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China Itinerary May 12 – June 5, 2011

5/12  Departing from an airport near your hometown for Beijing.

5/13  Arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport Terminal 3 at 1:50 PM (Flight CO 89) and 2:40 PM (Flight AC 31) and , Xinli, Dean Pytel, and a tour guide will be greeting you at the airport international arrival area. We’ll have a bus tour heading to the center of Beijing to check into Beijing Rainbow Hotel. After a short break, the bus will take us to dinner together as the “welcome to China” dinner.

5/14  Stroll along the famous Tiananmen Square - the largest city square in the world, then Mausoleum of Mao Zedong, and then National Centre for the Performing Arts, and then reach the Forbidden City, then Jingshan Park. This afternoon, you will visit 南锣鼓巷.

5/15  Morning excursion transfers you to climb the China Great Wall - Badaling section. This afternoon, visit the Bird's Nest (Olympic National Stadium) inside and its surroundings such as the Water Cube. Go to the Silk Street for some free activity. After dinner, bus will take you to an acrobatic show.

5/16  Visit the Summer Palace, the world's largest imperial garden, [Note that we’ll not visit the Old Summer Palace but hopefully you’ll learn something about the Old Summer Palace from this link here], the new CCTV tower. After lunch, you’ll visit the largest remaining ancient Chinese ritual architecture - the Temple of Heaven Park. Visit the the night scene of the Changan street.

5/17  After breakfast, you’ll visit the Beijing Capital Museum. In the afternoon, visit China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing Campus, CUMTB) and have a group discussion with CUMT students. After an earlier dinner, we’ll be heading for Dalian by train with soft sleeper seats:

K681（Departing 20: 20-2nd day arrival at 08: 16）
Or  Z79（Departing at 20: 50-2nd day arrival at 07: 23）

5/18  Arrival at Dalian Train Station around 8:00 AM in the morning. Check into the Dalian Everbright Hotel and have breakfast. Visit the Dalian Naval Base. Take a one-day tour in Dalian.

5/19  Visit Dalian Fuyou CEO’s Office. Take another one-day tour in Dalian.
5/20  Take  China Southern Airlines  CZ6579 (14:55-19:15) flight to the "foggy city" – Chongqing. After a hot pot dinner, you’ll tour the longest river bank overlooking the National Park - South Sea Park, enjoy the night view of Chongqing, the most leisure destination - Nanbin Road. View of the two rivers converge, streamer panoramic scene of the Chaotianmen.

5/21  Visit the Three Gorges Dam Museum, and then the City Hall Plaza.

5/22  Visit Ford-Changan Auto, after an earlier dinner, you’ll then be boarding the luxury five-star cruise ship Victoria Jenna (along Yangtze River) for 3 nights 4 days cruise heading for Yichang where the Three Gorges Dam is nearby. (Note: The itinerary can be found here: http://www.yangtsezethreegorges.com/Yangtze-Ships/Victoria-Jenna.html)

5/23  In the afternoon, go ashore to visit Fengdu Ghost City. Tonight, you are the guests at the captain's cocktail party.

5/24  Cruise through the first of the fabled Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge, framed by steep mossy cliffs. Then, sail on through Wu Gorge, celebrated for its 12 peaks. At Badong, transfer to a small cruiser for an exciting excursion on Shenlong Stream to view its breathtaking small gorges. Next, sail through Xiling Gorge, the last and most scenic of all the gorges. Finally, pass through the dramatic Three Gorges Ship Lock.

5/25  This morning, stop at Sandouping to view the historic Three Gorges Dam project, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. Arrive Yichang at 1:30pm, and disembark after lunch.

You will board an overnight train heading for the ancient capital: Xian. K628 (Departing Yichang at 15:50 – Arriving Xian at 07:16 next day)

5/26  The tour guide will meet us at the Xian Train Station at 7:20 AM. After having breakfast, we’ll take a bus tour to Lintong to visit one of the Eight Wonders of the World – the Terracotta Warriors Museum. Watch a large bronze-bronze chariots. Continue to visit the Underground Palace. After return to Xi’an, visit the Bell and Drum Tower Square, visit the Asia’s largest fountain Square: the Big Wild Goose Pagoda North Plaza.

5/27  Today, you’ll be taken to the Muslim Snack Street to have some light snacks because Xian is famous for snacks. Then, you’ll visit the world’s best preserved fortress walls – the Ming City Wall. Take an overnight train Z94/Z91 (17:00 arriving next day morning at 6:53) or T140/T137 (19:46 – 11:47) to Shanghai this evening.

5/28  Visit the China Pavilion of the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai.
5/29 Visit Shanghai **Chongming Island**, the **Dongtan Eco-city Project** (another great link).

5/30 Visit **Ford China Operations** (No.211 Century Avenue, Shanghai Information Tower, 33F, Pudong New District. 上海市浦东新区世纪大道211号上海信息大厦33楼.) in the morning, after lunch, visit **Shanghai Dow Center** (**Dow Chemical Company**).

5/31 Visit **Huntsman Shanghai** facility in the morning. After lunch at the Huntsman Shanghai, you’ll then visit the **Air Products Shanghai** facility. Afterwards, tour in Shanghai (Pudong, the Bund, Lanjing Rd, Yuyuan, etc.).

6/1 Go to **Huangshan** via the **Hangzhou Bay Bridge**, the World Longest Bay Bridge (36 km or 22 miles).

6/2 Visit the **Huashan Mystery Cave** in the morning and **Shexian** old buildings in the afternoon.

6/3 Visit the “**Old Street**” in **Tuangxi** and shopping around, and then after lunch, explore the rural areas in Huangshan.

6/4 Visit households of Huangshan citizens to observe renewable energy usage in Chinese households. Then class discussion/reflection and presentation. Leaving Huangshan for Shanghai in the afternoon.

6/5 Class concluded. Departing from Shanghai for everyone’s own destination.