



# CHINA, 2012

October 16 - 23 days

Can. \$ 5,706.00 per person

(from Vancouver based on two persons sharing a room.  
Single room supplement \$630)

**Includes all meals, tips, taxes, excursions site admissions, visas. Fully escorted.**

**Beijing, Pingyao, Guilin, Xian,  
Yangtze River cruise  
& much more!**

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Minimum group size is 15, should this number not be reached a full refund will be made. Elan Tours reserves the right to change the tour or amend the itinerary. Program changes may be deemed necessary prior to, or after departure. Elan Tours will make every effort not to defer additional costs incurred but reserves the right to do so.

Elan Tours reserves the right to cancel any individual membership in the program if Elan Tours deems such action is in the best interest of the group.

Elan Tours will not be responsible for any loss, damage, injury, delay, expense or inconvenience occasioned by acts of God, errors or omissions by its agents and suppliers, or any cause or event beyond its control. The passenger contract in use by each airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between each airline and the group members. No transportation company supplying services to the group shall have or incur any responsibility for liability to any traveller aside from their liability as common carriers.

You are advised to contact your Doctor or Public Health authority regarding inoculations, medications etc. Although China is increasingly less demanding good endurance is required. There is a fair amount of walking in visiting scheduled sites. Please plan your luggage to your ability to carry it at times. Those with disabilities are welcome but must provide their own companion as there is no provision for individuals who require ongoing assistance.

**DEVIATIONS: It is sometimes possible to fly out or back on a different date from the group. We will do everything possible to accommodate your request but air deviations MUST be requested very early as a minimum number must always travel together. Any requests will be dealt with on first come first served basis and must be made minimum of 3 months prior to departure.**



Terra Cotta Army

### REGISTRATION FORM China— October 2012

Name (As on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ Aeroplan No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_ e mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Smoker \_\_\_\_ Non smoker \_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(day) (month) (year)

Single room? \_\_\_\_ Double room? \_\_\_\_ Twin room \_\_\_\_ Name of room mate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Roomate must also submit a registration form.)

Please describe any dietary or relevant medical concern:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emrg. Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e mail \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms and conditions of the tour program. I certify that I am aware that this tour requires me to be in good condition and that I will not require personal assistance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A non- refundable of \$600.00 is due at the time of booking and the balance will be due on August 1st 2012.

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make payment (By cheque, or credit card) to: Elan Travel

How did you learn of this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A PHOTO COPY OF THE PICTURE PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID FOR A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS BEYOND THE RETURN DATE OF THE TOUR.**

**ELAN TRAVEL WILL REQUIRE YOUR PASSPORT AND A COMPLETED VISA FORM (WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE) IN JULY 2012 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN YOUR ENTRY VISA**

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## ITINERARY

### October:

- Tue. 16 Dep. Vancouver  
Wed. 17 Arr Beijing , 3:00 PM  
Thu. 18 Great Wall, Cloisonne factory Palace, Peking Duck dinner  
Fri. 19 Forbidden city, Tienanmen Sq., Temple of Heaven  
Sat. 20 Train Beijing/Datong, city tour  
Sun. 21 Yungang Buddhist caves, Nine Dragons Screen  
Mon. 22 Bus to Taiyuan, Wooden Pagoda, Hanging Monastery, Great Wall ruins, visit a cave dweller  
Tue. 23 Bus to Pingyao, walk on the city wall and in the lanes  
Wed. 24 Fly to Xian, shopping time at the Muslim Street Market  
Thu. 25 Visit the Terra Cotta Warriors, Bangpo Neolithic village, Tomb of Emperor Qinshihuan, Tang Dynasty show & Dinner  
Fri. 26 Visit the city wall, Drum Tower, jade factory & Wild Goose Pagoda  
Sat. 27 Fly to Guilin, view cormorant fishing  
Sun. 28 Visit the Yao and Dong minority people at Longshen  
Mon. 29 Day cruise on the Li River  
Tue. 30 Guilin, visit to Reed Flute Cave, Wave Subduing Hill and Market. Overnight train to Wuhan  
Wed. 31 Board our Yangtze cruise ship
- ### November:
- Thu. 1 Cruise to the Three Gorge Dam  
Fri. 2 Xanlong Stream and the Lesser gorges  
Sat. 3 Cruising with visit to the Pearl Pavilion  
Sun. 4 Disembark at Chongqing, Panda Zoo, tour of old town  
Mon. 5 Fly to Shanghai, visit Yuyan garden and the new Bund, Shanghai Acrobats show  
Tue. 6 Free day to shop, explore on your own or take an optional excursion to Suzhou, famous for its classical gardens, silk production and canals. (Lunch not included today)  
Wed. 7 Fly to Vancouver (Arr. November 7)

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided each day commencing with dinner on Oct. 17. Except, no lunch provided in Shanghai on November 6.)



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Beijing:** The political heart of this vast and centrally governed country. The Great Wall is said to be the only man made object visible from space.

**Datong:** Primarily an industrial city and coal mining centre, the surrounding area holds much interest for the visitor; including, the 50,000 statues, many very large, located at the Yungang Buddhist caves; and the unique 1400 year old Taoist cliff side Hanging Monastery.

**Pingyao:** A World Heritage site and perhaps the least changed of any Chinese city. The ancient city wall is still intact and the original dwellings are still in use.

**Xian:** While famous for the 2000 year old Terra Cotta army, Xian is well worth a visit in its own right. The city was the starting point of the Silk Road, and contains many impressive buildings which date back to this period. The twin bell and drum towers are particularly beautiful.

**Guilin:** The famous mystical limestone peaks found here have been a theme of Chinese painting for centuries. A day cruise on the Li River is the best way to view the scenery. Other sites include the traditional fishermen who still use cormorants to catch fish and the enormous Reed Flute cave, which gave shelter to 1,000 people during WWII air raids. Close by are the rice terraced hill sides which are home to the Yao and Dong indigenous people who proudly keep their traditions, costumes and language.

**Yangtze cruise:** Our cruise will take us to the newly constructed dams and through the locks to massive lake beyond and then through the magnificent Three Gorges.

**Chongqing:** In 1938 the Nationalist Kuomintang government made this small city its capital, it is now home to 25 million! But it still has a fine Old Town. We will also visit the Panda zoo.

**Shanghai:** The Chinese city most favoured by western tourists, the riverside Bund still has a European flavour to it; evening is perhaps the best time to stroll the Bund. Although large the city is easy to navigate and has some of the best shopping in China. Pudong is the thriving modern city located across the river.

## Your tour price Includes:

- Return air fare from Vancouver with Air Canada
- Accommodation
- Domestic travel by train, bus or plane as per itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily
- Canadian escort plus an English speaking Chinese guide
- Admissions to museums, historical and cultural sites, and scheduled entertainments
- Tips and baggage handling (One bag 20 kgs.)
- All taxes and Airport fees and transfers

## Not included:

- Extra drinks, laundry, telephone calls and all items of a personal nature.
- travel insurance
- Admission to events not incl. in the itinerary

## HOW TO BOOK.

Contact Elan Travel to reserve your place and forward the attached booking form with refundable non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 per person. The balance will be due 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, ASK US FOR A QUOTE



## SUGGESTED READING:

Behind the Wall  
Peking (Beijing)  
A Journey into China

Legacies: A Chinese Mosaic  
Through the Moon Gate—A Guide to China's Historic Monuments  
The Kitchen God's Wife  
The Hundred Secret Senses  
The Soong Dynasty  
I Saw Three Chinas  
A History of Chinese Civilisation  
Wild Swans  
The Dragon Empress  
Journey to the West  
The Last Emperor  
A Dream of Red Mansions (Classical Chinese novel—Ching Dynasty)  
Caves in the Desert

Colin Thubron  
David Bonavia  
National Geographic  
Han Suyin  
Amy Tan  
Amy Tan  
Sterling Seagrave  
Molly Phillips  
J. Gernet  
Jung Chang  
Marina Warner  
Wu Cheng'en  
Edward Behr  
Tsao Hsueh-Chin/  
Kao Ngo  
George Woodcock

