

## **OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP TO XI'AN TERRA COTTA WARRIORS**

We have designed this optional trip to Xi'an mainly for those who plan to travel to China for the second time and have already visited Suzhou and Hangzhou on the April 2009 tour; nevertheless it is open to all passengers!

### **October 16, 17, 18, 19**

(Day 1-Day 4)

The entire Akron group follows the same main itinerary.

### **October 20**

(Day 5)

The entire Akron group leaves the Beijing airport for morning flights. This Terra Cotta group takes a flight to the Xi'an territory while the main itinerary group takes a flight to Shanghai. Xi'an accommodations are at the Grand Castle Hotel. On the afternoon of day 5 there will be afternoon sightseeing at the Big Wild Geese Pagoda. The evening entertainment is Tang Style Dancing. This option does not visit the city of Suzhou nor sightsee those attractions that are listed on day 5 of the main itinerary that the other group is following.

### **October 21**

(Day 6)

Morning bus excursion to the Terra Cotta Warriors at the Tomb of the First Emperor of Qin Dynasty. On the way back, visit the Huaqing Hot Spring Park and Banpo Museum, a preserved pre-historical cavemen site. This option does not visit the city of Hangzhou nor sightsee those attractions that are listed on day 6 of the main itinerary that the other group is following.

### **October 22, 23, 24**

(Day 7-Day 9)

Flight to Shanghai; both groups meet back up together and follow the same main itinerary.

**Additional Price: The additional cost is USD\$450/per person, added to the \$1,999 per person basic tour fare of the regular itinerary. The single room supplement is the same as the regular trip USD\$450.**

**Passengers who elect the Xi'an tour will be assigned to their own bus(es) for the whole journey.**

Smithsonian Institute Magazine/Smithsonian.com printed a highlight of the Terra Cotta Soldiers in a very recent 2009 issue; photos are on their website at:

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/multimedia/photos/?c=y&articleID=48071972&page=2>

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