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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Friendly Planet Travel Introduces Its New Sale of Two Cities: 10-day Beijing and Tokyo Tour**

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—September 24, 2012—[Friendly Planet Travel](#), a leading group tour operator, announces today a new 10-day tour to explore [Beijing](#), China and [Tokyo](#), Japan, two of the most attractive travel destinations in the world, starting at just \$1,699. The [Beijing and Tokyo: A Sale of Two Cities](#) tour combines two of Asia's cultural and economic powerhouses that exhibit impressive modern achievements within ancient and incredibly rich cultures.

“This innovative package incorporates two cities that are geographically close in proximity, but still vastly different in history and culture,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “For an outrageously low price travelers spend four nights in each city, with touring included, which provides just enough time to experience all that Beijing and Tokyo have to offer. Winter departure dates allow travelers to take advantage of less crowds and incredible prices, and the moderate temperatures in both cities throughout the winter months still provide a good climate for touring.”

Friendly Planet Travel's 10-day [Beijing and Tokyo: A Sale of Two Cities](#) package includes round-trip airfare from [Los Angeles](#) (LAX) on Air China; fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; all ground transportation and transfers; accommodations in deluxe and first-class hotels; buffet breakfast daily and one lunch; and a Great Wall of China tour and Tokyo city tour with local guides.

The exciting journey begins in [Beijing](#), the historic and cultural capital of China. Travelers first 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. While in Beijing, travelers have the option to explore the city further on their own, or enjoy several optional excursions to the Temple of Heaven and the intricate maze Beijing's [Hutongs](#) (ancient alleys) to explore the way the Chinese live and have lived for centuries; a unique tour of the picturesque Gaobeidian 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; a visit to the [Summer Palace](#), the quintessential Chinese garden and a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a stop at the Panda Zoo and [Forbidden City](#); or a Peking Duck dinner and Kung Fu show, a performance that blends music, martial arts and a moving story. Accommodations in Beijing are at the four-and-a-half-star [Kempinski Hotel](#).

Travelers then depart for [Tokyo](#), the world's main economic center and Japan's modern capital, where Japanese shrine architecture and peaceful gardens contrast with the bright lights and designer shops of Ginza. First, travelers embark on a city tour of Tokyo to explore some of the area's main sites, including the [Tokyo Tower](#), modeled after the Eiffel Tower in Paris; [Meiji Shrine](#), a fine example of Japanese architecture; and the East Garden of the Imperial Palace, the present residence of the Emperor of Japan. The city tour concludes in [Ginza](#), Tokyo's most famous up-market shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Travelers can then explore Tokyo's stunning, modern skyline; glittering, neon lit streets; and historic neighborhoods on their own, or take advantage of optional excursions, including a Japanese culture inspired guided walking tour of the Shinjuku ward; or a full-day tour with lunch to one of Japan's most famous sites, [Mt. Fuji](#), and [Hakone](#), a hot springs resort town, where travelers enjoy a gondola ride and a scenic cruise on Lake Ashi. Accommodations in Tokyo are at the four-star [Keio Plaza Hotel](#), located in the Shinjuku ward.

Friendly Planet's 10-day [Beijing and Tokyo: A Sale of Two Cities](#) tour is available on the departure dates of Nov. 15, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21 for \$1,699, and March 7 for \$1,799 if booked by Nov 6.

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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