

China 2008

Websites: www.cacbc.org Chinese American Cultural Bridge Center
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www.Beijing2008.com Great info on China and Olympics

Fellow Music Boosters and Future Boosters:

An opportunity of this magnitude comes along but once in a lifetime. Can you imagine watching (in person or on a video) the expressions of young musicians as they perform **ON** the Great Wall of China? An experience that will never be forgotten. The West Shore combined Red Land Marching Patriots and Cedar Cliff Colts Marching bands have such an opportunity.

Tentative itinerary:

Day 1 International flight to Beijing, China

Day 2 Arrive Beijing – Check into hotel

Day 3 AM – visit Temple of Heaven – largest temple and altar in China – Emperors of The Ming and Qing Dynasty worshiped
- Attend Chinese acrobatic show

PM - Rehearse for the parade

Day 4 AM - Parade 8:30 – 10:30 Wang Fu Jing Street, Beijing

PM - Trip to Forbidden City – best preserved site of classic Chinese architecture
The palace has 9,999 rooms – the #9 in Chinese represents “eternity”. The Palace housed the 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Evening – perform at Olympic Cultural Square

Day 5 AM - Visit 800 y/o Qing dynasty royal family summer palace; the largest Imperial garden in all China

Lunch – 12:30 – 1:30 PM Welcome banquet by the Beijing Olympic Committee and The Chinese government

Evening – Perform Olympic Cultural Square

Day 6 AM - Explore & perform **ON** The Great Wall; Souvenir to commemorate their day on the Great Wall

PM - Tour of Beijing

- visit Tiananmen Square – largest open plaza in the world – can accommodate ½ million people

Evening – Chinese Acrobatic Show (?)

Day 7 AM - Bus to Tianjin – visit Wenhua Street – shopping

- visit Tianjin art museum; artist workshop – paper cutting, block painting

PM - Visit a local middle school for cultural exchange

Evening – Stroll along Haihe River

** stay overnight in Tianjin

- Day 8 AM - visit house of Kung Fu - academy of Huo Yuan Jia – appeared in Bruce Lee’s film “Fist of Fury”
PM - visit local high school for cultural exchange
** stay in Tianjin
- Day 9 AM - Bus back to Beijing
PM - visit Beijing Zoo – home of Chinese Pandas
- visit Wang Fu Jing Street – busiest street in Beijing
- Day 10 AM – International flight back home

Answers to specific questions:

1. Dates: The parade has been scheduled by the Olympic Committee for July 13, 2008. This could move a day or two either direction. We would need to leave on July 8th or 9th in order to be there for the parade.
 - a. Trip: July 8/9 – 18/19, 2008
2. Costs: \$2400 - \$2600 base trip price
(Includes: airfare, tour guides, 3-star hotels, ground transfers, all meals in China, entrance fees to museums, parks, historical sites, Festival entrance, performance arrangements , venues, special dinners)
 - a. Fuel/Departure Taxes: Estimate - \$200 - \$250 p/p roundtrip
 - b. Passport: \$97 (\$67 passport, \$30 US post office processing) + photo \$10-\$15
 - c. “Tag-along” non-chaperones pay additional \$200.
3. Departure location: direct flight from JFK, New York
 - a. We will need to make travel arrangements to and from airport.
4. Instrument Shipping: We only have to take the “small instruments”. The large instruments, tubas, sousaphones, bass drums, etc. will be rented in China.... Good News! Olympic Committee will pick up the tab!!!
5. Tentative Payment schedule:

June 15 th	\$100 p/p deposit (non-refundable)
September 15 th	\$800 p/p
January 15 th	\$800 p/p
March	\$500 p/p
May	balance

** The payment schedule will need to be worked out after we have a contract **
Fund raising and solicitation of corporate sponsorship **may** reduce the overall cost for the band members.

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