



# **MASTERS SOFTBALL TOUR TO CHINA**

**DEPART ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010  
RETURN ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010**



Group photo in Shanghai from one of our previous combined group China Master's Tours in 2002.

**11 DAYS OF SOCIAL SOFTBALL COMPETITION,  
SIGHTSEEING ATTRACTIONS AND SHOPPING IN  
BEIJING, NANJING, HANG ZHOU AND SHANGHAI**



## **Who we are and what we do.**

We are part of the sports community as current and former players, coaches and officials with a shared passion for sport. Whether it is debating the merits of the 24 second shot clock or the 4-4-2 formation, we know and understand sport. Our team is staffed by travel experts who have been organising team and group travel for years. With in depth knowledge of the many destinations we can offer you.

We have conducted tours to and from the far corners of the globe from the conventional; USA, UK, Canada and New Zealand to the exotic; Korea, Lithuania, Indonesia and Fiji and everything in between. We can offer destinations that cater to all levels and budgets.

We have organised tours for clubs teams, school teams, universities, national and elite teams and professional teams. No matter what the level of your team we will always be able to find fixtures that suit your level of competition.

We pride ourselves on not only conducting seamless tours but also offering unique and unforgettable experiences, to ensure your tour is the 'trip of the lifetime.' Whether it is a meeting an NBA superstar, a net session at Lords, training at a Premier League Club or working with elite coaches, we can offer experiences that will ensure the memories of your tour last a lifetime.

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## Tour Summary

### Tour Dates (actual times to be confirmed)

- Depart for China – Monday 4 October 2010
- Return to Australia – Thursday 14 October 2010 (11 Days)

Day	Date			Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Accom.
1	Mon	4	Oct	Depart for China	Travel	Arrive in Beijing	Beijing
2	Tue	5	Oct	Light training sessions for all teams	Factory and Market Shopping	<b>Competition</b>	Beijing
3	Wed	6	Oct	Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City	Great Wall of China	Acrobatics Show	Beijing
4	Thur	7	Oct	Flight to Nanjing	Free Time	Welcome Dinner	Nanjing
5	Fri	8	Oct	Yangtze River Bridge and Zhonghua City Gate	<b>Competition</b>	Buffet Dinner	Nanjing
6	Sat	9	Oct	Travel to Hangzhou	West Lake	Free Time	Hangzhou
7	Sun	10	Oct	Lingyin Temple	<b>Competition</b>	Dinner and Show	Hangzhou
8	Mon	11	Oct	Travel to Shanghai	Yuyuan Garden, River Walk	Welcome Dinner	Shanghai
9	Tue	12	Oct	Shanghai TV Tower	Jade Carving Factory	<b>Competition</b>	Shanghai
10	Wed	13	Oct	Shanghai Markets	Shopping in Nanjing Road	Depart Shanghai	
11	Thur	14	Oct	Arrive in Australia			

### Touring Party Costs:

- Players - \$3,700 per person
- Family and Friends - \$3,700 per person

All players, family and friends are most welcome to join this tour.

### Cost Includes:

- International airfares: Australia to China (return). Ex Sydney.
- Domestic airfares in China.
- Ground transport: air conditioned coach with professional driver.
- Hotel accommodation (good standard) for the duration of the tour.
- Softball competition: 3 or 4 games for each team.
- Training session on day 2 of itinerary for all teams.
- Meals – all meals each day.
- Activities and Sightseeing – entry, transport and guides included to all activities mentioned above.
- Tour guides and translators.
- Uniform (players), polo shirt (touring party), t-shirt (touring party), hooded sweatshirt (touring party).
- Gifts to exchange with the Chinese before each game.
- Softball sanctioning between Australia and China.
- Series of newsletters to assist the group prepare for their China tour.

### Cost Excludes:

- Passport and Visa requirements.
- Travel insurance.
- Medical requirements/ Immunisations.
- Spending money and other incidentals.

**Other Information:**

- The purpose of the tour is to enjoy social softball competition and a fascinating empire of stark contrasts. You will experience the culture, customs and cuisine of the oldest civilisation on the planet.
- The schedule will include significant sightseeing, attractions and shopping time.
- Our tour party will be guests at several semi-formal dinners with Chinese government officials. We will supply small gifts to exchange for these occasions.
- The Chinese government has extended an invitation to us and has subsidized this tour package.
- We intend on sending four teams with the following age groups: Over 35 Men, Over 35 Women, Over 45 Men and Over 45 Women.
- Social / friendly softball competition – open to all standards.

**Do you wish to accept our invitation?**

- If yes, a \$1000 deposit per person is payable to reserve your position. Deposits are required before Friday 19th February 2010 to secure your position.
- The deposit is fully refundable until Wednesday 31st March. During this time we will update with further details – teams and touring party, update on schedule, etc.
- Cheques can be made payable to: Horizons Sporting Events, or payment can be made by Visa or Mastercard or Direct Deposit.
- Upon receipt of your deposit, a tax invoice and receipt will then be forwarded. We will set an installment payment date and final payment date closer to the tour.

## Tour Attractions

### Beijing

Beijing, capital of the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), is where they move the cogs and wheels of the Chinese universe. The city boasts some of the best restaurants and recreation facilities, and palatial hotels fit for an emperor.

The population of Beijing is 12.6 million.

- **The Great Wall** – ancient China’s greatest public works project and now the nation’s leading tourist attraction.
- **The Forbidden City** - the centre of power of the Middle Kingdom for more than 500 years. It is the largest and best-preserved cluster of ancient buildings in China.
- **Tiantan (Temple of Heaven)** – a perfect example of Ming architecture and the symbol of Beijing.
- **The Summer Palace** – the lovely gardens of China’s imperial rulers in a stunning setting beside Kunming Hu.
- **Tiananmen Square** – this vast desert of pavement is the heart of Beijing.

There are hundreds of other attractions in Beijing. Our tour will attempt to experience as many as possible in the time we have available.

### Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Hangzhou is arguably the most beautiful city in China. The population of Hangzhou is 6 million, with 43.6 million people throughout the province.

- **West Lake** – is 4 miles of blue water dotted with elegant stone bridges and charming pavilions, surrounded by three sides of rolling wooded hills.

**Other attractions include:** Temple of the Soul’s Retreat, Zhejiang Provincial Museum, Mausoleum of General Yue Fei, Six Harmonies Pagoda, China Silk Museum.

### Nanjing

Nanjing is one of China’s more attractive major cities. It sports a long historical heritage and has twice served briefly as the nation’s capital. Most of Nanjing’s major attractions are reminders of the city’s former glory under the Ming.

The population of Nanjing is 5.5 million.

- **Zhongshan Ling (Sun Yatsen Mausoleum)** – Hordes of tourists visit Sun Yatsen’s tomb. Sun is recognised by the communists and the Kuomintang alike as the father of modern China.
- **Fuzi Miao (Man and Sun Temple)** – the site of an ancient Confucius temple that was a centre of Confucian study for more than 1500 years.

## Shanghai

Shanghai is the largest economic trade centre in China. A mostly industrial based city, it has a population of over 13 million people.

- **The Bund** – a stretch of land that is host of some of China's most classical architecture. Located on Huang Pu River, it is the centre of finance in Shanghai.
- **Yuyuan Gardens** – built over 400 years ago by Pan Yundan. They took over 20 years to complete, and were a gift to his parents.
- **Nanjing Road** – the most bustling shopping centre in Shanghai, and has a reputation of being China's best shopping street. Brightly lit Nanjing Road is a wonderful view at night in a sea of lights.

**Other attractions include:** Museums, People's Square, Shanghai Old Street, Luxun New Memorial Hall, Longhua Temple, Shanghai Great World, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai New Art Gallery.



## **Tour Cancellation Policy**

1. Should a tour be cancelled or an individual withdraw prior to 150 days before travel, \$1000 per person will be forfeited to cover administration, fulfilment of contracts, airline, hotel and transport operator booking fees.
2. Within 150 days, 50% of the tour price will be charged and the remainder refunded.
3. Within 60 days, 75% of the tour price will be charged and the remainder refunded.
4. After air tickets have been issued any cancellation fee levied by the airline will be in addition to the above.
5. Once the tour has commenced, no refunds will be given. This includes any unused portion of the tour.
6. All cancellations will take a minimum of 10 weeks to be processed.
7. The policy will be strictly adhered to. Any appeals will need to be made in writing to the Managing Director.

# Photos from our China Masters Basketball Tour in 2002



Group photo outside the hotel in Hang Zhou.



Team photo with the Chinese ladies after a game.



Sue and Michelle with their gifts from the Chinese – silk scarves.



Jim from Wollongong climbs the Great Wall.



Some of the early risers enjoy a pick up game with the locals in Shanghai.



The amazing gardens and Buddhist Temple in Hang Zhou.



Phil from Wagga Wagga outside the Forbidden City in Beijing.



Lunchtime entertainment in Beijing.



The ladies in action against the Chinese in Shanghai.



Paul from Sydney enjoys a local product after a match.



Roger from Sydney shows his expertise with the chopsticks.



Garry from Inverell scores two against the Beijing Uni Staff.

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**ACCEPTANCE AND DEPOSIT**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mb): \_\_\_\_\_

(Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I accept the invitation to the Masters Softball Tour to China 2010

No, unfortunately I will have to decline the invitation

**PAYMENT METHOD (\$1000 deposit per person)**

Cheque – made payable to **Horizons Sporting Events**

Direct Deposit  
(*BSB: 037 604. Account Number: 180339. Account Name: Horizons Sporting Events*)

Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Visa       Mastercard

Card Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return Acceptance Form by Friday 19th February 2010 to:**

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