The Columbia Alumni Association presents

CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

September 28-October 16, 2017

19 days from $6,887 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($6,395 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $492 airline taxes and fees)

A Special Small Group Tour for the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) on a special 19-day journey, discovering the highlights of China, including the mysteries of Tibet and the grandeur of the Yangtze River. From imperial Beijing to cosmopolitan Shanghai, enjoy this comprehensive tour of China in a group of no more than 24 travelers.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 regional clubs and shared interest groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space is limited to just 24 guests and will be shared with participants from a cosponsoring alumni association. Please contact the Travel Study Program at travelstudy@columbia.edu or 866-325-8664 for more details and to reserve your place on this memorable tour of China and Tibet!

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on China, Tibet & the Yangtze River departing September 28, 2017. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and mail check (along with completed registration form) to: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT, 06878. Phone: 863-724-0844; e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu; website: http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel.

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Please book my/our air from ______________________________            I/We request a Business Class upgrade ❑
I will share a room with ___________________________________     I request a single room (limited availability) ❑
Post-Tour “Shanghai – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for China, Tibet & the Yangtze River, September 28–October 16, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ____________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
This distinctive small group journey combines a special visit to remote, spiritual Tibet with a memorable cruise on the Yangtze, China’s fabled “long river.” Adding grace notes to this highly popular itinerary: intriguing Beijing, the extraordinary Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, and cosmopolitan Shanghai. East meets West in a joyful convergence.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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Days 1-2: Depart U.S. for Beijing, China  We arrive in the Chinese capital and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax, we embark on a brief walking tour. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 3: Beijing  After this morning’s briefing about the journey ahead, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power from 1368–1911. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall  This morning we enjoy a small-group highlight, as we ride rick-shaws through Beijing’s ancient back roads and alleyways (hutongs) and enjoy a home visit, giving us a glimpse of the traditional communal lifestyle. Then we stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we head to the Mu Tian Yu section of the Great Wall, the network of ancient defense installations that stretches more than 5,500 miles. B,L,D

Day 5: Beijing  This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex, where China’s rulers once worshipped. This afternoon we visit the Summer Palace, the former royal retreat now a lovely park. B,L

Day 6: Beijing/Xian  We fly this morning to Xian, a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974. Upon arrival we visit the Yangling Mausoleum, a Han Dynasty tomb dating to 153 CE. After lunch at a local restaurant we tour Xian’s impressive nine-mile city wall and moat. Tonight we enjoy a special dumpling dinner. B,L,D

Day 7: Xian  Our day begins with a visit to the revered Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE). After lunch we tour the museum housing the army of 7,000 life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors that had lain buried and forgotten for more than two millennia. B,L,D

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Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Beijing touring, including Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall ... Beijing hutong tour and home visit ... Dazu Rock Carvings ... Three-night visit to fascinating Tibet ... Lhasa’s 1,000-room Potala Palace ... Visit with a Tibetan family ... Three-night Yangtze River cruise, including Three Gorges ... Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian ... Shanghai touring

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Avg. High (°F)  Sep  Oct
Beijing  77  66
Lhasa  67  61
Shanghai  79  72

Day  Itinerary  Hotel  Rating
1  Depart U.S. for Beijing  
2-5  Beijing  Sofitel Wanda Beijing  Deluxe
6-8  Xian  Wyndham Grand Xian South  Deluxe
9-11  Lhasa, Tibet  Shangri-La Hotel Lhasa  Deluxe
12  Chongqing  JW Marriott Chongqing  Deluxe
13-15  Yangtze Cruise  Victoria Cruises  Sup. First Class
16-18  Shanghai  Hilton Shanghai  Deluxe
19  Depart Shanghai for U.S.  

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: On Day 11, we tour Tibet’s Potala Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
China’s Great Wall winds across deserts and grasslands, mountains and plateaus for more than 5,500 miles.

Day 8: Xian  This morning we tour the Shanxi Provincial Museum, with an acclaimed collection of historic and cultural artifacts. We eat lunch in a local restaurant then visit a typical farming village where we meet the local people and see their lifestyle up close. B,L

Day 9: Xian/Lhasa  Early today we fly to Lhasa, Tibet’s capital and only major city. Sitting on a plateau between two Himalayan ridges, the Chinese province of Tibet covers an area as large as Western Europe. On the way to our hotel we stop to visit with a Tibetan family in their home. Since the altitude here is approximately 12,000 feet above sea level, we spend the remainder of the day acclimating. B,L,D

Day 10: Lhasa  Our day begins in the heart of the old city at Jokhang, Tibet’s holiest temple. Built in 647, Jokhang is an intriguing complex that attracts pilgrims day and night. Surrounding Jokhang is Barkhor, a plaza lined with chanting monks, street performers, and vendors. Later we tour the summer palace of the Dalai Lamas at Norbulinka; tonight, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 11: Lhasa  Opened to foreigners only since 1984, Tibet is a profoundly spiritual place where Buddhism has infused all aspects of life for 13 centuries. We see evidence of this at 17th-century Potala Palace, with 200,000 Buddha images and 1,000 rooms, some of which we explore this morning. This afternoon we visit the vast Sera Monastery. B,L,D

Day 12: Lhasa/Chongqing  We fly today to Chongqing, where we visit the local zoo to see the beloved pandas. B,L,D

Day 13: Chongqing/Dazu/Board Ship  Today’s excursion features the Dazu Rock Carvings dating back more than a millennium – and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. These cliffside carvings reflect Buddhist teachings, tenets of Confucianism, and local folklore. Tonight we board our river ship and set sail downstream. B,L,D

Day 14: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu  Prized for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world’s longest (3,600 miles) and busiest rivers. This afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the “ghost city” of Fengdu. B,L,D

Day 15: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Wu Gorge/Small Gorges/Xiling Gorge  Today we pass through narrow Qutang Gorge followed by tranquil Wu Gorge. Then we board a small sampan for a cruise through the stunning Small Gorges. Back on board our Victoria Cruises ship this afternoon, we enter 42-mile Xiling Gorge. B,L,D

Post-Tour Extension

October 16-18, 2017
SHANGHAI – ON YOUR OWN
3 days/2 nights for $245 total price
Single Supplement: $195

Spend additional time exploring dynamic Shanghai, China’s most prosperous, vibrant, and cosmopolitan city.

Your Tour Price Includes
• 2 nights’ accommodations at Hilton Shanghai (Deluxe)
• 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
• Transfer to the airport
Day 16: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai  After visiting the site of the immense Three Gorges Dam we continue on to Yichang, where we disembark and fly to Shanghai, the “Paris of the East.”  

Day 17: Shanghai  Our day begins with a walking tour of the Xin Tian Di shopping and entertainment area of reconstituted traditional homes. We continue on to beloved 16th-century Yu Yuan Gardens, whose plantings, courtyards, and pavilions create the illusion of mountains, caverns and lakes. Then after lunch together we tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend a lively acrobatics show.

Day 18: Shanghai  This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors – and their buildings – once held sway. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner.

Day 19: Depart for U.S. We depart Shanghai for our return flight to the U.S. 

“Study the past if you would define the future.” ~ Lao-Tzu

Tour Departs: September 28, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $492, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,695. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $3,695 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Due to Chinese visa restrictions, no new registrations can be accepted within 65 days of the tour.

Please Note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour. Lhasa’s altitude (12,090 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. You should consult with your physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please contact the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program at 866-325-8664, or fax 203-724-0844, or e-mail travelstudy@columbia.edu
Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package
- Costs of passports and visas
- Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified
- Airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package
- Communication charges
- Gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion
- Optional sightseeing or shore excursions
- Travel protection insurance
- Additional baggage fees may apply

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $250 charge
- Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- Cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund

Insurance
- We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility
- The Columbia Alumni Association, its agent TSS, LLC (collectively known as TSS), and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel, and other tour arrangements; and neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or other conveyance; or for the actions of any third party involved in carrying the passenger or otherwise affecting the passenger's travel. TSS and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay, or other changes in air or other services; sickness; weather; strikes; war; civil disturbances; acts or threats of terrorism; travel warnings or bans; termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance; quarantine; acts of God; or other causes beyond our control. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent sponsors. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay, or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting, in lieu of the original tour, a rescheduled tour or other substituted tours) as may be offered by us; or else, of receiving a refund of as much as such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger’s behalf from carriers, third party tour vendors, etc. However, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour’s itinerary, and to substitute hotels, vessels, or study leaders. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure; and so long as this action is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if they desire. No refund shall be made for any unoccupied portion of the tour. By forwarding payment(s), the passenger certifies that they and/or their dependents, minors, and others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept, or to decline to retain, a person as a member of any tour for any reason, including the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled, and stored at the passenger’s risk entirely, and we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. We reserve the right to cancel or substitute facility. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia group. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be effectuated exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Greenwich, CT, pursuant to applicable Connecticut or federal law. The Columbia Alumni Association may receive nominal compensation for this travel program, contingent upon a minimum number of Columbia University-affiliated participants traveling under the auspices of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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