

# ANCIENT KINGDOMS CHINA

Grand Yangtze River Cruise

Chongqing to Shanghai BEIJING • XI'AN • THREE GORGES

> with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

> > June 4 to 19, 2013

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#### Dear Alumni & Friends:

Mysterious China. A land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a 5,000-year-old civilization steeped in legend. Here, the people's reverence for ancestral customs has been passed on through kingdoms and dynasties and preserved from one generation to the next, influencing life today as well as providing an impetus for change and a springboard for the future.

We invite you to join fellow alumni on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Julie Nixon Eisenhower, who will share her perspectives and firsthand accounts on the pivotal role her late father, President Richard M. Nixon, played in bringing Communist China out of isolation and reopening U.S. relations for the first time since 1949. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites on this comprehensive journey, traveling half the width of China and allowing for in-depth appreciation of the juxtaposition of its ancient culture with 21<sup>st</sup>-century advancements, from the imperial dignity of Mandarin Beijing and Tiananmen Square to the dynastic treasures of the ancient capital of Xi'an and the Three Gorges Dam, to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai and the contrasting 21<sup>st</sup>-century architecture of Pudong across the river.

A highlight of the journey will be a six-night Grand Cruise along the fabled Yangtze River, sailing all the way from Chongqing downstream into stunning Shanghai through the magnificent Yangtze River Gorges aboard the exclusively chartered M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA, the finest river ship cruising the entire course of the Yangtze. Cruise the magnificent Three Gorges and Three Lesser Gorges, and visit the engineering marvel of the Three Gorges Dam. See regions seldom visited by Westerners—Wuhan, settled more than 3,000 years ago by the Han Dynasty; Huangshan, famous for its majestic Yellow Mountain range, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and Nánjing, former capital of Imperial China.

This China travel offering is the most comprehensive program available to affinity travelers and includes specially selected, English-speaking, local experts and guides to accompany us; carefully selected, Five-Star hotel accommodations in the best locations, including the legendary PEACE HOTEL in Shanghai; opportunities to meet the fascinating people of China; and a historic eyewitness perspective on international relations with this country. Space is limited so we encourage you to book now and take advantage of the Early Booking Savings!

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Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88 Travel Program Director Office of Alumni Relations The Johns Hopkins University

P.S. A visit to the Johns Hopkins University-Nánjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies will be included. To learn more about the center, visit http://nanjing.jhu.edu.





# **OPENING CHINA'S** ANCIENT KINGDOMS to the WEST

Chinese civilization originated in regional centers along both the Yellow River and the Yangtze River valleys during the Neolithic era, and for centuries Chinese culture, literature and philosophy have flourished, with

each Kingdom and Dynasty adding to its collective knowledge and cultural heritage. Yet China was an insular country, allowing only glimpses of cultural richness to the outside world via the Silk Road, which stoked the European's imagination of exotic lands in the East. A mysterious land, one which Napoleon referred to as "a sleeping giant that would change the world when awoken," the country finally lifted its shroud when President Richard Nixon visited in 1972. An eyewitness to the reopening of China and the introduction of its ancient traditions to the Western world, which vaulted it into its current progressive nation status, Julie Nixon Eisenhower represents the bridge to this spectacular transformation of the most populous, perhaps most culturally idiosyncratic nation on Earth.

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# Beijing, China

The former imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing is one of China's ancient citadels. Rich in historical sites and cultural relics, this dynamic city of more than 12 million people is the cultural and spiritual heart of the country and the ideal place from which to begin tracing the fascinating narrative of ancient China.

Walk through the immense, historic Tiananmen Square, the world's largest public square, site of the mausoleum of modern China's Founder, Mao Zedong.

Visit the ceremonial halls, royal apartments, gardens and temples of the Imperial Palace in the mystical Forbidden City, residence of Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The beautifully landscaped Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was the retreat of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Empress Dowager Cixi.

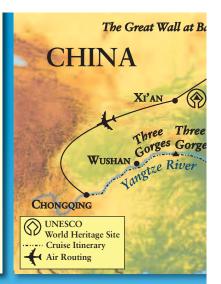
Cover Photo: Cruise the scenic path the Yangtze River has carved through the heart of China, an exotic landscape of verdant mountains and sheer cliffs.

Photo this page: Walk along the Great Wall of China, the only man-made structure that can be seen from space, and feel the mystery and allure of the world's oldest civilization.



Julie Nixon Eisenhower, daughter of President Richard Nixon, was an eyewitness to her father's groundbreaking diplomacy that led to the opening to China. She is a published author, editor and public speaker who has lectured widely throughout the United States on the presidency,

leadership, women in politics and life in the White House. Julie is a board member of The China Institute. She and her husband, David Eisenhower had an extraordinary meeting with Mao Zedong on New Year's Eve, 1975, and returned to China in 2002 to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic opening of China. From her unique perspective, Julie will explore why her father went to the People's Republic of China and how that historic trip changed our world.



Walk through Cixi's private apartments filled with jewel-encrusted furniture, and see her ornate Marble Boat. Then cruise by private boat across Kunming Lake's tranquil waters.

Visit the magnificent Great Wall of China, the symbol of imperial grandeur since 500 B.C., constructed over the course of 2,000 years. This imposing fortification once spanned more than 3,500 miles. Walk along this UNESCO World Heritage site and see sweeping views of the scenic northern plains and valleys.

Tour the magnificent complex of religious buildings surrounding the extraordinary Temple of Heaven, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

# Xi'an

Modern Xi'an was China's thriving capital of emperors, courtesans, monks, merchants and soldiers for 11 dynasties; a place where many of the world's great religions coexisted and the fabled launching point of the Silk Road, where camel caravans brought goods from the Eurasian continent and sent Chinese influence out to the world. From Xi'an's distinctive, triple-eaved Bell and Drum Towers, watchmen once signaled dawn and dusk with a bell and a drum.

Visit the amazing 20th-century archaeological find and UNESCO World Heritage site: the famous life-size Terra Cotta Warriors-no two alike-have guarded the still-unopened tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang, for more than 2,000 years. Also visit the exquisite Yangling Imperial Tomb, where thousands of captivating figurines excavated from the 2,100-year-old tomb of Emperor Liu Qi capture the essence of daily life during the Han Dynasty, a high point in Chinese history when culture and the arts flourished as never before.

### Chongqing

Embark on your cruise down the fabled Yangtze River in the picturesque mountain city of Chongqing, which clings to the cliffs at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers and served as a base for the famous Flying Tigers during World War II.



The intricate Marble Boat at Beijing's Summer Palace signified that the rule of the Qing Dynasty would never be overturned.

#### Grand Yangtze Cruise Three Gorges/Three Lesser Gorges/ Three Gorges Dam

This exclusively chartered cruise stops in ports Westerners rarely visit and showcases the grandeur of one of China's greatest natural wonders, the Three Gorges. Pass through Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge and the spectacular Xiling Gorge. Aboard excursion boats, travel up the Daning River through the majestic scenery of the Three Lesser Gorges.

Beijing's 600-year-old Forbidden City displays the splendor of the Ming and Qing emperors, known in Chinese lore as the "Sons of Heaven."







Traditional Chinese sampans used for fishing and transportation ply the tranquil waters of the Yangtze River's legendary Three Gorges.

Visit the massive Three Gorges Dam, the largest water conservancy project ever undertaken by man. Considered a key to China's modernization, it is the world's largest hydroelectric dam, 2,553 yards wide and 606 feet high.

#### Wuhan

The crossroads of Wuhan reflects the influences of China's diversity. Inhabited since the first century, and a one time possession of Wu Kingdom in the Three Kingdoms Period, the city's cultural legacy blends seamlessly into its modern role as a thriving transportation hub.

Just beyond the city, visit the private retreat residence of Chairman Mao, the "Home of the White Clouds and Yellow Cranes." It was here amidst the quiet ambiance of bamboo tree-lined footpaths, dense groves and flying songbirds, Chairman Mao conducted daily national affairs several times a year and gave an audience with celebrities and foreign dignitaries.

## Huangshan®

Ascend 3,200 feet by modern cable car through a plethora of subtropical plant and wildlife to the peak of UNESCO World Heritage site Yellow Mountain for dramatic panoramic views that have inspired centuries of Chinese artists and poets. The fascinating topography of granite peaks, emerging clouds and unique rock formations has been a source of mythology throughout the centuries. This historical center of booming tea trade produces almost 30 varieties of teas.

## Nánjing

Beautiful Nánjing, near the lower Yangtze River, has twice served as China's capital, first in the early years of the Ming dynasty (1368–1644) and as the capital of the Republic of China in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A Qing Dynasty-style Bazaar is still held surrounding the traditional Confucian Temple.

# Shanghai

The exhilarating metropolis of Shanghai was the first of China's cities to be influenced by the West. Today, its outstanding architectural landmarks along the famous Bund include the neoclassical Customs House and the China Merchants Bank building. Visit Old Shanghai's street markets and classical Chinese gardens, and tour the famous Shanghai Museum of Art. The historic French Concession boasts distinctive European architecture, while 21<sup>st</sup>-century Pudong juxtaposes the ancient city. See the residences of Sun Yat-Sen and Zhou Enlai, two of 20<sup>th</sup>-century China's most famous leaders.



Stay in Shanghai's historic FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL (pyramid-shaped roof) on the famous Bund, where elegant 19<sup>th</sup>-century architecture stands as a symbol to the city's legacy.

# Distinctive Centrally Located Five-Star Hotels

Each deluxe Hotel is located in the heart of its city to allow for ease of travel and touring.

FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, Shanghai A legendary, landmark Hotel on the Bund and host to the world's elite for 80 years, reopened after a three-year restoration.

#### THE HILTON, Xi'an

Ideally located within the ancient city walls, offering contemporary amenities and proximity to the city's cultural highlights.

#### **THE PENINSULA, Beijing** Ultra-deluxe accommodations in an unrivaled location, walking distance to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.



# M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA

All Gohagan & Company cruises in China are aboard this exclusively chartered vessel in the esteemed Victoria Cruises fleet. The comfortable M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA, refurbished in 2011, was originally designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards.

Guests are accommodated in 100 spacious outside Staterooms and Suites elegantly decorated in contemporary Chinese and Western styles and featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto a private balcony, from which passengers can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River. Each Stateroom and Suite includes private bathroom facilities with shower, air conditioning, telephone and satellite television with English and international channels.

Meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner served in single, unassigned seatings in the elegant Dynasty Dining Room. Skilled chefs prepare Chinese and Western cuisine featuring local ingredients. Complimentary house wine



Stateroom



Dining Room

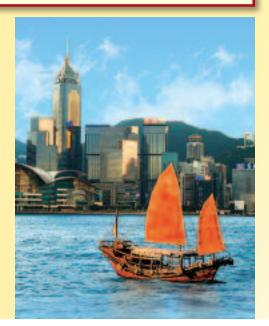
and local beer accompany dinner. Coffee and tea are served throughout the cruise. Public areas include a lounge and bar, observation deck, library, wireless hotspots, gift shop, beauty salon and fitness center. Shipboard entertainment and exercise programs feature aspects of traditional Chinese culture. Laundry service is available,

and a physician is on board. The M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that provides a superior level of personalized, amiable service that will ensure a delightful Yangtze River travel experience.

# Hong Kong Post-Program Option

Explore the exciting contrasts and epic drama of Hong Kong where the past has flowed into the present. See Chinese junks and sampans jostling with ocean liners in the harbor, temples and markets tucked below ultramodern high-rises and the interplay of the exotic and the technically advanced. Discover this bustling metropolis during a tram ride up Victoria Peak and a scenic Sampan ride through the floating Village of Aberdeen. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



# The Terra Cotta Warriors of Qin Shihuang<sup>®</sup>

In 1974, near the ancient city of Xi'an, farmers digging a well unearthed one of the most amazing archaeological discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century—an army of thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and

horses maintaining a silent vigil over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.). This visionary monarch, the first ruler of a unified China, introduced a standardized writing system, reformed the legal code and commenced the building of the Great Wall of China, the greatest public works project of its era. The emperor, as large a figure in death as he was in life, lies buried in a mausoleum that took 36 years to construct and required the efforts of 700,000 laborers. The tomb itself remains unexcavated, guarded by row upon row of charioteers, infantry, cavalry and horses. The face of each terra cotta warrior has a distinctive, lifelike expression, and each figure bears trappings denoting his rank within the imperial army-general, senior officer, junior officer or common soldier. In 1987, UNESCO designated this treasure trove of early Chinese art a World Heritage site.



# **Included Features**

#### In Beijing

- Three nights in the Five-Star, Deluxe PENINSULA BEIJING, located in the city center within walking distance of the Forbidden City. Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception and Peking duck dinner.
- Tour of the mysterious Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and walk through Tiananmen Square.
- Excursion to the Great Wall of China, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch en route to Beijing.
- Visit to the towering Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Excursion to the Temple of Heaven, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### In Xi'an

- Two nights in the Five-Star HILTON HOTEL, located within the ancient city walls. Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Excursion to the vast complex of the Terra Cotta Warriors, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Specially arranged lecture on the discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors.
- Visit to the Yangling Imperial Tombs, a unique discovery.
- Tour of old Xi'an and the ancient Moorish quarter.

# On board the exclusively chartered M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA

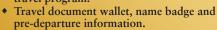
- Six-night Grand Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing to Shanghai, with port calls at Wushan, Wuhan, Guichi for Huangshan and Nánjing.
- River-view Stateroom or Suite with private balcony and private bathroom.
- Captain's Welcome Reception.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Complimentary house wine served at dinner.
- Complimentary coffee and tea throughout the day.
- Program of lectures during the cruise.
- Private boat cruise on the Daning River into the dramatic Three Lesser Gorges.
- Transit and tour of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest dam complex.
- Excursion in the city of Wuhan featuring a visit to Mao Zedong's private residence.
- Full-day excursion to UNESCO World Heritage site Huangshan for Yellow Mountain, one of China's most famous and picturesque mountain ranges.
- City tour of seldom-visited Nánjing.
- T'ai chi exercise sessions during the cruise.
- Captain's Farewell Dinner Banquet.

#### **In Shanghai**

- Three nights in the historic, Five-Star, Deluxe FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, located on the famous Bund. Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Excursion to the famed Bund and Pudong districts.
- Guided tour of the Shanghai Museum of Art, the colonial-era French Concession, the exceptional YuYuan Garden and the Old Chinese Quarter.
- Farewell Reception.

#### **Enhanced Travel Services**

- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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- Experienced team of Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.



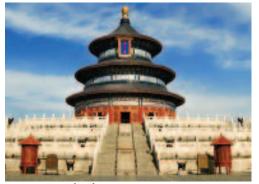


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