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Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo Presents

# CHINA AND THE YANGTZE

14 DAYS

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Join Dr. Larry Killmar of Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo for a journey to discover China, featuring famous sights, iconic creatures and world wonders, from modern Beijing to ancient Xian, futuristic Shanghai, and China's beloved pandas.

Explore symbols of China such as the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, the Terra Cotta Warriors and more. Plus, enjoy a luxury cruise on the mighty Yangtze River and exclusive experiences such as lunch in the home of a Chinese family and joining locals in a city park for Tai Chi.

From **\$6,999** per person, including international airfare, taxes and much more.

View other side for day-by-day itinerary. For more details or reservations, contact your local AAA Travel Professional.



Dr. Larry Killmar



## AAA Travel Highlights

- The Forbidden City
- The Great Wall of China
- 3-night Yangtze River Cruise
- Panda & Rare Animal Experiences
- The Terra Cotta Warriors
- Meet-the-People Experiences
- Chinese Visa Included
- English Speaking Guides
- Professional AAA Tour Manager
- All Gratuities Included
- All Flights within China Included
- 24 Meals Included



## TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO CHINA AND THE YANGTZE TOUR ITINERARY

### **Days 1 & 2 Travel to China**

Depart the USA on your included flight from Chicago to Beijing, arriving the next day for an evening of rest ahead of the adventures ahead!

### **Day 3 Imperial Beijing**

Stand in Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public plazas in the world, before touring the Forbidden City. Explore ancient Beijing where traditional courtyard homes still endure. Tonight, feast on a Peking Duck dinner.

### **Day 4 From Temples to Pandas**

Tour the Temple of Heaven and join locals for Tai Chi. Later, stroll the graceful grounds of the Summer Palace before a special visit with Pandas at the Beijing Zoo.

### **Day 5 The Great Wall**

Journey through rugged mountains to one of the most impressive sections of the Great Wall. Experience the thrill of standing atop this iconic wonder of the world.

### **Day 6 Ancient Xian**

Fly to Xian, China's ancient capital, and visit Hanyangling Tomb to see the 2,000 year old burial relics of a Han Dynasty Emperor and Empress. Tonight's dinner features savory dumplings, a regional favorite.

### **Day 7 An Emperor's Army**

Today's highlight is the Terra Cotta Army, China's greatest archaeological discovery, where thousands of life-size warriors were buried with China's first emperor. Also visit the Xian Museum for the rare opportunity to examine and handle ancient relics excavated from burial sites in Xian.

### **Day 8 Chinese Wildlife**

This morning, step off the standard tourist track to visit the "Provincial Saving and Breeding Research Center of Rare Wild Animals." See rare takins, crested ibis and the golden monkeys of the beautiful Qinling Mountains. Later, fly to Chongqing and board the luxurious Yangzi Explorer for a relaxing and unforgettable Yangtze sojourn.

### **Day 9 Fengdu—The Ghost City**

This morning, explore the ancient temples of the "Ghost City" of Fengdu, followed by an afternoon of cruising. Tonight, enjoy a festive Welcome Reception.

### **Day 10 A Sampan Journey**

Cruise the magnificent Qutang Gorge, then journey up a small, dramatic tributary on a traditional sampan. Marvel at the vast cliffs on both sides and keep an eye out for wild monkeys.

### **Day 11 The Three Gorges Dam**

Early risers can begin the day with Tai Chi on deck. Or, admire the passing scenery from your private balcony. Your excursion to the Three Gorges Dam reveals the far reaching impact of this extraordinary engineering feat. Disembark your ship and fly to futuristic Shanghai, where you'll take the exciting Maglev train to your downtown hotel.

### **Day 12 Shanghai Sightseeing**

Experience the Bund, Shanghai's grand waterfront, and visit the magnificent Shanghai Museum. Later, enjoy a thrilling Chinese acrobatic show.

### **Day 13 Shanghai at Leisure**

Today is a day at leisure. Tonight, gather with your group for a Farewell Dinner.

### **Day 14 Farewell China**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

