

Montgomery County China Mission Trip Information

Sept. 15-25, 2013 Shanghai - Xi'an - Benxi - Beijing

Group Travel Information

There will be four group options for travel based on interest of the trip and length of stay. Everyone is expected to travel from Shanghai to Xi'an to participate in Sister City activities. Once the activities are completed, we will split into four groups on September 21st:

Fly to Shanghai Sept. 15	Shanghai + Xi'an Sept. 16-21	Groups will split into 4 on Sept. 21	Sept. 23	Sept. 25
all groups will fly out of DC on Sept. 15 and land in Shanghai on Sept. 16	all groups will participate in Sister Cities Delegation activities in Shanghai from Sept. 16 - 18 and in Xi'an from Sept. 18 - 21	Group 1 (Business Development): fly to Benxi with County Executive	Group 1: fly to Beijing	Group 1: fly back to DC
		Group 2 (Cultural Exchange): fly to Beijing	Group 2: fly back to DC	n/a
		Group 3: on your own (stay in Xi'an or fly to other destinations)	Group 3: fly back to DC	n/a
		Group 4: fly back to DC	n/a	n/a

Daily Itinerary and Track Information

Each day, itineraries will be broken down into 3 tracks. Participants can choose tracks based on interest. Itineraries will be finalized a month before the trip.

Track 1: Business/Economic Development

Track 2: Cultural

Track 3: Education/Social Services

Example of Daily Itinerary:

D2 September 16	Arrive in Shanghai			
D3 September 17 Shanghai	Morning	Breakfast at Hotel		
		Track 1: Free Time	Track 2: Free Time	Track 3: Free Time
	Afternoon	Welcoming Lunch Banquet hosted by CE		
		Track 1: Business Networking Conference	Track 2: Mile-long walk along the Bund Nanjing Road Shanghai Museum	Track 3: Visit to elementary school Panel discussion with parents of students
		Evening	Dinner at Shanghai Restaurant Optional: Huangpu River Night Cruise	

Price Information

Estimated Total Trip Cost Per Person

Total costs are **estimated*** and does not include travel insurance (see notes below)

Group	Single Economy	Single Business	Double Economy	Double Business
1	\$3,843	\$7,308	\$3,378	\$6,843
2	\$3,035	\$6,500	\$2,510	\$5,975
3	\$2,940	\$6,405	\$2,410	\$5,875
4	\$2,820	\$6,285	\$2,355	\$5,820

* Estimated Total Cost Includes:

1. International flights for economy class (DC -> Shanghai and Beijing -> DC).
Based on estimated airfare of \$1,445 for economy class on Air Canada with 1 stop. For business class, additional cost is approx \$3,400 per person.
2. Travel Accidental Insurance in China.
3. Domestic flights in economy indicated on the itinerary
4. Luxury Hotel accommodation
5. Daily meals as indicated on the itinerary (B/L/D)
6. Sightseeing tours indicated on the itinerary
7. Admission fees, Show, special banquet as indicated
8. English-speaking tour guide
9. Local transportation Administrative fee for Montgomery Sister Cities
(considered as a tax-deductible donation)

* Estimated Total Cost Does NOT Include:

1. Travel Insurance (Medical/Trip Cancellation)
2. Gratuity for tour guide and driver (\$8.00/day)
3. Chinese Visa fee
4. Any personal expenditure, such as phone bills, laundry, postage...etc
5. Any other charges caused by the acts of God, natural disasters, fires, weather, governmental and local authority's orders, political change, strikes, war, riots, quarantine, custom regulations, damages or injury caused by the accident beyond the responsibilities of travel agents and incurred due to the tourist action violating the law
6. Any items not listed in the itinerary

Registration and Payment Information:

1. Registration is closed for Group 2. We are only accepting registration for businesses.
2. Deposit of \$300, cash or check only, made payable to travel agent listed below by August 15th, 2013.
3. Registration forms and photocopies of passports should be returned with deposit check.
4. It is recommended that airfare be booked through the travel agent listed below approximately two months before departure date (July 15th). Payment for airfare must be made in full by check or cash. If a credit card is used, there will be 5% surcharge.
5. Remainder of package cost must be made to the travel agent listed below by August 15th, 2013.
6. \$100 administrative fee payable to Montgomery Sister Cities, preferably by check, is due August 15th, 2013.

Travel Agent:

Contact: Wendy Liu
China Travel Service DC (Nexus Holidays)
932 Hungerford Dr, #7A
Rockville, MD, 20850
Phone: 301-917-2222 Toll free: 1-800-919-8041
Fax: 301-917-2240
Email: chinatraveldc@gmail.com
Chinese Web: www.nexusholidays.net
English Web: www.nexusholidays.com

Visa Information:

We recommend travelers send in their visa application with passport 45 days before departure day. The application fee is \$140 or you may use the travel agent listed above at a fee of \$30 per application.

- 1) Passport– You should submit your original passport that is valid for at least another 6 months with at least one blank visa page and a photocopy of the passport's information/photo page.
- 2) Visa Application Form– You should submit the Visa Application Form of the People's Republic of China (V2011A) which is truthfully completed and signed (<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/adr/>).
- 3) Photo– Please affix one color photo on the Application Form. The photo should be recent, front view, in 48mm x33mm size without head covering.
- 4) If traveler has visited China before, and previous Chinese visa is not printed on current passport, please provide a copy of previous Chinese visa page.
- 5) Invitation letter from Travel Agency or Personnel (We shall provide, if you travel with Nexus holidays)
- 6) Air flight Booking Confirmation with each traveler's name. (We shall provide, if you book with Nexus holidays)
- 7) Tour Itinerary (We shall provide, if you travel with Nexus holidays).
- 8) Your Chinese relatives or friend's local ID if you are invited by personnel.