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ENJOY THE HERMES TOUR ADVANTAGE

Venture off the tourist path into your destination's backyard, for unforgettable worldwide discoveries at the best value for gay and lesbian travelers.

Small groups of like-minded gay and lesbian travelers—our group size caps off at 20, so we can explore unobtrusively for a more authentic experience.

Focus on discovery—the richest discoveries are off the typical tourist-worn path. We'll take you there, so you'll experience the cultures and natural environments of your destination in a more meaningful way.

Unrivaled camaraderie—we don't believe you need circuit-like parties to make friends. Quite the contrary, we've found that when our travelers share unforgettable experiences, bonds form quite naturally, and quickly.

The best value in gay and lesbian travel—enjoy the most authentic experience, and pay less than you would with other gay and lesbian travel companies.

And even greater savings—pay even less when you reserve your trip at least 5 months before departure with our \$100 per person early booking discount.





CHINA



ALL GAY ANCIENT CHINA TOUR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

China took center stage during the Summer 2008 Olympics. And now it's time for its encore, starring you and your Hermes small group. What's on the playbill? How about an ancient wall 4,000 miles long ... a city once forbidden to visitors ... 8,000 stone warriors watching over an emperor ... serene gardens that seek nothing less than metaphysical perfection.



HIGHLIGHTS

Beijing, including the Great Wall of China, Ming Tombs, Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, and Forbidden City

Xian, including the Terra Cotta Soldiers

Hangzhou, including West Lake, a silk factory and a tea plantation

Suzhou, including the Master of Nets Garden

Shanghai, including the Old Town, Jade Buddha Temple, the Bund, and Jinmao Tower

All guiding and entrance fees included

Accommodations for 9 nights in 5-star hotels

Services of a Hermes Tours escort

Services of an expert, local guide in all cities

ALL GAY ANCIENT CHINA TOUR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday, September 21, 2013 - Arrive Beijing (D)

Plan to arrive at our Beijing hotel by 4:00 today. This evening join our Hermes welcome banquet, complete with Peking Duck!

Day 2: Sunday, September 22, 2013 - Great Wall, Ming Tombs (B)

Today will be a highlight of your trip, and perhaps even your life! Journey to the Great Wall of China. This architectural marvel was built over centuries to keep Mongol invaders out of China. Today, this 4,000-mile behemoth welcomes visitors with open arms. We then visit the Ming Tombs and see how 13 imperial emperors planned for the afterlife.

Day 3: Monday, September 23, 2013 – Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace (B)

We visit Tiananmen Square today. The largest public plaza in the world. We'll also explore the 15th-century Forbidden City, whose 8,707 rooms and splendid halls are graced with imperial treasures. Later, we'll admire the beautiful Temple of Heaven, visited by the Ming and Qing emperors to pray for good harvests. This afternoon, stroll the inviting grounds of the Summer Palace, a pastoral complex of pavilions, temples and galleries on the immense man-made Kunming Lake.

Day 4 – Tuesday, September 24, 2013 – Beijing to Xian (B, L, D)

This morning we fly to Xian, the eastern end of the famed Silk Road. We'll traverse its imposing, ancient City Wall dating to the Ming Dynasty, then visit the grand Wild Goose Pagoda. Then we discover the Bell Tower and Drum Tower.

Day 5 – Wednesday, September 25, 2013 – Xian (B, L)

Today we marvel at the ancient Terra Cotta Warriors. In 1974, they were stumbled on by farmers digging a well. Today, their legion stands 8,000 strong—though many of them are still buried. For 2,000 years, they have faithfully stood guard over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang.

Day 6 – Thursday, September 26, 2013 – Xian to Hangzhou (B, L)

This morning we fly to Hangzhou. In Hangzhou, one of China's most prosperous cities, we'll cruise the lovely pagoda-lined shores of serene West Lake. You'll see why it's been regaled by poets and emperors for centuries. We then drive to a tea plantation to enjoy some of the best green tea in China, named Emperor Tea in the Qing dynasty.

Day 7 – Friday, September 27, 2013 – Suzhou (B, L)

We start the day with a visit to a silk factory. Afterwards we stop at the canal-laced water town of Xitang. Nine rivers converge here, and its endless charms and ancient ambiance played a supporting role to Tom Cruise in Mission Impossible III. Enjoy a full day tour to Suzhou, China's city of gardens. We visit one of its most famous private gardens "Master of Nets Garden," a perfect fusion of art, nature, and architecture into what many consider a metaphysical masterpiece.

Day 8 – Saturday, September 28, 2013 – Suzhou to Shanghai (B, L)

Transfer to Shanghai today and enjoy a tour of the city.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Day 9 – Sunday, September 29, 2013 – Shanghai (B, L, D)

Pay a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple today. Then we explore the world-renown Bund. For a quieter slice of life here, you might observe morning tai chi on the promenade. We cross the river to ascend Jin Mao Tower, the tallest building on mainland China. From the 88th floor, we'll take in spectacular views of the city. This evening, Hermes Tours hosts a farewell dinner.

Day 10 – Monday, September 30, 2013 – Depart or extend to Hong Kong (B)

Your Hermes tour ends today.

Price: \$2795 per person, double occupancy. Includes domestic flights.
Book at least 5 months before departure and save \$100.

Single Supplement: \$800, Not Required. Hermes Tours can match you with another traveler should you wish at no cost.





TOUR REGISTRATION FORM 2012/2013

Complete one form for each guest. Signature required for Billing and General Information and Conditions.
You may fax the completed form to Hermes Tours at: +44 2071382691 or email to: happy@happygaytravel.com

Please submit one registration form for each guest

TOUR TITLE: _____ TOUR DATE: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? Happy Gay Travel

LEGAL NAME (AS PER PASSPORT): _____ GENDER M: F:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP/POSTAL CODE, COUNTRY: _____

PREFERRED NAME (NICKNAME) : _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): _____

TELEPHONE: _____ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ MEDICAL/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ COUNTRY PASSPORT ISSUED IN: _____

PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: _____

(PLEASE NOTE YOUR PASSPORT SHOULD BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN DATE HOME).

SINGLES:

I would like single accommodations. A single supplement charge will apply.

I am traveling as a single but would like Hermes Tours to find me a share if possible. No charges will apply. I am a smoker

SHARED ACCOMMODATION: Please indicate if you would prefer a double bed or twin bed in the hotels. We will make every effort possible to accommodate.

We would like twin bedded accommodation

We would like a double bed

Notes: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: Each guest should carefully read the following conditions. Making a reservation or acceptance of tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the conditions outlined below.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: A deposit of \$500 USD per tour and person is required for us to reserve a space for you. The deposit may be made either with credit card or check. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. **Final Payment can only be done by either personal check or credit card, payable to Hermes Tours.** If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. **Payment in full is required at the time of booking for reservations made less than 80 days before departure date.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: All notifications of cancellations must be received in writing. We will assess the following penalties on the day that your cancellation is received: All cancellations will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation.

- 1) Cancellations received more than 80 days prior to departure will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person.
- 2) Cancellations received within 40-79 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 50% of the total invoice amount.
- 3) Cancellations received from departure date to 39 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 100% of the total invoice amount.
- 4) No refunds will be given for any activity on the tour that you chose not to participate.
- 5) No travel documents may be issued unless booking has been paid in full.
- 6) Refunds on airline, rail and cruise tickets are subject to the policy of the airline/rail/cruise company.

ACCOMMODATIONS & ITINERARY: We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels in similar categories.

LODGING: Prices are per person, double occupancy, except as otherwise noted. If you sign up at least 100 days before departure and would like the per-person/double rate, we will either match you with a roommate, or give you a room to yourself at no extra charge. If you want to room alone you may do so by paying the singles supplement.

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation insurance as well as medical travel insurance is highly recommended. Hermes Tours can provide this for you should you wish. Travel Insurance is not compulsory except for any Hermes Tours Adventure Tour. Should you elect to not purchase travel insurance, you will be required to sign a Travel insurance waiver. You will also be responsible for all costs that may be incurred should you need to cancel your trip for any reason. You will also be responsible for any costs incurred and not limited to any medical attention, terrorism event, political unrest or other condition incurred while on your trip or prior to the departure of your trip. Please inquire about policies that cover you for such instances. Hermes Tours provides travel insurance via Travel Guard.

SAFETY: Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Hermes Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in underdeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Hermes Tours will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that Hermes Tours will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

BEHAVIOR: Participants agree to respect the laws and customs of the regions in which we travel. A participant may be asked to leave the trip if our guide feels that the person's continuing participation may prove detrimental to that individual, or to the safety, well-being, or enjoyment of others.

DISCLAIMER: Hermes Tours does not accept responsibility, including financial in whole or in part for any delay, loss, accidents, personal injury, sickness, medical expenses, acts of terrorism, event of political unrest, "acts of god" or property damage by fault of any person from whatever cause. All participants are required to sign a standard liability form. Hermes Tours recommends all travelers acquire adequate travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE: Airport taxes and fees, passports, visas and vaccinations, tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guides, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol and beverages and food unless stated otherwise, optional excursions, travel insurance, and all other items of a personal nature.

PHOTOS/EMAIL: Trip Members grant Hermes Tours express permission to take photographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use without compensation to trip members. Members who do not wish to have their photo taken must inform their tour leader on the first day of the tour. Your name and email address may be supplied to other participants on your trip at the beginning and/or end of the trip unless you request otherwise.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Portage of one suitcase on the tour is included in the tour price. For safety reasons, wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motorcoaches and mini-buses.

Guest signature: _____

Date: _____



PAYMENTS

STEP 1:

DEPOSIT

Please deposit \$500 USD per person to reserve your space on the tour.
(Payment is due in full if booked less than 80 days prior to departure, please see booking conditions below)

Enclosed is a personal check payable to Hermes Tours Inc.

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 2:

FINAL BALANCE

Final balances are due in full 80 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by personal check or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card). If desired, you may also set up a payment plan where Hermes Tours will automatically deduct payments from your credit card. On a scheduled basis.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (A, B OR C):

A. I will mail a check for final payment

B. I authorize Hermes Tours to automatically deduct my credit card for final payment in full, 80 days prior to departure. *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

PAYMENT PLANS:

C. I would like to set up a payment plan with my credit card, the balance will be paid in full 80 days prior to departure. (Not applicable to guests who register less than 80 days prior to departure). *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

I authorize Hermes Tours to deduct \$ _____ USD on the 15th of each month starting in _____ (month) until my balance has been paid in full.

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 3:

INSURANCE

Would you like Hermes Tours to send you a Travel Cancellation and Medical Insurance quote? * Yes No

*Clients who do not wish to purchase travel insurance will be required to sign a Travel Insurance waiver.