



Sustainable engineering

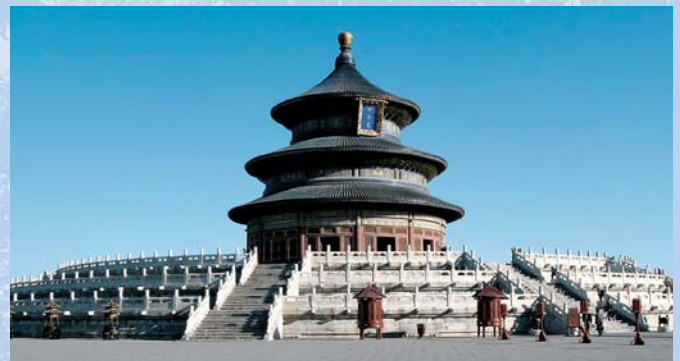
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The leaders of the world's consulting engineering industry gather in Beijing, China, in September 2005 for FIDIC's Annual Conference.

FIDIC has prepared itself to accept the challenge of global leadership in the implementation of sustainable engineering for projects in both developed and developing countries.

The conference will define and accept the challenge by developing an action plan for the industry to assume a leadership position.

FIDIC 2005 Annual Conference
Beijing Hotel
Beijing, China
4 - 8 September 2005



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Welcome to Beijing

The leaders of the world's consulting engineering industry gather in Beijing for FIDIC's Annual Conference and General Assembly Meeting.

China, with a proud history stretching back thousands of years and over one-fifth of the world's population, has a large and fast-developing economy. Beijing, China's capital and host to the 2008 Olympics, is rich with its centuries of cultural history, yet reflects the vibrancy and energy that is the hallmark of a vast country on the move.

FIDIC stated in a 1998 visioning document that "increasingly, sustainability will be the primary measure of project success". Believing sustainability to be a huge future market opportunity, and that engineers are the key to getting it done, FIDIC has worked hard to establish a strong position in sustainable development.

FIDIC will devote its 2005 conference to both defining and accepting the challenge of global leadership in sustainable engineering, with a programme that focuses on developing a "how to" action plan for the world's consulting engineers in applying sustainability concepts to client's projects in both developed and developing countries.

The current status of sustainability and the major obstacles to its continued implementation are the focus of invited keynote presentations by clients, practitioners and representatives of the United Nations, multilateral development banks, the World Trade Organization, and the Chinese government.

Participants, using their experience and knowledge, will help develop the action plan and strategies for individual consultants and their clients that respond to the challenges raised by keynote speakers.

A unique feature of the conference is an optional fourth day (Thursday, 8 September) during which major development programmes will be showcased by officials and others directly involved in these important market opportunities:

- Beijing Olympics 2008
- Shanghai World Expo 2010
- South to north water diversion programme
- Development of China's western region
- Reconstruction of China's northeast industrial base

In summary, FIDIC 2005 Beijing will allow participants to:

- Eliminate the mystique and grasp the reality of sustainability, by learning from leading practitioners the "how to" techniques for applying sustainability principles to projects in the client's interest.
- Learn how to evaluate and analyse projects to achieve the optimum balance between environmental, social and economic benefits.
- Participate in the development of a plan to assume a global leadership position in the large future market opportunity that is sustainable engineering.
- Hear about major project opportunities in the fast-growing Chinese market, where the plan for sustainable engineering can be implemented.
- Network with major clients and leaders of the world's consulting engineering industry.

Along with a focussed business programme, FIDIC 2005 Beijing includes an exciting programme of optional tours and events that will immerse participants in China's rich culture and history. Tours include visits to the Forbidden City, which is close by the conference venue (the world-famous Beijing Hotel), the fabulous Summer Palace, the breathtaking Great Wall, the Ming Palace and the tomb of the terracotta warriors.

Richard Kell, AM, FTSE She Jianming
FIDIC President *CNAEC Chairman*

The Three Gorges dam



Terracotta warriors



Programme

Monday, 5 September 2005

09.00 - 10.00 Opening Ceremony

The status of sustainable development

10.30 - 12.00 Opening Plenary Session

The status of sustainable development, and the obstacles and challenges to a broader implementation.

The World Bank

China National Development and Reform Commission

UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Group

The requirements

13.30 - 16.45 Afternoon Plenary Session

The requirements for the successful implementation of sustainable development.

- Finance and procurement

International infrastructure bank
International China-based bank

- Globalisation

World Trade Organization

- Capacity building

Multilateral development banks

- Panel discussion

Accepting the challenge

16.45 - 17.00 Plenary Session

FIDIC President, Richard Kell, accepts on behalf of FIDIC members the challenge of sustainable development.

Tuesday, 6 September 2005

Developing the action plan

Sustainable development in practice

08.30 - 17.00 Workshop Sessions

Four concurrent workshops sessions in four time blocks, with most workshops repeated.

- Capacity building

- Sustainability: what clients want

- Delivering a sustainable project

- Project sustainability management

- Sustainable procurement and financing

- Globalisation: taking advantage of an increasingly international market

- Sustainable municipal infrastructure

- Sustainable water supplies

12.15 - 14.00 Asia-Pacific Networking Lunch

FIDIC ASPAC Asia-Pacific Member Associations host a networking lunch.

Wednesday, 7 September 2005

Developing the action plan

Formulating hands-on guidance

09.00 - 10.30 Plenary Workshop Reports

Reports of the workshops, including reports by young professionals.

09.30 - 10.30 BST Presentation

11.00 - 12.30 Business Practice Workshops

FIDIC committees present the latest developments in business practice.

- The Design-Build-Operate contract

- The role of consulting engineers in PFI, PPP and DB projects

- Business Integrity Management

- Best practice procurement

- Risk Management Forum

12.00 - 14.00 Africa Networking Lunch

FIDIC GAMA Group of African Member Associations hosts a networking lunch.

14.00 - 16.00 General Assembly Meeting

Participants are invited to attend.

FIDIC Meetings

FIDIC 2005 Young Professionals Management Training Programme Workshops

Friday, 2 September 2005: 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday, 3 September 2005: 09.00 - 18.00

FIDIC Member Association Directors and Secretaries Meeting

Saturday, 3 September 2005: 09.00 - 17.00

FIDIC Pre-General Assembly Meeting and Member Association Presidents Meeting

Sunday, 4 September 2005: 10.00 - 12.00

FIDIC Regional Groups Board Meetings

ASPAC: Asia-Pacific

GAMA: Africa

Consult www.fidic2005.org/diary

FIDIC Committee and Task Force Meetings

Consult www.fidic2005.org/diary

Optional Seminar – Thursday, 8 September 2005

Business Opportunities in China

Beijing Hotel, 09.00 - 17.00: lunch, refreshments and dinner included.

Bearing witness to the economic and social miracle that is China today, see revealed sustainable development through five large-scale infrastructure programmes.

The *Business Opportunities in China* seminar will look closely at the Beijing Olympic Games, the Shanghai World Expo, China's northeast industrial base reconstruction, the south to north water diversion programme, and the development of China's western region.

By providing a platform for firms seeking business and investment opportunities, this unique showcase is of special interest to consulting engineers, contractors, investors, suppliers, financiers, insurers, executing agencies, and legal advisors.

For participants in FIDIC 2005 Beijing full conference or one-day registrations, \$US 120/150 before/after 1 July 2005, otherwise: \$US 300/400 before/after 1 July 2005.

Three Gorges dam locks





FIDIC 2005 Registration Form

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.)
 First name (for badge)
 Family name
 Organization (if any)
 Position in organization
 Address
 Country
 Telephone
 Fax
 Email

Prices, in \$US, are for the early and late rates before and after 1 July 2005. For registrations after 1 September 2005, please add 10% to all prices. Online registrations are accepted up to the conference. Payment, by credit card only, must be arranged by 1 September 2005. Payment by bank transfer will be accepted for exceptional cases (please contact FIDIC). Discounts are for the full conference at the rate (early, normal, late) that applies. Tour prices include lunches, service charges, taxes, etc.

Discount - please indicate if discount sought, and send form to FIDIC.

Young Professionals 33% discount
 35 years of age or less; proof required
 LDC discount
 Official delegates of qualifying Member Associations
 CNAEC-China members 25% discount (see Terms)
 CNAEC-China approval required; limited number

Accompanying person/s

Title, first & family name
 Title, first & family name
 Title, first & family name

Price before/after 1 July 2005, \$	Number	Total, \$
350/400	1	
350/400	1	
350/400	1	

Conference

Full conference 1,200/1,350 1
 Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremony, Local Colour Night,
 Business Programme, refreshments, lunches, and Gala Dinner.
 Thursday Business Opportunities in China Seminar as \$120/150 option.

OR One-day registrations
 Programme, refreshments and lunch (except GAM only).
 Thursday Business Opportunities in China Seminar as \$120/150 option.

Monday, 5 Sep.	500/500	1	
Tuesday, 6 Sep.	500/500	1	
Wednesday, 7 Sep.	500/500	1	
OR Thursday, 8 Sep. Business Opportunities in China Seminar Programme, refreshments, lunch, dinner.	300/400	1	

Optional tours, events and seminar

Sunday 4 Sep.	Half-day afternoon tour: Forbidden City	40/40	.....
	Welcome reception: extra ticket/s	70/70	.....
Monday 5 Sep.	Opening ceremony: extra ticket/s	50/50	.....
	Three-quarter-day tour: Daxing, Temple of Heaven	50/50	.....
	Local colour night: Summer Palace; extra ticket/s	120/120	.....
Tuesday 6 Sep.	Day tour: Great Wall, Ming Tombs	60/60	.....
	Evening show: Acrobatics	30/30	.....
	Evening show: Kong-fu	30/30	.....
	Evening show: Beijing Opera	30/30	.....
Wednesday 7 Sep.	Day tour: Yuanming, Beihai Park, Prince Gong's Palace	60/60	.....
	Gala dinner: Great Hall: extra ticket/s	185/185	.....
Thursday 8 Sep.	Business Opportunitites in China Seminar (optional extra for conference participants)	120/150	.....
	Day tour: Yonghegong Lamar Temple, shopping	50/50	.....
	Day tour: Forbidden City, shopping	60/60	.....
	Evening event: Lao She Teahouse	30/30	.....

Post-conference tours

9 - 14 September 2005	Per person in single room	1,350/1,600	.....
Xi'an – Three Gorges	Per person in double room	1,040/1,300	.....
4-star hotels, 5 days; 5 nights; ends Beijing Airport, morning 14 Sep.			
9 - 14 September 2005	Per person in single room	850/1,000	.....
Guilin – Hangzhou – Shanghai	Per person in double room	700/850	.....
4-star hotels; 5 days, 5 nights; ends Shanghai, morning 14 Sep.			
9 - 10 September 2005	No hotel accommodation	150/150	.....
Beijing , starts and ends each day at Beijing Hotel			

Total:

Payment

Payment, by credit card only, must be arranged by 1 September 2005. For payment after 1 September 2005 or at the conference, 10% of the total due will be added. Payment by bank transfer will be accepted in exceptional cases, upon approval by FIDIC. For bank transfers, make payable in \$US in full to FIDIC Beijing 2005, with no charges to FIDIC. Account No. 296.180.62.C, UBS, Place St. Francois 2, CH-1002 Lausanne, Switzerland. Clearing number: 0243; IBAN: CH63 0024 3243 2961 8062 C; SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A.

Credit card Visa Eurocard/Mastercard AmEx
 Card number
 Expiry date
 Name of cardholder
 Address for card
 I authorise this card to be deducted the amount \$US
 Signature

FIDIC 2005 Hotel Booking Form

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.)
 First name (for badge)
 Family name
 Organization (if any)
 Position in organization
 Address

 Country
 Telephone
 Fax
 Email
 Passport No.
 Arrival date Departure date

Before 1 July 2005:
 - payment by credit card: fax to hotel of choice (see below).
 - payment by bank transfer: fax to FIDIC, +41 -22- 799 49 01, exceptional cases only; total amount due given by rates below.

After 1 July 2005:
 - payment by credit card: fax to hotel of choice (see below), rates given below, subject to availability.
 - payment by bank transfer: fax to FIDIC, +41 -22- 799 49 01, exceptional cases only; FIDIC to inform total amount due.

This booking form is only valid for participants to the FIDIC 2005 Annual Conference, Beijing (Booking Code: FIDIC2005). Inquires to the hotels can be made by email, but completed booking forms should not be sent by email. Please write or type information in full, one form for each participant.

The prices indicated are at the special conference rate per room in \$US for the indicated number of persons in a room. Included are a service charge, taxes and breakfast/s. It is likely that the FIDIC 2005 organizers will not offer the special conference rate after 1 July 2005.

Beijing Hotel ***** conference venue	Persons	\$	No. nights	Amount
33 East Chang An Av., Beijing 100004 Tel +86 -10- 65 13 77 66 Fax +86 -10- 65 13 77 03 salesb@chinabeijinghotel.com.cn Website description: www.chinabeijinghotel.com.cn	Block A, Superior Standard twin bed	1 2	138 148	..........
	Block B, French Deluxe king size bed	1 2	184 194	..........
	Block E, Business Suite king size bed	1 2	184 194	..........
	Additional bed	1	50	.....
Novotel Xin Qiao Beijing***** 1 km from the conference venue Public transport and shuttle bus available; 5 mins. by taxi 2 Dongjiaominxiang, Beijing Tel +86 -10- 65 13 33 66 Fax +86 -10- 65 12 89 02 sales@novotelxinqiaobj.com Website sales and description: www.novotel.com/novotel/fichehotel/gb/nov/3641/fiche_hotel.shtml	Standard: king size bed	1 - 2	70	.....
	Standard: twin bed	1 - 2	70	.....
	Superior: king bed	1 - 2	90	.....
	Superior: twin bed	1 - 2	90	.....
	Additional bed	1	30	.....
China People's Palace***** 3 km from the conference centre Public transport and shuttle bus available; 15 mins. by taxi 1, Zhenwemiao Rd., Beijing Tel +86 -10- 68 56 23 02 Fax +86 -10- 68 56 22 48 f2sunny@yahoo.com.cn Website description: www.beijingservice.com/hotels/4-hotel/chinapeoplepalace.htm	Standard: twin bed	1	50	.....
	Standard: king bed	2	55	.....
	Executive: twin bed	1	80	.....
	Executive: king bed	2	90	.....
	Additional bed	1	20	.....
Total amount:				.....

Payment

Credit card

Payment generally by credit card in \$US. Payment by bank transfer may be accepted in exceptional circumstances, and upon request, by contacting FIDIC before arranging payment.

Credit cards will be debited by the hotel chosen for a one-night stay as a deposit to guarantee a booking. For bookings before 1 July 2005, this will be one-night at the special rate. After this date, a higher rate may apply, subject to availability.

Bank transfer

Payment by bank transfer may be accepted in exceptional circumstances, and upon request by contacting FIDIC before arranging payment. The total amount must be paid, plus \$US 20 for bank charges. Extraordinary bank charges arising from special handling will be invoiced separately. For reservations before 1 July 2005, this will be the total amount based on the special rates. After 1 July 2005, FIDIC will inform participants upon request of the total amount to be paid.

Credit card

Card number
 Expiry date
 Name of cardholder
 Address for card

I authorise this card to be deducted one night's guarantee.

Signature

Bank transfer

Before 1 July 2005:
 I will arrange transfer of the total amount given above, plus a \$US 20 for bank charges, namely \$US:

After 1 July 2005:
 FIDIC will inform me of the total amount due.
 I will transfer this amount plus \$US 20 for bank charges, namely \$US:

Make payable in \$US in full to FIDIC Beijing 2005, with no charges to FIDIC. Account No. 296.180.62.C, UBS, Place St. Francois 2, CH-1002 Lausanne, Switzerland. Clearing number: 0243; IBAN: CH63 0024 3243 2961 8062 C, SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A.

FIDIC 2005 Visa Invitation Form

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.)

First name (for badge)

Family name

Organisation (if any)

Position (if any)

Nationality

Home address

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Country

Passport number

Date of birth

Contact email

Contact fax number

Contact postal address

Please complete and send this form, one form per participant and per accompanying person/s, to CNAEC (fax: +86 - 10 - 68 36 48 43, cnac@public.bta.net.cn), which will send a visa invitation letter, usually by fax, occasionally by mail. So please give your fax number and a postal address for contacts.

Most FIDIC 2005 participants will need to apply for an entry visa to China. Please contact the nearest Chinese mission for details of visa requirements. Contact details of Chinese Embassies, Consulates General, Missions to International Organizations and Representative Offices are available online at www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zwjg. The usual requirements are:

- a valid and actual passport, that must have at least six (6) months validity, and at least one (1) blank page left in it.
- a completed visa application form with two (2) passport photos (either black and white or colour). Forms can be downloaded from Chinese mission websites and from www.fidic2005.org
- an invitation letter from the Chinese host organization:

CNAEC, China National Association of Engineering Consultants
11th Floor, Sichuan Mansion (East Wing)
1 Fuchengmen Wai Street, Beijing 100037, China
Tel: +86 (10) 68 36 26 83 cnac@public.bta.net.cn
Fax: +86 (10) 68 36 48 43 www.cnac.org.cn

Terms and conditions

A Registration

Those applying for a discount (only one type can be applied for) for the full conference registration fee should complete a registration form. The discounted registration fee is calculated on the basis of the full fee that applies (early – before 1 July 2005; normal – after 1 July 2005; late – after 1 September 2005).

Online registration: if a discount is applied for the only method that will be available for payment is “later by credit card”. When FIDIC receives the registration form it will establish that the discount can be applied and then send an invoice for payment. Payment by bank transfer may be accepted, upon request, in special cases.

Offline registration: please send the completed registration form to FIDIC. FIDIC will establish that the discount can be applied and then send an invoice for payment. Payment by bank transfer may be accepted, upon request, in special cases.

1. Young Professionals Discount

Participants aged 35 years or less who work for a member firm of a FIDIC Member Association can register for the full conference with a 33% discount. Proof of age must be set to FIDIC with the offline registration form or separately for online registration.

2. CNEAC-China Discount

A group of Chinese firms has provided some funding which they have specifically directed at encouraging staff of CNAEC-China member firms to participate in the FIDIC 2005 Annual Conference via a 25% reduction of the full conference fee, for up to 200 sponsored participants. The same firms also provided an equal amount of sponsorship to the conference.

3. Less Developed Country Discount

FIDIC allows a discount in the annual full conference fee to be paid by participants from Member Association member firms based in Less Developed Countries (LDCs). The discount ranges from 10% to a maximum of 50%, and applies to more than 20 Member Associations. The number of participants that qualifies from a given country is equal to the number of General Assembly delegates for the country's FIDIC Member Association.

To obtain the FIDIC LDC discount, the participant's national Member Association will need to notify FIDIC that the participant qualifies for the LDC discount. The participant must arrange this directly with the association. The actual discount applied will be calculated during registration.

B Registration

Registration will only be valid if all fees are paid in advance. The conference organizers will forward acknowledgement of the receipt and confirmation of conference registrations by fax or e-mail. Requests for reservations will be handled on a first come-first served basis. While every effort will be made to keep to the published programme, the organizers reserve the right to change times and venues. Tours and events are based on a minimum of participants and may be either merged with an equivalent tour or cancelled. Late registration of

participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors is possible after the 1 September 2005, via FIDIC, and at the conference venue on Sunday - Thursday, 4 - 8 September 2005. The prices will be the same as those indicated for the period after the 1 July 2005, plus a 10% service charge. This possibility does not exist for the 5-day post-conference tours, which must be booked and paid for by 1 July 2005. The availability of places for the social programme, accompanying person's programme and post-conference tours is not guaranteed.

C Cancellations and registration changes

Partial or full cancellations received in writing before 1 July 2005 by mail or fax will be refunded less an administration fee (pro rata, based on \$US 150 for a full conference registration) if payment is also received by this date. Payments and cancellations received between 1 July 2005 and 1 September 2005 will be entitled to a 50% refund. No refunds are available for payments received after 1 September 2005. Refunds will be processed after the conference.

D Hotel accommodation

Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Reservations will be confirmed by the hotel, based on availability. Reservations, credit card guarantees and payments by bank transfer received after 1 July 2005 will be handled, but the desired accommodation and/or special rates cannot be guaranteed.

Check-in time is 13.00; check-out time is 12.00 noon. Early check-in and late check-out upon request, based on availability.

Reservations can be cancelled within 72 hours prior to arrival date, without charge, otherwise one (1) room night will be charged.

For a no show, one (1) room night will be charged and any remaining nights cancelled.

Payment generally by credit card in \$US. Payment by bank transfer may be accepted in exceptional circumstances, and upon request by contacting FIDIC before arranging payment.

Credit cards will be debited by the hotel chosen for a one-night stay as a deposit to secure a booking. For bookings before 1 July 2005, this will be one-night at the special rate. After this date, a higher rate may apply, subject to availability.

Payment by bank transfer may be accepted in exceptional circumstances, and upon request by contacting FIDIC before arranging payment. The total amount must be paid, plus \$US 20 for bank charges. Extraordinary bank charges arising from special handling will be invoiced separately. For reservations before 1 July 2005, this will be the total amount based on the special rates. After 1 July 2005, FIDIC will inform participants upon request of the total amount to be paid.

In the case of payment by bank transfer, any refunds will incur an administration fee of \$US 30 for transfer and handling charges.

E Information

FIDIC: registrations; hotels paid by bank transfer
CNAEC: events; tours; hotels

General Information

Registration

Online registration, with payment by credit card is available from 1 March 2005 until the start of the conference. For offline registration, registration forms must be received by 1 September 2005. All payments must be settled by the start of the conference or access may be denied. Registration: a) conference secretariat; 14.00 - 18.00 on Sunday 4 September, Monday 5 September, and Tuesday 6 September, and at 08.00 - 18.00 on Wednesday, 7 September 2005. b) entrance to Banquet Hall, Beijing Hotel: 08.00 - 12.00 Monday 5 September and Thursday 8 September (for *Business Opportunities in China* seminar).

Climate

September is Beijing's "golden season" with mild, clear sunny days and a mean temperature of 23 degrees Celsius.

Currency and banking

The Chinese currency is called the Renminbi (RMB). The popular unit of RMB is yuan. The official exchange rate is about 8.3 Renminbi yuan to 1 \$US. Prices are in \$US. Foreign currency can be changed in most hotels, where cash dispensers using credit cards are often available.

Travel

Beijing can be reached by air via Beijing International Airport from most major cities. Participants arriving at the airport are advised to take a metered taxi to their hotel. The fare to the three conference hotels is about RMB 120 including RMB 10 for the motorway toll. At night time, there may be special rates with taxis seeking up to RMB 150. The average journey time is 30 - 40 minutes. An economic airport shuttle-bus service is available that deposits passengers in the centre of Beijing.

Venue

The conference venue, the Beijing Hotel, has several blocks. The conference facilities are split into two main areas separated by a short walk through the hotel lobbies: Banquet Hall, Block C, for plenary sessions; multifunctional rooms, floors 1 and 2, Block E, for workshops. Rooms close to the multifunctional rooms are used for the conference secretariat and the exhibition. Lunches are taken in three of the hotel's restaurants (tickets indicate the appropriate restaurant).

Travel

Participants and accompanying persons will generally need a visa to enter China. To facilitate applications, please send a completed visa invitation form (opposite), one for each participant and accompanying person/s, to the host organization, CNAEC, which will send an invitation letter for each participant and accompanying person/s.

Hotel accommodation

Hotel accommodation at very attractive rates is available for registered participants at the venue, the Beijing Hotel, and at two nearby hotels. The organizers guarantee the special rates up to 1 July 2005, after which rates may be subject to availability. Bookings and the payment of a one-night's guarantee are generally made directly to hotels. The exception is for participants needing to pay by bank transfer for special reasons, in which case hotel booking forms should be faxed to FIDIC, with payment of the full amount required.

Insurance

The organizers are not responsible for mishaps. Participants should make their own insurance arrangements. Participants on tours involving domestic air travel are advised to arrange air travel insurance.

Conference secretariat

Beijing Hotel, Block E, 1st floor, 33 East Chang An Av., Beijing 100004, China (tel +86 -10- 65 13 77 66; fax +86 -10- 65 13 77 03). Visit www.fidic2005.org after 1 August 2005 for further details.

Post-Conference Tours

Beijing – Xi'an – Chongqing – Yangtze River – Three Gorges Dam

9 - 14 September 2005

Book before 1 June 2005 since air tickets must be reserved. Five days, five nights, 4-star hotels.

Before 1 July 2005 – one person in single room: USD 1350; one person in a double room: USD 1040.

After 1 July 2005 – one person in single room USD 1600; one person in a double room: USD 1400.

The tour begins in Beijing on the morning of 9 September 2005 and ends at the Sino-Swiss Hotel, Beijing International Airport, on the morning of 14 September. Participants aiming to leave Beijing on September 14, or later, are advised to hand over heavy luggage to the tour operator for collection at the Sino-Swiss Hotel. Fees include transport, hotel accommodation, domestic air tickets (incl. taxes), five breakfasts and nine meals, admission tickets, transfers, deluxe air-conditioned cruise ship (three nights on the Yangtze River; max. 300 persons, 150 cabins) and an English-speaking guide.

Days 1, 2 [Xi'an – City of Museums](#)

Day 2 [Xi'an and flight to Chongqing](#)

Days 3, 4 [Yangtze River cruise](#)

Day 5 [Yichang, Three Gorges Dam](#)



Xi'an and the Three Gorges



Beijing – Guilin – Hangzhou – Shanghai

9 - 14 September 2005

Book before 1 June 2005 since air tickets must be reserved. Five days, five nights in 4-star hotels.

Before 1 July 2005 – one person in single room: USD 850; one person in a double room: USD 700.

After 1 July 2005 – one person in single room: USD 1,000; one person in a double room: USD 850.

The tour begins in Beijing on the morning of 9 September 2005 and ends in Shanghai on the morning of 14 September. Fees include transport, hotel accommodation, domestic air tickets (incl. taxes), five breakfasts and nine meals, admission tickets, transfers, air-conditioned cruise ship and an English-speaking guide

Day 1 [Guilin – heart of a magnificent landscape](#)

Day 2 [Li River cruise](#)

Day 3 [Yangshuo, afternoon flight to Hangzhou](#)

Day 4 [West Lake cruise and coach tour to Shanghai](#)

Day 5 [Shanghai](#)



Guilin and Shanghai



Beijing

9 - 10 September 2005

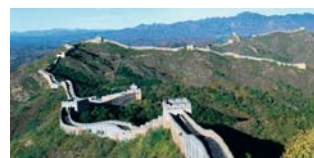
The tour starts and ends each day at the Beijing Hotel.

Hotel accommodation not included.

USD 150 per person. Fee covers local transport, admission tickets, two lunches and one dinner, and an English-speaking guide.

Day 1 [Badaling Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Peking Opera show](#)

Day 2 [Forbidden City, Beihai Park, Temple of Heaven](#)



The Great Wall and Ming Tombs



Social Programme



Tian'anmen Square



Forbidden City



Summer Palace



Yuanmingyuan



Yonghegong Lamar Temple

Sunday 4 September

14:00 - 16:30 **City tour: Forbidden City**
Chang An Avenue, China's
"No. 1 Avenue"

Tian'anmen Square, the heart of Beijing
Great Hall of the People
18:00 - 22:00 **Welcome Reception**
Beijing Hotel, 19th Floor
"Forbidden Terrace"

Monday 5 September

09:00 - 10:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Beijing Hotel banquet hall
10:30 - 16:00 **3/4-day tour: Temple of Heaven**

Daxing environment-friendly farms
Temple of Heaven
17:45 - 22:00 **Local Colour Night**
Summer Palace

Tuesday 6 September

08:50 - 16:00 **Day tour: Great Wall**
Badaling Great Wall
Ming Tombs

19:00 - 22:00 **Evening events**
Acrobatic show, Chaoyang Theatre
Chinese Kong-fu
Peking Opera, Liyuan Theatre

Wednesday 7 September

09:00 - 16:00 **Day tour: Yuanmingyuan**
Beihai Park
Prince Gong's Palace Garden
19:00 - 22:00 **Gala Dinner**
Great Hall of the People

Thursday 8 September

09:00 - 17:00 **Day tour: Lama Temple**
Yonghegong Lama Temple
Liulichang
Antiques shopping city
09:00 - 17:00 **Day tour: Forbidden City**
Forbidden City
Antiques shopping city
19:00 - 22:00 **Evening Event:**
Lao She Teahouse

Beijing Hotel, the conference venue, is a luxurious, century-old, five-star hotel located within walking distance of the Forbidden City.

The Forbidden City, the world's largest palace complex, gives on to Tian'anmen Square. It is divided into the Outer Court, where fourteen Ming dynasty and ten Qing dynasty emperors ruled, and the Inner Court where the royal family lived.

The Temple of Heaven, built in 1420 during the Ming Dynasty and occupying 272 hectares, was where the emperor worshipped and prayed for good harvests. The north part is round and the south a square, meaning that Heaven is round and the Earth is square. The main buildings are the Hall for the Praying for Good Harvests, the Round Altar, the Echoing Wall, and the Imperial Vault of Heaven.

The Summer Palace integrates perfectly the essence of Chinese garden arts. Originally a royal garden and a home for Qing Dynasty emperors, it was rebuilt and renamed as the Summer Palace in 1888. The Palace's 291 hectares include Longevity Hill and the Kunming Lake covering three-quarters of the area.

The Great Wall, running from the east coast to the western desert for 6,400 km, has become a "must-see" for every visitor to China. It was started in 214 BC by Qin Shi Huangdi, China's first emperor, as a defensive system along the northern border. The Badaling section near Beijing mainly dates from the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644).

Ming Tombs is the name given to the mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644). The mausoleums are perfectly preserved, as are the necropoli of the emperors. Owing to its long history and the palatial and integrated architecture, the site has a high cultural and historic value. The layout and arrangement of all 13 mausoleums are very similar, although the size and complexity vary.

Yuanmingyuan, the Garden of Perfect Splendour, is renowned for its fabled charms and association with China's recent history. Extolled as the "Versailles of the East" during its heyday, the garden was an imperial summer resort, painstakingly built and repeatedly expanded under the personal supervision of five Qing Dynasty emperors. In 1860, Anglo-French forces sacked and looted Yuanmingyuan, and burnt it to the ground.

Prince Gong's Palace Garden, which is over 200 years old, ranked first among the hundreds of the princes' residences in Beijing, and was called the pearl of the inner city.

Yonghegong Lamar Temple, the temple for the yellow section of Tibetan Buddhism, houses a 26 metre high Buddha made of white sandalwood. It was the Emperor Yongzhen's residence before he ascended to the throne in the Qing Dynasty.

The Lao She Teahouse, named after China's well-known writer Lao She, author of *Tea House*, is a museum of Beijing folk culture.

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