



International Congress of Radiology
2010 Shanghai

**Post-Congress Tour - Yangtze River Cruise
plus
Xian & Beijing
April 12 - 20**

Dear Radiologist:

“Better Radiology, Better Healthcare” is the theme of ICR 2010 being held in conjunction with the 17th Chinese Congress of Radiology. The Congress organizers hope that the better radiology practiced by radiologists and their societies from various countries will provide people with better healthcare and then a better life. The conference promises to be informative and stimulating and will cover a wide variety of practice and policy issues presented by world-renowned speakers. <http://www.icr2010.org>. Please register directly with the Organizer for the Congress and accommodations while in Shanghai.

ACR members can take advantage of group travel arrangements following the Congress organized specifically for our members by American Travel Association. Shanghai is the gateway to the Yangtze River cruise, that is followed by seeing the terra-cotta warriors in Xian followed by Beijing’s Great Wall and Tiananmen Square. The accommodations are deluxe. The cruise ship will be 5-star, the Xian Shangri-La is new; we’re on the Horizon Floor. And, the St. Regis could be Beijing’s top hotel. It was recently renovated, and you will experience the best of 24-hour butler service.

Please Join Us!



first turn of Yangtze at Shigu where the river turns 180 degrees from south-north-bound

ICR '10
Post-Congress Tour
Yangtze River * Xian * Beijing
April 12 – 20, 2010

Itinerary

07 – 12 April Attend ICR in Shanghai

- Each individual is responsible for his or her international flight arrangements and registering for the meeting and lodging with the Congress organizer. www.icr2010.org.
- **Air Note:** The intra-China flights are included in the Post-Tour package. Please book your flights into Shanghai and home from Beijing unless you return home via Shanghai after the Yangtze cruise. Shanghai's International Airport is Pudong (PVG); Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK).

12 April Mon. Shanghai to Chongqing

B,D

- Spend the morning attending the ICR which concludes at noon.
- Afternoon flight to Chongqing. On arrival we'll have dinner at a local restaurant before boarding our deluxe cruise ship.
- The ship sets sail at 2200. This web site has great information on the Yangtze.
http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Yangtze_River&printable=yes

13-14 Tue. & Wed. Yangtze River Cruise

B,L,D

- For thousands of years the Yangtze has served as the main highway into China's interior; cruise through the river's three gorges. The Qutang Gorge is the shortest but grandest, only 500 feet at its widest point. Sheer cliffs rise from the river, dwarfing the ship. Rich in history and legend, the river twists and turns through the 25-mile Wu Gorge; its twelve distinct peaks are frequently hidden in swirls of clouds and mist. Whitewashed villages cling to the terraced mountains. Ancient carvings and inscriptions are evidence of the mythical characters and creatures that inhabited this landscape. The Shennong Stream is a small tributary of the Yangtze, boasting breathtaking gorges along its path. Travel upstream on wooden sampans pulled by boatmen along the shore; the stream's current will carry your boat back downstream over shallow rapids. Rejoin the ship to continue through Xiling, the last and longest of the Three Gorges. Shore excursions will include a "relocation village" newly built for local villagers and farmers who lost their homes and property due to the Dam project. On-board talks about China and the River are held daily along with instruction in Tai Chi and other arts.

15 April Thu. Yichang to Xian

B,L

- Following lunch disembark in Yichang, which was the main construction site of the Three Georges Dam, the massive project you have read about which changed much of the Yangtze.
- Afternoon flight to Xian where we overnight at the Shangri-La.
www.shangri-la.com/en/property/xian/shangrila
- The evening is open; the hotel's has a variety of good restaurants or you can venture into town to try a local restaurant.
- **Note:** if you have been to Xian and Beijing, you can fly to Shanghai from Yichang and return home. American Travel will make the arrangements and adjust the cost accordingly. Whereas, you might be able to arrive in Shanghai to catch a flight tonight, traveling in China is subject to unexpected delays and you are safer to overnight in Shanghai.

16 April Fri. Xian

(B,L,D)

- Today's tour explores the funeral vault of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Built beginning in 211 B.C., but only unearthed by peasants in 1974, the tomb contains over 6,000 life-size terra-cotta warriors. Each warrior is unique, leading experts to believe each was molded after individual members of the emperor's personal army.
- We'll also explore more of Xian's buried past at the Shaanix Province Historical Museum and the Small Wild Goose Pagoda.
- Late afternoon return to the Shangri-La.
- Dumplings are a specialty of this region, which we'll enjoy at dinner tonight.

17 April Sat. Xian/Beijing

(B,D) 9:00am Optional visit the Muslim Quarter of Xian, that was constructed by Persian merchants who traveled to Xian by the silk Route.

11:45am Departure for the airport: China Eastern Airline #

Note: For the flights between Shanghai and Beijing, the rules allow only 20 kilos (44 pounds) per person. Occasionally they enforce the luggage limitation, particularly when leaving Xian. They transport the suitcases, but you may have to pay a surcharge (this is a good fundraiser for the airport authorities). More than likely the luggage will be checked as a group. If there are surcharges, please contribute your portion if you know your luggage is overweight.

- Arrival in Beijing and transfer to the newly renovated St. Regis Hotel, where each room is enjoys 24-hour butler service. The St. Regis is one of Beijing's very best.

www.starwoodhotels.com/stregis/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=110

7:00pm Depart for a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

18 April Sun. Beijing

(B,L)

8:30am Our morning tour begins at Tiananmen Square, the largest urban gathering place on earth and symbol of the political center of China. After viewing Mao's Tomb (if open), we walk through the Gate of Heavenly Peace into the Forbidden City. Also called the Imperial Palace, this 9,000 room "city within-a-city" was home to 24 emperors.

- After lunch, we tour the Houhai District by rickshaw. This area of courtyard homes and hutongs borders the tree-lined lakes north of the Forbidden City. The tour will include visiting a local market and visit with a local family.
- The balance of the afternoon and evening are then open.

19 April Mon. Beijing

(B,L,D)

8:00am Depart for the Great Wall at the Mutianya section. Stretching for 4,000 miles, the Wall is China's greatest structure and most enduring symbol.

- Upon returning to Beijing, we hope visit two Olympic venues - the Bird's Nest and Water Cube. The authorities have not decided if they will be open or, if so the cost. We'll manage that as we go and we'll have to "pay at the door."

7:00pm Depart for dinner at the Bai Family Restaurant, which is set in a beautiful garden.

20 April. Tue. Beijing/Home

(B)

- Please make individual arrangements with the hotel or a taxi for transferring to the airport for your return flights home. Or, you are welcome to extend in Beijing (see Reservation Form)

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, R = reception, D = dinner, included in tour)

Included Features

- * Seven nights accommodations:
 - three-nights aboard the deluxe cruise ship
 - two-nights Shangri-La Hotel, Xian
 - three-nights St. Regis Hotel, Beijing
- * Air transportation Shanghai/ Chongqing/Xian/Beijing on China Southwestern Airlines or other carriers based on advance purchase fare, seating in economy section
- * Hotel portorage and room taxes
- * Breakfast, lunch and dinner on the cruise
- * Buffet breakfast daily in Xian and Beijing
- * One Lunch in Xian, 2 in Beijing
- * Dinner in Chongqing
- * Dumpling dinner in Xian
- * Peiking duck dinner in Beijing
- * Farewell dinner Bai Family Restaurant in Beijing
- * Tours of local areas daily during the cruise; city tours of Xian and Beijing per itinerary by private motorcoach with English speaking guides
- * Transfers between airports and hotels upon departure from Shanghai until arriving in Beijing
- * Bilingual Chinese national guide throughout
- * American Travel tour coordinator throughout
- * Fodor's Guide, plus a tour manual with information on clothing, currencies and airport procedures

Tour Cost

\$3,795 per person based on double occupancy

\$4,649 single occupancy

Features not included: International Airfare, visa, items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, meals not specified, international and intra-China departure taxes.

Travel Notes:

- 1) Cruise - April '10 sailing ships and times won't be available until September. However, there will be a deluxe ship departing Chongqing Monday (they always sail Mondays).
- 2) Flights – Exact times and carriers/flight times won't be known until this fall. The current supplemental cost to upgrade to business class Shanghai/Chongqing/Xian/Beijing is \$275, although the cost is subject to increase once the '10 schedules are finalized; space is limited and will be assigned as reservations are received.

Proof of Citizenship and Visa Requirements: A valid passport is required for travel and should be valid six months beyond your travel dates. You can apply for a passport at your local post office or the U.S. Passport Agency nearest you. Visas are necessary for American citizens traveling to China; delegates from other countries please check locally. <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng>
Visa processing will be handled individually; American travel will send instructions upon receipt of your Reservation Form.

CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Reservations are confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA), upon receipt of the Reservation Form and deposit. Reservations require a deposit of \$350 (or the equivalent in foreign currency) per person to accompany the Coupon. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than February 11, 2010. For reservations received after February 11, full payment is due with the Reservation Form.

Cancellation: Land Package: A \$200 per person fee will be charged for cancellations regardless of the reason. A \$500 per person cancellation fee will be charged on cancellations received between February 11 and 24th. Cancellation fee between February 24th and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. There will be no refunds once the tour has begun. Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Prices: The post-tour price is subject to change due to supplier cost increases and foreign exchange fluctuation. ATA reserves the right to change the price for such reasons or changes in the number of participants (26) upon which the tour cost is based. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on July 7, 2009.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition which may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Insurance: Trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance coverage are available for purchase through an Access America form sent to you by ATA or your local insurance representative or airline. We encourage everyone to consider some form of insurance. Last minute emergencies and illnesses do occur, and the insurance helps offset non-refundable air, hotel, and transportation charges. You should also check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

Responsibility: American Travel Association (ATA), The American College of Radiology (ACR) their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns (collectively) do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for our (Participants) trip. ATA and ACR purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result ATA and ACR are not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, ATA and ACR are not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or *force majeure*, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the Participants, or any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time without notice to the Participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to ATA and ACR. If for any reason or due to weather, transportation schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before, during or after the tour, Participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the Participants at all times.

Weather: Mid-April brings nice seasonable temperatures. The average high temperature in Shanghai 72, the average low 55 and the average number of days with rainfall is 9; Beijing 68, 50 and 7.

Tax Deductibility: Current U.S. tax regulations allow deductibility for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in travel related to trade or business. It is the responsibility of the traveler to become familiar with and adhere to the specific reporting requirements imposed.

For Information Contact:

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Great Wall



Terra-Cotta Warriors

ACR Post- ICR Shanghai '10 Yangtze Cruise + Xian & Beijing

* Please return form to: American Travel Association, 2126 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA 31822, USA (fax 706-663-2445).

Name(s) as they appear on your passports

Him: Name _____

Passport No. _____

Date & Place of Issue _____

Exp. _____

Nationality _____

Date and Place of Birth _____

Her: Name _____

Passport No. _____

Date & Place of Issue _____

Exp. _____

Nationality _____

Date and Place (State) of Birth _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

* Please correspond to the following office home address:

Street _____ **Apt/Suite** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Postal Code** _____

E-Mail _____ **Fax** _____

Office Telephone _____ **Home Telephone** _____

First or preferred name/s _____

Hotel Rooms I/we prefer 1 bed; if no kings available, queen is OK: No, need two beds

I/we prefer a two-bedded room

(preferences will be requested, but cannot be guaranteed)

Business Class Please upgrade me/us to business class (\$250pp)

* Upgrades will be assigned based on date reservations are received.

Deposit A deposit of USD350 per person is due with the Reservation Form. The deposit may be by check, credit card, bank draft, or wire transfer. Enclosed is a check (or bank draft) payable to American Travel Association in the amount of US\$_____. Should you prefer a wire transfer, contact American Travel for instructions. If you wish to wish to use Visa, MasterCard or American Express card, please complete the following.

Number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ Security Code _____

Cardholder's address (if different from above) _____

Signature _____

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here _____