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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Explore Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Chengdu, and Xi'an on Friendly Planet Travel's China Delight Tour**

Travelers experience China's iconic cities and fascinating sites on an 11-day tour, starting at \$1,799 including airfare

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—March 28, 2012—As one of the oldest nations in the world, China's history dates back 5,000 years. Today, the country has one of the fastest growing economies in the world and boasts the world's fastest high-speed train. And now, travelers will be able to visit this dynamic country's major attractions plus a few hidden gems, all at ultra-affordable prices, thanks to leading tour operator [Friendly Planet Travel](#). The new 11-day [China Delight](#) tour, starting at just \$1799, takes travelers to five cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an, all-time favorites of China travelers, plus Hangzhou, China's "Venice" and Chengdu, home of its world renowned Panda Breeding Center and amazing People's Park. This low priced trip includes airfare, deluxe and first-class hotel accommodations, plenty of guided touring and lots of included meals.

"China has always been a favorite destination for our travelers," says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. "We're very excited about our new China Delight tour. We created it after our recent visit to China, when we realized that we could provide travelers with even more value for their travel dollars while exploring five fabulous cities in one trip, including Hangzhou and Chengdu, two cities full of special activities and sites not seen on other tours and certainly not at such low prices."

[China Delight](#) includes round-trip airfare from [LAX](#) on [Air China](#), fuel surcharges, airline taxes and fees, and all intra-China flights and ground transportation. The tour also includes

deluxe and first-class hotel accommodations; 18 meals (nine breakfasts, eight lunches and one dinner); a comprehensive touring program with entrance fees and professional English-speaking tour directors and local guides. Friendly Planet’s 11-day China Delight tour starts at \$1,799 with departure dates of Dec. 13 and Jan. 17. Additional departure dates are available for a slightly higher price.

The journey begins in China’s historical and cultural capital, [Beijing](#). From there, travelers depart on a tour of the [Temple of Heaven](#), a world heritage site; [Tiananmen Square](#), the largest open square in the world; the [Forbidden City](#), located in the ancient city of Beijing; and [Summer Palace](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for impressive landscape garden design.

From there, visitors enjoy a full-day tour of the [Great Wall of China](#), the only man-made structure visible from the moon. The next stop of the tour takes travelers to [Shanghai](#), known as the “Paris of the East,” where travelers can explore the [Yu Garden](#), the [Oriental Pearl TV Tower](#) and join an optional tour to [Suzhou](#), one of the water towns of China, with many canals and plenty of charm and culture. Travelers travel to [Hangzhou](#), known to be the “Venice of China” by bullet train (an experience in itself) before heading to [Chengdu](#), the “Land of Milk and Honey,” known for rich agricultural and economic history as well as being China’s center for Panda research. Travelers get up close and personal with these sweet, charming creatures at the [Chengdu Giant Panda Research Center](#), where hundreds of Pandas are bred, fed, and lovingly cared for. While in Chengdu, travelers will also visit the People’s Park, for a chance to spend time with the locals, enjoying leisure time as ordinary Chinese people do. It is called a highlight of the tour by those who have visited this wonderful community gathering place. The China Delight tour continues to [Xi’an](#), famous for its [Terracotta Army](#), one of the most amazing archaeological sites in the world. A post tour Hong Kong Extension is also available.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel’s [China Delight](#) tour, please visit the company’s website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com; the blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com; or contact Jackie Zima-Evans at 610-228-2138 (office), 215-534-2973 (mobile), or write to Jackie@GregoryFCA.com.

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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 us at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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