Exclusive Cal departure – September 25-October 8, 2019

CLASSIC CHINA & THE YANGTZE

14 days from $4,684 total price from San Francisco
($4,195 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $489 airline taxes and fees)

Comprehensive in scope yet briefer in duration than many China tours, this relaxed, well-paced journey combines monumental Beijing, a cruise on the fabled Yangtze, fascinating Xian, and cosmopolitan Shanghai. Traveling in your prized small group, you’ll have the good fortune to meet local people and to experience a host of China’s highlights, both ancient and of the moment.

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 lifestyle 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, the former 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, Xian 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

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Beijing touring, including Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall • Beijing hutong tour and home visit • Traditional Peking Duck dinner • Xian’s Terra Cotta Warriors • Three-night Yangtze River cruise, including Three Gorges and Small Gorges • Cruise aboard premier ship of Victoria Cruises • Included shore excursions • Visit to site of new Three Gorges Dam • Shanghai sightseeing: acclaimed Shanghai Museum, the Bund, Yu Yuan Gardens

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Beijing
2-5 Beijing Wanda Vista Deluxe
6-7 Xian Wyndham Grand Deluxe
8-10 Yangtze Cruise Victoria Cruises Sup. First Class
11-13 Shanghai The Kunlun Jing An Deluxe
14 Depart Shanghai for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

A UNESCO site, China’s Great Wall winds across deserts and grasslands, mountains and plateaus for more than 5,500 miles.
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 this storied waterway, 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 Cruises 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, 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. 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 … or to a scenic boat ride along the Huangpu River that bisects Shanghai. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner.  B,L,D

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

Tour membership limited to 24 Cal alumni and friends

Featuring Joe Larrie, Executive Director Emeritus of UC Berkeley’s International House

Victoria Cruises Premier Ships

Launched/Rebuilt: 2004–2011  Air Conditioning: Yes
Registry: Chinese  Decks: 5 or 6
All Cabins: Private balcony; satellite TV with HBO

Post-Tour Extension

October 8-11, 2019
Hong Kong – On Your Own
4 days/3 nights for $1,095 total price
Single Supplement: $455

Explore this dazzling Chinese city on your own: great shopping, a mouth-watering diversity of cuisine, and a vibrant city scene.

Your Tour Price Includes

• Air transportation Shanghai/Hong Kong, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (Deluxe)
• 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
• Transfers to/from airport

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 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
• $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Cal Discoveries/Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)
• Cal lecturer’s participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent on a minimum number of paying travelers

For questions, call Cal Discoveries Travel 510.900.8222 or toll-free 888.225.2586
Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2019, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our
receipt of your notification. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to Cal Discoveries Travel. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

**For all tours (except as noted)**

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**For Ancient Greece, Journey through Vietnam**

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. Trip cancellation insurance is available from CAA and information will be sent after you reserve. You may research travel insurance online at travelinsure.com/calalumni. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

**Pre-Departure**

After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

**Single Travelers**

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

**Changes to Your Reservation**

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other 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 to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

**Required Information**

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our international travel partners: **your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender** (for details, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

**Travel Documents**

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you the appropriate information after you make a reservation. You are responsible
for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

**Smoking**

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Health and Medical Issues**

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or email us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Cal Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation**

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels 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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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, booking the tour “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, Cal Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

**Responsibility**

The liability of Cal Alumni Association (CAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. CAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, and 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, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. CAA 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 lines, 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. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
CALL DISCOVERIES TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $____($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. 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 mail deposit check to: Cal Discoveries Travel, Cal Alumni Association, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520. For questions, please call 510.900.8222 or toll free 888.225.2586.

Full Passport Name______________________________ Date of Birth ____________ Gender ______
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Primary Phone (___)______________Cell Phone (___)______________

Please book my/our air from ______________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ______________
I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________ Date______________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Account # __________________________ Security Code __________ Exp. Date ____________
Name of Cardholder _________________________________________________________________
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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 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.

CAA MEMBERSHIP POLICY

One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of $60 for seniors 65 years and over and $75 for others establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. Memberships are for individuals only, and are non-refundable and non-transferable. A traveling pair and their children under 21 years of age may travel on one membership. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.