FAMILY CHINA ADVENTURE

IMPERIAL PALACES, SOUTHERN LAKES, ANCIENT VILLAGES, WILD MOUNTAINS, & HIGH-TECH MARVELS

with Michael Szonyi, Professor of Chinese History

June 27 - July 9, 2015
SUBLIME CHINA: A FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOUR

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENCE OF CHINA’S PAST & PRESENT . . .

Join fellow Harvard alumni and professor of Chinese history Michael Szonyi, on a family-friendly exploration of China’s magnificent culture and history.

In Beijing, learn about the grandeur of the Ming and Qing dynasties with visits to the capital’s Forbidden City, Great Wall, and Summer Palace. See the enigmatic giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo and learn to fly kites with a master at the open grounds of the Temple of Heaven.

In Xian, the Qin dynasty comes to life before your eyes with Emperor Qin Shi Huang’s 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors. Walking Muslim Street, you’ll connect to the country’s Islamic past.

Explore Hangzhou, the most elegant and beautiful city in China today. A historic city located on the charming West Lake, Hangzhou was the capital during the Song dynasty and became the cultural center of China, attracting the country’s best and brightest.

Travel to China’s countryside and immerse yourself in ancient Anhui life. Hike the majestic Huang Mountains, and marvel at one of the world’s most stunning visual experiences.

Finally, experience the highlights of Shanghai, from the ultra-modern skyline of the Pudong to the colonial history of the French Concession. Renowned for being the epicenter of the economic boom, feel the pulse of this dynamic city that is shaping the future of China.

All along the way, Professor Szonyi and your resourceful local guides will provide insightful commentary that gives context to the China you will see.

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JUNE 27, SATURDAY – JUNE 28, SUNDAY

U.S. – BEIJING

Depart the U.S. on flights to Beijing, arriving in China the next day. Transfer to your hotel, located in the heart of Beijing. (MEALS ALOFT)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Wangfujing

JUNE 29, MONDAY

BEIJING

After breakfast, tour the Temple of Heaven, one of the finest cultural expressions of the Ming Dynasty. Fly kites in the Temple grounds with a Chinese kite master. Later, explore the picturesque Houhai district, where well-preserved courtyard homes and narrow hutongs borders tree-lined lakes. Tour the district by “pedicab” for a more engaging experience of traditional Chinese life. Enjoy lunch at a local family’s home. In the afternoon visit the beautiful grounds of the Summer Palace. Explore the exquisite royal gardens and cruise on lovely Kunming Lake. Also walk the Painted Gallery, the longest garden walkway in China. In the evening, walk to the nearby picturesque Houhai district, where well-known restaurants offer fine dining, with many local flavors. In the afternoon, visit the Beijing Zoo to see the adorable giant pandas. The inimitable beings capture the hearts of travelers of all ages. Tonight is free and dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Wangfujing

JULY 1, WEDNESDAY

BEIJING

In the morning, drive to the Great Wall of China Mutianyu, a rugged section of the Wall that offers less crowded access and a more striking perspective as the Wall climbs and winds over the surrounding hills. Here the Great Wall presents a visual experience that consistently exceeds visitors’ expectations. Take the chairlift up to the summit. Children may enjoy an Alpine Slide coming downhill after hiking the Wall. Lunch is at Xiaolongpu Restaurant at the foothill of the Wall. The restaurant is famous for farmers’ fresh produce and local flavors. In the afternoon, visit the Beijing Zoo to see the adorable giant pandas. The inimitable beings capture the hearts of travelers of all ages. Tonight is free and dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Wangfujing

JULY 2, THURSDAY

BEIJING/XIAN

This morning fly to the ancient Tang dynasty capital of Xian. Upon arrival, tour the tomb of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, home to the extraordinary 2300-year-old terracotta warriors. The warriors still stand on the original site of the emperor’s burial complex, where peasants discovered them in 1974. Attend a pottery class, and make your own miniature terracotta warrior. The evening is free and dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Wangfujing

JULY 3, FRIDAY

XIAN/HANGZHOU

This morning, walk along the ancient City Wall. Stroll Muslim Street and visit its Grand Mosque. Chinese Muslim culture traces its heritage from the flourishing Silk Road culture of the Tang dynasty. Afterwards, enjoy a scrumptious dumpling banquet. Fly to the ancient capital of southern China, Hangzhou. Dinner is on your own. In the evening, walk to the nearby Xihuixiandi by the West Lake, a beautiful lakeside park developed recently with gardens, fine restaurants and boutiques. (B,L)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Wangfujing

JULY 4, SATURDAY

HANGZHOU

In the morning, tour the elegant Qing dynasty Guo Zhuang Garden and stop by lovely Quyuanfenghe Park. Enjoy a gentle hike up Gushan Hill by the West Lake. Visit Meijiawu Tea Plantation known for its superb longjing tea. Meet tea farmers and learn how this ancient art is carried on today. Have lunch at tea farmers’ homes. Later, tour the Buddhist Lingyin Temple, a significant Chan Buddhist center in south China today. Explore the grand architectural compound of the Qing dynasty merchant Hu Xueyan where countless courtyards lead from one to another, culminating in a grand garden. This evening enjoy authentic Hangzhou cuisine at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel Hangzhou

JULY 5, SUNDAY

HANGZHOU/TUNXI

After breakfast, enjoy a boat ride to elegant Santanjingyue Isle in the middle of West Lake with traditional architecture and gardens. Visit the Hangzhou Arts & Crafts Center. Children may partake in an interactive lesson to make their own crafts. After lunch, drive to Tunxi through beautiful countryside (4-hours ride). Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. This evening have dinner at the Laojie Tea House. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Hangzhou

JULY 6, MONDAY

HUIZhou VILLAGE

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hongcun Village, dating back to 1131 AD, and known as “a village in a Chinese Painting”. Wander the stone lanes, on
**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel with a Harvard study leader who will provide a rich educational program in China.
- Meet the pandas at the Beijing Zoo.
- Fly kites in the open grounds of the Temple of Heaven with a Chinese kite master.
- Hike the Great Wall, a rugged section in the countryside. Children may enjoy an Alpine Slide coming downhill after hiking the Wall.
- Come face to face with the extraordinary army of 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors which still stand guard over the tomb of China’s first emperor.
- Explore the incomparable Huang Mountains and enjoy ethereal views from atop the clouds.
- Ride on the cutting-edge German technology magnetic levitation train, or “Maglev” speeding at 260 miles an hour! Explore the Pudong District and ascend to the top of the World Finance Tower for a bird’s-eye view of the city. Enjoy the farewell banquet at the elegant Dingxiang Garden Restaurant famous for Shanghai cuisine. After dinner, stroll the Bund to view the beautifully decorated colonial buildings along the Huangpu River.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**
The schedule involves moderate to light physical activity. Travel in China requires good physical condition and health. Travelers should be able to walk up to 2 miles throughout the day, sometimes over uneven terrain and stairs without railings. Special needs must be arranged for in advance and may result in additional costs. Some aspects of this tour may not be appropriate for travelers with certain health concerns or disabilities. Tours can involve walking long distances and up hills, on uneven terrain, and stairs without railings. China lacks handicap-accessible facilities.
GENERAL INFORMATION

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JULY 9 – 13 Activity Level: Active

POST-TOUR: YANGZI RIVER CRUISE
JULY 9 – 13 Activity Level: Light

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TOURS

PRE-TOUR: CHENGDE IMPERIAL RESORT JUNE 24–28 Activity Level: Moderate

Arrive in China a few days early and experience the grandeur of one of China’s greatest cultural landmarks, the Qing dynasty Summer Palace at Chengde. The garden complex includes imperial halls, southern-style lake gardens, Mongolian yurts and a wooded hillside with numerous pavilions.

Price: $1,450 per person based on double occupancy, $650 for single supplement

POST-TOUR: GUILIN & LONGSHENG RICE TERRACES JULY 9 – 13 Activity Level: Active

Explore the sublime scenery of Guilin, Longsheng and the famous Li River. Known for rice terraces cut into precipitous hills since the Yuan Dynasty, Longsheng’s beauty is awe-inspiring. Take in the famous spectacular karst limestone formations of Guilin, vertical mountains thrust up from the seabed some 300 million years ago.

Price: $2,495 per person based on double occupancy, $995 for single supplement

POST-TOUR: YANGZI RIVER CRUISE JULY 9 – 13 Activity Level: Light

Fly to Chongqing, the great city of interior China, with a visit to the Chongqing Zoo to see the giant pandas. Board the Victoria cruise ship, travel downstream through the spectacular Three Gorges. Disembark at Yichang and fly to Shanghai in the late afternoon.

Price: $2,295 per person based on double occupancy, $995 for single supplement

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PRICEING: MAIN TOUR

Not including international air

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Michael Szonyi is a professor of Chinese history and chair of the Committee on Regional Studies of East Asia. A native of Canada, he received his doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has also studied at National Taiwan University and Xiamen University. He is a specialist in the history of the Ming dynasty (fourteenth to seventeenth centuries) but he also writes about contemporary China. When he is not in the classroom, he spends much of his time in Chinese villages, collecting documents, interviewing elderly people and observing rituals in order to understand the traces that the past leaves in the present.

His most recent book *Cold War Island: Quemoy on the Front Line* is a study of everyday life on a small island in the Taiwan Strait. He is the editor of the forthcoming *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Chinese History* and is currently completing a book about the lives of Ming soldiers.

Szonyi has been travelling in China for more than thirty-years. He’s hitchhiked across Tibet and Xinjiang, biked to the Burmese border (by mistake) and lived in a haunted house in Taiwan.

He is married to Francine McKenzie; they spent their honeymoon in rural Mongolia. They have two children who luckily also like to travel.
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