

2010 China Travel Information and Tips

- The flight from LAX to Beijing is 13 hours and will cross the international dateline
- Make sure to be at LAX no later than 8:30 a.m. for your 12:30 p.m. flight departure
- You can take 2 check luggage (not to exceed 70 lbs) plus 2 carry on
- You will receive 2 meals during the flight plus watch a movie
- If you are going to use your credit card in China, call your credit card company and inform them about your trip. Visa & Mastercard are accepted. American Express is accepted only in large restaurants. Discover is not accepted anywhere.
- Make sure to take 2 times the amount of your prescription with you. Keep one bottle with check-in luggage and one with carry on.
- Passport – it will take approximately 1 to 1 ½ months to secure your passport and 2 weeks to secure your Visa, make sure to allow enough time for these two items.
- Passport **must** have at least 6 months remaining validity from the day of entry into the country for which VISA has been applied for. If validity is less than 6 months you must renew your passport (Fee applies).
- It's very important not to lose your passport while visiting China!
- Keep a copy of your passport with you at all times during the trip
- You will pay the tour guide a one time tip amount of \$25 for your entire trip / this will cover all the tips for tours, hotels, transportation, etc.
- You cannot extend your stay in China during this trip
- You will need a converter & adapter to use electric appliances brought from US.
- Tour buses in China will carry no more than 25 – 30 people with Chamber group staying together. Tour buses are staggered when visiting attractions so that there are not a lot of people there at one time. Buses leave the hotels for the day tours at 8:00 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m.
- A tour guide will meet our group at the China airport and escort group to their bus
- Hotels have internet access, if you choose to use your own computer it will cost you \$20 per day for usage.
- Optional tours must be paid with cash only
- Keep a copy of your passport with you at all times during the trip
- No special vaccines are needed, you may want to take some anti-diarrheal or antibiotics with you. *Don't not eat any ice cream products or drink the water.*

- Most all places accept American money. If you choose to convert to Yen currency keep receipt to be able to convert back to American money. Currency exchanges to Yen should be done at your hotel not at the airport. Exchanges back to dollars can be done at the airport before the return flight.
- Take cash in \$1 to \$20 dollar bill numerations
- You will need to show your passport during hotel registration
- It is suggested not to take any valuable jewelry with you
- There are ATM's only in the hotel and airport and they only disburse Chinese money.
- If you want to take your cell phone to use in China, you will need to sign up for an international plan with your carrier, or you can use the tour guides cell while in China.
- 1 drink is included with your lunch or dinner. Diet coke is not available in the hotels.
- It is recommended that you get travel insurance through AAA or other source
- As you travel into China during your day tours, rental restrooms will be available. Restrooms are categorized as follows: 5-star, clean & comfortable / 4-star, no toilet paper (make sure to carry some tissues with you) / 3-star, you may be squatting over a hole.