

# **Charleston Area Alliance Business Mission & Cultural Tour of China April 16-24, 2010**

Join the Charleston Area Alliance and local business/community leaders for a 9-day, all-inclusive trip to experience the wonders of China. The trip includes:

- Roundtrip international airfare from New York's JFK Airport
- Domestic airfare from Beijing to Shanghai to Hangzhou
- 4- and 5-star hotel accommodations
- 3 full meals each day
- Deluxe bus transportation
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides
- Entrance fees into attractions including the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, Yu Garden, Ming Tombs and many others

**Only \$2,299 per person (double occupancy) for Alliance members; cost is \$2,699 per person (double occupancy) for future Alliance members. Single occupancy rate is an additional \$450.**

China is the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy, and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest market for West Virginia products and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest for U.S. products. Last year state businesses exported more than \$250 million worth of goods and materials to the country, while the U.S. exported a total of \$71 billion.

## **Preliminary Itinerary**

### **Business Mission**

The business mission track is being developed and will include meetings with key representatives of the U.S. Department of Commerce and American Consulate, the American Chamber of Commerce, export specialists and government leaders to learn about doing business in China, facility tours and meetings with U.S. companies doing business there. If you are interested in the business track for this trade mission, please begin working with the Economic Development staff of the Alliance as soon as possible to help schedule meetings and business events that will be beneficial to your business.

### **Cultural Tour**

A cultural tour track will be offered for those who want to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. This track can also accommodate the spouses or friends of business mission participants. Daily sightseeing tours have been arranged with ample time to enjoy the sights including excursions to the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Tiananmen Square and Palace Museum (known as the Forbidden City), the Linger Garden, Temple of Heaven and other impressive attractions.

The preliminary schedule/agenda is detailed below. The itinerary may change between now and the departure date. Ongoing updates and details of the itinerary will be shared with participants.

**Day 1 – April 16: JFK/Beijing**

Depart from JFK International Airport for your trip to Beijing. Your adventure begins as you fly trans-Atlantic aboard a wide cabin jetliner. We will cross the International Date Line.

**Day 2 – April 17: Beijing**

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. We will be met by our local tour guide at the airport. Transfer to the hotel after dinner.

**Day 3 – April 18: Beijing**

Business Track participants will be meeting with the U.S. Commercial Services Office of Export. All participants will Visit Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world and the Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 A.D. Sightseeing also includes the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, home of 24 emperors with a total space of 9,999 rooms.

**Day 4 – April 19: Beijing**

Tour bus excursion to the Great Wall; the 4,000 mile long and 2,000 year old construction. Visit to the Ming Tombs; one of the 13 Ming Emperors' Tombs is fully excavated and open for exploration. Dinner will be the famous roasted duck dinner, similar to the dinner President Nixon experienced with Chairman Mao in the 1970s.

**Day 5 – April 20: Beijing/Shanghai/Suzhou**

Morning China Eastern flight to Shanghai. Afternoon sightseeing to the centuries-old Linger Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Visit the National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, an important local craft with 1,000 years of history. Evening dinner show with traditional Chinese music.

**Day 6 – April 21: Suzhou/Hangzhou**

Morning tour bus journey to Hangzhou. All participants will visit the Economic Development Zone and the centuries-old Lingyin Temple, featuring the 64.3-foot high camphor-wood carved Buddha.

**Day 7 – April 22: Hangzhou/Shanghai**

Morning boat cruise on West Lake with relaxing stopover at jewel-like pagodas and tea houses. Afternoon tour bus trip to Shanghai.

**Day 8 – April 23: Shanghai**

Sightseeing includes the Yu Garden, a maze of marvelous pavilions, ponds, rocky works and over-arching trees. Visit to the Bund, a famous waterfront park. Business visit to the Pudong Economic Development Zone.

**Day 9 – April 24: Shanghai/Beijing/JFK**

Morning flight to Beijing. Afternoon flight will depart for JFK.

## Important Information

### **Registration**

Price per person, based on double occupancy, is \$2,299 for Alliance members or \$2,699 for future members. Single occupancy rate is an additional \$450. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure your registration. The remaining balance (\$1,999 for Alliance members, \$2,399 for future members) is due by December 15, 2009.

### **Our Tour Operator**

Citslinc International, Inc., a member of the Charleston Area Alliance, is based in Monterey Park, CA and has 28 years experience in the China tour business. The company specializes in organizing tours for chambers of commerce, helping more than 10,000 people visit China through chamber tours each year.

### **Passport & Chinese Visa**

A current passport (valid through September 2010) and Chinese travel visa are required. Securing or updating a passport is the traveler's responsibility.

Citslinc International will handle the travel visa application process; a fee of \$145 is required. Your passport, a signed visa application form and two passport photos must be submitted in January; your passport will be returned within 10 working days. This is a standard practice for groups planning international travel.

### **Travel Insurance**

The airline imposes a \$500 cancellation fee after tickets are purchased, if you should need to cancel your trip for any reason. We strongly recommend that you acquire travel insurance which would cover such a loss.

### **Questions**

Please contact Jeri Adkins by calling the Charleston Area Alliance at 304-340-4253 or [JAdkins@CharlestonAreaAlliance.org](mailto:JAdkins@CharlestonAreaAlliance.org) for more information.



## China Tour Registration Form

Only \$2,299 per person (double occupancy for Alliance members/  
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Please use a separate registration form for each person traveling.

Full Name (as it appears on your passport):

\_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check track choice: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment is enclosed for:

\$300 non-refundable deposit: \_\_\_\_\_ (Balance due by December 15, 2009)

\$2,299 per person for Alliance member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$450 Single occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

\$2,699 per person for future member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$450 Single occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

Check: Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Charleston Area Alliance)

Credit Card – Type \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form(s) and payment to: Jeri Adkins  
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