Three Gorges Dam Project this morning then continue cruising to Yichang. Here we disembark and fly to Shanghai, the “Paris of the East.” Dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan city. **B,L**

**Day 12: Shanghai**  Our day begins with a walking tour of the Xin Tian Di shopping and entertainment area of reconstituted traditional homes. We continue on to beloved 16th-century Yu Yuan Gardens, whose plantings, courtyards, and pavilions create the illusion of mountains,
“Every step is on the path.”
— Lao-Tzu

caverns, and lakes. After lunch together we tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend an acrobatics show.  \( B,L \)

Day 13:  Shanghai  This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors – and their buildings – once held sway over Shanghai. Still one of the city’s most popular attractions, the Bund draws visitors and locals alike. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure; your tour director will help you find your way from here, perhaps to the bustling Nanjing Road shopping district...to the Oriental Pearl TV Tower for a birds-eye view of this dynamic city...or to a scenic boat ride along the Huangpu River that bisects Shanghai. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner.  \( B,D \)

Day 14:  Depart for U.S.  We depart Shanghai for our return flights to the U.S.  \( B \)

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[Image of Victoria Cruises Premier Ships]

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**Tour Departs: April 19, 2016**

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $489, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $995.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $3,495 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Due to Chinese visa restrictions, no registrations can be accepted within 45 days of the tour departure.

Please Note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call NC State Alumni Association toll-free at 1-800-627-2586 or 1-919-515-0508

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights aboard Superior First Class ship of Victoria Cruises; 9 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip, including shore excursions
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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[Image of Victoria Cruises Premier Ships]

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Victoria Cruises Premier Ships

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All Cabins: Private balcony; satellite TV with HBO
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an exciting small group tour to China. From the capital of Beijing to fascinating Xian, and the fabled Yangtze River to cosmopolitan Shanghai, you will experience China’s ancient past as well as its fast-moving present on this inclusive tour.

Begin in China’s modern-day capital, the 2,000-year-old city of Beijing, and visit its legendary sites including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and, of course, the Great Wall. Enjoy a special rickshaw ride along Beijing’s ancient alleyways, then continue on to Xian, site of the excavated terra cotta army of more than 7,000 life-size warriors. From there fly to Chongqing and board your Victoria Cruises ship for a three-night cruise on the fabled Yangtze and see the spectacular Three Gorges Dam. Conclude your tour in Shanghai, a dazzling city that epitomizes 21st-century China. A 4-day/3-night extension to Hong Kong is also available.

We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from the University of Iowa. Space is limited to 24 guests in total from both our schools, and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Kathy Hart
Associate Executive Director
Wolf Treks Coordinator

THE NC STATE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: CLASSIC CHINA & THE YANGTZE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_____ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Classic China & The Yangtze departing April 19, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send (with completed registration form) to: NC State Alumni Association, Box 7503, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7503. Or call toll-free at 1-800-627-2586 or 1-919-515-0508. Please ask for Kathy Hart. You may also fax your reservation form to Kathy Hart at 1-919-513-7804.

Method of Payment

- Check  
- American Express  
- Discover  
- MasterCard  
- VISA

Account # ____________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date ________________

Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________

Signature ____________________________________________________

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Classic China & the Yangtze, April 19-May 2, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ____________________________ Date________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by January 15, 2016, and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airline baggage fees; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility
The liability of the NC State Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The NC State Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited and the NC State Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL NC STATE TOUR TO CHINA!
 Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

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