

## ITINERARY for HOLT HERITAGE TOUR TO CHINA 2025

The Main Tour will take place June 18-29, 2025. This includes 11 nights and 12 days, some of which are international travel days

The Optional Province Tour (booked and priced separately) includes a suggested minimum time frame of 2 nights either before or after the main tour

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**Group 1 – This section applies ONLY for travelers who wish to visit the adoptees birth location PRIOR to the main tour. This portion of travel will need to be booked and priced separately from main tour. Holt will put you in touch with our travel agency CITS in China to book this portion.**

June 16 Monday Depart U.S. for China

June 17 Tuesday Arrive to China and fly domestically to adoptees province location. Transfer from Airport to Hotel. Rest.

June 18 Wednesday AM Visit to Orphanage / Possible Meeting with Foster Family / Sightseeing

June 19 Thursday Arrive to Beijing - Welcome by the local guide at the airport and transfer from airport to Crowne Plaza Hotel Lido Beijing

June 29 Sunday Group 1 Departs China back to U.S.

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### **Main Tour for Everyone**

June 18 Wednesday – Depart USA for China

June 19 Thursday – Arrive to Beijing - Welcome by the local guide at the airport and transfer from airport to Crowne Plaza Hotel Lido Beijing

June 20 Friday - AM Visit Juyongguan Pass of the Great Wall (Group Lunch) PM Back to hotel for rest and for made to measure Qipao outfits for adoptees. Peking Duck Welcome Dinner

June 21 Saturday AM Visit the Forbidden City. Take the Hutong City Tour by Rickshaw. Lunch at a local family house in Hutong. Optional Tour of Acrobat Show and dinner on your own.

June 22 Sunday AM Depart for Xian city via train - lunch on own. Check into Crowne Plaza Xian. Dumpling Banquet Group Dinner.

June 23 Monday AM Visit Terra Cotta Warrior Museum and Terra Cotta Figure Making Factory with a group lunch. PM Visit the Ancient Wall via optional bicycle tour. Dinner on your own.

June 24 Tuesday AM Go to Hu County to see Farmer's Painting Village (lunch included on this tour). PM Take flight to Guilin, check into Guilin Grand Bravo Hotel (dinner on own).

June 25 Wednesday AM Li River Cruise to Yangshuo City (lunch included on tour). PM Free shopping or walking on West Street. Check into Green Lotus Hotel near West Street. PM Enjoy "Guilin Romance Show" or "Impression Liu Sanjie" (an amazing large scaled musical drama based on the minority cultures within Guangxi province). Provided Group Dinner at the hotel.

June 26 Thursday AM Learn to make Chinese food at cooking school (lunch at school provided). PM Enjoy the views of Yangshuo town by bike or hike. Visit Studio for taking photos in National Costume (adoptees only)

June 27 Friday AM Drive from Yangshuo to Guilin. Stop at Guilin Rice Noodle restaurant for Lunch. Visit tea factory. Visit to Elephant Trunk Hill (symbol of Guilin City). PM Check into Guilin Bravo Hotel. Orientation Meeting for Province Visits post tour. Farewell Party at the Hotel.

June 28 Saturday Take the bullet train to Guangzhou (or other international airports in China by an additional charge) to catch the international flight home or to go on to Province Visits for adoptees in China.

June 29 Sunday Intl Departure from China to USA

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**Group 2 – This section ONLY applies for travelers who wish to visit the adoptees birth locations AFTER the main tour. This portion of travel will need to be booked and priced separately from main tour. Holt will put you in touch with our travel agency CITS in China to book this portion.**

*June 18 Group 2 Departs U.S. for China*

*June 19 Group 2 Arrives Beijing / Rest.*

*Main Tour*

*June 28 Saturday Travel from Guilin to Adoptees Birth Province.*

*June 29 Sunday AM Visit to Orphanage / Possible Meeting with Foster Family / Sightseeing*

*June 30 Monday Depart from China to USA*

*June 30 Monday Arrive to USA - Due to international date change you will arrive same date.*

A Holt China program representative will reach out to you by email as soon as we have your registration and \$500 per person down payment.

Holt will put each family group in touch with CITS travel service in China to craft a custom itinerary for the Optional Adoptee Province Visit, either before or after the main package tour. (Holt prefers that you plan the province visit to occur after the main tour but we are flexible on this.) CITS will prepare a custom invoice for each Province visit and Holt will collect the money from each family. Holt will then pay CITS for all custom tour arrangements per family.

All final payments are due to Holt no later than March 15 2025. (\$500 down payment per traveler + remaining balances including + custom province visit costs)

Families will purchase their own international air tickets and will secure their own travel visas to China. We recommend applying for your visa by February 1.

All families will be accompanied by an English speaking guide when they travel independently to their birth provinces, and for the main tour.

