Optional Local Tours

**T01-Morning Tai Chi Class***
Date: 25 August 2008 (Monday)
Time: 07:30 - 08:30
Tour Price: HK$180 per person  
*(Minimum operation of 15 persons)*

Tai Chi, or “shadow boxing”, is a graceful exercise that combines thought and action and is developed from an ancient Chinese martial art. A master will teach the anciently derived art, allowing you to capture the spirit of this art form.

**T02-Hong Kong Island Tour**
Date: 25 August 2008 (Monday)
Time: 09:00 - 12:30
Tour Price: HK$280 per person  
*(Join-in regular tour)*

The Peak offers a breathtaking panorama of the Victoria Harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula. En route to the southern side of the Island, you will be able to see the Repulse Bay, a popular summer escape for swimmers. Just around the corner is Stanley, which is famous for its relaxed ambience and street market. Shopping at Stanley Market is always fun and there are many bargains to be found.

**T03-Kowloon Experience Tour***
Date: 26 August 2008 (Tuesday)
Time: 09:00 - 13:00
Tour Price: HK$280 per person  
*(Minimum operation of 15 persons)*

The tour will take you to the famous "Jade Market", an open-air market where tradesmen buy and sell rare stones and finished ornaments. Continue the visit to Wong Tai Sin Temple, where you can pay homage to the blessed "God of Immigrants" and have your fortune told by the wise ones. Finally, step back in time with a visit to the Hong Kong Museum of History. Its "Hong Kong Story" Permanent Exhibition outlines the folk culture and historical development of Hong Kong.
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**T04-Chinese Tea Appreciation Class***
Date:  26 August 2008 (Tuesday)
Time:  09:00 - 12:30
Tour Price:  HK$450 per person

(Minimum operation of 15 persons)

Visit to Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware located inside Hong Kong Park, this charming colonial house was once the office and residence of Commander of the British Forces. It has been renovated to house a collection of earthenware, gold and porcelain teapots, bowls and trays originating from the Tang dynasty to the present. Tea appreciation encompasses not only an understanding of the important qualities of this revered leaf, but also the contemplative thoughts that tea drinking has inspired throughout Chinese history.

**T05-Lantau Monastery Tour with Vegetarian Lunch**
Date:  27 August 2008 (Wednesday)
Time:  09:00 - 16:00
Tour Price:  HK$600 per person

(Join in regular tour)

A fast and scenic drive along the expressway and the Tsing Ma Bridge soon takes you to this unspoilt island. Lantau, with its natural beaches, peaceful monastery neighboured by the world-renowned bronze Buddha, is an ideal destination for a peaceful and relaxing day. The tour includes a Chinese vegetarian lunch at the Po Lin Monastery. The tour will also take you to Tai-O, a quaint fishing village distinguished by the stilt houses which is inhabited mainly by the Tanka people, descendants of Hong Kong’s first settlers.

**T06-New Territories Heritage Tour***
Date:  27 August 2008 (Wednesday)
Time:  09:00 - 13:00
Tour Price:  HK$350 per person

(Minimum operation of 15 persons)

A tour around the New Territories shows you the rural aspect of Hong Kong. Step back into the mid-1800s as you enter Tai Fu Tai Mansion, the opulent stately home built in 1865, and Fan Tin Village. The nearby Lo Wai walled village and Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall offer fascinating sights of village life in the New Territories. Another beautiful tradition stems from the enchanting Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees. Local villagers burn joss sticks and incense papers hoping their wishes will come true.
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**T07-Macao Excursion**
Date: 28 August 2008 (Thursday)
Time: 08:00 - 18:00
Tour Price: HK$780 per person
*(Join-in regular tour)*

An hour's hydrofoil ferry ride brings you to the previous Portuguese enclave - Macao, which was reverted to Chinese sovereignty in December 1999. Inscribed "The Historic Centre of Macao" on UNESCO's World Heritage List, Macao is rich in culture and heritage. You will enjoy visiting the 16th-century Kun Iam Temple and travelling up Penha Hill and Chapel for a magnificent view of the city. The tour will also lead you to the Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral, Monte Fort, Senado Square and Avenida da Praia Residences.

**T08-Shenzhen Shopping Tour**
Date: 28 August 2008 (Thursday)
Time: 08:00 - 19:30
Tour Price: HK$800 per person
*(Join-in regular tour)*

Group visa fee is included (subject to different nationalities).

The Shenzhen Special Economic Zone lies across the Hong Kong border on the other side of the Shenzhen River, the natural boundary between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Mainland China. The morning tour includes through train to the boundary, where a road bridge leads into Shenzhen city. Stops in the city include a visit to a kindergarten (school days only) and a local market. Also visit the famous theme parks: Splendid China (which boasts more than 70 famous scenic wonders of China in miniature) and China Folk Culture Village (featuring the folk art, customs and dwellings of ethnic groups). At the Lo Wu Shopping Mall you will see the stylish boutiques or bargain bunting for Chinese arts and crafts souvenirs.

**Terms and Conditions (Optional Local Tours):**
1. The prevailing exchange rate is approximately US$1 = HK$7.80. Payment is in term of Hong Kong dollars.
2. Bookings are subject to acceptance on a first-come-first-served basis.
3. On receipt of completed form and payment, confirmation will be sent to the participants.
4. All tours will be on a join-in group basis or organized for a specific minimum number of people (marked with *) exclusively. In the event of no-show, payment is not refundable.
5. Final tour arrangements are subject to change in weather conditions and minimum quota requirements. In the event of cancellation of tours, the only liability of the Official Local Agent is to refund the tour fees paid.
6. Please reconfirm the tour pick-up point and time at the on-site Information desk.
7. Participants are advised to arrange personal travel insurance to cover loss incurred in case of cancellation, medical expenses and damage or loss of personal effects. The Official Local Agent will not have any liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to the participants during the organized tours.

**Payment Policy:**
Tour fee is required at time of reservation and will be charged if the tour can be operated.
Cancellation charge will be applied as follows if cancellation notice is received:
- **After 25 July 2008**: 50% of the tour fee
- **7 days prior to departure**: 100% of the tour fee
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Optional Mainland Tours

CT01-Beijing Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)*
Date: 29 August - 1 September 2008
Tour Price: Twin Sharing – HK$7,000 per person
            Single – HK$9,000 per person
Accommodation: The Peninsula Beijing or similar hotel

DAY 1: HONG KONG - BEIJING
- Fly from Hong Kong to Beijing.
- Upon arrival to Beijing, enjoy a short tour to get a taste of the capital.
- Check in to your hotel.
- Free time and an opportunity to soak up the atmospheric night market.

DAY 2: BEIJING
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
- The entire day is given over to a trip to the Great Wall and the breathtaking Summer Palace.
- Enjoy a demonstration of the art of brewing and drinking fragrant Chinese tea, while taking in a performance by folk artists from the region at the Laoshe Tea House.

DAY 3: BEIJING
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
- In the morning, explore the capital's famous Hutong district on board a pedicab.
- Explore the treasures of the Imperial Palace in the entrancing Forbidden City and visit dramatic Tian An Men Square.
- For dinner, tuck into a famous Peking duck banquet.

DAY 4: BEIJING - HONG KONG
(Breakfast + Lunch)
- In the morning, visit the beautiful Temple of Heaven.
- In the late afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight back.

CT02-Shanghai Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)*
Date: 29 August - 1 September 2008
Tour Price: Twin Sharing – HK$7,500 per person
            Single – HK$9,500 per person
Accommodation: Shanghai Sofitel Jinjiang Oriental Pudong or similar hotel

DAY 1: HONG KONG – SHANGHAI
(Dinner)
- Fly from Hong Kong to Shanghai.
- Enjoy a brief city tour before sampling some Shanghainese cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Stay overnight at a first class hotel in Shanghai.

DAY 2: SHANGHAI
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
- Explore the beautiful Bund embankment and meet some locals practising their Tai Chi.
- Visit Yu Yuan Garden and the quaint Old Town Bazaar.
- Travel to Pudong District and visit the Oriental Broadcast Tower to
have a bird view of the city.

- Spend some time in the Historical Museum within the Oriental Tower to learn about the history of Shanghai.
- Enjoy a renowned acrobatics show in the evening.

**DAY 3: SHANGHAI - WUZHEN – SHANGHAI**
(Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)
- In the morning, travel by coach to Wuzhen Town - a revishingly ancient “Water Village”.
- Return to Shanghai in the afternoon and indulge in some shopping in local antique shops.
- Make the most of your free time by exploring the Xingtiandi Entertainment Area, with its blend of traditional Chinese and modern restaurants and dazzling shops.

**DAY 4: SHANGHAI - HONG KONG**
(Breakfast)
- In the morning, visit the Shanghai City Planning Hall.
- In the afternoon, transfer to airport for your flight back to Hong Kong.

**CT03-Beijing & Xian Tour (6 Days / 5 Nights)***
Date: 29 August – 3 September 2008
Tour Price:
- Twin Sharing – HK$12,000 per person
- Single – HK$15,300 per person

Accommodation:
- Beijing - The Peninsula Palace Beijing or The Beijing Hotel or other 5-star hotel
- Xian - Shangri-La Golden Flower or similar hotel

**DAY 1: HONG KONG – BEIJING**
- Depart Hong Kong for Beijing in the morning.
- Have a brief city tour and transfer to hotel upon arrival.
- Free time in the evening to explore the night market and have dinner at your own arrangement.

**DAY 2: BEIJING**
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
- This day will be spent visiting the extraordinary Great Wall and the stately Summer Palace.
- Enjoy a taste of the art of brewing and drinking fragrant Chinese tea, accompanied by a performance by local folk artists at the famous Lao She Tea House.

**DAY 3: BEIJING**
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
- In the morning, take a classic trip around Beijing's old-fashioned Hutong district by pedicab.
- Afterwards, travel to the Forbidden City and the priceless treasures of the Imperial Palace, followed by a trip to dramatic Tian An Men Square.
- In the evening, tuck into a Peking duck banquet.

**DAY 4: BEIJING – XIAN**
(Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)
- In the morning, visit the famous Temple of Heaven.
- In the afternoon, fly to Xian.
- On arrival, transfer to your hotel.
If time permits, enjoy a fascinating city tour.

In the evening, soak up the sights in the night market.

DAY 5: XIAN
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)
In the morning, discover the unique, world-famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum before visiting the impressive Big Wild Goose Pagoda in the afternoon.

For dinner, tuck into an opulent dumpling banquet, followed by the Tang Dynasty show.

DAY 6: XIAN - HONG KONG
(Breakfast + Lunch)
In the morning, visit the Ming Dynasty City Wall and then travel to the stunning Great Mosque in Xian's Muslim Quarter.

In the afternoon, transfer to airport for the flight back to Hong Kong.

Terms and Conditions (Optional Mainland Tours):
1. Tour prices quoted are based on a minimum of 15 persons (marked with *) and are subject to change if minimum number cannot be met; you will be informed before the balance payment;
2. Tour prices include:
   - Round trip special economy class group ticket on Air China or train ticket between Hong Kong and the destination city;
   - Domestic airfare (economy class) as specified on the itinerary;
   - Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast, tours and transfers as specified;
   - Hong Kong Airport and Security Tax, Airline Insurance Additional Charge and Beijing Airport Tax;
   - Professional English speaking tour guide service for the entire tour;
   - All entrance fees;
   - Gratuity for guides and drivers is included;
   - Transfer to / from airport and hotel within the destination city.
3. The listed flight schedule is on tentative basis. Should there be any change, the Official Local Agent will notify the delegate immediately.
4. Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, traffic or unforeseen circumstances;
5. China visa fee and travel insurance are not included and can be quoted separately. An original passport and passport photo is required. It takes two working days to process. The price is subject to change by the visa office; participants may also apply the visa at an embassy or consulate of China in your country before departure to Hong Kong;
6. Please apply double-entry visa to Hong Kong if required;
7. Please reconfirm the tour pick up point and time at the on-site Information desk;
8. A confirmation of tours will be sent to registered participants upon receipt of full payment.
9. Adjustment of Price: The tour operator reserves the right to adjust the listed prices at any time should there be any fluctuation in the exchange rate of Chinese RMB Yuan, Hong Kong dollar and U.S. dollar or any increase by the suppliers in the cost of whatever portion of the tour.
10. Responsibility
   a. The tour operator acts in the capacity of a travel agent only for clients in making arrangements for transportation, sightseeing or hotel accommodation. All coupons, receipts and tickets issued by the tour operator are subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the suppliers. The tour operator and the Official Local Agent shall be exempt from any liability for loss, injury or damage to property or person, accidents, delays, irregularities or other occurrence beyond its control.
   b. The departure and arrival time of the transportation used by the tour are subject to change. Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice by the departments concerned in China due to unforeseen circumstances.
   c. Should the itinerary or means of transportation be changed or the tour is prolonged due to unforeseen circumstances, all extra expenses will be borne and paid in cash on the spot by the participants.
   d. The tour operator and the Official Local Agent is not responsible for any loss to be suffered during the tour by tour participant who is refused to leave or re-enter Hong Kong by the Immigration Department or the authority concerned due to any reason.

Payment Policy:
50% non-refundable deposit is required at time of reservation and balance of payment must be made 45 days prior to arrival date. Cancellation charge will be applied as follows if cancellation notice is received:
- After confirmation: 50% of the tour fee
- 30 days prior to tour departure: 80% of the tour fee
- 7 days prior to departure: 100% of the tour fee

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