INSIDER’S CHINA
FROM THE ANCIENT VILLAGES OF GUIZHOU & GUILIN
TO THE DYNAMIC BOOM OF SHANGHAI & HONG KONG
with Martin K. Whyte, Professor of Sociology, Emeritus
October 22–November 4, 2016
EXPERIENCE THE VAST CONTRASTS OF MODERN AND RURAL CHINA

To visit China today is to see an ancient land being transformed by dynamic growth and economic reforms while striving to preserve its artistic and cultural treasures. This insider’s exploration is bookended by two of China’s most cosmopolitan and rapidly evolving cities: Shanghai and Hong Kong. Compare the modernity with the exotic ethnic tribes of Guizhou who still maintain many traditional ways of life to the stunning natural beauty of the Li River and Longsheng rice terraces. See firsthand how China’s rapid growth has affected these vastly different regions.

Start in Shanghai and experience the city’s effusive charm. From the ultramodern skyline of the Pudong to the colonial history of the French Concession, the unbridled dynamism of Shanghai is invigorating. Tap into the pulse and energy of the city shaping China’s future.

Travel deep into the picturesque countryside of Southern China. Explore the region where the largest enclaves of Dong and Miao ethnic minorities maintain traditional villages. Attend one of the Miao people’s most celebrated festivals, the Lushengjie, a centuries old festival with charming folk dance and music. Travel to Guangxi province for a stay at the phenomenal Li-An Lodge, a boutique inn perched atop the Longsheng rice terraces. In Guilin, take in the stunning karst scenery of the Li River, experience the natural beauty that has inspired Chinese painters for centuries. Explore the quaint farming communities of the nearby Yangshuo and meet the farmers who continue to work the land despite the pull of money to be made in the large cities.

In Hong Kong, ample free time is allotted to explore on your own. Walk through Sheung Wang’s herbal medicine markets and gain insight into age old practices as shopkeepers introduce you to their abundant herbs and medicines. Take in the panoramic views of Hong Kong and Kowloon from atop Victoria Peak. Hong Kong’s most famous landmark.

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

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22–23
U.S. / SHANGHAI
Depart the U.S. on flights to Shanghai, arriving in China the next day. Transfer to your hotel, located in the heart of Shanghai. (MEALS ALOFT)
Overnight: The Portman Ritz-Carlton

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
SHANGHAI
Tour Yuyuan Gardens, an elegant classical Chinese garden. Enjoy the Chinese love of porous rockeries and zigzag bridges. Immerse yourself in the wonderful collections of the Shanghai Museum. Explore the old French Concession and tour the Pudong economic district and ride the elevator to the top of the World Finance Center for a bird’s-eye view of Shanghai. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the Xi Family Garden Restaurant. (B,L,D)
Overnight: The Portman Ritz-Carlton

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
SHANGHAI / GUIYANG / KAILI
After breakfast, fly to Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou. Upon arrival, transfer to Kaili, the epicenter of Miao culture in Guizhou. Visit the nearby Shiqiao Miao village famous for their handmade paper products crafted using ancient techniques. Dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Grand Metropark Kaili

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
KAILI
Today marvell at the vibrant minority villages outside Kaili. See how geographic isolation allows these remote villages to carry on their traditional life. Visit Jidao Miao Village, Datang Miao Village, and Paika Village. In the afternoon, visit Taiyanggu, a Dong & Miao Minority Costume Museum. Enjoy a private tour of the exquisite Dong and Miao minority costumes in the collection here. The museum has three stories with beautiful exhibit rooms and Precious clothes, some over a hundred years old. Dinner is on your own. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Indigo Lodge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
ZHAXINING
In the morning, explore Tangan Dong Village. Go on a hiking tour of Tanganzai, through rice terraces to Xiage Village. For a more rigorous hike, walk back to Zhaoxing. Those who prefer a more leisurely hike, can explore and then take the bus back to Zhaoxing for lunch. In the afternoon, visit Jitang Village, Dengjiang Village or Nongbang Village, all along the way, you will be met by villagers. You may buy clothes from local women and play with the children. Traditional clothing here is completely made by hand using ancient techniques. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Li-An Lodge

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
GUILIN
This morning, cruise down the Li River, winding past Mural Hill, Folded Brocade Meer...
Hill, Yangshuo Moon Hill, and many more. The four-hour cruise navigates some of the region’s most stunning karst formations. After disembarking, take a ride to Liugong & Mushang villages, located in a gorgeous agricultural valley surrounded by distant karst scenery. In the evening explore lively Xijie (West Street) filled with restaurants, shops, and local inns. The evening is free and dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Overnight: Shangri-La Hotel Guilin

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

GUILIN / HONG KONG
Morning is free to relax or walk along the Li River by our hotel. Take an afternoon flight to Hong Kong. Evening is free with dinner on your own. (B,L)

Overnight: Kowloon Shangri-La

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

HONG KONG
After breakfast, explore the Sheung Wan dried food & herbal market. Take a walk through the herbal medicine markets and gain insight into age old practices as shopkeepers introduce you to their abundant herbs and medicines. Visit the Aberdeen Floating Community, once home to thousands of people living on junks and houseboats. Tour Hong Kong’s most famous landmark, Victoria Peak, and take in the panoramic views of the harbor. The afternoon is free for personal exploration. Dinner is on your own. Later, stroll the Temple Street night market. (B,L)

Overnight: Kowloon Shangri-La

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

HONG KONG / U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the Shanghai airport for flights home. Arrive in the U.S. the same day. (B, MEALS ALOFT)

PRICING: MAIN TOUR
Not including international airfare
Per person, double occupancy: $7,870
Single supplement: $2,350

HIGHLIGHTS
• Travel with a Harvard study leader who will provide a rich educational program in China.
• Tour Shanghai’s Pudong district and ride the elevator to the top of the World Financial Tower for a bird’s-eye view.
• Attend the Lushengjie festival, the most celebrated festival of the Miao people with thousands of Mias dressed in colorful traditional costumes and lively folk-dancing and music.
• Hike through Tanganza’s lush rice terraces and visit the homes and schools of local villagers.
• In Longsheng, stay at Li An Lodge, a 16-room boutique hotel owned by an American-Chinese photographer. The lodge is perched atop cascading rice terraces and each room is individually decorated with one-of-a-kind arts, crafts, and furnishings.
• In Guilin, cruise the sublime Li River against a backdrop of stunning karst peaks and rustic villages.
• Take in the panoramic views from Victoria Peak, Hong Kong’s most famous landmark.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
The schedule involves moderate physical activity. Travel in China requires good physical condition and health. Travelers should be able to walk up to four miles throughout the day, sometimes uphill, over uneven terrain, and on 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. China lacks facilities that are accessible to people with disabilities.
GENERAL INFORMATION

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION TOURS

PRECOURT: CHENGDE IMPERIAL RESORT

OCTOBER 19–23 Activity Level: Moderate

Arrive in Beijing 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. Beyond the palace many Buddhist temples were built, each one architecturally unique, of which five remain. Tour includes the flight from Beijing to Shanghai on October 23, 2016.

Price: $1,390 per person, double occupancy, $395 for single supplement

PRE-TOUR: BEIJING & XIAN

OCTOBER 18–23 Activity Level: Moderate

See some of imperial China’s most magnificent sites. Traverse rugged mountains on the serpentine course of the Great Wall, the most enduring symbol of China. In Xian, see the Qin dynasty come alive at the tomb of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, home to the extraordinary 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors. Tour includes the flight from Xian to Shanghai on October 23, 2016.

Price: $2,550 per person, double occupancy; $895 for single supplement

PRE-TOUR: 3 GORGES ALONG THE YANGTZE RIVER

OCTOBER 18–23 Activity Level: Light

Fly from Shanghai to Chongqing and visit the enigmatic giant pandas at the Chongqing Zoo. Cruise downstream through the spectacular Three Gorges. Along the way, disembark to enjoy activities onshore. Experience the spectacular Three Gorges Dam at Sandouping. Disembark at Yichang and fly to Shanghai to begin the main tour.

Price: $2,165 per person, double occupancy; $895 for single supplement

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OCT 8–23, 2016

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OCT 20–NOV 6, 2016

INSIDER’S CHINA: ANCIENT VILLAGES TO DYNAMIC BOOM
OCT 22–NOV 4, 2016
MARTIN WHYTE

JOURNEY THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES ON CALEDONIAN SKY
MAR 12–28, 2016

DUTCH AND FLEMISH LANDSCAPES ON AMAPRIMA
APR 10–18, 2016
THOMAS FORREST KELLY

JAPAN BY SEA ON CALEDONIAN SKY
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HARVEY COX & NINA TUMARKIN

RIVIERAS AND ISLANDS OF FRANCE, ITALY, AND SPAIN ON TERE MOANA
MAY 6–14, 2016
LEO DAMROSCH & JOYCE VAN DYKE

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SPAIN & PORTUGAL ON SEA CLOUD
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MICHAEL MCELROY

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JUN 8–16, 2016

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INDIA’S GANGES RIVER ON BENGAL GANGA
DEC 30–JAN 19, 2016
DIANA ECK

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JAN 13–27, 2016

AMAZON RIVER ADVENTURE ON ZAFIRO
FEB 19–28, 2016

PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, & ZIMBABWE ON ZAMBEZI QUEEN
MAR 3–17, 2016
PETER DEL TREDICI

ELBE RIVER CRUISE: PRAGUE TO BERLIN ON SWISS RUBY
APR 26–MAY 6, 2016
ROBERT KIELY

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SUSAN SULEIMAN

VIENNA TO BUCHAREST ON ROYAL CROWN
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MICHAEL SHINAGEL

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DEC 26, 2015–JAN 6, 2016
JAMES ENGELL

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Martin King Whyte is the John Zwaanstra Professor of International Studies and Sociology, Emeritus at Harvard University. Whyte joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology at Harvard in fall 2000, after previously teaching at the University of Michigan and George Washington University.

Whyte’s primary research and teaching specialties are comparative sociology, sociology of the family, sociology of development, the sociological study of contemporary China, and the study of post-communist transitions. His recent writings reflect these divergent interests: an edited volume entitled *Marriage in America: A Communitarian Perspective* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000) and an edited collection of papers, entitled *China’s Revolutions and Inter-Generational Relations* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, 2003). His major research project since his return to Harvard involves surveys on Chinese popular perceptions of inequality trends and views about distributive justice issues. A pilot survey for this project was successfully conducted in Beijing in December 2000. A national survey focusing on inequality and distributive justice issues was completed in the summer of 2004. Follow-up China national surveys were conducted in 2009 and 2014, which Whyte has been using to examine whether ordinary Chinese are becoming more angry over time as a result of the growing gap between rich and poor in that society (the short answer is no). In 2006, he organized a conference at Harvard’s Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies on the rural-urban gap in China, and he subsequently edited the resulting conference volume: *One Country, Two Societies: Rural-Urban Inequality in Contemporary China* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010). He continues to do research and write on other topics, such as the sources of China’s extraordinary economic boom in recent decades and the many myths surrounding China’s one-child policy.

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