UCEAP Hong Kong Reunion Tour

China & Hong Kong: High Tech Mega-Cities & Classical Elegance

April 8 - 18, 2015

Hong Kong • Shanghai • Hangzhou
Join fellow UCEAP reunion participants for an unforgettable tour of Hong Kong and China. The cities you will visit offer unique and vibrant vestiges of colonialism, and imperial splendor. As cultural and economic centers of China these modern hubs of business and innovation offer visitors a unique perspective.

Start in Hong Kong, with a magical skyline as backdrop there is no end to the fascination of this self-styled city. Famous as the major hub of Far Eastern commerce and the base of many multinational corporations in Asia, Hong Kong has emerged as “Asia’s World City” featuring world-class hotels, dining, architecture, culture and the arts. Marvel at the rows and rows of dried herbs at Sheung Wan market, the Giant Buddha on Lantau Island, the incredible views from Victoria Peak, and the floating homes of Aberdeen village. Special UCEAP reunion events are planned on April 10th and 11th in Hong Kong!

Next, head to Shanghai and find out first hand why this cosmopolitan city is featured on many of the world’s top travel destination lists. Experience the highlights, from the ultra-modern Skyline of the Pudong to the colonial history of the French Concession. Soak in the effusive Chinese charm of Yuyuan Gardens and marvel at the magnificent collection of antiquities and art at the Shanghai Museum. Renowned for being the epicenter of the technological boom driving China’s economy, feel the pulse of the dynamic city that is shaping the future of China.

Afterwards, take the new bullet train for 50 minutes to Hangzhou, a historic city located on the beautiful West Lake. Hangzhou became the cultural center of China when the capital was moved here in 1129. The transfer brought imperial families, officials, merchants, literati, artists, and the most outstanding minds of the country to this city of great beauty. The concentration of genius on the shores of the West Lake created a lasting heritage for which China is world-famous today.

All along the way, your resourceful local guides will provide insightful commentary that gives context to the places you will see. These enchanting regions will create memories for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

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Tour Highlights
Experience the Delights of a Well-Crafted Itinerary

• Enjoy a cable car journey to Lantua Island and see the Tian Tan Big Buddha, the world’s largest, seated outdoor, bronze Buddha statue.

• Visit the stilt houses of Tai O Village, also known as the “Venice of the East.”

• Stroll along Shanghai’s Bund, famous for its vintage colonial buildings of ’20s and ’30s, enjoy the stunning views of the modern Pudong district and feel the pulse of China’s modern boom.

• Sample China’s finest Longjing tea at the Meijiawu Tea Plantation and meet tea farmers who continue the ancient art of longjing tea cultivation.

• Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at a clinic in a courtyard setting with acupuncture, herbal medicine and massage treatment.

• Tour Lingyin Temple, one of the earliest grand Chan Buddhist temples remaining in China today.

• Wander through the courtyards of the grand architectural compound of the Qing dynasty merchant, Hu Xueyan.
April 8 - 9 • U.S. - Hong Kong
Depart the U.S. for Hong Kong. Arrive the next day and transfer to the hotel. (meals aloft)
• Accommodations at the Metropark Kowloon

April 10 • Hong Kong
After breakfast, visit the Sheung Wan Dried Food & Herbal Market. Hong Kong remains very traditional when it comes to health and beauty aids. Ginseng, deer horn, sea horses and other exotic resources are staples of many Chinese households. Take a walk through the herbal medicine markets and learn some of the theory behind traditional belief as shopkeepers and herbal practitioners introduce you to their abundant herbs and medicines, and gain insight into old age practices.

Stop by the Man Mo Temple, a temple for the worship of the civil or literature god Man Tai and the martial god Mo Tai. The two gods were popularly patronized by scholars and students seeking progress in their study or ranking in the civil examinations in the Ming and Qing dynasties. The Man Mo Temple is located at Hollywood Road; it was built in 1847.

Before lunch drive up to Victoria Peak. Hong Kong is rightly famed all over the world for the stunning views from Victoria Peak - a sight that never fails to amaze visitors as they behold the unbelievable panorama virtually stretching as far as the eye can see. Neatly bisecting the near and far land

Included meals indicated each day as Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), and Dinner (D).

April 11 • Hong Kong
This morning, enjoy a stunning 5.7 kilometer cable car journey with an impressive cultural themed village and access to the Tian Tan Big Buddha, the world’s largest, seated outdoor, bronze Buddha statue.

Your half day will include a visit to Ngong Ping Village, which reflects the cultural and spiritual integrity of the Ngong Ping area. Enjoy the “Walking with Buddha” exhibit for an immersive, multimedia experience that explores and explains the life of Siddhartha Gautama – the man who became Buddha. Monkey’s Tale Theatre presents a light-hearted charming and comical show inspired by the famous Buddhist Jataka stories. Go to the Ngong Ping Tea House, set in a beautiful Chinese garden, offering a selection of fine teas and traditional Chinese tea ceremonies.

Po Lin Monastery is found in the beautiful plateau of Ngong Ping on Lantau Island. Nestled between the hills, this grand monastery was founded in 1927 and is a major center of Buddhism in the region. The main temple houses 3 bronze statues of the Buddha representing his past, present and future lives as well as many Buddhist scriptures.

The highlight of Po Lin Monastery is the Tian Tan Buddha, otherwise known as the Giant Buddha, who is seated on the hilltop, up a flight of 268 steps. The 34 meter (112ft), 250 ton sculpture is the world’s largest seated outdoor bronze statue of the Buddha. The statue was opened to the public in December 1993 after 10 years of construction. The views of the surrounding countryside from the base of the statue are simply stunning and there are also small exhibition galleries for view inside the statue.

A special vegetarian lunch is served at the Po Lin Monastery. In Chinese Buddhism, also known as Mahayana Buddhism, it is prohibited to kill. After lunch, you will visit Tai O Village, also known as the “Venice of the East.” It was once the largest inhabited settlement on Lantau Island. The village’s stilt houses on the waterfront offer a glimpse into Hong Kong’s past and provide a striking contrast with the modern city.

This evening there will be a special
reunion event arranged by UCEAP. (B,L)

April 12 • Hong Kong - Shanghai
This morning is free for personal exploration. Take an afternoon flight to Shanghai. You are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in downtown Shanghai.
In the evening, you may wish to explore Xintiandi in downtown Shanghai. Designed by MIT architect Ben Wood, Xintiandi is a $200 million two-block “entertainment environment” with modern restaurants, clubs, cafes and boutiques. Xintiandi proved so successful a model for urban redevelopment that it spawned at least dozens of imitators across the country.
• Accommodations at the Jinjiang Tower by the French Concession

April 13 • Shanghai
In the morning wander the old French Concession with European style villas in the historic district.
Tour historic Yuyuan Gardens, which is designed in six unique parts, making the garden seem much larger than it really is. It has one of the best Ming rockeries. Wending the zigzag bridge to Huxingting Teahouse is a delight.
For lunch, enjoy delicious Shanghai dim sum at Lv Bo Lang Restaurant.
In the afternoon take a walking tour along the Bund famous for its vintage colonial buildings of ‘20s and ‘30s. With stunning views of the modern Pudong district, the Bund also provides a window into China’s dynamic future.
Take a boat ride on the Huangpu River.
In the evening enjoy a banquet at Dingxiang Garden Restaurant. (B,L,D)

April 14 • Shanghai
Tour Madam Sun Yat-sun’s Residence and stop by the People’s Park where museums and grand opera house gather in the popular downtown.
Visit the outstanding collection of art and artifacts at the Shanghai Museum where a soaring musical fountain draws you into a five-story granite structure in the shape of a classical tripod cooking vessel.
After lunch stop by the Jewish Community Center and Ohel Moshe Synagogue.
Walk the lively Taikang Road with boutique galleries, shops and cafes.
Return to the hotel for dinner on your own. In the evening there is an optional Shanghai Acrobatic show at Era Theatre, one of the most stunning acrobatic performance in the world! (B,L)

April 15 • Shanghai - Hangzhou
This morning take the bullet train from Shanghai to Hangzhou (64 minutes).
Hangzhou is the most elegant and beautiful city in China today. Marco Polo, a great devotee of Hangzhou (some reports say he was once governor here), called it “Paradise on Earth.”
Upon arrival, tour the elegant Qing dynasty Guo Zhuang Garden and stop by picturesque Quyuanfenghe Park.
Tour Meijiawu Tea Plantation and meet tea farmers who continue the ancient art of longjing tea cultivation.
Return to hotel for lunch on your own.
Enjoy a gentle hike up Gushan Hill by the West Lake. Traditional architecture, landscape gardens, pavilions and museums line up the hillside with a bird’s-eye view of the West Lake and Hangzhou City.
In the evening wander lively Xihu xintiandi by the West Lake with fine dining and boutique shops. (B,L)
• Accommodations at the Shangri-La Hotel by the West Lake

April 16 • Hangzhou
After breakfast, stroll through Huagang Park with its lovely flora and fauna, so representative of southern Chinese elegance.
Visit the National Silk Museum and learn the evolution of the ancient Chinese silk art, the process of cultivation, production and refinement.
Visit a Chinese Medical Clinic in a traditional courtyard setting with acupuncture, herbal medicine and massage treatment.
In the afternoon tour the beautiful Lingyin Temple, one of the earliest grand Chan Buddhist temples remaining in China today.
Visit the grand architectural compound of the Qing dynasty merchant, Hu Xueyan. Countless courtyards lead from one to another, culminating in a grand garden with monumental rock and architectural design.
Dinner is at a local restaurant featuring Hangzhou cuisine. (B,D)

April 17 • Hangzhou - Shanghai
Take a late morning bullet train to Shanghai.
The afternoon is free for personal exploration and shopping. (B)
• Accommodations at Jinjiang Tower Hotel.

April 18 • Shanghai - U.S.
After breakfast, depart for the airport and your return flight. Arrive in the U.S. the same day. (B,meals aloft)
Post - Tour Extensions: Stay in China a while longer!

Customize Your China Experience

Ancient Capitals of Beijing and Xian
April 18 - 23, 2015
See some of imperial China’s most magnificent sites. Marvel at the architecture and the dynastic culture of the Ming and Qing emperors.
In Beijing, learn why China remains the world’s oldest continuous civilization. Traverse rugged mountains on the serpentine course of the Great Wall, the most enduring symbol of China. In the city of Xian see the Qin dynasty come alive through the extraordinary 2,300-year-old life size terracotta warriors in the tomb of China’s first emperor. Walking Muslim Street, connect to the country’s Islamic past.

Guilin’s Sublime Li River and Magnificent Terraces of Longsheng
April 18 - 22, 2015
Immerse yourself in the sublime beauty of Guilin, Longsheng and the famous Li River. Explore the evocative world of Longsheng, where traditional Zhuang and Yao people have sculpted rice terraces into precipitous hillsides since the Song dynasty.
View the spectacular karst formations of Guilin, vertical mountains were thrust up from the seabed some 300 million years ago. Cruise the Li River, winding past ancient villages, and walk through agricultural paradise in Yangshuo.

The Majestic Huang Mountains And Ancient Huizhou Villages
April 18 - 22, 2015
Take a one-hour flight from Shanghai and explore Anhui province and its idyllic landscape of rice paddies, Ming and Qing dynasty villages, and dynastic market center.
Discover traditional Anhui life in Hong and Guanlu villages.
Then, visit the crown jewels of the region, the Huang Mountains. The beauty of the granite precipices towering above the morning valley fog has provided inspiration to Chinese artists for centuries. On foot and by cable car, explore the Yellow Mountains’ fabled views.
Tour Cost

Main Tour, Per Person, Double Occupancy $4,590
Single Supplement $1,390

Extension Prices, Per Person:
Beijing & Xian Double $2,550 Single $850
Guilin & Longsheng Double $2,295 Single $790
Huang Mountains Double $1,995 Single $750

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Main Tour Includes:
- Double occupancy accommodations
- All meals listed in itinerary
- All sightseeing, entertainment, and cultural activities listed in itinerary
- Chinese airport taxes
- All air and ground transportation within China
- English-speaking Chinese local tour guides
- China Advocates’ national tour director (with a minimum of 10 participants)
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on main tour
- Preparatory materials

Not Included:
- Domestic U.S. and international airfare
- Gratuities to national tour director
- Gratuities on extensions
- Airport transfers and porterage
- Visa processing
- Meals not included in the tour
- Excess baggage charges
- Travel insurance
- Liquor, wine, & beer, and other items of a personal nature

For more information, please call China Advocates at 888.333.2585 / 415.3334.4505
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Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available. You will receive travel insurance information once you are confirmed on the program.

**Itinerary is subject to modification. Prices are subject to change without notice.**

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**Tour Reservation Form**

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Enclosed is a deposit for $ __________________ ($700 per person) to hold ________________ place(s).

Please make checks payable to China Advocates. Final payment is due January 8, 2015.

Name (1) ___________________________________________ Birthdate ___________________

please print your name as it appears on your passport

Name (2) ___________________________________________ Birthdate ___________________

please print your name as it appears on your passport

Address ___________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________________ State ______________ Zip ___________

Phone: Home ___________________________________________ Alternate __________________

E-mail ____________________________________________________________________________

Accommodations:  □ Double  □ Single  □ I need assistance in securing a roommate.

Extensions:  □ Beijing & Xian  □ Guilin and Longsheng  □ Huang Mountains

(I understand that if a roommate cannot be secured for me, I agree to pay the single supplement fee(s).)

□ Non-Smoker  □ Smoker  Bed Request:  □ One Bed  □ Two Beds (if available)

I/We understand that, by signing below, I/we acknowledge that the Responsibilities and Conditions section of this flyer has been read and accepted.

Signature __________________________________ Date _______________________

Signature __________________________________ Date _______________________

Credit Card Payment for Deposit  □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express

Card Number: __________________________________ Exp. Date ______________ CVV Code : _______________

(Visa/MC 3 digits on back, Amex 4 digits on front)

Signature __________________________________ Date _______________________

(Credit card payment is for deposit only. Balance must be paid by check.)

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