

Changing Frontiers of China



Beijing



Gansu Province



Shanghai

September 10 – 23, 2015

(Roundtrip international airfare and Chinese visa included) 14 days for only \$3,900.00

Prerequisites for this unique experience:

- Longing for an in-depth look at the “real” China most tourists seldom see.
- Craving “authentic” Chinese food: i.e. longevity noodles, toffee banana and yak butter tea.
- Yearning to observe the world’s highest plateau where Chinese ethnic cultures persist and their religion survives (Tibetan and Muslim cultures intertwined).
- Desiring to meander antiquated back streets, bargain for deals at traditional markets, visit historic sites, and most importantly, mingle and chat with intriguing and captivating locals you will never forget.

Why this trip?

For some Westerners, China evokes images of the Great Wall, Bruce Lee or Kung Pao Chicken. To others, China is primarily known for its magnificent cultural legacies, bustling crowds, its constant conflict with western principles, and rapid transformation into an economic giant with “socialist characteristics”. To many Westerners, the real lives of the ordinary people of China are too often a mystery. Don’t miss this chance to take a close-up look at one of the world’s most exotic destinations. This is your chance to demystify China. You will return home with a feel for China that eludes traditional tourists.

Trip highlights:

3 nights in Beijing – Temple of Heaven and Forbidden City
2 nights in Lanzhou – Sheepskin rafting on the Yellow River
3 nights in Xiahe and Linxia– Tibetan villages and Muslim Mosque
3 nights in Shanghai – Yu Garden and the Bund



Terms and Conditions:

The trip includes international roundtrip airfare from Missouri, Chinese visa fee, domestic flights, train rides within China, ground transportation, some admission fees, a professional bilingual tour director throughout the trip, local drivers, meals as indicated, and lodging with private baths based on double occupancy (additional \$845.00 for single occupancy). A \$700 non-refundable deposit is required per reservation no later than May 25, 2015. Full payment for the trip must be received by July 10, 2015 with passport and completed visa application forms. This trip is based on a minimum of 14 and maximum of 20 participants. Please make check payable to Gary Dou. If the trip is cancelled, your deposit will be returned.

Not included in the cost are passport fees (valid for six months from date of departure), transportation to/from a Missouri airport, extra baggage/excessive baggage weight costs, insurance and medical attention costs, and tips for local drivers and bellhops.

For information and full details, including the itinerary, please contact **Gary Dou** at (573) 268-5228 or at 573-356-0002 or by email doug@missouri.edu. An information session about this trip will be held in the Lower Level Lobby, Northside of the Memorial Union at MU from 5:30-6:30 **March 2, 2015**.



Who is leading?

Gary Dou, native speaker and Chinese Programs Coordinator, is a highly qualified and popular tour coordinator for trips to China and Asia.

People who have traveled with him have said:

- Gary introduced us to memorable historic and scenic sites.
- Gary has a gift for bringing the Chinese culture alive for Americans. His easy-going personality and his genuine care for his participants will make this an unforgettable cultural immersion journey.
- Gary will walk you down unbeaten paths, take you to savory Chinese “ma and pa” eateries, help you hone your bargaining skills, and broaden your experience with his bi-cultural understanding.