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The mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.

# GREATER AKRON CHAMBER MISSION TO CHINA

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## CHINA SURVIVAL GUIDE



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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*Forbidden City Palace Museum*

## Documents, Paperwork and Communication:

## NOTES:

- Q01: How will you keep in touch with us during registration?
- A01: Nearly all general communication, updates and paperwork will be transmitted via Email. US mail or telephone will be utilized as necessary. Most correspondence will be available for download at our website: <http://www.greaterakronchamber.org>
- Q02: According to your registration, why must my passport be valid at least 6 months (10/16/10) beyond the final day of my trip?
- A02: This is a government requirement. For this tour, it is the sole responsibility of each passenger to obtain or update their own passport; the most valid source for information is the official United States (US) Department of State website at: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) or their Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.) at: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/guide/faq/faq\\_881.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/guide/faq/faq_881.html)
- Q03: Can you explain the Chinese Visa this trip requires?
- A03: A Chinese Visa is a permit required by law of the Republic of China concerning the administration of foreigners entering and leaving their country. Travel visa's fall within eight classifications and are handled either through a consulate, embassy, or company such as Citslinc International Inc. <http://citslinc.com/>. China Visa applications will be processed between 02/02/2010 to 02/22/2010. It is required that your passport accompanies your Chinese Visa application paperwork along with one passport style photo. Non US Citizens must additionally submit a Permanent Resident Card (PRC) or (LPR) and, Chinese born passengers may be required to provide an additional document for this process. Your passport, visa and PRC will be returned with approximately three weeks.
- \*See the form "China Tour-Visa Application Instructions"**
- Q04: How will the Greater Akron Chamber account for my personal paperwork and documents?
- A04: The Chamber China Team will use written acknowledgement, or receipt process for transfer of documents. Materials will be secured at the Greater Akron Chamber offices 17th floor.
- \*As in our published materials, all payments must be by check, payable to the Greater Akron Chamber. This includes registration, trip package balance, and Visa fees.**

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*“China, a 5,000-year-old civilization, has always been one of the most exotic and intriguing destinations for travelers. Its rich cultural heritage – which includes the invention of moveable type, astronomy and spaghetti – has shaped world history. Today, China is an economic powerhouse that will continue to shape the world’s future. Its unique business systems are ever evolving; its influence on the global markets grows daily. Any true understanding of China must encompass both its cultural history and its contemporary position as a business leader.”*

*Mary Ethridge—Journalist*

## **Comfort, Health and Emergencies:**

- Q05: Are vaccinations required or are there health precautions?  
A05: At the time of this publication, shots are NOT required, but you may wish to consult your physician if you have concerns. Feel free to visit the Center for Disease Control or World Health Organization websites at:  
<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationChina.aspx>  
<http://www.who.int/countries/chn/en/>
- Q06: What are family emergency procedures? What if I have to leave early?  
A06: Each passenger will receive a confirmed itinerary with a list of hotels and phone numbers approximately one month prior to departure. Travelers should leave a copy of this information with a family member in the USA and keep one copy of their itinerary on them during the trip. In case of a home emergency, the ideal means of contact should be for the USA family to first call the hotel in China and leave a direct message, and second to notify the Akron Chamber (1-800-621-8001) of the situation. For those who plan to contact their personal wireless provider to arrange international coverage in China, we also recommend using this method for emergency communication.
- On the “Pre-Tour Questionnaire” due November 25, 2009, the Chamber China Team will also require you to provide a point of contact name and phone number which would only be used in case of emergency. The China Team has additional contact numbers of Citilinc International personnel fluent in Chinese and English and we will follow their guidance.
- Q07: What about personal injury to passengers, medical emergencies and hospital payment coverage while in China?  
A07: Your personal tour guide is accountable for you and has the responsibility to arrange care or attention during your time in China; talk to them first. If at your hotel, contact the front desk for emergencies or concerns; each hotel has your tour guide name and phone number which in turn, there are procedures in place for how to handle your situation. Hospital visits are paid out-of-pocket by the injured passenger (this is where travel insurance applies). Upon return to the United States you will be responsible to submit any overseas claims and negotiate those emergency related issues with your health care provider.

- Q08: Are the smoking regulations in China generally the same as the United States?
- A08: No, they are not the same. Smoking is permitted inside many public establishments. Nevertheless, your hotel stay will be reserved automatically as a Non-Smoking room.
- Q09: What is the time difference between Akron and China?
- A09: China has the same time throughout all provinces, they are 12 hours ahead of Akron; 8:00AM in Akron is 8:00PM in Beijing.
- Q10: What is the weather in China like?
- A10: Your best bet is to read travel materials for China. Beijing and Shanghai are slightly different climates. In April, Beijing historically averages a weather range from lows of 45F to highs of 67F. For Shanghai, that range is from 51F to 65F. An online current forecast is at this website:  
<http://www.intellicast.com/Local/Weather.aspx?>
- Q11: What is the attire?
- A11: Weekend casual clothing is fine for every day of your tour and comfortable walking shoes and a jacket are recommended. Many suggest packing a second pair of shoes so you can rotate to avoid wearing the same shoes everyday. Similar to the Midwest United States, April begins springtime and the seasons are changing, so use good judgment and pack accordingly. Do some homework and research prior to travel. Beijing averages around 10 degrees cooler than other cities. Dress in layers so you can easily adjust to region variations. Also refer to Q&A #24 “what is a typical day like?”

### **International Travel:**

- Q12: Can you provide me online sites to read about our airports?
- A12: Yes, below are links to JFK New York and Beijing.  
<http://www.jfk-airport.net/Terminals.html>  
<http://en.bcia.com.cn/harbor-guide/iarrive.shtml>
- Q13: Is travel insurance necessary?
- A13: Travel insurance is not absolutely required though it's an option you should consider.

Traveling with some medicines may require special attention. Some prefer to travel with prescriptions in original containers and bring only the quantity needed; we recommend you verify your options on the appropriate websites listed below.

For details, specific policies and precise up-to-date information on declarations, medicines, food, duty, taxes and customs:

1. United States Customs:  
[www.customs.gov](http://www.customs.gov)
2. “Travel Warnings” at:  
[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)
3. Airline Transportation Security:  
<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtml>

**Any modified or updated information for the tour will be forwarded to passengers as separate email notifications.**

Q39: What about tips and gratuities?

A39: In China, the tour guide will ask each passenger to contribute \$25.<sup>00</sup> USD per person which will be applied towards all service oriented functions involved with the tour operators. (bellhops, bus driver, etceteras) throughout every stop in China. You are not obligated to individually tip any person in addition to this request and if you are asked, you should notify your tour-guide.

Q40: Can you tell me about gifts, souvenirs, customs and claims?

A40: All persons arriving at a port-of-entry to the United States are subject to inspection by US Customs and Border Protection Officers. All persons traveling abroad and re-entering the United States have two things that must happen upon arrival at JFK airport; clearing Immigration and clearing Customs. The first step to clear immigration simply means to present your United States passport to prove your citizenship. Non U.S.A. citizens may be asked for their PRC/Green Card.

Clearing Customs, the second step, means ‘to declare’ or put simply, if you did not start with it, you must declare it. On your return to the United States, you must state in writing everything you brought back that you did not have in your possession when you left the States. A customs declaration form will be available on your return flight.

So, what exactly is “everything”? Any items you purchased abroad and are now carrying with you whether for yourself or another person, even if you wore or used it on your trip. The good news is that just because you declare an item does not mean you’ll have to pay a duty, or import tax, on the item. Each traveler is allowed an exemption range depending on the country visited, and according to the United States Customs and Border website, “US residents are normally entitled to a duty-free exemption of \$800 on items accompanying them.” This does not mean that you can only purchase \$800 worth of gifts or items. Please see the Customs Border Protection site at: <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/>

If a passenger chooses to buy travel insurance, each person has the responsibility to inquire and to purchase their own plan, through the agency of their choice. The Akron Chamber will not be involved with insurance quotes for this trip nor endorse any particular agency.

Cancellations: It is important to note that after January 1, 2010 and up to your April 2010 departure day, ticket purchases are non-transferable and there is a non-refundable airline penalty fee of \$500.00. The \$200.00 registration fee and any Visa processing charges are also non-refundable. On your April 2010 departure day and thereafter, all fees and charges become non-refundable.

Q14: What is the passenger capacity of the overseas airplane?

A14: You will be seated amongst approximately 350 passengers. The overseas flight is approximately 13 hours; you will have two Chinese meals and one snack. Air China can only offer a vegetarian menu in place of a diabetic plate.

Q15: How are the airline tickets provided? What about seating?

A15: Approximately one month prior to departure, the Chamber will receive a random alpha list of names with flight numbers; this is your E-ticket. We will then provide you this very same piece of paper; it is a group format and not an individual style as many are used to seeing, thus do not be alarmed. We assure you that at the airport terminal, the paper you receive is what the ticket counter will use to get you onto the plane and transfer your actual final hard copy boarding pass into your hands.

**Your flight seating or personal E-ticket paper have nothing to do with those whom you wish to travel with, neither affect your China tour bus assignment. On the bus you will still be riding with those whom you have requested even if your E-ticket does not have your travel mate’s name right next to yours.**

**Air China seating is NOT pre-assigned nor are passengers provided a seat reservation number for this particular tour. The Akron group will however be in the same section of the aircraft and you will be assigned a seat once you check-in at the airport terminal.**

- Q16: What luggage can I bring and is there a baggage cost or an additional weight fee?
- A16: For both your international flight JFK/Beijing and your in-country domestic flights, each passenger may check-in two pieces of luggage, plus have one carry-on, plus a purse or laptop. You are responsible to move your own luggage through baggage claims and Customs. The two checked pieces fall within 'free baggage allowance' as long as #1) their combined total weighs no more than 70 lbs and #2) a single piece weighs no more than 50 lbs. What this means is that you can have a 50 and 20, or 40 and 30, or 35 and 35. Maximum dimensions of each piece should not exceed 62 inches or both combined exceed 107 inches. There are no additional weight fees if you stay within these guidelines.

You may research baggage details on the *Air China* website at: [http://us.fly-airchina.com/US/faq\\_bgg.htm](http://us.fly-airchina.com/US/faq_bgg.htm).

Also see the Transportation Authority website for carry-on: <http://www.tsa.gov/311/index.shtm>.

These sites contain useful information:

<http://www.customs.gov>

<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm>

- Q17: What is the airline cost of a ticket upgrade?
- A17: An upgrade from Standard Coach Economy to Business Class is an additional \$6,000 per passenger.
- Q18: How will departure day work for passengers?
- A18: At no additional charge to you, the Chamber will also provide a charter bus (to JFK) on your April 2010 departure day and your April 2010 return day (from JFK), this is about a nine-hour ride to include the rest stop. The Chamber will provide some refreshments and light snacks on departure day for the bus ride to New York; for the return back to downtown Akron, you will need to bring your own. It is your choice whether to utilize the bus for free, or to arrange your own travel to/from JFK at your own expense.

**\*Refer to Departure Day Supplement\***

Many passengers will travel from different states or different cities with varied flight times to/from JFK. The Greater Akron Chamber is not responsible to arrange flights to or from JFK.

Currency Exchange: You are not required to bring Chinese currency, it is a personal preference. Please note that not every banking institution will exchange USD to RMB or RMB back to USD. Furthermore, American banks that do provide an exchange service usually require a notification; a transaction fee for lower amounts; charge a higher fee if the transaction is not requested at the main branch office; and may only exchange for their own current account holders. Also refer to Q&A#38.

**The Akron Chamber cannot arrange nor be involved with setting up group currency exchange packages.**

- Q38: How do I pay for attractions, what monies are accepted, can I access my personal accounts?
- A38: In China you may opt to purchase additional attractions, those would be paid for by each passenger, to your tour guide, and in United States Dollars (USD).

Airports, hotels and big city localities will have Automatic Teller Machines (ATM's) but do not expect to find them readily available as in the United States and especially in the outskirts listed on your itinerary. ATM money, in China, is of course dispersed in Chinese currency, not USD.

Based upon visitor feedback, Traveler's Checks are not widely accepted and some hotels are even skeptical to utilize them. Credit Cards are accepted in many but not all places and some suggest to let your credit company know that you will be traveling in China.

We recommend bringing a minimum of \$100.<sup>00</sup> USD cash per person in small bill increments. It is also each travelers choice of how much of any currency they wish to bring on the tour and how much they desire to spend.

**Q&A #37, #38 subjects will be discussed in more detail at the pre-tour orientations and culture classes.**

- Q33: How do we handle hotel check-in?  
 A33: This is always handled by your tour-guide. Before arriving at the hotel, you will be required to temporarily hand over your passport and E-ticket number. This is required the first day only. The E-ticket is extremely important because it is used to confirm your domestic flights within China. Your documents will be returned to you the next morning
- Q34: How do we handle hotel check-out?  
 A34: Everyone is responsible to check-out individually and settle any extra charges.

### Electricity and Small Appliances:

- Q35: What are the voltage requirements in China?  
 A35: The electric current is a 220 volt system and not 110 as in the United States.  
 If you choose to bring your own personal electrical devices, you will need to purchase the appropriate outlet adapter. \*Note that you may plan to utilize camera, cell phone, or laptop chargers. For detailed conversion or compatibility information, please visit these two websites:  
<http://www.friendlyplanet.com/facts/electricity.html>  
<http://kropla.com/electric2.htm>

- Q36: What about using my cell phone while overseas?  
 A36: This is solely based upon the available options or promotions of your personal wireless carrier contract and the parameters of your device. Whether or not you have an international option and the cell phone will function in China should be discussed with your wireless provider.

### Monetary Issues, Gratuities, Gifts, Clearing Borders:

- Q37: What is the currency for China?  
 A37: The national currency is the Yuan, or more commonly (RMB) Renminbi. As of 09/21/2009, one American dollar was worth approximately 6.8289 Yuan. Below is one of many possible exchange rate information websites:  
<http://x-rates.com/d/CNY/table.html>

### Departing day at JFK Airport:

The Akron Chamber will provide an information supplement to you as departure day nears, nevertheless prepare to arrive at the Air China counter of JFK Terminal #1 no later than 12 noon.

At JFK gather your luggage and get in line with the group at the Air China ticket counter; a Citilinc International representative will meet everyone and assist in coordination for departure.

**Have your E-ticket ready and do not leave this paper at the ticket counter, you must have it to confirm your domestic flights within China. The Akron Chamber China Team will provide you a few extra copies prior to departure day.**

### \*Parking note for Akron residents who choose to take the bus:

Travelers may choose to either pre-arrange for drop-off and pick-up by someone; or leave their car in a downtown Akron area garage for nine days; or be dropped off on departure day and then have a friend with a second set of keys bring their car to a predetermined location earlier on the day of and leave it. Parking costs are the responsibility of each passenger.

\*Time schedule: For those who choose the bus option, keep in mind that the departure will be a very early morning departure and the return will be a very late night arrival.

### Arrival day at Beijing Airport:

After clearing China Immigration, you will board a tram to your luggage area where you will meet your tour guide. You will recognize your guide by your assigned bus number, which will also be printed on your name lanyard provided by the Chamber. S/he will guide you through the airport –*stairs may be involved*- to the buses. Always follow your guide.

### You and your China Tour:

- Q19: How do I get assigned together with my family and friends?  
 A19: It is imperative that you fill out and turn in all appropriate forms as provided by the Greater Akron Chamber. The sheet titled ‘Pre-Trip Questionnaire’ –**due no later than 11/25/2009**- asks you who you wish to travel with during each day.

Q20: How will we know who is going on this trip?  
A20: Most travelers spread China tour information by word of mouth and tell their family, friends or colleagues; primarily this is how you will be aware of who will go and decide those you wish to travel with while in-country. Since many passengers anticipate networking and connecting with the community, the Chamber will assist by providing courtesy *–name only–* updates of those who have registered, and only to guests who inquire.

The Chamber China Team respects the privacy of each guest and will not divulge any personal information.

Q21: On our tour, will we be mixed together with other tour groups supervised by Citslinc or other Chambers?

A21: No. Each tour is its own group. Additionally, every passenger is assigned to a bus and will basically sightsee with the same (Greater Akron Chamber) guests throughout all domestic tours in China. There is no mixing and matching during the trip nor switching the individual buses, however while in restaurants and public sites it is common to see other groups. When you make your meal stops, your guides will direct you to your table reservations.

Q22: What is the role of the tour guide and how are they assigned to our group?

A22: Your English speaking tour guide is not only responsible, but accountable for every individual name under their care. While you visit sites within China, you will be assigned to a particular charter bus and in groups.

The entire Akron Chamber group will have one on-the-ground master guide, plus each group will have one personal tour guide assigned to each particular bus; they do not allow switching back and forth on buses. Though the master tour guide is with you throughout all nine days, please note that for Beijing and its local attractions you will have one personal tour guide, then for Shanghai and it's localities – several flight hours to the southeast, you will have another personal tour guide. Thus, the guide you are assigned with has equal accountability for the group and for you at all times.

Note: As in the tour flyer –itinerary subject to change. The hotels listed at the time of print are those that have been planned one year prior. In the event a particular hotel becomes unavailable, Citslinc will make a substitution of equal standard and quality. For this reason the chamber will not receive and publish the finalized itinerary until approximately one-month prior to departure day; this itinerary will confirm the hotels along with their phone numbers, addresses, and web sites.

Q32: What do I need to know about my overnight stay, what do I need to bring?

A32: We recommend reading up on the cities of your itinerary or peruse the Internet for 'hotel stay' information you would want to be advised of. The hotels on your tour are generally more westernized with modern amenities to include a room safe.

Water: Policy is to NOT drink tap water at any location, rather to utilize bottled water. This includes brushing your teeth.

Beds: For those accustomed to a western style definition of a queen size mattress, be aware that in your China hotels, a queen bed is probably closer to what Americans consider a full size. If three family members plan to share one room, a roll-a-way is recommended. Refer to Q&A #30.

The Chamber will remind you to submit the "China Tour Pre-Trip Questionnaire" no later than November 25, 2009. On this form you are asked to select your preferred bed style, otherwise the Akron Chamber will automatically choose.

Electrical outlets are 220 volts, not 110 as in the USA. Rooms may not provide hair dryers. If you choose to bring your own personal electrical devices, you must purchase the appropriate outlet transformer/adaptor kit which can range from \$14.<sup>00</sup> and up. See the handout "Electric Conversion Diagrams Example" and Refer to Q & A #35.

Each hotel has a Business Center providing computer internet access at modest rates.

The international dialing code to reach China from the USA is: International Operator+Country Code+City Code+Local Phone  
For example: 011 + 86 + 10 + 66768866

Street Vendors: Vendors selling their wares are everywhere and can be very assertive. You can ignore them or use your bargaining skills to find some great buys. This is where small bills come in handy. Typically, vendors do not give change! Also refer to Q&A #37, #38.

Theft: A note that thieves are common in any country, in any city, and have no regard for size, age, or culture. An unwary traveler can be an inviting target to an experienced pickpocket, especially at populated tourist attractions. One suggestion to protect your valuables is to keep them zipped up in your lanyard pocket and around your neck.

### Accommodations, Hotels and Procedures:

Q29: The tour package price lists all rooms at a double-occupancy, what is the cost to have my own room?

A29: The single-occupancy room is an additional charge of \$450.00 USD. In the event there is a single occupant, a one-person rate equally applies.

Q30: In my double-occupancy room, who decides my roommate and will this change at a different hotel?

A30: Basically, each passenger predetermines who they will travel with. Rooms are normally set up for two but a third person is permitted at no additional charge; in this case, a roll-a-way is used. Once the China traveler list is finalized and turned in to the tour company on December 9, 2009, roommates will not change and reserved as such at all hotels. Those who share the same rooms are automatically put on the same tour bus.

For single travelers who ask to be paired up, the Chamber can assist to match up a roommate; nevertheless, this is NOT a guarantee that there will be someone else. Again, in the event there is a single occupant room, the one-person rate stated in Q&A #29 will apply.

Q31: Are the 4-star, 5-star hotels the same rating as in the USA?

A31: Not necessarily. Many who have completed these trips agree that the hotel accommodations on your itinerary are considered more upscale. Keep in mind that the Peoples Republic of China constructed, modified or made many upgrades to the cities for the 2008 Olympics.

Q23: What are some particular customs and courtesies?

A23: The best answer for this is to personally read up on China, do your homework to check about practices and customs outside the United States.

The Greater Akron Chamber plans to again host at least one, four-hour culture and basic language seminar for the October trip. This program will be offered at a reasonable price, first-come first-serve; class size is limited. University of Akron Continuing Education Department tutor Ms. Dorina Shen will provide instruction and answer passengers questions during this session which will be held at the Chamber offices. Details will be provided as the April 2010 departure days near.

**It is very important to remember that as a traveler, each of us is a guest of the People's Republic of China; whether in a restaurant, the hotels, private homes, on the buses, or the airplanes. As Americans, we represent our country to those who live abroad; please be aware of your etiquette and manners as you travel on the tour.**

Q24: Can you explain the itinerary in more detail?

A24: Two main pieces serve as guides for your tour. The primary tool you have is the main flyer with the 9-day plan and trip highlights. This piece serves as not just an advertisement but as well, lays out where you will stay, what you will see, provides some time frames, and details of the landmarks. As stated on the flyer, the itinerary is \*subject to change, meaning that all arrangements of the program are predetermined by the airlines, the local tour operators, and are based upon local circumstances such as weather, traffic, holidays, etceteras. The world of travel is ever-changing, and Citilinc pledges to make every effort to follow the itinerary precisely, however unforeseen situations do occasionally occur.

Your second piece is your final confirmed itinerary, as briefly mentioned in Q&A #06. You will receive this approximately mid-September. It is this particular piece that lists actual hotel names, hotel websites, phone numbers, and available optional tours. Remember that this is a very active and scripted tour!

Q25: What is a typical day like?

A25: Be flexible since your particular schedule and bus times may vary based upon your guide's instructions to you, nevertheless a typical day would be: Wake-up call at 6:00 a.m., breakfast, board tour bus by 7:30 a.m. and Go!

For Day 5 (flight to Shanghai) your wake-up will be earlier than other days.

Each day has a very full itinerary and schedule times may be adjusted. Your day will be so wonderfully occupied that you will usually return to your hotel at 8:30 p.m. As a courtesy to other passengers and your tour guide, be on time for departures.

**Optional Trips:**

Q26: What is an optional trip, how does it work, and will it affect my tour group?

A26: An optional trip is an excursion or event, in addition to the functions already listed on your base itinerary. These events will be offered whether rain or shine, have moderately priced additional costs, are explained by your tour guide and paid for in USD one day prior to the advertised attractions. Most, but not all, take place during lunch or mid-day time frames and are worked right into your daily schedule.

Available Optional Tours for April 2010 dates between are not locked in. These style events are based upon availability and season, and subject to be modified during your in-country visit. The final itinerary will list assigned dates and possible optional tours.

Referencing Q&A #22, it is important to note that due to the accountability of your personal tour guide, and in order to keep the integrity of your entire group, those who do not wish to participate in an optional tour will still accompany the guide and everyone else with their bus. While in China your tour guide can explain what other choices you have during Optional Trip time and on September 30 and November 3, 2009, Greater Akron Chamber staff will explain details at the China trip orientations.

See the document "**Optional Tours**" provided by Citsline Inc.

**Meals:**

Q27: How do the meals work?

A27: Morning breakfast will be your largest and most diverse choice, western-style buffet, served at the hotels. Coffee is typically served only at breakfast and artificial sweeteners are usually not available.

Not including the 'home style' Hutong Optional Tour, all other meals involve 8-10 people at a large round table. Servers will bring out bowls of food and place them in the middle of a lazy Susan. You have the option of tasting all the dishes or those that appear most appealing. Rice -which is the only food replenished when the bowls are empty- is served at every meal and soup signals the end. Fresh fruit is typically the only dessert. Typically one cold drink is served during meals. Do Not eat any fruit that cannot be peeled! Bananas, oranges, melons are plentiful.

**Sightseeing:**

Q28: What else should I know about visiting some of the smaller localities or outskirts attractions?

A28: Follow the instructions of your tour guide and be flexible.

**Other advice:**

Before leaving your hotel have a back-up of emergency tissue or toilet paper with you. Some suggest a small bottle of Purell® or baby wipes if you prefer. All venues on your trip will have restrooms, however be advised that at some locations, particularly out-of-the-way attractions, you may be distant from the normal city developed rest facilities, and commodes may not be the typical western style you are used to. As China tourism expands more westernized relief facilities are being constructed.

**Shopping:** You will have many opportunities to shop or purchase! Please refer to the document "Shopping with Famous Chinese Arts & Crafts". Please note that locations stated are samples of the more prominent options and are subject to be modified during your in-city visits. Most of the venues provide a demonstration style factory to show how the product is produced.