

CHINA TENNIS TOUR 2013

OCTOBER 8 -18th 11 Days from \$4490

After last year's successful Tennis Tour, we offer another exciting travel opportunity to combine your tennis and holiday to China in 2013. A wonderful Tour of China will feature matches at a number of tennis clubs against local players and 2 days at the Shanghai Masters. Your tour leaders **JUSTIN WIGHT** and **TANYA LEE** will ensure you have a memorable holiday. Justin is an international tennis coach and former coach of Australian Davis Cup players Wayne Arthurs and Paul Hanley, while Tanya is a professional tennis coach and ex Australian Junior representative. They all have great experience in taking teams, squads and groups to various destinations overseas. This tour will include taking in the sights of Shanghai and Beijing, tennis club matches in both cities as well as time to enjoy the incredible culture, history and attractions that China has to offer. Players of all standards, partners, non-tennis players and families are most welcome. We guarantee great tennis, luxury hotels, exciting adventures and an unforgettable experience.



Includes Flights (taxes not included), Welcome Dinner, Accommodation & Breakfast, Transport, Transfers, All Tours, Tennis Club matches & Shanghai Masters tickets, Farewell Dinner, Tour Guide and Tour Bag,

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“The Ultimate Tennis Experience”

Day 1 Tuesday 8th October

Groups depart Sydney and Brisbane on evening flights to Shanghai.

Day 2 Wednesday 9th October

Arrive in Shanghai mid morning. We are met and transferred to our hotel via the Shanghai Maglev fast train that reaches a peak speed of 431km. You will be impressed by the amazing speed of the train and it makes for an exciting first experience in Shanghai. Built with the technological help from Germany, the Shanghai Maglev Train (SMT) has operated since the end of 2002. The whole journey which would take an hour to drive takes only eight minutes.

In Shanghai we are staying at the luxurious Renaissance (Marriott) Hotel, where you can enjoy the peace and serenity of the hotel's superb facilities. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax or explore the Shanghai city centre. In the early evening we have our Welcome Dinner, before we take a spectacular evening Huangpu river cruise where you will see great views of the city.

Day 3 Thursday 10th October

After breakfast, you have a morning at your leisure before you may enjoy a superb day and night at the **Shanghai Tennis Masters**. Held at the Qi Zhong Tennis Centre, it debuted in 2009 and has since established itself as one of the premier tournaments on the ATP World Tour. Most years it has featured Federer, Djokovic, Murray and the world's best players.

Day 4 Friday 11th October

In the morning you may enjoy a walk along the Bund to see the famous Nanjing Road. The Bund is the cultural section of Shanghai that best represents the blending of ancient and modern influences. This renowned waterfront district is the city's most famous landmark and you will enjoy a feeling of space and openness that you won't find anywhere else in Shanghai.

Today is quarter-finals at the **Shanghai Tennis Masters**, so it will be another sensational day of tennis with all the big names playing.



Day 5 Saturday 12th October

Today is at your leisure, with a number of optional tours and activities. Afterwards you may experience a traditional Chinese massage or a traditional Herbal Foot Massage. In the evening you can see the incredible famous Acrobatic Show which is not to be missed and frequently tours internationally. Enjoy dinner and a chance to sample Shanghai at night, where the new meets the old and East meets West. You can wander in the Shikumen lane to enjoy its unique construction, have dinner at the outdoor tables, or do some shopping in the fashion shops before sampling the various styles of bars and night life.

Day 6 Sunday 13th October

After breakfast, we have a morning Tennis match at **the Shanghai Racquet Club**. The Club has an inviting and friendly environment away from the Shanghai buzz. After our match we enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch. In the afternoon, we catch the bullet train to Beijing. With its fully reclining airline-style seats, a strict no-smoking policy and designed top speed of 350 km per hour, the new Beijing-Shanghai express embodies China's race to the future. On arrival in Beijing, we transfer to the luxury Beijing Hilton (Double Tree) Hotel (built 2008) and the night is at your leisure.

Day 7 Monday 14th October

After breakfast, we take a city tour including Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. You can also take the chance to visit Chairman Mao's resting place where his body is preserved behind glass. From Tiananmen Square we enter into the Forbidden City, a massive complex that was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. We then begin our tour of the hutongs. A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing, where hutongs run into the several thousand. The Hutong Tour includes a delicious home-made lunch at a local home. You then have the opportunity to go shopping at the world-renowned Silk Market, clearly marked on the world's top tourist map, in the eyes of foreign tourists who rate it on a par with the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Beijing roast duck. There are 1,600 shops with plenty of bargains to be had. Relax in the late afternoon, before our early evening match at the 6th Sense - Potters Wheel Tennis Academy. The **Potters Wheel**

International Tennis Academy has 25 courts and is known around the world with tennis programs designed by **Carlos Rodriguez**, famous coach of **Justine Henin** and now **Li Na**.

Day 8 Tuesday 15th October

After breakfast, visit the trendy and unique 798 Art Village. The 798 Art Village, is the Beijing “Greenwich Village” or “Soho”, a part of Dashanzi in the Chaoyang District of Beijing that house a rich artist community. It is nestled in a 50-year old out of service military factory complex with a functional Bauhaus-influenced design. There are lots of cool art studios and cafes to be seen. In the afternoon we visit the new icons in Beijing, the 2008 Olympic venues of the Bird’s Nest and the Water Cube. In the late afternoon we have our final tennis match at **Broadwell Tennis Club**. Tonight, you can visit the Sanlitun Bar Street which is one of the most “prosperous” entertainment streets in Beijing. Every night, the street is teeming with people bustling, bright colors against the background of city noise and the luxury of trendy restaurants and bars.

Day 9 Wednesday 16th October

An early breakfast will be followed by a bus trip to the Great Wall of China. Today you will experience the splendor of the Great Wall, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing man-made structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. We return to Beijing City in the afternoon. In the evening we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner of typical Beijing cuisine. Afterwards you may like to visit the Houhai (Shichahai) district, Beijing’s newly developed old town. This area on the lake is home to about 100 restaurants, small bars and pubs with character and funky nightlife. With the glow of lights over the lake, Hohai takes on an unreal feeling. A great place for dinner and then migrate from place to place for drinks, or a nice stroll with lots of people watching. A mixture of old Beijing and the modern west, Houhai is worth a look.

Day 10 Thursday 17th October

Today is free for you to catch up on any last minute shopping or sight-seeing. In the late afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Day 11 Friday 18th October Arrive morning – home sweet home!

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Enjoy the best of both worlds when you combine your holiday with your tennis. Free time to shop, sightsee and enjoy the culture or just simply relax. Nights to enjoy matches against local clubs and fantastic nightlife and after match festivities. Come and join us in discovering the intriguing enigma that is China.

11 Day Tour Package from \$4490 includes:

- 4 nights at the five-star Renaissance Hotel, Shanghai plus breakfast
- 4 nights at the five-star Hilton Hotel, Beijing plus breakfast
- Return Economy Class flights (taxes not included)
- 2 full day sessions at the Shanghai Tennis Masters
- Bullet Train from Shanghai to Beijing
- Maglev train from Shanghai airport to city
- All Tennis Club matches
- Round trip airport transfers
- Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- All tours in itinerary, including the Hutong tour in Beijing
- Professional Tour Guide and Host & Tour Bag
- **NOTE : BOOKINGS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 8TH, TOUR PRICE IS \$4690**

***OPTIONAL POST TOURS TO XIAN (Terracotta Warriors) and/or THE YANGZTE CRUISE are available**

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