

Group #2

CHINA COMFORT TRAVEL

2020 Spring Break 20-Days Japan and China Tour 4/9 to 4/28/2020

Japan Tour Visiting: Osaka, Nara, Nagoya, Kyoto, Hakone, Fuji Mountain and Tokyo

China Tour Visiting: Suzhou, Shanghai, Beijing and Xian

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\$4,580/person, Deadline: 1/15/2020

- Inclusive of:**
- ▲ China Eastern Airline economy class New York → Osaka, and Tokyo → NYC round trip airfare & airport tax
 - ▲ China Eastern Airline Economy class Shanghai → Beijing → Xian → Shanghai airfare & airport tax
 - ▲ Guided group tour with English-speaking local tour guides
 - ▲ Sightseeing admissions as listed in itinerary
 - ▲ Two cultural performances/shows in Beijing and Xian
 - ▲ Daily Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner as listed
 - ▲ 4-Star Hotels: Twin-sharing accommodations (Japan tour might be some 3 star hotels)
 - ▲ Chartered air-conditioned buses transfers from Osaka to Tokyo and in each city
 - ▲ Chinese tourist visa application assistance

Day One: 4/9 New York City → Shanghai, China (2 Meals served on the Airplane)

Board China Eastern Flight **MU 298** leaving **JFK Airport** at 01:45 AM, 14 hour non-stop flight to **Shanghai, China**.

Day Two: 4/10 Shanghai → Osaka, Japan (D)

Arrive Shanghai Airport 04:40 AM & take connecting flight **MU 225** at 9:15 to **Osaka, Japan**. Meet our representative at **Kansai Airport**. Osaka is Japan's 3rd largest city. After arrival, check in hotel first and take a rest. Then, visit **Shinsaibashi & Dotonbori**, the main shopping area of Osaka city, and it is world longest shopping street. Evening, enjoy welcome dinner: Sushi Buffet. **Mitsusi Garden Hotel Osaka Premier**

Day Three: 4/11 Nara Tour (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will visit **Nara Deer Park**. Established in 1880, the park is home to 1,200 freely roaming deer which become a symbol of the city. Then, tour to **Todaiji**, one of Japan's most famous & historically significant temples. Its Great Buddha Hall houses the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha. Afternoon, visit **Osaka Castle Park**, one of Japan's most famous landmarks, and it played a major role in the unification of Japan during the 16th century. **Mitsusi Garden Hotel Osaka Premier**

Day Four: 4/12 Kyoto Tour (B/-/D)

First visit **Arashiyama**, a pleasant, touristy district in the western outskirts of **Kyoto**. It is particularly popular during the cherry blossom and **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove** is one of Kyoto's top sights. Then, visit **Fushimi Inari Grand Shrine**, an important Shinto shrine in Kyoto. It is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. Finally, you will visit **Kiyomizu Temple**. The temple is named as UNESCO World Heritage site. It was originally founded in 778, and amazingly there is not a single nail used in the entire structure. **Yokkaichi Miyako Hotel**

Day Five 4/13 Nagoya Tour (B/L/D)

This morning **Tokugawa Museum** private art museum and its collection contains more than 12,000 items, including swords armor, Noh costumes and masks, lacquer furniture, Chinese and Japanese ceramics, calligraphy and paintings. We then visit **Atsuta Shrine**, one of Shinto's most important shrines. It stands in a pleasant, wooded park in southern **Nagoya**. Then, visit **Nagoya Castle** which was built in the beginning of the Edo Period and construction was completed in 1612. **Grand Hotel Hamamatsu**

Day Six: 4/14 Hakone Tour (B/L/D)

Start your today's tour with **Lake Ashi** which was formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone after the volcano's last eruption 3,000 years ago. You will take 35 minutes cruise on Lake Ashi where **Mount Fuji** in the background and it is the symbol of Hakone. Next, visit **Owakudani Valley**, the area around a crater created during the last eruption of Mount Hakone. Today, much of the area is an active volcanic zone where sulfurous fumes, hot springs and hot rivers can be experienced. Last, you are going to pick up strawberry at a Japanese fruit garden. Check in hotel and enjoy hot spring. **Village Izu Kougen Hotel**

Day Seven: 4/15 Mt. Fuji and Yokohama Tour (B/L/D)

This morning, ride charter bus to **Mt. Fuji 5th Station**. Mt. Fuji was registered as a World Heritage Site in 2013. The 5th Station is an open area with many hikers buying souvenirs, having food, or preparing to climb up. (Hakki Village as alternative sightseeing in case Mt. Fuji area weather is bad or cloudy). Afternoon, you will visit **Yokohama Sankeien Garden**. It is the vast classical Japan garden covering over 175,000 square meters and contains many historical houses and buildings that are recognized as being culturally significant by the government. These buildings were brought to the park from locations all over the Japan. **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**

Day Eight: 4/16 Tokyo Tour (B/-/D)

Tour to **The Tokyo Imperial Palace**, the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan. It is a large park-like area located in the Chiyoda ward of Tokyo and contains buildings including the main palace, the private residences of the Imperial Family. We then

visit **Asakusa/Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Street**. The **Sensoji Temple** is the oldest temple in Tokyo and has been a great attraction for Japanese people and tourists. 250m long and lined with over 90 stores and eateries, **Nakamise-Dori** houses variety of Japanese souvenir shops. Afternoon, tour to **Ueno Park**. The park is situated in Tokyo's Taito city, and is a place of relaxation for its citizens. It is a place famous for its cherry blossoms. Also, Ueno Park is famous for the **many museums** found on its grounds, especially the **Tokyo National Museum**. Late afternoon, you will visit famous Shijuku duty free electronic shop.

Sunshine City Prince Hotel

Day Nine: 4/17 Tokyo (B/-/-)

Today, you will have full free day to explore exciting city Tokyo.

Day Ten: 4/18 Tokyo → Shanghai → New York (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Tokyo Narita Airport and board **MU 524 at 1:50 PM** to Shanghai, and arrive **Shanghai PVG Airport** 4:15 PM. Upon arrival, charter bus transfer to Suzhou. Check in **Grand Metro Park Hotel**.

Day Eleven: 4/19 Suzhou (B/L/D)

This morning, you will visit **Luzhi Town** where you will find a waterway village with a long history, and get a feel for the rural China. After lunch, you will visit **Tiger Hill and its Giant Leaning Pagoda**. Tiger Hill is a large hillock covering about 3.5 acres and only 118 feet in height. Climbing it, you will find a number of historical sites some of which can be traced back over 2,500 years to the founding of Suzhou. Then, take a boat cruise on famous **Ancient Canal**. **Grand Metro Park Hotel**

Day Twelve: 4/20 Suzhou- Hangzhou (B/L/D)

After breakfast, visit beautiful gardens **the Lingering Garden**. Occupying an area of 5.8 acres. Originally a classical private garden, it is one of the four most famous gardens in China. Possessing typical Qing style, it is well-known for the exquisite beauty of its magnificent halls, and the various sizes, shapes, and colors of the buildings. In 1997, it was recorded on the list of the world heritage by UNESCO. Suzhou is famous for silk and silk merchandise. During the day, you will visit **Suzhou Silk Factory**. After lunch, ride chartered bus to Shanghai. **Delta Hotels by Marriott (4-Star)**

Day Thirteen: 4/21 Shanghai (B/-/D)

This morning, you will visit famous **Jade Buddha Temple** which was built in 1882 to keep two jade Buddha statues, brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. After lunch, visit **Old Shanghai City**, where many historic buildings were preserved or reconstructed. The Old Shanghai City reflected the way of life and cultural traditions of the past and present Shanghai people. Before dinner, you will stroll along the **Nanjing Road**, China's premier shopping street 3.4 miles in length. In the evening, **Cruise on the beautiful Hungpu River** to view the city's night skyline and **the Bund**, where it is the best place to capture the western influence of Shanghai's old days. **Delta Hotels by Marriott (4-Star)**

Day Fourteen: 4/22 Shanghai - Beijing (B/-/D)

This morning, you will board Flight **MU564** to **Beijing**. Beijing served as capital for 5 dynasties over a period of 800 years, with each emperor identified as a dragon sent from the heaven. Upon arrival, you will ride on a traditional rickshaw to the **Drum Tower** for the best views of the **Hutong's** labyrinth of galleys and streets in the **old city of Beijing**. You will have a chance to meet a local Chinese family to glimpse into the traditional life of Beijing's people. Enjoy famous cultural performance: **Chinese Acrobatics** in the evening. **Wanda Realm Hotel (4-Star)**

Day Fifteen: 4/23 Beijing (B/L/D)

Start your city tour with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the world's largest and most famous square. Follow with a tour of the **Forbidden City**, the Imperial Palace for Ming & Qing emperors with 9,999 rooms full of legendary stories of the royal families. Finally, tour the picturesque **Summer Palace**, the largest ancient preserved garden in China. **Wanda Realm Hotel (4-Star)**

Day Sixteen: 4/24 Beijing (B/L/D)

The highlight of today is a trip to the astonishing **Great Wall**. The Great Wall is the most famous image of the China throughout the world. It is over 3,000 miles long at an elevation of 1,000 meter, and is one of the Eight Wonders of the world. Afternoon, visit the **Scared Way** at the southern end of the mausoleum. Built in 1540, the Sacred Way is a large memorial archway in China. Then, tour to **Qianmen Street** which has history of more than 570 years. During the Qing Dynasty, there were many specialized outlets on either side of it. Nowadays, Qianmen Street is a symbol of genuine local culture. It has many of China's time-honored names. Visitors can enjoy a traditional Chinese way of life. Also, visitors can see sightseeing trolley running on Qianmen Street. Enjoy a famous **Peking Duck Dinner** in the evening. **Wanda Realm Hotel (4-Star)**

Day Seventeen: 4/25 Beijing – Xian (B/L/D)

After breakfast, transfer to airport and board Flight **MU2106** to **Xian**, an ancient capital city for 11 dynasties. Upon arrival, visit the **Shanxi Province History Museum**, which is rated No.1 museum in China. This evening, enjoy a traditional **Tang Dynasty Music & Dance Show** evening. **Tian Time Hotel Xian (4-Star)**

Day Eighteen: 4/26 Xian (B/L/D)

This morning, visit **Ancient City Wall** and **South Gate**. This is the most impressive access point of Xian's 39-foot-high Ming Dynasty city wall. Afternoon, visit famed **Terra Cotta Warriors Museum**, the 8th Wonder of the world. In 1974, peasants were digging a well and uncovered what turned out to be major archaeological discovery of the 20th century: an underground vault of earth and timber that eventually yielded 6,000 life-sized terra cotta soldiers and their horses. **Tian Time Hotel Xian (4-Star)**

Day Nineteen: 4/27 Xian (B/L/D)

Today, you will tour to a village in **Huixan County**. The county is near Xian and it is well-known for its **Farmer's Painting**. You will see the traditional paintings produced by local farmers and also you will learn how to make paper cutting. Enjoy your lunch with local farmer's family. **Tian Time Hotel Xian (4-Star)**

Day Twenty: 4/28 Shanghai → New York (B)

After breakfast,, transport to airport and board **MU291** to **Shanghai** at 1:30 PM and then board connecting homeward **China Eastern Airline MU297** at 8:20 PM, and arrive **JFK** the same day around 11:15 PM.

B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner

Exclusive of

*Gratuities for local tour guides and drivers.

*Chinese Tourist Visa Fee

US citizens are NOT required to obtain tourist visa to visit Japan. However, your US passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of departure.

US citizens are required to obtain tourist visa to visit China.

Reservation Procedure:

To complete your trip reservation, please send the following items to "China Comfort Travel, 2000 Linwood Avenue Suite 11K, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024" before the deadline:

1. Completed **2020 NY Teachers' Spring Japan Tour Registration Form**;
2. A copy of your first passport page. If you don't have valid passport, you must provide 1st page of your old passport or name on your birth certificate or New Passport Application Form;
3. \$350/per person deposit check or money order payable to "China Comfort Travel".

Payment Method and Due Date:

We accept personal checks or money orders. No credit cards please. There are total of 3 payments:

1. The first deposit of \$350 must be paid at the time of reservation
2. The second payment of \$1,000 per person is due on 1/15/2020.
3. The remaining balance is due on 2/15/2020.

Failure to comply with deposit & payment requirement will result in automatic cancellation of your reservations.

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellation notice must be received by mail or fax. Upon receipt of your written cancellation notice, the non-refundable penalty will apply as follows:

Days Prior to Tour Departure Date	Penalty Applied Per Person
70 days prior to departure	\$200 per person
40-69 days prior to departure	\$400 per person
30-39 days prior to departure	\$700 Per Person
10-29 days prior to departure	50% of tour fare per person
Less than 10 days prior to departure	100% of tour fare per person

No refund or reimbursement for any voluntary giving up of meals, tours and/or accommodations.

Travel Insurance Information: Group Protection Plan

Benefits	Limits Per Person
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Cancel for Work Reasons Coverage due to work Related seasons in addition to job loss	Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
Trip Delay	\$750 (\$150/day)
Baggage/Personal Effect	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$400
Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation	\$250,000
Non-Insurance World Emergency Assistance Services	Included
Cancel for Any Reason	Optional

United States Fire Insurance Company, and Administered by *Travel Insured International* Please contact us for detailed Group Protection Plan.

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