

**OAKLAND SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
CONCERT TOUR OF CHINA, 2019**

**Suggested Itinerary
January 10, 2017**

Sat Jul 6		IN FLIGHT
	Check in at San Francisco airport Depart on flight(s) to Beijing	
Sun Jul 7		BEIJING
	Arrive at Beijing Airport Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your couriers <i>Beijing, whose former English name was Peking, is arguably the most historically, culturally and politically stimulating locale in all of mainland China. Its position as the country's capital, its accessibility from abroad and its proximity to the Great Wall make Beijing one of the most visited cities in the world, hosting diplomats, business people and tourists alike</i> Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in	Hotel
evening	Dinner in a restaurant	
Mon Jul 8		BEIJING
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Guided sightseeing tour of the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City (entrance included) and Tiananmen Square Lunch in a restaurant	
afternoon	Entrance to the Temple of Heaven	
evening	Peking Duck dinner in a restaurant	
Tue Jul 9		BEIJING
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Rickshaw tour through a Hutong (traditional neighborhood), including a visit to a local family home Lunch in a restaurant	
afternoon	Rehearsal	
evening	Dinner in a restaurant Concert (in the National Library Concert Hall?)	
Wed Jul 10		OVERNIGHT TRAIN
morning	Breakfast in the hotel Excursion to the Great Wall (entrance included) Lunch in a restaurant	
afternoon	Visit a Jade Factory Photo opportunity at the 2008 Olympic Stadium, including the Nest, Aquatic Center and Water Cube	
evening	Dinner in a restaurant Transfer by coach to the train station and check in Depart on overnight train to Xi'an	

Thu Jul 11**XI'AN**

morning

Arrive at Xi'an train station
Having served as China's capital city during eleven dynasties, Xi'an has a rich history dating back more than 2,000 years, during which it blossomed as the first stop on the Silk Road. Nowadays, the city serves as one of the most important industrial cities in the whole country as well as a must-see destination for tourists from all over the world. The terracotta warriors of the Qin dynasty, a full-sized army of statues intended to defend the first emperor of China in his eternal rest, are regarded as the eighth wonder of the world

Hotel

Transfer by coach to the hotel
 Breakfast in the hotel
 Excursion to the Terra Cotta Workshop and Museum (entrance included)

afternoon
evening

Lunch in a restaurant
 Continue visit of the Terra Cotta Workshop and Museum
 Dinner in a restaurant
 Check in to the hotel

Fri Jul 12**XIAN**

morning

Breakfast in the hotel
 Entrance to the Xi'an Museum
 Guided tour of Little Pagoda Park (entrance included)
 Dumpling lunch in a restaurant

afternoon
evening

Rehearsal
 Dinner in a restaurant
Concert (in Xi'an Concert Hall?)

Sat Jul 13**HANGZHOU**

morning

Breakfast in the hotel
 Transfer by coach to the airport and check in
 Depart on flight(s) to Hangzhou (c. 2.5 hrs)
 Arrive at Hangzhou Airport
Hangzhou is the capital of Zhejiang province and its political, economic and cultural center. The natural beauty of the West Lake, combined with its rich cultural heritage and fine tradition of tea and silk production, have delighted visitors for centuries

Hotel

afternoon
evening

Boxed lunch provided upon arrival
 Boat ride on the West Lake
 Dinner independent
 At leisure at the illuminated waterfront area of the West Lake

Sun July 14 **SHANGHAI**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Entrance to the Bamboo Forest Park Visit a Tea Village for tea tasting and demonstration Lunch in a restaurant	Hotel
afternoon	Depart by coach for Shanghai (c. 2.5 hrs) Entrance en route to Xi Tang Water Town, where the movie 'Mission Impossible 3' was filmed, including a gondola ride along the water alley Arrive in Shanghai <i>Shanghai, once a metaphor for a mystical and inscrutable Far East, evokes images of decadence, spectacular riches, gangster life, and exotic foreign affairs. Today, the city represents China's phenomenal hurl towards 21st-century modernization; its numerous sparkling new skyscrapers, bridges, and roadways are symbolic of China's emerging economic influence throughout the world</i>	
evening	Transfer by coach to the hotel and check in Dinner in a restaurant	

Mon Jul 15 **SHANGHAI**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Entrance to Yu Garden Visit the Bund Lunch in a restaurant	
afternoon	Rehearsal	
evening	Dinner in a restaurant Concert (in Shanghai Oriental Art Center Concert Hall?)	

Tue Jul 16 **SHANGHAI**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Visit the old French Concession (weather permitting) Lunch in a restaurant	
afternoon	Entrance to the Grand Hyatt 88 th Floor Observatory Visit the Shanghai Silk Museum	
evening	Dinner in a restaurant Attend a Shanghai acrobatic performance	

Wed Jul 17 **HOME**

morning	Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to the airport and check in Depart on flight(s) to San Francisco Arrive at San Francisco airport	
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*NB: driving times are estimates, based on normal road conditions,
and do not include allowances for meal or rest stops*