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CRUISING THE YANGTZE RIVER
AND THE FABLED THREE GORGES

ABOARD THE M.S. VICTORIA KATARINA

MAY 12 TO 24, 2008

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Dear alumnae, parents and friends:

China is a land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a 5,000-year-old society steeped in legend and tradition, preserved from one generation to the next through the millennia. The influence of China’s heritage lives on today—within the mysterious inner precincts of Beijing’s Forbidden City, in graceful pagodas and shrines rising from the banks of the Yangtze River, in its people’s reverence for ancestral customs—even as this vibrant culture confidently embraces change and looks toward the future.

We are privileged to invite you to discover the many faces of China on this comprehensive travel program. From the imperial dignity of Mandarin Beijing, to the dynastic treasures of the ancient capital of Xi’an, to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai, you will gain a unique perspective on this timeless land where the past continues to affect the present and the future. Pioneering discoveries in the fields of archaeology and history are constantly expanding and refining our knowledge of this 5,000-year-old civilization, the world’s most ancient. A high point of your journey is the three-night cruise through the breathtaking Yangtze River Gorges. Aboard the deluxe M.S. VICTORIA KATARINA, one of the finest ships cruising the Yangtze, look up from the river and gaze at soaring cliffs thousands of feet high, and tour the massive Three Gorges Dam, which is slowly transforming China’s landscape and the fabric of its society.

Your China sojourn can be extended with an optional Post-Program to Guilin, a traditional Ming Dynasty city surrounded by the ethereal beauty of limestone mountains, and Hong Kong, the bustling commercial center of East Asia.

Join us for this unique and memorable, in-depth exploration of Chinese history and culture, featuring the most comprehensive excursions, a carefully designed and comfortably paced itinerary, the best accommodations, English-speaking local experts and guides and fascinating “meet the people” encounters. Space is limited and certain to sell out quickly, so we encourage you to book your reservations now, while Early Booking Savings are available, through September 14, 2007. Come travel with us on a journey of discovery through the wondrous Middle Kingdom of China.

Peace and blessings,

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U.S./BEIJING, CHINA
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart for Beijing, the former imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors. Extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics, Beijing is a dynamic city of more than twelve million people, and the cultural and spiritual heart of China. Upon arrival, meet your Travel Director and transfer to the deluxe InterContinental Beijing Hotel.

BEIJING
Day 3
This morning, walk through Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world, and visit the Mao Zedong Memorial Hall, the tomb of modern China’s founder. Within the walls of the former Forbidden City, explore the Imperial Palace, home to Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years. Walk through its labyrinthine ceremonial halls, royal apartments, gardens, theaters and temples. The afternoon is free for independent pursuits. Attend a private welcome reception this evening.

BEIJING
Day 4
Visit the magnificent Great Wall of China in Badaling. The symbol of imperial grandeur since 500 B.C., it was constructed over the course of 2,000 years. This imposing fortification once spanned more than 3,500 miles in length and served to protect the Middle Kingdom from invaders of the deserts and steppes of Central Asia. Ascend by cable car and walk along the wall and watchtowers with a sweeping view of the northern plains, valleys and villages below. Return to Beijing early this afternoon, stopping en route at the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics. You have the balance of the day free for independent pursuits.

For 2,500 years, the Great Wall of China has symbolized the mystery and allure of the world’s oldest civilization.
BEIJING/XI’AN
Day 5
Explore the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Summer Palace, a retreat of the 19th-century Empress Dowager Ci Xi. Walk through apartments featuring jewel-encrusted furniture and precious objects. Following lunch, see Ci Xi’s ornate Marble Boat, constructed of carved stone and embellished with stained glass, then cruise by private boat across Kunming Lake’s tranquil waters. Fly from Beijing to Xi’an, China’s capital for 11 dynasties. Check into the Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel for dinner on your own.

XI’AN
Day 6
A local expert introduces you to one of the 20th century’s most amazing archaeological finds: the famous terra cotta warriors. These life-size figures—no two alike—have guarded the still-unopened tomb of China’s first emperor, Qin Shihuang, for more than 2,000 years. After lunch on your own, tour the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum and admire its Forest of Stelae, a collection of more than 1,000 stone pillars inscribed with historical and religious texts, and the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, a graceful Tang Dynasty shrine built in A.D. 707.

Tonight, enjoy a dinner of regional dumplings.

XI’AN/CHONGQING/Cruise
Day 7
This morning see Xi’an’s Great Mosque, one of China’s best-preserved Muslim sanctuaries, and stroll along the winding lanes and past the bustling food stalls of the Muslim Quarter. In the city center, view the distinctive triple-eaved Bell and Drum Towers, from which watchmen once signaled dawn and dusk with a bell and a drum. Observe the treasures displayed in the Yangling Imperial Tomb Museum, excavated from the burial site of Emperor Liu Qi, his favorite consort and their retainers.

After lunch, board a flight to Chongqing. On arrival embark the M.S. VICTORIA KATARINA and begin your cruise down the fabled Yangtze River.

CRUISING THE YANGTZE RIVER
Day 8 and Day 9
Journey downstream and dock at Shibaozhai, literally “Stone Treasure Fortress,” a rocky promontory on the north bank of the river. Built into its side is the colorful, 12-tiered Lanruo Dian Pagoda, “Orchid-like Temple,” a graceful 17th-century shrine rising to the top of a towering cliff. Once the Yangtze River rises to its anticipated height, its waters will lap against the foot of the temple.

The following morning, cruise through the Twelve Peaks of Wu Gorge en route to Wushan. Aboard excursion boats, travel up the Daning River through the majestic Scenery of the Three Small Gorges, watching for golden monkeys on the riverbank. Enjoy a private cocktail reception this evening as you pass through the Qutang Gorge.
Three Gorges Dam / Yichang / Shanghai

Day 10
Visit the impressive Three Gorges Dam construction site. Considered a key to China’s modernization, it is the world’s largest hydroelectric dam and it will eventually create the world’s largest artificial lake. After lunch on board the ship, transfer to Yichang’s airport and board your flight to Shanghai. On arrival, transfer to the deluxe, centrally located Westin Bund Center for dinner on your own and an evening at leisure.

Shanghai

Day 11
Visit the historic French Concession to admire the quarter’s European-influenced architecture and see the residences of Sun Yat-Sen and Zhou Enlai, two of 20th-century China’s most famous leaders. Also visit the Shanghai Arts and Crafts Center. Walk along the famous Bund, past elegant neoclassical buildings lining the Huang Pu River during our city tour. En route to Three on the Bund, stop briefly at the landmark Peace Hotel, a stately post-renaissance structure built in 1916. The afternoon is at leisure with lunch and dinner on your own.

This evening the option is available to attend the Shanghai Acrobatic Show, world-renowned for the skill and artistry of its performers.

Shanghai

Day 12
Begin your day with a visit to the famous Shanghai Museum of Art, home of the finest and most complete exhibit of Chinese objets d’art in the country. This afternoon, explore the tranquil Yuyuan Garden and stroll the narrow streets and back alleys of Shanghai’s old Chinese neighborhood.

Join fellow participants this evening for a private farewell reception in the hotel.

Shanghai/U.S.

Day 13
Depart from Shanghai this morning. Cross the International Date Line and arrive in the U.S. later today.

Left: Traditional craft, such as this sampan, still ply the tranquil waters of the Yangtze River.
Beijing’s Forbidden City proclaims the might and splendor of Ming and Qing emperors.
M.S. Victoria Katarina

All Gohagan & Company cruises in China are aboard the premier vessel in the esteemed Victoria Cruises fleet. The M.S. Victoria Katarina, launched in 2004, is one of the finest ships cruising the Yangtze River. It was designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards.

Guests are accommodated in spacious (206 sq. ft.) outside staterooms elegantly decorated in contemporary Chinese style. Each stateroom features floor-to-ceiling windows opening onto a balcony from which travelers can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River. Staterooms feature private bathroom facilities with tub and shower, air conditioning, telephone and satellite television.

Public areas include the Yangtze Club Lounge, observation deck, reading room, gift shop, business center and fitness center. Recreation includes morning tai chi exercises and demonstrations of traditional Chinese crafts. Laundry service is available and a physician is on board.

The M.S. Victoria Katarina has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that offers a superior level of personalized service to enhance the Mandarin China travel experience.

The M.S. Victoria Katarina possesses the latest in satellite communications, including access to the BBC and Internet.

Guilin and Hong Kong Post-Program Option

Explore the picturesque old city of Guilin, a traditional Chinese community dating from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), and the bustling metropolis of Hong Kong on this four-night extension designed to highlight the fascinating contrasts of a land in transition from the old to the new. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Cloaked in a mantle of green, Guilin's ethereal limestone pinnacles rise majestically above the Li River.
The Terra Cotta Warriors of Qin Shihuang

In 1974, peasants digging a well near the ancient city of Xi’an unearthed one of the most amazing archaeological discoveries of the 20th century—an army of life-size terra cotta warriors and horses maintaining a silent vigil over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.). The first ruler of a unified China, this visionary monarch introduced a standardized writing system, reformed the legal code and commenced the building of the Great Wall of China, the greatest public works project of its era. As large a figure in death as he was in life, the emperor lies buried in a mausoleum that took 36 years to construct and required the efforts of 700,000 laborers. The tomb itself remains unexcavated, but it is guarded by row upon row of charioteers, infantry, cavalry and horses. The face of each terra cotta warrior has a distinctive, lifelike expression and each figure bears trappings denoting his rank within the imperial army—general, senior officer, junior officer or common soldier. In 1987, UNESCO designated this treasure trove of early Chinese art a World Heritage site.

Included Features

In Beijing
- Three nights in the deluxe InterContinental Beijing.
- Full Western buffet breakfast each day.
- Private welcome reception.
- Two lunches.
- City tour featuring Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.
- Full-day excursion to the Great Wall of China in Badaling.
- Visit to the Summer Palace, with a private cruise across Lake Kunming.

Air Transportation Beijing/Xi’an.

In Xi’An
- Two nights in the superior first-class Shangri-La Golden Flower Hotel.
- Full Western buffet breakfast each day.
- One lunch.
- A traditional dumpling dinner.
- Excursion to view the extraordinary terra cotta warriors.
- Tour of the Shaanxi Provincial Museum.
- Walking tour of Xi’an’s Muslim Quarter.
- Guided visit to the extraordinary archeological find, the Yangling Imperial Tomb.

Air Transportation Xi’an/Chongqing.

Aboard the Deluxe M.S. Victoria Katarina
- Three-night Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing through the Three Gorges.
- Accommodations in an outside cabin with balcony and private bathroom facilities.
- All meals throughout the cruise, featuring Chinese and Western cuisine.
- Captain’s welcome reception.
- Visit to Shibaozhai.
- Cruise through the Three Small Gorges aboard private motorized touring boats.
- Excursion to the Three Gorges Dam construction site.
- Private cocktail reception.

Air Transportation Yichang/Shanghai.

In Shanghai
- Three nights in the deluxe Westin Bund Center.
- Full Western buffet breakfast each day.
- City tour featuring a walk along The Bund and French Concession.
- Tour of the Shanghai Museum of Art.
- Visit to the Yuyuan Garden and Chinese Quarter.
- Private farewell reception.

Enhanced Travel Services
- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- English-speaking Chinese local and national guides.
- Gratuities for drivers, and local and national guides.
- Local airport departure taxes throughout China.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard the ship.
- An experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the tour.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and predeparture information for each participant.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant on flights ticketed through Gohagan & Company.
M.S. VICTORIA  
KATARINA

TARIFF  (per person, based on double occupancy)  

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*Singles are available in category 3 at $7795 and in category 2 at $8895 on or before September 14, 2007. Add $500 for reservations made after September 14, 2007.

* *Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

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Address (no P.O. Box number please)  
City State ZIP Code  
Telephone (Home) (Business)  
Email Address Fax  

Preferred name(s) on badge(s):  
Tour No. 051-05/12/08-269

Enclosed is a check for $______ as deposit ($800 per person, plus $200 per person Guilin and Hong Kong Post-Program). Make check payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.  

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by February 7, 2008.  

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to:  
□ Visa □ MasterCard  
Card No.____________ Exp. Date____________

An Air Coordinator will contact you no later than four months prior to departure regarding your selections. Please contact your travel agent or air carrier directly for any deviations to the above.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability, and is nonrefundable.

□ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

Program Air:  
□ Flights San Francisco/Beijing with return Shanghai/San Francisco. Approximate economy airfare is $1495 per person, including taxes.  
□ Flights from  
(fill in departure city) to Beijing, China, with return from Shanghai, China, at an additional cost to be advised.  
Class:  
□ Economy □ Business □ First  

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Shanghai’s Bund preserves its legacy of colonial architecture.

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**NOT INCLUDED:** Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; tips to hotel, airline, bus, train, and railroad personnel; round-trip air service with insurance; air or rail tickets; meals and beverages not included in the “Included Features” section; air fare; air or rail tickets; meals and beverages not included in the “Included Features” section; ground transportation costs; insurance; port charges; port taxes; trip cancellation insurance; trip interruption insurance; and any other expenses not specifically stated in the “Included Features” section.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:**

- **Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.** Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through September 14, 2007. The exact amount of any fees charged is determined by the airline, vessel, or other transportation company, guide or guide service, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of any third party.

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- **Due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room or cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.**

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- **REGISTRATION:** CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666.

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