

Mission to China

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What about computers?

A. You can carry your own lap top or use one in the Hotel Business Center. You will need a converter if you bring your own laptop.

Q. What happens to the luggage weight limit when we come back with our purchases?

A. If you carry too much, you will be charged by the airline. If you buy a terra cotta warrior, ship it; don't carry it home on the 'plane with you. But Chinese people in China close one eye and let you get by on the way home if you have just a little bit more weight.

Q. What if I want to come back to Seattle on my own and not with the group?

A. You will need to buy your own ticket. The ticket you have is based on a group price and itinerary cannot be altered. One way fare home can be as much as \$15,000.

Q. What if we want to take off on our own during the tour?

A. You must tell your Tour Bus Driver and Tour Guide that you are going on your own, so that they don't expect you.

Q. What if you are signing up as a solo traveler and don't have a roommate?

A. The Chamber will help you find a roommate with other solo travelers, or you may pay \$450 single-supplement and have a room alone.

Q. Do I need shots?

A. We don't make any recommendations that you need any shots. Consult with your private physician and follow their advice.

Q. What about the time difference?

A. Now (summer) we are 15 hours behind China; i.e., China is 15 hours ahead in the summer and 16 hours ahead in the winter.

Q. Are the hotels Chinese-style or like our hotels?

A. There are no Chinese style hotels; they are all like your Hilton or your Marriott; all hotels are of international standard.

Q. How much room do you have on the tour? How late can we sign up?

A. The Chamber's deadline is December 12, 2008. That is the last day you can sign up; but the space is limited.

Q. What about personal safety.

A. Everywhere in the world you can find a bad person, but I've been doing these tours since 1982 and only once three years ago, a lady lost her purse at the airport. The police brought it to her just a little while later.

Q. What about cell phones? Will ours work there?

A. Before you go you check your carrier and see if you will have service there, or you may have to buy local cell phone.

Q. What about trip insurance and medical insurance?

A. Trip insurance is available from Citslinc, AAA, and others for such things as medical coverage, trip interruption, evacuation and repatriation, flight accident protection, lost luggage, and trip delay.