



## 2011 OPTIONAL EXTENSION—POST-PROGRAM TRAVEL

### XI'AN AND KUNMING, CHINA

*At one time the largest city in the world, Xi'an is an excellent example of imperial splendor and served as the capital of 11 dynasties. The 1974 discovery of the astonishing burial site of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi (third century B.C.) makes Xi'an a must-see cultural landmark.*

*Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, is a 2,000-year-old yet modern city in southern China. Its subtropical climate and the blooming of flowers year-round gave Kunming the name City of Eternal Spring. The people of Kunming, many of them representing ethnic minorities, maintain a colorful array of customs and festivals that are a perfect accompaniments to the region's stunning natural beauties and uniquely landscaped gardens.*

#### Day one Fly to Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an this morning, where your first excursion takes you to the breathtaking site of the famous Qin terra-cotta warriors. Six thousand life-sized statues of soldiers and horses perpetually stand guard over the tomb of Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of a united China, facing east in preparation for battle.

#### Day two Explore Xi'an

View the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Built in the early eighth century, the pagoda provides lovely views over Xi'an, as well as a place of pilgrimage for Buddhist worshippers.

Later this morning briefly visit the Xi'an city wall. The wall is a true display of skill and ingenuity, and provides invaluable material for the study of the history, military science, and architecture of the Ming dynasty.

Hop a late afternoon flight to Kunming.

#### Day three Explore Kunming

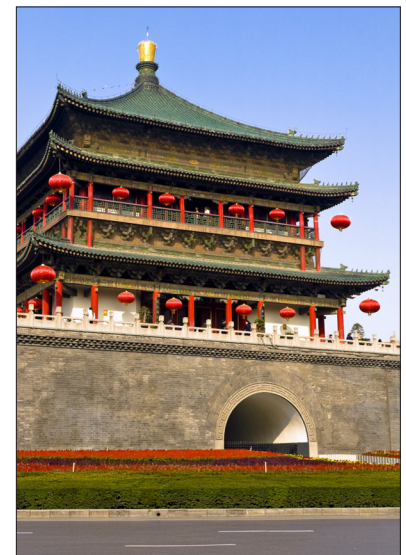
Here you'll visit the Golden Palace, an ornate structure replete with Buddhist statues, pillars, door frames, walls, and roof tiles all made of copper.

Wander through the Stone Forest, one of the most outstanding natural wonders in all of China. Take time to explore this unique landmark made of striking gray limestone pillars split by rainwater and eroded into fascinating forms.

A farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant will complete your day.

#### Day four Depart

Fly back home.



*Top: The terra-cotta warriors. Bottom: A portion of the Xi'an city wall.*

## PROGRAM INFO

**Extension:** \$1,995 per person

**Single supplement:** \$345

*To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form in your delegate protocol no later than 90 days prior to departure.*