October 19-November 6, 2013
An Exclusive Journey for the Alumnae Association of Smith College

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presents

CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

19 days from $5,986 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($5,395 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $591 airline taxes and departure fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.
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This distinctive small group journey combines a special visit to remote, spiritual Tibet with a memorable cruise on the Yangtze, China’s fabled “long river.” Adding grace notes to this highly popular itinerary: intriguing Beijing, the extraordinary Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, and cosmopolitan Shanghai. East meets West in a joyful convergence.

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 embark on a brief walking tour. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 3: Beijing After this morning’s briefing about the journey ahead, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power from 1368-1911. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall This morning we enjoy a small group highlight, as we ride rickshaws through Beijing’s ancient back roads and alleys (hutongs) and enjoy a home visit, giving us a glimpse of the traditional communal lifestyle. Then we stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we head to the Mu Tian Yu section of the Great Wall, the network of ancient defense installations that stretches more than 5,500 miles. B,L,D

Day 5: Beijing This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex, where China’s rulers once worshipped. This afternoon we visit the Summer Palace, the former royal retreat now a lovely park. B,L

Day 6: Beijing/Xian We fly this morning to Xian, a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974. Upon arrival we visit the Yangling Mausoleum, a Han Dynasty tomb dating to 153 CE. After lunch at a local restaurant we tour Xian’s impressive nine mile city wall and moat. Tonight we enjoy a special dumpling dinner. B,L,D

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Beijing touring, including Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall ... Beijing hutong tour and home visit ... Dazu Rock Carvings ... Three-night visit to fascinating Tibet ... Lhasa’s 1,000-room Potala Palace ... Visit with a Tibetan family ... Three-night Yangtze River cruise including Three Gorges ... Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian ... Shanghai touring

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Beijing
2-5 Beijing Sofitel Wanda Deluxe
6-8 Xian Sheraton Xian Sup. First Class
9-11 Lhasa,Tibet Xin DING Hotel First Class
12 Chongqing Marriott Deluxe
13-15 Yangtze Cruise Victoria Cruises Sup. First Class
16-18 Shanghai Hilton Deluxe
16 Depart Shanghai for U.S.

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

Cover photo: Tibet’s Potala Palace, traditional seat of the Dalai Lamas, active Buddhist temple, and UNESCO World Heritage site.
Day 7: Xian Our day begins with a visit to the revered Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE). After lunch we tour the museum housing the army of 7,000 life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors that had lain buried and forgotten for more than two millennia. B,L,D

Day 8: Xian This morning we tour the Shanxi Provincial Museum, with an acclaimed collection of historic and cultural artifacts. We eat lunch in a local restaurant then visit a typical farming village where we meet the local people and see their lifestyle up close. B,L

Day 9: Xian/Lhasa Early today we fly to Lhasa, Tibet’s capital and only major city. Sitting on a plateau between two Himalayan ridges, the Chinese province of Tibet covers an area as large as Western Europe. On the way to our hotel we stop to visit with a Tibetan family in their home. Since the altitude here is approximately 12,000 feet above sea level, we spend the remainder of the day acclimating. B,L,D

Day 10: Lhasa Our tour begins in the heart of the old city at Jokhang, Tibet’s holiest temple. Built in 647, Jokhang is an intriguing complex that attracts pilgrims day and night. Surrounding Jokhang is Barkhor, a plaza lined with chanting monks, street performers, and vendors. Later we tour the summer palace of the Dalai Lamas at Norbulinka; tonight, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 11: Lhasa Open to foreigners only since 1984, Tibet is a profoundly spiritual place where Buddhism has infused all aspects of life for 13 centuries. We see evidence of this at 17th-century Potala Palace, with 200,000 Buddha images and 1,000 rooms, some of which we explore this morning. This afternoon we visit the vast Sera Monastery. B,L,D

Day 12: Lhasa/Chongqing We fly today to Chongqing, where we visit the local zoo to see the beloved pandas. B,L,D

Day 13: Chongqing/Dazu/Board Ship Today’s excursion features the Dazu Rock Carvings dating back more than a millennium, and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. These cliffside carvings reflect Buddhist teachings, tenets of Confucianism, and local folklore. Tonight we board our river ship and set sail downstream. B,L,D

Day 14: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu Prized for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world’s longest (3,600 miles) and busiest rivers. This afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the “ghost city” of Fengdu. B,L,D

Post-Tour Extension: Nov. 6-8, 2013

SHANGHAI – ON YOUR OWN
3 days/2 nights for $245 total price
Single Supplement: $195

Spend additional time exploring dynamic Shanghai, China’s most prosperous, vibrant, and cosmopolitan city.

Your Tour Price Includes
- 2 nights’ accommodations at Hilton Shanghai (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to the airport
Day 15: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Small Three Gorges/Wu Gorge/Xiling Gorge

Today we pass through narrow Qutang Gorge then board a small sampan for a cruise through the stunning Small Three Gorges, among the most spectacular sights of our trip. Back aboard our Victoria Cruises ship this afternoon we enter tranquil Wu Gorge then cruise 42-mile Xiling Gorge. B,L,D

Day 16: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai

After visiting the site of the immense Three Gorges Dam continue on to Yichang, where we disembark and transfer to the airport for the flight to Shanghai. B,L

Day 17: 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, tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend a lively acrobatics show. B,L

Day 18: Shanghai

This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors once held sway. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 19: Depart for U.S.

We depart Shanghai for our return flight to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights aboard Superior First Class ship of Victoria Cruises; 14 nights in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 43 meals: 17 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departures: October 19, 2013

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco $5,986
Portland (OR), Seattle $6,186
Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, New York, Phoenix $6,386
Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami, Washington, DC $6,486
Land Only (transfers not included) $5,095

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees of $591, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $3,495 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Due to Chinese visa restrictions, no new registrations can be accepted within 65 days of the tour.

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and a significant amount of walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour. Lhasa’s altitude (12,090 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. You should consult with your physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029

We view Xian’s amazing Terra Cotta Warriors.
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

We invite you to join us in the fall of 2013 to discover the highlights of China, including the mysteries of Tibet and the grandeur of the Yangtze River. Our small group will be comprised of no more than 24 guests and will be exclusive to Smith College alumnae and friends.

Our journey begins in 2,000-year-old Beijing, site of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and, of course, the legendary Great Wall. Next, fly to Xian where we’ll see one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of recent time: the intact life-size army of 7,000 Terra Cotta Warriors. Then, fly to Lhasa in the remote Chinese province of Tibet, the “roof of the world.” With three days here we’ll have time to acclimatize to the high altitude, explore the city’s sacred temples and its vast Potala Palace, and absorb the pervasive Buddhist spirituality of the country. Then relax during a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River, one of the world’s longest and busiest rivers. Highlights include a visit to the site of the monumental Three Gorges Dam and a cruise on a small *sampan* through the stunning Small Three Gorges. Our tour concludes in dazzling Shanghai, a city that epitomizes 21st-century China.

Space on this tour will fill up quickly. Please call us today to reserve your place!

Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel

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**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on China, Tibet & the Yangtze River departing October 19, 2013. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Final payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

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Please book my/our air from __________________________ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with __________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)

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**Post-Tour Extension: “Shanghai — On Your Own”** Please sign me/us up

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**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for China, Tibet & the Yangtze River, Oct. 19-Nov. 6, 2013, and agrees that their signatures below represent their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________ Date ________________

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**Method of Payment**

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

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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 is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price:
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10 - $15 per day per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes:
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
- Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
- Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
- Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
- Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.

If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by 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 are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility:
The liability of the Alumnae Association of Smith College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Alumnae Association of Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, 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, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Alumnae Association of Smith College 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 line 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. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Health and Medical Issues:
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.