



*Rio Grande's* **Buck Rogers Travel**  
Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce  
Exclusive Tour to China

September 20th to September 28th, 2010

## Your Itinerary

**DAY 1 SEP 20, 2010 (MON) DEPART USA**

Board your overnight transpacific flight.

**DAY 2 SEP 21, 2010 (TUE) ARRIVE BEIJING, CHINA**

Welcome to Beijing, the capital of China. On arrival, meet your English-speaking tour manager and transfer to the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

**Accommodation: Beijing Doubletree Hotel by Hilton** or similar for 3 nights

**DAY 3 SEP 22, 2010 (WED) BEIJING (B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, there is a briefing by either the US Commercial Service or US Chamber of Commerce on the status of China's economical development and business opportunities for your members. Then join the locals in Tai Chi exercises at the park. After, tour the **Temple of Heaven**, where the emperors prayed to the heaven for a good harvest. In the afternoon, visit the largest square in the world - **Tiananmen Square** and the nearby **Forbidden City**, the imperial palace. This is a great spot to take a group photo!. Tonight, relish a Welcome Dinner. After dinner, attend the optional Kung Fu Legend show.

**Accommodation: Beijing Doubletree Hotel by Hilton (B/L/D)**

**DAY 4 SEP 23, 2010 (THU) BEIJING (B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, you will climb the **Great Wall**, one of the most astonishing feats of human endeavor and the only man-made object visible from the moon. After lunch, visit the **Ming Tombs** - the general name given to the mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Tonight, taste China's most renowned food specialties, **Peking Duck**.

**Accommodation: Beijing Doubletree Hotel by Hilton (B/L/D)**

**DAY 5 SEP 24, 2010 (FRI) BEIJING / XIAN**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to airport for the flight to Xian, the ancient capital of China. On arrival, visit the **City Wall**, the best-preserved military defensive systems in the world. Your evening is free to explore the city on our your own or enjoy the optional Tang Dynasty Dinner show.

**Accommodation: Xian Titian Times Hotel (B/L)** or similar for 2 nights



## Your Itinerary cont.

### **DAY 6 SEP 25, 2010 (SAT) XIAN (B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, visit the **Terra Cotta Warriors Museum** to see the life-sized terracotta figures of warriors and horses arranged in battle formations, which were erected during the Qin Dynasty. Later, you will drop by the **Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the old-line Xian and well-preserved ancient holy place for Buddhists.

**Accommodation: Xian Titian Times Hotel (B/L/D)**

### **DAY 7 SEP 26, 2010 (SUN) XIAN / SHANGHAI**

Breakfast at the hotel. Take a morning flight to **Shanghai**, the largest city in China. Upon arrival, visit the classical **Yuyuan Gardens**, the famous **Shanghai Bund** and **Silk Weaving Workshop** to learn the complete process of making silk. Tonight, attend the optional world-famous acrobatic show; it is a must-see in Shanghai.

**Accommodation at Shanghai Renaissance Zhongshan Park Hotel (B/L/D)** or similar for 2 nights

### **DAY 8 SEP 27, 2010 (MON) SHANGHAI (B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. You will have a full day to visit the **World Expo 2010** sites; World Expo is a culturally and artistically rich event that offers everyone from around the world an opportunity to experience the core values focus - "Understanding, Communication, Gathering and Cooperation". The 2010 theme is Better Living, Better City. This evening, share the China experience with your fellow travelers at the Farewell Dinner. Let's toast and enjoy the last delicious Chinese meal before your tour concludes.

**Accommodation at Shanghai Renaissance Zhongshan Park Hotel (B/ D)**

### **DAY 9 SEP 28, 2010 (TUE) DEPART SHANGHAI (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport via the **Pudong Hi Tech Zone**.. You'll have an opportunity to experience the fastest train on earth by taking the optional Meglev train. **(B)**

Bon Voyage!

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## Optional Tour List

### 1. Hutong Tour (Beijing)

**\$54 per person**

Hutong is a traditional living area for ordinary Beijing citizens, the history of which dates back to 1000 years ago. Hundreds of thousands of houses of traditional architecture style are densely flanked on both sides of narrow and zigzag streets in which people have been living a peaceful and traditional life there through many generations. Tourists will first get on traditional rickshaw, two for each, for a Hutong tour, riding through those narrow streets tracing the taste of the historical life of an oriental country. Afterwards, tourists will visit local families interviewing their life and cooking Chinese dumplings with the family members. During lunchtime, tourists will be served with delicious Chinese domestic dishes and the dumpling tourists make. During the two hours Hutong tour tourists will learn a lot of China's modern life and its people. It is another highlight after the Great Wall.

### 2. The Legend of Kung Fu (Beijing)

**\$44 per person**

The Legend of Kung Fu is a production, which combines the elements of kung fu, story telling, acrobatics, modern dance and original music to celebrate the philosophy and skill of martial arts. The show tells the story of a young boy, Chun Yi (the pure one), whom in order to pursue spiritual and physical harmony is apprenticed as a monk to learn kung fu.

### 3. Tang Dynasty Dinner Show (Xian)

**\$68 per person**

The Tang Dynasty Theatre Restaurant, where visitors can enjoy cultural experience in an ambience befitting the emperors of Tang (618-907 AD), is to bring this all together in the form of modern song and dance. Situated near the city centre, this world-class theatre restaurant can comfortably sit 650 diners in its 2,000 square meter auditorium. And the Cantonese cuisine, prepared by internationally acclaimed chefs is a gourmet meal to whet the appetite of the most discerning guests. It is bright and airy depicting a garden atmosphere with its greenery and colorful flowers. It is a place to relax, enjoy a fine meal and partake in an exciting non-stop show of cultural beauty.

### 4. Evening Cruise on Huangpu River (Shanghai)

**\$39 per person**

The cruise will absolutely build in every one an unforgettable impression of Grand Shanghai! The evening view of Shanghai from the cruise is gorgeous, charming and unbeatable.

### 5. ERA-Intersection of Time-by Cirque du Soleil (Shanghai)

**\$52 per person**

As a multimillion-dollar stunning acrobatic extravaganza, the first of its kind in China, ERA is a multimedia odyssey whose inspiration is a direct result of the combination of traditional Chinese acrobatic arts and modern technology. Just like Shanghai, ERA evolves through a constant collision between the past and future. As such, ERA can remain universal, without language, or cultural barriers. A thousand-year-old gesture is worth a thousand emotions, a thousand images, a thousand words. Allow us to feed your imagination and bring your dreams back to the present.

### 6. Shanghai Maglev Train--one way ticket (Shanghai)

**\$25 per person**

Shanghai maglev train, the first commercial rail line of its type in the world, at top speed of 431 kilometers per-hour which is much faster than the Bullet Train in Japan. Shanghai Maglev Train takes only 7 minutes and 20 seconds to cover 30-kilometer trip, which currently takes 30 to 40 minutes by driving. Invested with a total amount of 10 billion Yuan, it took 2.5 years to complete. Powered by electromagnetism, when running it is suspended in air, about 10 millimeters above the track on a magnetic cushion. It brings a speed revolution to the world in ground transportation, and riding on the train will be an exciting experience for you!



## Services Included

- ❖ International air from US to China and from China to US
- ❖ 3 nights at Beijing Doubletree Hotel by Hilton or similar, 2 nights at Xian Titian Times Hotel or similar, 2 nights at Shanghai Renaissance Zhongshan Park Hotel or similar
- ❖ 7 International buffet breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners
- ❖ All transfers arranged by deluxe air-conditioned coach
- ❖ English speaking guide service
- ❖ Hotel tax and service
- ❖ Assistance of tour escort throughout the trip
- ❖ Handling fee of ONE piece of checked luggage per person
- ❖ Briefing by U S Commercial Service or U S Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Special signage
- ❖ Two bottles of water daily on touring days
- ❖ One way domestic air from Beijing to Xian and Xian to Shanghai on economy class with airport taxes
- ❖ World Expo Entrance Fee

## Services Not Included

- ❖ China visa fee
- ❖ Excess baggage penalty
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Travel insurance
- ❖ Gratuities

## Flight Schedule

**Note: Plane change in San Francisco in each direction, same flight number, passengers will have to change planes.**

### September 20, 2010

Airline/Flight No.	Departs	Date/Time	Arrives	Date/Time
United Airlines #889	Los Angeles	Sep. 20 - 8:00am	Beijing	Sep. 21 - 3:15pm

### September 28, 2010

Airline/Flight No.	Departs	Date/Time	Arrives	Date/Time
*United Airlines #858	Shanghai	Sep. 28 - 12:40pm	Los Angeles	Sep. 28 - 11:39am

\*Prior to air ticketing, the fuel surcharge and tax must be re-priced in the event of any changes. (Airfare could increase per passenger) Also applies to the flight between Beijing to Xian and Xian to Shanghai.



## Prices, land and air

Chamber Members	<b>\$2,688</b>
Non-Members	<b>\$2,988</b>

## Prices, land only

Chamber Members	<b>\$1,515</b>
Non-Members	<b>\$1,815</b>

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, twin share. Single Occupancy rates are available for an additional \$582. Triple Occupancy rates are the same as double occupancy rates. Quads are not available. Third party insurance and optional tours are additional. Fuel surcharge and tax are subject to change. **Passports are required.**