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## China Tour, UWACS

China is one of the world's oldest and most vibrant cultures. In this immersive tour we will give perform in Tianjin, Qingdao, Jining and Hangzhou as well as visit the vast and cosmopolitan cities of Beijing and Shanghai.

We have constructed this schedule to enable the best possible balance between concerts, structured sightseeing and time for self-exploring.

When we are in China it will be a time of great excitement and celebration as the Chinese Government has increased the length of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the People's Republic of China, which is annually celebrated on October 1. This has affected our ability to perform in Shanghai as all venues are being utilized by the government as part of the celebration. We have however secured 4 fantastic venues. The Tianjin venue has one of the best acoustics I have ever performed in and the Hangzhou and Jiaozhou theatres are state of the art and just recently opened.

To perform in China we need to be issued a license and then we can make group bookings for accommodation. We have been assured by the government that we will be receiving in next few weeks, I thank you for your patience on this idiosyncrasy as I know you are all keen to receive this information.

I look forward to seeing you all in Perth in August but if you have any questions before then feel free to email me on [info@chrishowlett.net.au](mailto:info@chrishowlett.net.au)





## Day 1 – October 9, 2019 - Depart Perth for Beijing

UWACS departs Perth in the evening bound for Beijing, International Airport.

## Day 2 – October 10, 2019 – Arrive in Beijing

Both Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific groups will be met by Chris Howlett and his team and we will travel to the hotel by coach. After time to rest and refresh we shall have a celebratory welcome dinner including the famous Peking Duck.



## Day 3 – October 11, 2019 - Sightseeing

We depart early with a private guide, to explore the wonders of Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. The Forbidden city was built in 1420 and has been the home of 24 Emperors. After lunch we head to the Great Wall of China. We will visit a part of the wall that is less frequented by tourists so a more authentic experience will be had. A truly magical life experience. Dinner will be on the way back to the hotel.

## Day 4 - October 12 – Concert Tianjin

After breakfast we will travel 100km by bus to Tianjin, check into our hotel and have lunch. After lunch we will have time to self-explore or prepare for the concert. We will have a late afternoon rehearsal before a 7.30 concert in the stunning Tianjin Concert Hall. Dinner after the concert, close to the hotel.





## Day 5 – October 13, 2020 – Concert Jiazhou

The Chinese have an incredible fast train network. We will utilize this network as we travel in the morning from Tianjin South station to Qingdao. Late Lunch and then check in. After some time to stretch the legs or a short rest we will travel to the concert hall by bus. Concert in the new Jiazhou Grand Theatre which is part of the Great Qingdao City and approx. 60km from where we will be staying.

## Day 6 – October 14 - Sightseeing

After a busy two days we will have a restful morning. A lecture after breakfast from Chris on the historically elements of Qingdao and the Shandong Province. We will explore the waterside area before lunch. The afternoon will be for self-exploration or shopping. Dinner in the evening at a local restaurant



## Day 7 – October 15- Travel

We will again embark on the fast train and travel south. We will travel in the afternoon to QuFu train station, a 3.5 hour trip, traveling of speeds of 300km per hour. There will be a lector by Chris on the importance of the local area and the Chinese philosopher Confucius (from whom the city has been named). Dinner at local restaurant.

## Day 8 –October 16 – Concert

We spend the morning exploring the museum and house of Confucius, a place of pilgrimage for many Chinese people. Lunch and afternoon to rest or explore the UNESCO listed heritage sites and gardens. Evening concert in Jining Concert Hall.





### Day 9 – October 17 – Concert Day

An early morning (due to the train schedule) will have us head down to the amazing city of Hangzhou. Known for its lakes and scenery it has been a destination city for Emperors and the Chinese for many centuries. Lunch, check into the hotel and sound check. Evening concert followed by dinner.

### Day 10 – October 18 – Sightseeing

After a morning lecture we will head to the famous West Lake which is the utterly mesmerizing: pagoda-topped hills rise over willow-lined waters as boats drift slowly through a vignette of leisurely charm. After lunch we head to the UNESCO Lingyin Temple dating back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Dinner at local restaurant.



### Day 11 – October 19 – Travel to Shanghai

We will travel 170km by bus to Shanghai. In the afternoon we will head to the iconic Bund area. We will have plenty of time to explore the river and surrounding area including the shopping mecca of East Nanjing Road or have a 5pm tittle at the wonderful Fairmount Peace Hotel. We will have a traditional Shanghai dumpling dinner before returning to the hotel.

## Day 12 – October 20 – Sightseeing

In the morning we will visit the Shanghai Museum, one of China's most highly regarded museums which will give a final insight into this incredible culture.

Afternoon for last minute shopping or to explore the hutongs or French Quarter of Shanghai. After dinner the evening is free to explore the Jazz bars or return to the Bund for an evening photo of the skyline that is visible from the moon.



## Day 13 – October 21 – Sightseeing and travel home

The Cathay Pacific group will leave early for their 9.40am departure to Hong Kong and then Perth.

Morning to explore for Singapore Airlines group before early lunch and onto the airport for a 4.50pm departure.

## Day 14 – October 22/23 – Arrive home in Perth

