



Probably the best way for internationally adopted children to gain self knowledge and cultural pride is to visit their motherland. With that goal in mind, Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services is sponsoring our fourth annual family tour of China with the focus on reacquainting adopted Chinese children with their native land and people, and reconnecting these children with their past. The tours will include visits to famous cultural and historical sites, glimpses into everyday life in China, and plenty of personal time for reflection. Every attempt will be made to visit each child's orphanage and the site where she or he was found.

This tour is recommended for children five years of age, and older.

A motherland trip is sure to bring up many questions, emotions and adoption issues for children. To help families prepare for this, Journeys has been working with nationally respected adoption specialist, Jane Brown, MSW, to develop materials that each family will receive before the trip. The information will cover what families can expect before, during and after the trip.

Journeys staff invites you to join with other adoptive families on this journey of self-discovery for your children.



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## Journey of Self Discovery



Journeys Of The Heart  
Adoption Services



**Motherland Tour To China  
Summer 2007**



**A Two Week Tour For Families  
With Adopted Chinese  
Children With A Focus On  
Self Discovery**



## ITINERARY:

The 14-day itinerary includes these highlights:

**4 nights in BEIJING** - activities include visits to the Summer Palace, the Beijing Zoo, Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, the Temple of Heaven, and the Forbidden City. Families can also enjoy the Beijing acrobat show, and visiting traditional artisan factories creating pearl, jade, cloisstone, and silk items. A tour of an old Beijing "Hutong" neighborhood will involve meeting local families and visiting a kindergarten.

**3 nights in XI'AN** - activities include visiting the Terra Cotta Warriors, the Big Goose Pagoda, the Tang Palace Dance Show, and the Shaanxi Provincial Museum. Families can also walk to a nearby antique market and ride bikes on the massive ancient City Wall encircling the city.

**2 nights in Guilin and Yangshuo** – includes boat trip down the beautiful Li River and an overnight at the picturesque river market town of Yangshuo

**3 nights in the Home Provinces** - with a visit to each child's orphanage. Families can tour local cultural and historical sites, and customize their visit with the help of local guides.

**2 nights in GUANGZHOU** - with lodging at the nostalgic White Swan Hotel. Activities include relaxing in the White Swan's two outdoor swimming pools, visiting Lihua Lake Park or the Temple of the Six Banyan Trees, and shopping on Shaiman Island or at the Guangzhou jade, pearl and antique market.

### Staff/Escorts:

Everyone will be met in Beijing by Journeys' long-time China guide, Marsha (Wang Huiqin), and her niece, Linda. They will assist the group in Beijing, and accompany the families to Xi'an in

Shaanxi Province where Marsha grew up. From Xi'an, the families fly to Guilin and then two days later on to their child's home province. Local, bilingual guides whom Masha knows and trusts serve the families through the rest of their trip.



**Tour One June 27 To July 11, 2007  
Other Dates Are Possible**

**Options:** families may be able to make some changes or additions. Marsha is very creative. For example, some families have chosen to not go to Guilin and the Li River or Guangzhou.

### Travel/Accommodations:

Families can book a flight to China, or Journeys can help them do it. All travel/lodging and guide services in China will be arranged by Journeys. In-country travel includes domestic flights, charter bus, taxi, and trains. Families stay at 4-star hotels in Beijing, Xi'an, the provincial capital of their child's province, and in Guangzhou.

**Fees:** includes all guide services, tours, entertainment, hotel accommodations, all travel within China, and some meals. There are some savings when a group uses 5 or more hotel rooms at a time and when 10 or more adults are traveling together. The fee will not include the additional expenses of international travel and most lunches and dinners, tips, local provincial fees for visiting the orphanage, and transportation to the orphanage. Families must pay for any excursions they add to the established itinerary.



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