

Program for square dance tour to China,

9 – 23 of October 2010, 15 days

9 Oct Departure from London at 10.20 am. We'll take the flight with Finnair through Helsinki to Beijing.

10 Oct Arrival in Beijing after breakfast on board the flight. We start our tour with a visit to the **Beijing Zoo** to see the panda bear. After lunch the bus will take us to the magnificent **Summer Palace**, the Chinese royal family's summer residence by the Kunming Lake.

We end our sightseeing tour here and head for our nice hotel to check in and rest. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

11 Oct We can sleep a little longer in the morning. We make a visit to the **Tiananmen Square** and after lunch we visit **The Forbidden City**. After dinner we hope to do some square dancing together with Chinese dancers.



12 Oct We start the day with a visit to a park to watch morning exercise and to see **Tai Chi** being practiced. We of course will dance some square dance there, too. We start the day with a visit to the **Temple of Heaven**, one of the most beautiful Chinese temples in Beijing. We end our sightseeing tour here and maybe we will have **free time** for shopping in the afternoon before taking the evening flight to **Xian**, famous for the **Terracotta Warriors**. We check in at **Bell Tower Hotel**.

13 Oct The main attraction for today is the six thousand men made out of terracotta, often referred to as the **Terracotta Warriors**. This army was made to defend the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang.

We visit an exotic herb market and a silk factory. For dinner we try the special Chinese jiaozi, small buns with tasty fillings followed by a fantastic song and dance show from the Tang Dynasty.

14 Oct After a nice breakfast and some free time we'll take the bus to the **Big Wild goose pagoda**. At the famous **city wall** we will climb the wall and have a look. We'll also see a food market and a **jade factory**. After lunch we have the opportunity to see how the traditional farmer's paintings are made. Dinner in the evening.

15 Oct After a nice breakfast we take a domestic flight to **Guilin**, the city that is famous for the beautiful natural scenery with the fantastic sugar top mountains. On the arrival we will visit a **tea-plantation** where we can try the Chinese tea of good quality. After that we check in at **Park Hotel**.

In the evening you can work around and look at the fantastic lightning of Guilin.



16 Oct The day starts with a check out from the hotel and we go on board the boat that will take us on a **cruse on Li River**. From the boat we will be able to enjoy the beautiful and magnificent view slowly cruising along the sugar top mountains. This is one of the most beautiful places in China with unforgettable nature. We make a stop to visit the mysterious dripstone caves. Inside the cave we take a boat and a train. We eat lunch on board the boat and do some square dance before we arrive in Yangshuo and check in at **Yangshuo Paradise Hot**

17-19 Oct Yangshuo, a small idyllic village, where you can shop at amazing prices and feel the genuine Chinese street life



Here in **Yangshuo** we have time to relax and take some smaller excursion trips around and outside the village. We dance square dance in water, hike and cycle in the rice fields and among the mountains (there is a tour with a car for an additional cost if you don't want to cycle). We also climb two mountains and make a visit to a **Chinese kindergarten school**. You could also enjoy a massage and we dance square dance in the evenings.

20 Oct We travel back to Guilin and visit sights like **Fubo Hill, Elephant Trunk Hill and the Reed Flute Cave**, an underground cavern of exotic rock formation with its fantastic shapes lit by coloured lights. We also visit an acupuncture clinic. This evening we take a flight back to Beijing.

21 Oct This day is free for your own adventures (most people like to go shopping). We gather in the evening for dinner and watch a spectacular Chinese acrobatic show.

22 Oct Today we visit one of the most famous sights in China, the **Great Wall**. On the way we see Chinese enameling technique called **cloisonné** and see the majestic **Spiritual Way**. This evening we try one of the most exclusive dinners that Beijing can offer, "**Peking duck**".

23 Oct Today is the last day we are in China. We check out from the hotel during the morning and transfer to the airport. Later the same day we arrive back in Europe.

Please note that there will also be a group with a German speaking guide. Many things are done by both groups together (like the trip on the river and the time in Yangshuo). Of course we all dance square dance together.



PRICE:

GBP 2 100 per person in shared double room

GBP 255 supplement for single room

The price is based on minimum 20 participants.

Included in the price:

- Flight to Beijing roundtrip with Finnair including taxes
- Accommodation for 13 nights at hotel on twin sharing basis
- English speaking tour leader
- All activities according to the program and all entrance fee
- Dance fee
- All meals including table beverage
- All transfer and luggage handling in China according to the program
- Maps

Preliminary flight schedule with Finnair from London Heathrow:

AY 832 09OCT LHRHEL 1020 1515

AY 051 09OCT HELPEK 1805 0655+1

AY 052 23OCT PEKHEL 1055 1425

AY 833 23OCT HELLHR 1600 1710

Conditions:

Please note that the rate is based on today's exchange rates as well as today's flight taxes. We reserve the right to change the rate if the flight taxes increases or for other reasons that are beyond our control. The hotels mentioned in the program could be changed, but then we promise equal or better standard of hotels.