



Dear Director of Art & Design

IN VIEW of the growing importance of links with China, we are offering an art & design based tour featuring an introduction to a School of Excellence in Beijing with a master class in Chinese art & design and also a programme of sightseeing in Beijing and Xian. This will facilitate local contact on a school to school, teacher to teacher and pupil to pupil basis.

In addition to the art & design content, the highlight will be the active social contact with the Chinese teachers and pupils. The programme will form the basis for a relationship between the two schools in England and China which can be developed.

As our service is tailor-made please feel free to contact me to discuss your preferences and dates for a group tour to China.

I hope to be of service.

Gordon Burnett

Managing Director



\* Original cover painting by  
Master Artist Zhang Cheng Cheng

TO MANY, China is a populous nation, long closed to the outside world, with a distinct and often alien culture. The vast population is still there but in the big cities the people are now dressed in designer clothing, clutching mobile phones as they queue for their fast food at one of the many branches of McDonald's.

China is a world within a world, where hurried modernisation, fascinating traditions and a long history, exist side by side. It is hoped that the past will not be swept away in the dash for the future, but if you go now you will still see a country, and its people, who will stay in your memory for a very long time.

## Art & Design Programme to China

(BEIJING AND XIAN)

### Day 1

Depart London Heathrow Terminal Three on the scheduled services of Air China to Beijing at 17.30 hours (direct flight).

### Day 2

Arrive Beijing 13.15 hours. Transfer to 3\* hotel accommodation located close to the Chinese School of Excellence.

**PM** – Walk in Tiananmen Square. Programme and city orientation talk.

### Day 3

**AM** – Forbidden City – former palace of the Emperors and a visit to the Old Streets (*Hutongs*) showing the traditional Chinese way of living.

**PM** – Back to hotel. Afternoon to the School of Excellence in Beijing to meet students and teachers for a master class on Chinese art & design.

**Evening** – Performance by Chinese acrobats.

### Day 4

A visit to The Great Wall of China.

**PM** – Return to the hotel, attend a session on Chinese art with demonstrations.

### Day 5

**AM** – Tour of the Summer Palace.

**PM** – Visit to a Master Artist's Studio. Overnight train to Xian.

### Day 6

Arrive Xian at 7am, transfer to hotel for breakfast.

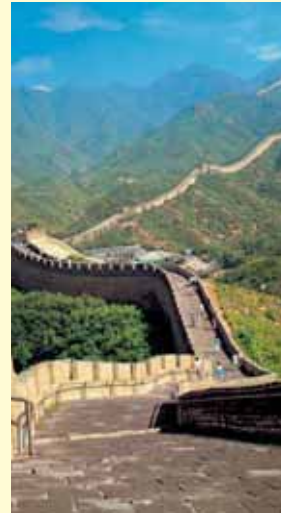
**AM** – City Tour including the ancient city wall. Xian was the ancient capital of China and the start of the Silk Road linking the Chinese and Roman Empires.

**PM** – The Wild Goose Pagoda and a visit to a fine arts class in a Childrens Palace (for Chinese students with a strong art interest).

### Day 7

**AM** – Tour to Terracotta Army – the huge buried army of the First Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, made to guard him in the afterlife.

**PM** – Overnight train back to Beijing.



### Day 8

Arrive Beijing at 7am, transfer to hotel.

**AM** – Visit to an art exhibition.

**PM** – Dinner with pupils and staff from the School of Excellence and farewell Concert - opportunity to enjoy all kinds of Chinese music/Chinese instruments.

### Day 9

Departure for flight back to the UK departing on Air China at 12.10 hours, arriving the same day at London Heathrow, Terminal 3 at 15.00 hours local time (direct flight).

**NB** Air travel timings and programme details may vary. Aircraft type unknown at time of printing.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRICES BELOW APPLY TO A MINIMUM GROUP SIZE OF 30 PAYING PERSONS PLUS 3 FREE LEADER PLACES – SMALLER GROUP SIZES CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON REQUEST BUT WOULD BE QUOTED SEPARATELY.**

Costs start from £1,295 in 2008/9

### AVAILABILITY PERIODS 2008/9

February Half Term 2008	£1,295 per person
Easter	£1,495 per person
Spring Bank Holiday	£1,395 per person
Summer Holidays (1 – 15 July period only)	£1,495 per person
October Half Term	£1,295 per person
Post Christmas (26 December – 3 January approx.)	£1,395 per person
February Half Term 2009	£1,395 per person

**Please note all prices quoted are subject to surcharge if costs change significantly as a result of currency fluctuation/increased fuel prices.**

### Tour Prices Include:

- Return flights on scheduled air services.
- Tourist class hotel accommodation based on sharing 2 bedded rooms with private bathroom and toilet.
- Full board.
- Excursion programme including entrance costs and local guides as per itinerary with air-conditioned coach transportation.
- Services of full time English speaking guide whilst on tour in the cities.
- Visas.
- 1 Free Leader Place for every 10 paying persons .
- Half Price Leader Place for every 5 paying persons. Some additional adults can travel at student rate.
- UK Departure and security taxes.
- Briefing meeting and information pack.

### Exclusions

- Insurance – optional cover available on request.
- Items of a personal nature (eg laundry, drinks, gifts).
- Single room supplement.
- Optional – tips for the guides, drivers and hotel porters.

### Validity

All prices quoted are subject to re-confirmation and availability on receipt of a firm booking with specific dates, itinerary and numbers.



## General Information

**Accommodation:** Interchange tours are based on tourist class hotels located close to city centres or otherwise conveniently located. Accommodation is based on taking breakfast at the hotel, lunch and dinner during the day sometimes in the hotel or in a suitable local restaurant depending on the programme.

**Interchange:** Interchange was established in 1973, organising professional interest group tours worldwide but with a particular focus on the former Soviet Union, China and Cuba. From the moment we start to co-operate you will receive personal attention. We aim to build on our excellent record of repeat business and develop an itinerary to suit the needs of your group.

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You should contact your Doctor well ahead of your departure who will be able to give you professional advice and arrange any vaccinations and advice on Malaria protection.

**Currency and Airfares:** Local costs are based on the £1 = US\$ 1.88 as published in the Financial Times on 6th October 2006 and Airfares as at 6th October 2006.

**Enquiries and Bookings:** Please ring or write to Gordon Burnett at Interchange who will be pleased to discuss your requirements in greater detail.



### A Selection of Schools who have used our Travel Services:

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 Harrogate Ladies College  
 Northampton High School  
 Wilson's School, Surrey  
 Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans  
 Sherborne School for Girls  
 Townsend School, St Albans  
 Djanogly City Academy, Nottingham  
 James Allen Girls School, East Dulwich  
 Christ's Hospital, West Sussex  
 Queen Mary's College, Hampshire  
 Trinity Catholic School, Leamington Spa  
 Dean Close School, Cheltenham  
 Ashcombe School, Dorking  
 Marlborough College

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