

# OPTIONAL TOURS

## **1. Hutong Tour in Beijing ( USD35/pp )**

Hutong is a traditional living area for ordinary Beijing citizens, the history of which dates back to 1000 years ago. Hundreds of thousands of houses of traditional architecture style are densely flanked on both sides of narrow and zigzag streets. People have been living a traditional Chinese life-style here through many generations. Tourists will ride on a traditional rickshaw, two for each, for a colorful tour through these narrow streets. The tour will authentically trace the historical life of an oriental country. Tourists will also have opportunity to visit local families and observe their life-style and cuisine. During lunch, tourists will be served with delicious Chinese domestic dishes Chinese dumplings with local family members. During the two hours Hutong tour tourists will learn much about China's life and its people.

## **2. Peking Opera ( USD20/pp , USD40/pp for VIP seat )**

Peking Opera is one of the center-pieces of China's traditional culture and art originating in Beijing. It has a history of over three hundreds years of performances. The Opera lasts an hour and thirty minutes, and may feature several different short plays, which some are full of colorful pageantry as well as traditional singing and dancing. The show is renowned for its colorful costumes, impressive facial designs and staging style of oriental culture.

## **3. Boat Ride on Grand Canal in Suzhou ( USD25/pp )**

Grand Canal is a man-made waterway completed 1300 years ago by the Chinese people. It starts from Beijing and ends in Hangzhou with a total length of more than 1,000 miles. During a 50- minute excursion on it by tour-boat, visitors will enjoy a view of both the modern and traditional life of Suzhou.

## **4. Evening Cruise on Huangpu River ( USD25/pp)**

This cruise is guaranteed to create an unforgettable impression of Grand Shanghai! The evening view of Shanghai from the cruise boat is most impressive, charming and memorable.

## **5. ERA-Intersection of Time-by Cirque du Soleil (USD35/pp)**

This is a spectacular acrobatic extravaganza, and the first of its kind in China. The ERA is a multimedia production whose inspiration is a direct result of the combination of traditional Chinese acrobatic arts and modern technology. Just like Shanghai, ERA depicts the constant differences between the past and the future. ERA is a love story, yet it is also contemplation across the millennia, a fascination with that other dimension man has yet to conquer: time. ERA's acrobats are on a quest to find that tenuous point of balance, the intersection between X, Y and Z. The audiences are always amazed by the acrobats' control and precision, and are enchanted by the world that is created through the use of multimedia, technology, lighting and sound effects. The costumes are elaborate, and the original live music is outstanding. As such, ERA is universal, without language or cultural barriers. A thousand-year-old gesture is worth a thousand emotions, a thousand images, a thousand words. This production is most memorable.

## **6. Shanghai Maglev Train (one way ticket USD15/pp, round trip USD25/pp)**

Shanghai maglev train, the first commercial rail line of its type in the world, which links Metro Line 2 at Longyang Road with the Pudong International Airport. This state-of-the-art train travels at top speed of 431 kilometers per-hour (much faster than the Bullet Train in Japan). Shanghai Maglev Train takes only 7 minutes and 20 seconds to cover a 30 kilometer trip, which would take 30 to 40 minutes by driving. Funded at a total amount of 10 billion yuan, it took 2.5 years to complete. Powered by electromagnetism, it is suspended in air, about 10 millimeters above the track on a magnetic cushion. It brings a speed revolution to the world in ground transportation. A ride on this train is thrilling !

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### **7. The Legend of Kung Fu (USD25/pp)**

The Legend of Kung Fu is the a production which combines the elements of kung fu, story-telling, acrobatics, modern dance, and original music to celebrate the philosophy and skill of martial arts. The show revolves around the story of a young boy, Chun Yi (the pure one), who in order to pursue spiritual and physical harmony is apprenticed as a monk to learn kung fu. Along the way he overcomes obstacles, and is frequently distracted and tempted. However, he ultimately achieves the designation of Master, who will enlighten younger generations. 'Chun Yi: The Legend of Kung Fu' had its first North America tour from August 2005 to January 2006, during which time, it played 150 performances in major US and Canadian cities. It received rave-reviews at all venues.