CLASSIC CHINA & THE YANGTZE
March 24-April 6, 2020

14 days from $4,184 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($3,695 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $489 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Cover Photo: China’s Great Wall winds across varied landscapes for more than 5,500 miles.

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Comprehensive in scope yet briefer in duration than many China tours, this relaxed, well-paced journey combines monumental Beijing, a cruise on the fabled Yangtze, fascinating Xian, and cosmopolitan Shanghai. Traveling in your small group, you’ll have the good fortune to meet local people and to experience a host of China’s highlights, both ancient and of the moment.

**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Beijing, China**

**Day 2: Arrive Beijing** We arrive in the Chinese capital and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax we meet our tour director for a walking tour of the area surrounding our hotel. Dinner is on our own.

**Day 3: Beijing** After this morning’s briefing with our tour director, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast – and infamous – Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1368–1911). Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall** Our day begins with a rickshaw ride through Beijing’s ancient back roads (hutongs). Here we visit the home of a local family for a rare glimpse of the traditional communal lifestyle that is fast disappearing. Then we make a brief photo stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we encounter the Great Wall, the incredible collection of ancient defense installations (and UNESCO World Heritage site) that stretches more than 5,500 miles and where we visit the Mu Tian Yu section by cable car. **B,L,D**

**Day 5: Beijing** This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex where China’s emperors once worshipped. Later this afternoon we tour the Summer Palace, the former royal retreat with beautiful gardens and temples that is now a park attracting both visitors and locals. **B,L**

**Day 6: Beijing/Xian** This morning we fly to Xian. Once among the world’s greatest cities, Xian devolved into a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974 – considered among the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th century. This afternoon, we tour Xian’s impressive nine-mile city wall and moat. Tonight, we enjoy a special dinner of traditional Chinese dumplings. **B,L,D**

**Day 7: Xian** Our day begins at Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE), among China’s most acclaimed
Buddhist temples. After lunch we visit the museum housing the renowned Terra Cotta Warriors, the more than 7,000 life-sized soldiers created to guard China’s first emperor in the afterlife. We see these astounding pieces, each with an individually sculpted face, standing in military formation in three separate vaults. The entire complex is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Day 8: Xian/Chongqing/Board Ship** This morning we fly to Chongqing, where we visit the zoo housing the beloved pandas. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we board our Victoria Cruises ship and set sail this evening.

**Day 9: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu** Prized for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world’s busiest and longest (3,600 miles) rivers. As we cruise along the storied waterway, this afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the “ghost city” of Fengdu, with its complex of shrines, temples, and monasteries.

**Day 10: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Wu Gorge/Small Gorges/Xiling Gorge** It’s a day of beautiful scenery as we first pass through narrow Qutang Gorge, smallest of the Yangtze gorges, followed by tranquil Wu Gorge. Then we board a small sampan for a cruise through the stunning Small Gorges. Flanked by sheer cliffs and steep mountains, the Small Gorges recall scenes from ancient Chinese scroll paintings. Back on board our Victoria Cruises ship, late this afternoon we enter 42-mile Xiling Gorge, with its swift rapids and churning whirlpools.

**Day 11: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai** We tour the site of the immense Three Gorges Dam Project this morning then continue cruising to Yichang. Here we disembark and fly to Shanghai, the “Paris of the East.” Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

**Day 12: Shanghai** Our day begins with a walking tour of the Xin Tian Di shopping and entertainment area of reconstituted traditional homes. We continue on to beloved 16th-century Yu Yuan Gardens, whose plantings, courtyards, and pavilions create the illusion of mountains, caverns, and lakes. After lunch together we tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend an acrobatics show.

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**Post-Tour Extension**

**April 6-9, 2020**

**Hong Kong – On Your Own**

4 days/3 nights for $995 total price

Single Supplement: $395

Explore this dazzling Chinese city on your own: great shopping, a mouth-watering diversity of cuisine, and a vibrant city scene.

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Air transportation Shanghai/Hong Kong, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights’ accommodations at Cordis, Hong Kong at Langham Place (Deluxe)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfers to/from airport
Day 13: Shanghai  This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors – and their buildings – once held sway over Shanghai. Still one of the city’s most popular attractions, the Bund draws visitors and locals alike. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure; your tour director will help you find your way from here, perhaps to the bustling Nanjing Road shopping district … to the Oriental Pearl TV Tower for a bird’s-eye view of this dynamic city … or to a scenic boat ride along the Huangpu River that bisects Shanghai. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 14: Depart for U.S.  We depart Shanghai for our return flights to the U.S.  B

Victoria Cruises Premier Ships

Launched/Rebuilt: 2004–2011
Registry: Chinese
Crew: 121–189

Air Conditioning: Yes
Decks: 5 or 6
Passenger Capacity: 218–378

All Cabins: Private balcony; satellite TV with HBO

Your Tour Price Includes

• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
• 12 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights aboard Superior First Class ship of Victoria Cruises; 9 nights in Deluxe hotels
• 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip, including shore excursions
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: March 24, 2020
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco $4,184
Portland (OR), Seattle $4,384
Boston, Chicago, New York, Phoenix, Washington, DC $4,484
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa $4,584

Land Only (transfers not included) $3,495

Please call if your city is not listed. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $4,195 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765
Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
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We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents, and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

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Warmly,

Alumni Affairs
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CORNELL UNIVERSITY TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM:
CLASSIC CHINA & THE YANGTZE

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Classic China & the Yangtze departing March 24, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

Full Passport Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth ____________ Gender _____
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Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________
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Please book my/our air from ______________________
I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐
I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐
Post-Tour “Hong Kong – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Classic China & the Yangtze, March 24-April 6, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment ☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA
Account # ______________________________________ Security Code __________ Exp. Date ______________
Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________
Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airline baggage fees; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s resale.

Responsibility
The liability of the Cornell University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to change airfares at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TOUR TO CHINA!
Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

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