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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Experience a Taste of China and Hong Kong with Friendly Planet Travel for \$1,899**

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—September 20, 2012—Travelers will blink twice (and maybe even do a double take) when they see [Friendly Planet Travel](#)'s latest deal to China and Hong Kong. Starting at just \$1,899, the 13-day [Taste of China and Hong Kong](#) tour visits three of China's most awe-inspiring cities, [Shanghai](#), [Xi'an](#), and [Beijing](#), and the cosmopolitan city of [Hong Kong](#).

"We are thrilled to announce our latest travel package to China," says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. "This is the fourth program to China that we've designed because this dream destination is in high demand when the price is right for many travelers. We've calculated that travelers will save over \$1,000 with this tour as compared to booking on their own. For this reason, the price can't be beat for these attractive travel destinations."

The 13-day Taste of China and Hong Kong tour includes round-trip airfare from [Los Angeles](#) (LAX); fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; all intra-China flights and ground transportation; accommodations in deluxe and first class hotels; 15 meals (including 11 American buffet breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner); comprehensive touring programs including entrance fees; and a professional English-speaking tour director and local guides.

The journey through China begins in [Shanghai](#), China's most modern city, often called the "Paris of the East", including a visit to one of the city's oldest attractions, the famous [Yu Garden](#), as well as the well-known Bund waterfront area. Travelers then have the option to explore Shanghai on their own, or enjoy optional excursions to [Suzhou](#), China's "city of gardens"; the Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art; or an exciting acrobatics show with dinner. The tour then continues to [Xi'an](#), home to one of the world's most important archeological discoveries, the 2,200 year-old army of [terra-cotta soldiers](#) consisting of 8,000 life-size ceramic soldiers, chariots and horses.

Travelers then depart for [Beijing](#), China's historic and cultural capital. They'll visit historic [Tiananmen Square](#), and the [Forbidden City](#), a UNESCO World Heritage site that served as an imperial palace, and has the largest collection of preserved ancient wooden structures in the world. Travelers also enjoy a full-day excursion to the only man-made structure visible from the moon, the [Great Wall of China](#), and the Sacred Way, an ancient road that links the Ming Tombs. Travelers have the option to explore Beijing further on their own, or enjoy several optional excursions to the Temple of Heaven and the Hutongs (ancient alleys) of Beijing to explore the way the Chinese live and have lived for centuries; Summer Palace, the quintessential Chinese garden and a UNESCO World Heritage site; or a unique tour to a picturesque community village to visit a typical Chinese school to see how children are taught in China, and join a village family in preparing and sharing a traditional Chinese dinner.

The adventure then continues to the bustling city of [Hong Kong](#), perched on the edge of mainland China, where travelers enjoy a funicular ride to the top of [Victoria Peak](#) for a magnificent city and harbor view, before exploring Repulse Bay and [Aberdeen fishing village](#), home to some 600 colorful floating homes. Travelers can explore the city of contrasts on their own at Hong Kong's famous "Golden Mile" shopping district, glorious harbor, or renowned restaurants, or take advantage of a unique optional excursion to the former Portuguese colony of Macau.

Friendly Planet's 13-day [Taste of China and Hong Kong](#) tour is available on the departure dates of Dec. 4 and Feb. 19 at \$1,899, Feb. 12 at \$1,999, and Mar. 19 at \$2,099, if booked by Oct. 2.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com or its blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior

hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit it at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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