



## Crane House Trips

**Tour of China and Dedication of Sichuan Earthquake  
School Rebuild Project in Xiang-E, Chengdu**

**August 24-September 5, 2009**



## Tour Includes

**Tickets:** International to and from Louisville (SDF) and domestic China airfare, and tickets of all excursions provided through the tour listed below.

**Lodging:** Three Star Hotel (double bed); Four Star Luxury Cruise Ship (double bed)

**Food:** provided as indicated, Quanjude Roast Duck included, Cruise ship includes food (lunch at Elementary School not included)

**Local Transportation:** 33-seat luxury air conditioned tour bus

**Travel Guide:** English speaking tour guide

**Insurance:** Personal Travel Accident Insurance; Travel Agency Liability Insurance

**General Transportation:** Shanghai-Yichang Airfare; Yichang-Chongqing Cruise fare; Chongqing-Chengdu Train Ticket; Chengdu-Beijing Airfare

### Miscellaneous:

1. No more than one shopping stop per day; no shopping on cruise
2. Tour guides and bus drivers tips included
3. The following expenses are NOT included: bar on the cruise, drink, laundry, massage, telecommunication, tips etc.

## Special Tour Package Price

\$3500 /person (Double Occupancy)

\$3800/person (Single Occupancy)

Price includes a \$500 tax deductible donation to Crane House

A \$500 non-refundable deposit before July 15 is required to hold your reservation. The remaining balance must be received by Crane House no later than July 24, 2009

To book your spot or for more information contact Crane House at 502.635.2240 or at [bslayton@cranehouse.org](mailto:bslayton@cranehouse.org)

## Tour Itinerary

Date	Activities	Included Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)	Lodging
8/24	Airport Pickup (PVG); arrive at hotel	D	Shanghai
8/25	After breakfast, drive to Hangzhou, visit West Lake, Lingyin Temple, Liuhe Pagoda and Mei Jia Wu Village. 	B,L,D	Hangzhou
8/26	Leave in the morning to Su Zhou; visit Humble Administrator's Garden, Garden of the Master of Nets and Silk Museum; then return to Shanghai. 	B,L,D	Shanghai
8/27	 Visit Yuyuan Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, Nanjing Road, The Bund, Oriental Pearl Tower; then take flight at HongQiao airport to Yichang, Hubei; pick up at Yichang airport; after dinner, board cruise ship.	B,L,D	Cruise ship
8/28	In the morning visit Sandouping Town where Three Gorges Dam is located; later enjoy sightseeing from the ship.	B,L,D	Ship
8/29	After breakfast, enjoy the scenery zone of Wu Gorge's exquisite peaks and lush mountains and ranges; then land to visit Wu Mountain and Three Little Gorges; change to two-floor cruise ship and visit Daning River, Three Little Gorges; enjoy sightseeing in the afternoon. 	B,L,D	Ship

<p><b>8/30</b></p>	<p>After breakfast, land and visit Fengdu, the Ghost City. Fengdu was modeled after the Chinese Hell in Taoist mythology, and was built over 1800 years ago.</p> <p>Lunch at Fengdu; then return to ship for sightseeing and send off dinner and party on ship.</p>		<p>B,L,D</p>	<p>Ship</p>
<p><b>8/31</b></p>	<p>After breakfast, disembark at Chongqing; take bus or train to Chengdu; in the afternoon visit Panda Breeding and Research Center.</p>		<p>B,L,D</p>	<p>Chengdu</p>
<p><b>9/1</b></p>	<p>In the morning, tour the new Xiang-E Elementary School and attend the Opening Ceremony. Fly to Beijing.</p>		<p>B,D</p>	<p>Beijing</p>
<p><b>9/2</b></p>	<p>After breakfast, visit Tiananmen Square, The Monument to the People's Heroes, National Center for the Performing Arts, Forbidden City, Hutong Tour by three wheeled bicycle, and later enjoy traditional Beijing culture at the Front Gate. Dinner at the world famous Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant; after dinner, watch an acrobat show.</p>		<p>B,L,D</p>	<p>Beijing</p>
<p><b>9/3</b></p>	 <p>After breakfast, visit the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall; after lunch, visit the iconic Olympic Park Bird Nest and Water Cube (outside only); Athletic Village and the Multifunctional Studio Tower can also be visited; rest after dinner.</p>		<p>B,L,D</p>	<p>Beijing</p>
<p><b>9/4</b></p>	<p>After breakfast visit Temple of Heaven Park (the Imperial Sacrificial Altar for Ming and Qing Dynasties).</p> <p>In the afternoon visit the Summer Palace (a summer resort for Empress Dowager Cixi in Qing Dynasty).</p>		<p>B,L,D</p>	<p>Beijing</p>
<p><b>9/5</b></p>	<p>After breakfast leave for airport</p>		<p>B</p>	

# REGISTRATION FORM (complete a separate form for each traveler)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of emergency (Required) (Must be someone other than a fellow traveler)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs?  No  Yes (please describe)

<b>Fees:</b> <b>\$3500</b> per person double occupancy <b>\$3800</b> per person single occupancy  A \$500 non-refundable deposit before July 15 is required to hold your reservation. The remaining balance must be received by Crane House no later than July 24, 2009	<b>Become a member of Crane House!</b> Individual \$45 Senior/Teacher \$30 Family / Dual \$60 Sponsor \$100 Supporter \$250 Patron \$500 Benefactor \$1000
---	--

**Total Trip Fee** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Crane House Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

Check  (make payable to Crane House, The Asia Institute, Inc.)

Credit Card (circle one) Am Exp Visa MC

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

---

**I agree to the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer and the Terms and Conditions of the tour as outlined in the Trip Details below.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tour Registrant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Please Mail to:

Crane House Trips – China

Crane House, The Asia Institute, Inc.

1244 South Third Street

Louisville, KY 40203

## TRIP DETAILS

### What Is Included in the Tour Cost

- Local experts and tour management throughout the tour.
- Round-trip international airfare.
- All accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- Meals as indicated in the tour itinerary
- All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary.
- Pre-tour information, including any related pre-tour reading (if part of the tour).
- Service charges and gratuities.
- All on-tour transportation, unless otherwise noted.

### What Is Not Included in the Tour Cost

- Passport fees, visas, and visa photos as required.
- Transfers to and from your home to the program site and transfers to and from the airports, unless specifically noted
- Expenses incurred by our tour operators in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour.
- Personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la-carte orders, meals other than specified.
- Room service and valet/laundry service.
- Airline taxes and departure fees, which are subject to change.
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

### Registration

Space is reserved in the order of receipt of reservation request.

To submit a request for a reservation, please order by calling Crane House at 502.635.2240 or email [bslayton@cranehouse.org](mailto:bslayton@cranehouse.org), Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

You will be notified of your status when your request has been received and processed.

### To complete your request, the following is necessary:

1. **Completed Registration Form**
2. **Payments:** A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your reservation. The remaining balance must be received by Crane House no later than July 24, 2009

### Late Registration

Due to the nature of tour operators and supplier payment schedules, any registration received after July 15, 2009 will not be processed.

### A Note About Costs

Tour costs are based upon current rates, entry fees, food and on the basis of a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Should actual enrollments fall significantly below minimum numbers, a surcharge may be added. Due to fluctuations in oil prices, a fuel surcharge may be added to your tour fee. Details and costs will be advised prior to tour departure.

### **Waiting List**

If the program is fully subscribed, you will be placed on a waiting list. If you choose to withdraw from the waiting list, please notify us. Please note that we are unable to keep you apprised of your status on the waiting list. We will call you only if a space becomes available, but you are welcome to call us at your convenience to inquire about your status at 502.635.2240.

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

Per person cancellation fees are based on date of notice to Crane House (subsequent written notice required):

- Cancellation by the Crane House: full refund.
- Cancellation between July 15 and July 24 inclusive, refund applied, but \$200 administration fee retained
- No refund for the tour after July 24.
- No refund for unused portions of the tour, including but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing.

**Please understand that there will be no exceptions to our cancellation policies.**

### **Air Service**

#### **Individual Arrivals and Group Transfers**

Travelers often making their own travel arrangements to meet the tour group. Therefore, we no longer feature a designated group flight on most tours. However, on most tours, transportation from the arrival airport to the ship/hotel is included in your tour cost if you arrive in time to meet the scheduled group transfer. Your first tour bulletin will thoroughly explain the details of the options available for your individual flights.

#### **Air Tickets Purchased Independently of the Tour**

We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets since international departure times and flights can change. Tours also can be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither Smithsonian Institution nor the tour operator accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with a tour.

### **Travel Insurance**

We strongly urge you to consider travel insurance in addition to your own health insurance policy. This coverage may also supplement your existing insurance policies should certain other contingencies arise while traveling. The plan provides help in many unexpected circumstances, such as loss, delay or damage of baggage; and/or a medical problem that may suddenly arise which causes you to cancel your trip. This is particularly important for international travelers who may require emergency evacuation.

### **Physical and Medical Considerations**

Please note that these tours require that participants be in good physical condition: you must be capable, without assistance, of walking a minimum of one mile over uneven terrain and of climbing stairs that may not have handrails. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of travelers on long days of touring. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a tour, please call us at 502.635.2240.

### **Itinerary or Program Modifications**

Crane House strives to improve tour itineraries and their features. If improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute hotels. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned but alterations may still occur after the final itineraries are sent.

### **Accommodations**

Crane House chooses hotels based on a combination of their location, service, atmosphere, and price. On all tours best-available hotels are used. Program prices are based on two persons sharing a room with a bath.

### **Singles and Roommates**

Please note that a single supplement will apply for a single room. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room, we will do our best to find someone of the same gender and smoking preference to share with you. If you are matched with a non-smoking roommate, it is mutually agreed that you cannot smoke in your hotel room. When a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement will be charged.

### **Preparing for Your Journey**

Prior to departure, you will receive a Pre-Tour notice containing both tour specific and general tour information to help you prepare for your travel experience.

#### **Pre-Tour Notice 1 includes such information as:**

- Passport and visa instructions
- Flight information
- Weather, clothing, and packing suggestions
- A suggested reading list
- General information about the countries you will visit, e.g. the food, customs, medical precautions and currency

#### **Pre-Tour Notice 2 includes such information such as:**

- Final Itinerary

### **Additional Information**

#### **Special Arrangements**

Participants may join the group en route and/or stay on after the end of the program. In such cases, however, no refund can be made for unused portions of the tour. Participants who wish to extend their stay in the group hotel either before or after the tour should contact the hotel directly for a special rate, dependent upon space availability. Any airfare differences in cost for early or extended travel are the responsibility of the participant.

#### **Photography**

Participants on Crane House Trips may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of Crane House.

#### **Smoking Policy**

For the comfort of all participants, we ask that there be no smoking during all group activities, including excursions and meals.

## **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

### **Read Carefully: Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer**

Crane House Trips are managed by professional tour operators hired as independent contractors. The use of tour operators allows Crane House to offer its members a wide array of educational travel opportunities. The tour operator acts only as an agent for the respective suppliers by making arrangements for transportation, accommodations, and other services. Neither Crane House nor the tour operator shall be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers. Crane House and the tour operator reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of tour participants.

Crane House and the tour operator also reserve the right, without penalty, to withdraw the tour announced, to decline to accept any person as a participant in a tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant, subject only to the requirement that the recoverable portion of the total amount paid that corresponds to the cost of unused services and accommodations be refunded, if any. Crane House and the tour operator accept no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets to the tour departure city and return. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

Dates, schedules, program details, and costs, although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication of the brochure or catalog, are subject to change and revision.

**AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ANY APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT MUST AGREE TO THE STATEMENT SET FORTH BELOW:**

The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour brochure(s), and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the tour and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth in the tour brochure(s). The undersigned further acknowledges that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, war or insurrection, theft, illness, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of tour staff or others. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the tour, the undersigned, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release Crane House, its Trustees, officers, employees, representatives or agents, and the tour operator and its officers, employees and agents, from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by any person in connection with this tour, even if caused by the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of tour staff or other related persons or entities. In addition, by registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.

**By registering for a Crane House Trip, the participant agrees to the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer and the Terms and Conditions herein.**