MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
“THREE JEWELS OF CHINA”
1 - 11 OCTOBER 2020
BEIJING—XIAN—SHANGHAI
TOUR LEADER: SHAYNE JAROSZ

Tiananmen Square
Our Three Jewels tour starts in Beijing. Peking as it was known to westerners was the seat of power for the Han Emperors. It contains the fabulous Forbidden City and is close to the Great Wall. However Peking was not the original capital of the Emperors as our second stop is Xian. Older and still contains an intact city wall that dwarfs those you have seen in Europe. Besides the confluence of most of China’s minority populations the not to be missed “true wonder of the world” Terra Cotta Warriors is on the schedule. Our final jewel is Shanghai where the Western Powers got their first foothold in China. The Bund, the buildings of the European trading companies still line one side of the river opposite the ultra modern Pudong District has sprung to life as Shanghai remains a fascinating city to explore.

Thousands of Marines, soldiers and sailors served in China since the start of the Yangtze Patrol in 1854. Those “Old” China Hands, prior to World War II, gave birth to the legends of “China Duty.” When one thinks of the Boxer Rebellion or American forces in China before World War II it is of the Marines at Shanghai and Peking and the U.S. Navy’s gunboats assigned to the Yangtze Patrol and South China Patrol. Movies like the San Pebbles and 55 Days at Peking give the historical and exotic nature of China Duty prior to WWII.

In the years following WWII, thousands more saw service in the waters off China and on land in the capacity of Civil Government repatriating the Japanese Military and keeping order during a period of turmoil in Chinese History. Our Navy and Marine Corps provided a stabilizing influence. Please join MHT as you will be delighted to recognize the places you have read about in this legendary land and seen during the 2008 Olympics and movies. Don’t miss the Three Jewels of China brought to you as only MHT offers all the culture and the history of our military service in China.

MHT Tour Leader Shayne Jarosz has been to China numerous times where he has been able to add perspective as a former World History teacher and Marine making him perfectly suited to present the mysteries of China on an interesting and fun “bucket list” tour!

Tour Price: $3,095 (bodo-based on double occupancy)
Single Room Supplement: $625
China Visa: $300

Tour Price Includes:
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- Air-conditioned motorcoach
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Historical Trip information packet, containing maps and other tour information
- Gratuities for all Tour Guides and Bus Drivers
- Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed
- Services of experienced Tour Leaders and English-speaking local guides

Not Included: China Visa ($300 Optional)
Airfare: MHT Optional Airfare is available, Round-trip economy or business class airfare from your city via an international portal to China priced upon registration.
DAILY ITINERARY

1 Oct Thur - (Day 1) Depart USA
Depart your hometown airport for an international flight to Beijing. (Cross international dateline lose a day)

2 Oct Fri - (Day 2) Arrive Beijing
Arrive Beijing, transfer to our hotel. Hotel: No. 9 Da Cheng Meals: (D-Dinner)

3 Oct Sat - (Day 3) Beijing
We begin our China exploration with a morning trip to the fabled Summer Palace with its famed man-made lake and many pavilions and palace buildings. Our next stop is to see the Giant Pandas at the Beijing Zoo with the largest number on display in the world. After lunch, we will take a bus tour around the historical Legation Street area that was laid under siege during the Boxer Rebellion and was rescued by an international military force. We will take a walking tour of Tian An Men Square which occupies an area large enough to hold half a million people. The Square is famous for the student pro-democracy protest in 1989. This evening, we will enjoy a traditional “Peking Duck” Welcome Dinner. Hotel: No. 9 Da Cheng Meals: (Breakfast-B/Lunch-L/D)

4 Oct Sun - (Day 4) Beijing
After a western-style buffet breakfast, we depart for the Forbidden City and the Palace Museum. Completed in 1420, it is the largest and most well preserved imperial residence in China. Upon leaving the grounds of the Forbidden City we will enjoy a special treat as we take a unique Hutong tour with a rickshaw journey through historic Beijing streets and neighborhoods. We will have lunch with a Hutong family, a unique opportunity not generally available to foreign tourists. Afterwards we will visit a local pearl or silk workshop. This evening we will have a group dinner and see a special acrobatic show. Hotel: No. 9 Da Cheng Meals: (Breakfast-B/Lunch-L/D)

5 Oct Mon - (Day 5) Beijing
After breakfast, we will depart for the Great Wall of China, one of the wonders of the world. The Great Wall truly symbolizes China’s ancient civilization and is one of the world's most renowned structures. In 221 BC, the Emperor decided to have the existing walls linked and extended to more than 4,200 miles. Historical records show that about 1 million people, one-fifth of China's population at the time, were involved in the project, whose completion took more than a decade. After our visit to the Great Wall, we will tour a jade workshop and have lunch at the Spring Roll Diner near the Great Wall. After lunch, we will tour the Ming tombs to see Dingling, underground palace, then to see a jade workshop. This evening is free to spend a final night enjoying the nightlife of Beijing. Hotel: No 9 Da Cheng Meals: (B/L/D on own)

6 Oct Tue - (Day 6) Xian
This morning we take the Bullet Train from Beijing to Xian, we check-in at our hotel and have lunch near the hotel, which is inside the old city wall near the start of the Silk Road. In the afternoon we enjoy a city tour of Xian, to include the original City Wall, Wild Goose Buddhist Temple and the Drum Tower. Tonight we have a group dinner prior to the Tang Dynasty Show. Hotel: Sunda Gentleman International Meals: (B/L/D)

7 Oct Wed - (Day 7) Xian
Today we explore one of the great wonders of the ancient world as we tour the famed Terracotta Warriors. Museum, that chronicles the life of those who built the incredible warriors and explore these huge now indoor dig sites. We finish the day with the shopping bargains near the downtown Bell Tower. Hotel: Sunda Gentleman International Meals: (B/L/D)
8 Oct Thu - (Day 8) Shanghai
This morning we have our flight from Xian to Shanghai. Upon arrival in the famed river city of Shanghai, we visit the famed Huangpu Waterfront with its old colonial buildings. Check into the historic and beautifully renovated (2012) Broadway Mansions located at the end of the Bund River Walk. Optional Song & Acrobat Show Tonight. **Hotel: Broadway Mansions Meals: (B/L/D)**

9 Oct Fri - (Day 9) Shanghai
We start our day with a visit to the Shanghai Museum the finest in China. We head across the river to the landmark TV Tower (from here have a panoramic view of this city which blends the old and new China), and the Pudong District. The tower includes the outstanding history of Shanghai Museum. The evening is free to enjoy shopping and nightlife along Nanjing Road. **Hotel: Broadway Mansions Meals: (B/L/D)**

10 Oct Sat - (Day 10) Shanghai
Travel to visit the POW Camp at the end of the river Huangpu River where the Shanghai/Peking Marines and the Wake Island Survivors were imprisoned by the Japanese in an old British Fort. After lunch, we visit the Yu Yuan Garden a must see in Shanghai. Late afternoon, enjoy the many sights, sounds and shopping of this bustling metropolis as well as shopping along Nanjing Road where Asian bargains can be found in abundance. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Broadway Mansions Meals: (B/L/D)**

11 Oct Sun - (Day 11) Departure
After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our Transpacific flight from Shanghai. (Cross International Date-line, Arrive USA)