

Berea College Concert Choir

China Performance Tour (14-day)

Day1/U.S.
May 29,2007

Depart the U.S.
Flight to China via Chicago or Cincinnati
United Airlines Flight UA851 leaves Chicago at 12:03 p.m. and arrives in Beijing at 2:25 p.m. May 30

Day 2/Beijing
May 30, 2007

Arrive Beijing
Upon arrival in Beijing, the Capital City of China, a representative from The InterCulture Tours will meet you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel in downtown Beijing. Welcome dinner after short break. Leisure time in the evening for the group to explore the downtown on its own.

Day 3/Beijing
May 31, 2007

Great Wall and Concert Performance
An emblem of Chinese civilization, a cultural phenomenon of world caliber, the Great Wall is a must see. Practice in the afternoon before the evening concert at the historic **Beijing Music Hall** within the Forbidden City.

Concert venue: Beijing Music Hall

Day 4/BeijinBeijing
June 1, 2007

Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square
Begin the day with a visit to the vast Tiananmen Square, the largest public space in the world in the heart of modern China. A tour of Forbidden City follows. The massive 15-century complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens was once home to the emperors of Ming and Qing dynasties. Zhengzhou is the capital city of Henan Province, the birthplace of Chinese civilization.

Day 5/Zhengzhou
June 2, 2007

Exchange Program at Zhengzhou Univeresity, Concert Performance
Flight to Zhengzhou this morning.
Pay a visit to Zhengzhou University where you will be welcomed by university faculty and students. Mingle with Chinese students and university choir over a dinner party. Joint concert with Zhengzhou University Choir this evening.

Venue: Grand Concert Hall of Henan Provincial Center of Art
Or Zhengzhou University Auditorium

Day 6/Kaifeng

June 3, 2007

Shaolin Monastery, Song Dynasty City

Half-hour bus ride to the 1,500 year-old Shaolin Monastery, the birthplace of Kung Fu, the original form of all martial arts. The temple is situated at the western edge of the Songshan Mountains. Catch a live Kungfu demonstration performed by the Grandmasters and monks.

Bus transfer to Kaifeng this afternoon. During The Song Dynasty 1,000 years ago, Kaifeng, the capital city, was the richest and most culturally diverse city in the world. You'll be transported back to that time when you visit the historical recreation of a Song Dynasty city at Riverside Park. You'll experience daily Song Life as you board an ancient boat, explore the narrow streets, cross the rainbow bridge, try you hands at traditional crafts, participate in ceremonies and meet "officials" and "residents" in period costumes.

Day 7/Kaifeng

-Shangqiu

-Kaifeng

God of Fire Terrace, Old GuiDe City and City Wall,

45-minute bus ride to the nearby Shangqiu, a small ancient town well-known for its rich historic and cultural heritage, where you can still witness the old ways of Chinese living. Pay a visit to God of Fire Terrace, which is said to be where Yan Bao, the God of Fire in remote antiquity, was buried. Also tour the Old City of GuiDe and walk on the old city wall, under beneath which old cities from Tang Dynasties and dynasties after are buried one on top of the other. Explore the Fresh Market in downtown Shangqiu, experience the daily life of ordinary Chinese people and chat with local residents with the help of our guides.

In the afternoon, pay a visit to Kaifeng University where you will be welcomed by faculty and students. Mingle with Chinese students and university choir over a dinner party. Evening performance.

Venue: Kaifeng University Concert Hall.

Day 8/Luoyang**White Horse Temple and Longmen Buddha Grottos**

2.5-hour bus transfer to Luoyang this morning. Today we will visit the charming White Horse Temple, China's oldest Buddhist Temple and the magnificent 6th century Longmen Buddha Grottos, an United Nation Heritage Sites.

Train to Xian this evening (leaves at 11PM, arrives at 7AM)

Day 9/Xian**Qin Dynasty Terra Cotta Warriors. Muslim Quarter**

The Qin Dynasty Terra Cotta Warriors is one of the world's most famous

archaeological sites. There are over 6,000 life-sized figures, each individually modeled after a soldier. The Muslim Quarter of Xi'an is one of China's oldest neighborhoods, which was once the center of trade at the end of the Silk Road. The Muslim Quarter also offers some of China's best shopping, in a traditional market setting.

Day 10/Xian

Shanxi Historic Museum & Exchange Program and Concert Performance at Xian Electrical Technology University (XETU)

Begin with the tour of Shaanxi Historical Museum. You will see perhaps the most extensive collection of prehistoric and early dynastic artifacts, drawing from over 3,000 years of Chinese history.

In the afternoon, enjoy personal interaction with XETU students. Tour XETU campus guided by XETU students. Joint concert performance with XETU choir this evening.

Venue: Concert Hall of XETU

Day 11/Xian

**Option A: Culture Seminar at Xian International Studies University
On Traditional Chinese Art and Music**

Option B: Big Wild Goose Pagoda (This is the place where the Buddhist monk Xuan Zang, immortalized in the Chinese classic "Journey to the West", translated the first Buddhist texts into Chinese from Sanskrit. The pagoda was built in 648 AD. Today the temple is active for both tourists and worshipers).

Choose one of the 2 options in the morning and exchange program and joint concert at Xian University of Architecture and Technology (XUAT) this afternoon.

Day 12/Shanghai

Yuyuan Garden, "Town's God" Temple Market & The Bund

Flight to Shanghai this morning.

City tour starts with a visit to the tranquil Yuyuan Garden, the best example of classical gardens of Shanghai. Make a tour of discovery of local Folklore and Ming and Qing Dynasty architecture in the lively "Town's God" Temple Market. Walk along the picturesque Bund on the shore of the Huangpu River.

Free time in the evening.

Day 13/Shanghai

Shanghai Youth Palace & Pudong Business District

Visit Shanghai Youth Palace to observe how Chinese teenagers study traditional Chinese art. Tour of Pudong Business District to experience the China's economic development.

Practice in the afternoon and concert performance in the evening.

Venue: Heluting Music Hall or Central Normal University Auditorium

Day 14/Shanghai
June 11, 2007

Xiangyang Market, Shikumen Architecture and French Concession,

Flight back to the U.S.

Tour Shikumen Architecture, a style of housing of old Shanghai & the charming French Concession area well known for its shops and Cafe. Free time at Xiangyang Market which is ideal for shopping for yourself and your family and friends.

Flight Depart Shanghai for the U.S., arrive in the U.S. on the same day.

United Airlines Flight UA 836 leaves Shanghai at 3:40 p.m. and arrives in Chicago at 3:54 p.m. the same day

Quotation:

14-day All Inclusive Concert Tour: \$2700/person for Berea College students; \$3200 for Berea College alumni. Including a \$500 tax-deductable donation towards the cost of student travel