Bucknell University Alumni Association

Ancient Kingdoms of China

Grand Yangtze River Cruise
Chongqing to Shanghai

Beijing · Xi’an · Three Gorges

May 18 to June 1, 2014

Reserve by November 15, 2013 for early booking savings — save $2000 per couple!
Dear Bucknellian:

Mysterious China. A land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a 5000-year-old civilization steeped in legend. Here, the people’s reverence for ancestral customs has been passed on through kingdoms and dynasties and preserved from one generation to the next, influencing life today as well as providing an impetus for change and a springboard for the future.

We invite you to join fellow alumni on this carefully designed, comprehensive and leisurely paced journey across half the width of China for an in-depth appreciation of the juxtaposition of ancient culture with modern advancements—from the imperial dignity of Mandarin Beijing and Tiananmen Square, to the dynastic treasures of the ancient capital of Xi’an and the Three Gorges Dam, to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai and the contrasting 21st-century architecture of Pudong across the river.

The exclusive, six-night grand cruise segment of our itinerary travels nearly the entire navigable length of the fabled Yangtze River from Chongqing to Shanghai through regions seldom seen by Westerners. Accompanying you will be our specially arranged guest speaker, Dr. Jian Wang, Shanghai native and Director of the USC Center on Public Diplomacy, who will share his insights into the contemporary process of China’s globalization. Visit Wuhan, settled more than 3000 years ago by the Han Dynasty; Huangshan, famous for its majestic Yellow Mountain range, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and Nánjing, former capital of Imperial China. Cruise the magnificent Three Gorges and Three Lesser Gorges, and visit the engineering marvel of the Three Gorges Dam.

Five-Star, ideally located hotels have been carefully selected for our land accommodations, including Shanghai’s legendary FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, and the privately chartered M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA for our cruise.

Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites; experience specially selected, English-speaking guides who will accompany us; and enjoy meeting the fascinating people of China. This program sold out in 2013, so we encourage you to book soon.

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Katie Malague ’94
President
Bucknell University Alumni Association
Chinese civilization originated in regional centers along both the Yellow River and the Yangtze River valleys during the Neolithic era, and for centuries Chinese culture, literature and philosophy have flourished, with each Kingdom and Dynasty adding to its collective knowledge and cultural heritage. Yet China was an insular country, allowing only glimpses of cultural richness to the outside world via the Silk Road, which stoked the European’s imagination of exotic lands in the East. A mysterious land, one which Napoleon referred to as “a sleeping giant that would change the world when awoken,” the country finally lifted its shroud in 1972. The reopening of China and the introduction of its ancient traditions to the Western world, which vaulted it into its current progressive nation status, has been and continues to be a spectacular transformation of the most populous, perhaps most culturally idiosyncratic nation on Earth.

Beijing, China

The former imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing is one of China’s ancient citadels. Rich in historical sites and cultural relics, this dynamic city of more than 12 million people is the cultural and spiritual heart of the country and the ideal place from which to begin tracing the fascinating narrative of ancient China. Walk through immense and historic Tiananmen Square, the world’s largest public square, site of the mausoleum of modern China’s founder, Mao Zedong. Visit the ceremonial halls, royal apartments, gardens and temples of the Imperial Palace in the mystical Forbidden City, residence of Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The beautifully landscaped Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was the retreat of 19th-century Empress Dowager Cixi. Walk through Cixi’s private apartments filled with jewel-encrusted furniture, and see her ornate Marble Boat. Then cruise by private boat across Kunming Lake’s tranquil waters.

Dr. Jian Wang, Guest Speaker

Jian “Jay” Wang, Ph.D., Director of the USC Center on Public Diplomacy, brings us his personal perspective on the globalization of China. A native of Shanghai, Dr. Wang has authored, coauthored and edited several books and articles on communication strategy and public diplomacy with a focus on this emerging giant, including his latest book, Shaping China’s Global Imagination: Soft Power and Nation Branding at the World Expo. Dr. Wang is an Associate Professor at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and previously taught at Purdue University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He has lectured at Beijing University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Nanjing University and has spoken about his research on China Central Television. He earned his B.A. from Beijing University, M.A. from the University of Minnesota and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.
Visit the magnificent Great Wall of China, the symbol of imperial grandeur since 500 B.C., constructed over the course of 2000 years. This imposing fortification once spanned more than 3500 miles. Walk along this UNESCO World Heritage site and see sweeping views of the scenic northern plains and valleys.

Tour another extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of Heaven, and its magnificent complex of religious buildings.

Xi’an
Modern Xi’an was China’s thriving capital of emperors, courtesans, monks, merchants and soldiers for 11 dynasties; a place where many of the world’s great religions coexisted and the fabled launching point of the Silk Road, where camel caravans brought goods from the Eurasian continent and sent Chinese influence out to the world. From Xi’an’s distinctive, triple-eaved Bell and Drum Towers, watchmen once signaled dawn and dusk with a bell and a drum.

Visit the amazing 20th-century archaeological find and UNESCO World Heritage site: the famous life-size Terra Cotta Warriors—no two alike—have guarded the still-unopened tomb of China’s first emperor, Qin Shihuang, for more than 2000 years. Tour the exquisite Yangling Imperial Tomb, where thousands of captivating figurines excavated from the 2100-year-old tomb of Emperor Liu Qi capture the essence of daily life during the Han Dynasty, a high point in Chinese history, when culture and the arts flourished as never before.

Chongqing
Embark on your cruise down the fabled Yangtze River in the picturesque mountain city of Chongqing, which clings to the cliffs at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers and served as a base for the famous Flying Tigers during World War II.

Grand Yangtze Cruise
Three Gorges/Three Lesser Gorges/Three Gorges Dam
This exclusively chartered cruise stops in ports Westerners rarely visit and showcases the grandeur of one of China’s greatest natural wonders, the Three Gorges. Pass through Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge and the spectacular Xiling Gorge. Aboard excursion boats, travel up the Daning River through the majestic scenery of the Three Lesser Gorges.

Visit the massive Three Gorges Dam, the largest water conservancy project ever undertaken by man. Considered a key to China’s modernization, it is the world’s largest hydroelectric dam, 1.3 miles wide and 606 feet high.

Wuhan
A crossroads that reflects the influences of China’s diversity, Wuhan has been inhabited since the first century and was Beijing’s 600-year-old Forbidden City displays the splendor of the Ming and Qing emperors, known in Chinese lore as the “Sons of Heaven.”
The China trip was a once-in-a-lifetime journey to eight cities. David and I are simply in awe of what you provided for the travelers. I truly believe that almost every single person in the group realizes we saw China as very few are privileged to do. Gohagan travel directors, the outstanding local guides, the hardworking and kind ship's crew—they all were key to this incredible adventure.”

–Julie Nixon Eisenhower
June 2013 participant

Shanghai
The exhilarating metropolis of Shanghai was the first of China’s cities to be influenced by the West. Today, its outstanding architectural landmarks along the famous Bund include the neoclassical Customs House and the China Merchants Bank building. Visit Old Shanghai’s street markets and classical Chinese gardens, and tour the famous Shanghai Museum. The historic French Concession features distinctive European architecture, while 21st-century Pudong juxtaposes the ancient city. See the residences of Sun Yat-Sen and Zhou Enlai, two of 20th-century China’s most famous leaders.

Huangshan
Ascend 3200 feet by modern cable car through a plethora of subtropical flora and wildlife to the peak of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Yellow Mountain for dramatic panoramic views that have inspired centuries of Chinese artists and poets. The fascinating topography of granite peaks, emerging clouds and unique rock formations has been a source of mythology throughout the centuries. This historical center of booming tea trade produces almost 30 varieties of teas.

Nánjing
Beautiful Nánjing, settled near the lower Yangtze River, has twice served as China’s capital, first in the early years of the Ming dynasty (1368–1644) and then as the capital of the Republic of China in the early 20th century.

The intricate Marble Boat at Beijing’s Summer Palace signified that the rule of the Qing Dynasty would never be overturned.

Traditional Chinese sampans used for fishing and transportation ply the tranquil waters of the Yangtze River’s legendary Three Gorges.

Stay in Shanghai’s historic Fairmont Peace Hotel (pyramid-shaped roof) on the famous Bund, where elegant 19th-century architecture stands as a symbol to the city’s legacy.

Distinctive Centrally Located Five-Star Hotels
Each deluxe Hotel is located in the heart of its city to allow for ease of travel and touring.

Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai
A legendary, landmark Hotel on the Bund and host to the world’s elite for 80 years, reopened after a three-year restoration.

The Hilton, Xi’an
Ideally located within the ancient city walls, offering contemporary amenities and proximity to the city’s cultural highlights.

The Peninsula, Beijing
Five-Star accommodations in an unrivaled location, walking distance to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.
The exclusively chartered M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA, refurbished in 2011, sets the standard for modern comfort in cruising the Yangtze River. It was designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards.

There are only 100 spacious outside suites and cabins, decorated in modern Chinese and Western styles. Each features floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, from which guests can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River. Each air-conditioned suite and cabin has a private bathroom with bathtub/shower, telephone and satellite television with English and international channels.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the elegant Dynasty Dining Room. Chinese and Western cuisine feature local ingredients. Complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks are included with dinner. Coffee and tea are served throughout the cruise.

There is a lounge and bar, Observation Deck, library, wireless hotspots for Internet access, gift shop, beauty salon and fitness center. Shipboard entertainment and exercise programs feature aspects of traditional Chinese culture. A physician is on board. Laundry service is available.

The M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that provides personalized, amiable service.

**Hong Kong Post-Program Option**

Experience the exciting contrasts and epic drama of Hong Kong, where the past has flowed into the present. See Chinese junks and sampans jostling with ocean liners in the harbor, temples and markets tucked below ultramodern high-rises and the interplay of the exotic and the technically advanced. Explore this bustling metropolis and enjoy a scenic sampan ride through the floating village of Aberdeen and a tram ride up Victoria Peak. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

**Exclusive guest speaker and faculty presentations.**

**In Beijing**
- Three nights in the Five-Star **PENINSULA BEIJING**, located in the city center within walking distance of the Forbidden City. Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception and Peking duck dinner.
- Tour of the mysterious Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and walk through Tiananmen Square.
- Excursion to the **Great Wall of China**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch en route to Beijing.
- Visit to the towering **Summer Palace**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Excursion to the **Temple of Heaven**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**In Xi’an**
- Two nights in the Five-Star **HILTON HOTEL**, located within the ancient city walls. Full Western breakfast each morning and one dinner.
- Excursion to the vast complex of the **Terra Cotta Warriors**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Visit to the Yangling Imperial Tombs, a unique discovery.
- Tour of old Xi’an and the ancient Moorish Quarter.

**On board the exclusively chartered M.V. VICTORIA SOPHIA**
- Six-night **grand** Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing to Shanghai, with port calls at Wushan, Sandouping for the Three Gorges Dam, Wuhan, Guichi for Huangshan and Nánjing.
- River-view cabin or suite with a private balcony and private bathroom.
- Captain’s Welcome Reception.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Complimentary house wine served at dinner.
- Complimentary coffee and tea throughout the day.
- Program of lectures during the cruise.
- T’ai chi exercise sessions during the cruise.
- Captain’s Farewell Dinner Banquet.
- **Private boat cruise** on the Daning River into the dramatic Three Lesser Gorges.
- Transit and tour of the **Three Gorges Dam**, the world’s largest dam complex.
- Excursion in the city of Wuhan featuring a visit to Mao Zedong’s private residence.
- Full-day excursion to UNESCO World Heritage site **Huangshan** (Yellow Mountain), one of China’s most famous and picturesque mountain ranges.
- City tour of seldom-visited Nánjing.

**In Shanghai**
- Two nights in the historic, Five-Star **FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL**, located on the famous Bund. Full Western breakfast each morning.
- Farewell Reception.
- Excursion to the famed **Bund** and Pudong districts.
- Guided tour of the Shanghai Museum, the colonial-era French Concession, the exceptional YuYuan Garden and the Old Chinese Quarter.

**Enhanced Travel Services**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- The services of an experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Terra Cotta Warriors of Qin Shihuang

In 1974, near the ancient city of Xi’an, farmers digging a well unearthed one of the most amazing archaeological discoveries of the 20th century—an army of thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and horses maintaining a silent vigil over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.). This visionary monarch, the first ruler of a unified China, introduced a standardized writing system, reformed the legal code and commenced the building of the Great Wall of China, the greatest public works project of its era. The emperor, as large a figure in death as he was in life, lies buried in a mausoleum that took 36 years to construct and required the efforts of 700,000 laborers. The tomb itself remains unexcavated, guarded by row upon row of charioteers, infantry, cavalry and horses. The face of each terra cotta warrior has a distinctive, lifelike expression, and each figure bears trappings denoting his rank within the imperial army—general, senior officer, junior officer or common soldier. In 1987, UNESCO designated this treasure trove of early Chinese art a World Heritage site.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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<td>Suite with front and side views, larger private veranda, one queen bed, jacuzzi tub with separate shower, double sinks and additional living area with sofa, dining table and chairs. Promenade Deck.</td>
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*Singles are available in category 3 at $7995 and in category 2 at $8295 on or before November 15, 2013. Add $1000 for reservations made after November 15, 2013.

**Taxes are an additional $210 per person and are subject to change.**

*Airfare Beijing/Xi’an and Xi’an/Chongqing (internal program air) is $450 per person additional and subject to change.*

*M.V. Victoria Sophia has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

Ancient Kingdoms of China Reservation Form

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-1240
Phone: (800) 922-3088/Fax: (312) 609-1141

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Hong Kong Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, you accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Please make my/our reservation(s): Hong Kong Post-Program Option
- Double at $995 per person.
- Single at $1495 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- If I/we want you to book my/our air from

(please fill in departure city)

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.*

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 12, 2014.
Beijing’s Temple of Heaven represents a crowning achievement of Ming Dynasty architecture.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE.

IMPORTANT, READ CAREFULLY.

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, partners, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, partners, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and its and their representatives, agents, employees, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, but not limited to, travel agents, tour operators, airlines, hotels, airlines, transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors.

As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or fault of any such person or entity or any third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to persons or property without connection with the provision of any good or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, political disturbances, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you require hotel changes, meals, or other arrangements, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any participant on their flights at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:

By signing this contract, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect.

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SOFTWARE:

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All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:

Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by November 15, 2013. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

Payments should be sent to:

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Chicago, Illinois 60603-3320
(312) 909-3940 or (312) 922-3088
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TRAVELER ACCEPTANCE: Participation in any of the trips offered herein is subject to a $100 non-refundable application fee. This application fee is non-refundable and is due when the application is submitted and is payable direct and not to third parties.

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