Day 1: Depart USA Board your international overnight flight to China.

Day 2: Arrive Shanghai Upon arrival in Shanghai, we are welcomed and transferred to our hotel. You will be treated to a special foot massage at Jiafufuqiao, a real treat after a long flight. The remainder of the day is at our leisure.

Day 3: Shanghai Visit the Old Town, where cobbled streets are lined with traditional shops and take a relaxing walk through moon gates in the peaceful Yu Gardens. Afterwards we view the superb antiquities at the Shanghai Museum. Next explore Xintiandi, once a dilapidated strip of shikumen buildings, unique to Shanghai. Enjoy lunch at Meiyuancun Restaurant. Later we explore the historical riverfront area known as the Bund and shopping on Nanjing Road. In the evening we will enjoy a cruise on the spectacular Huangpu River. (B.L)

Day 4: Shanghai to Hangzhou Travel to Hangzhou, the beautiful capital of Zhejiang Province. We will visit one of the lush tea farms where we can enjoy a traditional tea tasting. Relax on a cruise on the tranquil West Lake. (B.L)

Day 5: Hangzhou Start today’s sightseeing with a visit to the magnificent Lingyin Temple, meaning ‘Inspired Seclusion’. It is the largest temple in southern China. From here continue to Liuhe Pagoda also known as ‘Six Harmonies Pagoda’, which was once used as a lighthouse. (B.L.D)

Day 6: Hangzhou to Xian This morning, fly to Xian, which means Western Peace, located on the banks of the Yellow River and has a history dating back to 1000BC. Visit the renowned Shaanxi Provincial Museum, home to thousands of priceless cultural relics. Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter. This evening we feast on a sumptuous Shui Jiao Dumpling dinner at De Fa Chang, while enjoying a performance of music and dance dating back to the Tang Dynasty era. (B.L.D)

Day 7: Xian Visit the famous UNESCO World Heritage listed Terracotta Warriors and Horses, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century and enjoy a lower level viewing area a lecture by an archaeologist working on the site. Visit the Ancient City Wall, a 500-year-old barricade built to protect the city. Lunch is at the Aegean Sea Restaurant. (B.L)

Day 8: Xian to Beijing Fly to Beijing, the capital of the People’s Republic of China. (B.L)

Day 9: Beijing Today you will travel by motorcoach to Hebei University for a full day. (B)

Day 10: Beijing This morning we will walk through Tiananmen Square through the outer gates of the Imperial Forbidden City, the sacred center of the Chinese empire for 500 years. From here we visit the 15th century Temple of Heaven, one of the more perfect examples of Ming architecture. Our evening entertainment is a fascinating Chinese acrobatic performance. (B.L)

Day 11: Beijing Drive northwest of the city to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. After we have been given an introduction to the Great Wall’s unique history, we will have free time to explore the rest at our own pace. Enjoy lunch at the Old Schoolhouse, followed by a visit to the Summer Palace, a retreat for emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. For your farewell dinner this evening you will sample the local delicacy, Peking Duck at the world famous Quanjude Restaurant. (B.L.D)

Day 12: Depart Beijing Transfer to the airport to board our flight back to the USA. (B)