

China Concert Tour Itinerary

for

STANFORD CHORAL UNION

June 23-July 6, 2008

Day 1: Monday, June 23, 2008

San Francisco/Shanghai

13:30 PM: Departure from San Francisco on UA 857, bound for Shanghai

Day 2: Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Shanghai

Afternoon: Arrive in Shanghai Pudong Airport and transfer to
Jinjiang Tower Hotel by buses

Evening:: check in at hotel and dinner

Day 3: Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Shanghai

Morning: 08:00 Breakfast at Hotel

09:00 Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition

Noon: 12:00 Lunch at Jiaotong University

Afternoon (12:00-18:00):

Cultural Exchange and Rehearsals

SSO and TAIKO:

Orchestral rehearsal with Jiaotong University Symphony
Orchestra for Beethoven program with Prof. Cai

SCC and Symphonic Chorus:

Choral rehearsal with piano for Beethoven program with Prof.
Sano, Chinese Choruses, and LA Children's Chorus

Evening: 19:00 Sponsor Dinner Cruise on the Huang Pu River

21:30 Back to Hotel

Day 4: Thursday, June 26, 2008

Shanghai:

Morning (10:00-14:00):

Breakfast at Hotel

Drive to Shanghai Oriental Art Center for rehearsal
(Orchestra and Choruses for Carmina Burana program)

Noon: Lunch

Afternoon: Free

Evening: 18:00 Attend Acrobats performance

Tutti rehearsal with Beijing University, Tsinghua University,
LA Children's Chorus (Beethoven program)

Evening: Panel Discussion about China and Alumni Dinner

Day 9: Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Beijing:

Morning: 08:00 Breakfast at Hotel
09:00-12:00

Sight-seeing: your tour starts with a walk around Tian'anmen Square, the world's largest public square. Visit the Gate of Heavenly & Forbidden City The magnificent Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, houses the Imperial Palace - China's largest and best-preserved set of ancient buildings. Construction of these buildings began in 1406, took 14 years to complete and is an extravaganza of Ming and Qing dynasty.

Noon: Lunch on your own (?)

Afternoon: 14:00

Drive to the Great Wall, a true wonder of the world meanders its way 15,000 kilometers across Northern China. Its beauty and spectacular scale are staggering. Dating back to the 7th century BC, this wall was originally built to ward off enemies. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Evening: 19:00 Sponsor's dinner on the Great Wall (JuYongguan)
21:00 Back to Hotel

Day 10: Wednesday, July 2, 2008

Beijing:

Morning: 08:00 Breakfast at Hotel
09:00 Drive to the Great Hall of People for Dress Rehearsal
Noon: Lunch
Afternoon: Rehearsal or Free time
Evening: 20:00 Concert in the Great Hall of the People.
21:30 Back to Hotel

Day 11: Thursday, July 3, 2008

Beijing:

Morning: 08:00 Breakfast at Hotel
10:00-12:00 Drive to China Grand Theater for Dress Rehearsal of Carmina Burana
Noon: Lunch
Afternoon: 13:30-17:30 Visit the Temple of Heaven

A UNESCO World Heritage site, first built during the Ming Dynasty in 1420, the temple was a sacred place for the ancient Chinese, which is still used today and is situated in a 267-hectare circular park, along with the impressive Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests. This circular structure is made entirely of wood, without the use of a single nail or cement and is supported by 28 wooden pillars, which symbolize 28 constellations in the sky
 Visit Beijing Hutongs (optional)

18:00	Tea time
Evening: 19:00	<u>Carmina Burana with Jinxing Dance troupe</u>
21:00	Dinner
22:00	Back to Hotel

Day 12: Friday, July 4, 2008

Beijing:

Morning: 08:00	Breakfast at Hotel
09:00	Visit the Summer Palace. The Summer Palace where the regal court would escape to during the hot summer months, now a wonderful public park, a perfect place to escape Beijing's hustle and bustle with its expansive green spaces and ornate structures. Take a cruise on the placid waters of Lake Kunming (weather permitting), the centerpiece of the park.
Noon:	Visit the Olympic venues (if security permits) Lunch on your own
Afternoon: 13:00-18:00	Free Time or shopping
18:00	Tea time
Evening: 19:00	<u>Carmina Burana with Jinxing Dance troupe</u>
21:00	Final Reception
22:00	Back to Hotel

Day 13: Saturday, July 5, 2008

Beijing

Choral Union: One free day on your own in Beijing
Jon and St. Lawrence String Quartet: 19:30 Piano Quintet
SSO/Taiko/Chamber Chorale: Depart for SFO

Day 14: Sunday, July 6, 2008

Beijing/San Francisco:

Morning: Transfer to Beijing International airport for your return flight to San Francisco. UA 888 departure at 12:05pm