Dear Alumni and Friends:

Mysterious China. A land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a 5000-year-old civilization steeped in legend and tradition. Here, the people’s reverence for ancestral customs has been passed on through kingdoms and dynasties and preserved from one generation to the next, influencing life today as well as providing an impetus for change and a springboard for the future.

We invite you to join fellow alumni on this carefully designed, comprehensive and leisurely paced journey across half the width of China for an in-depth appreciation of the juxtaposition of ancient culture with modern advancements—from the imperial dignity of Mandarin Beijing and Tiananmen Square, to the dynastic treasures of the ancient capital of Xi’an and the Three Gorges Dam, to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai and the contrasting 21st-century architecture of the famed Pudong district across the river. Five-Star, ideally located hotels have been carefully selected for our land accommodations, including Shanghai’s legendary FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL and the renowned PENINSULA BEIJING hotel.

The exclusive, three-night cruise segment of our itinerary travels the fabled Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang through captivating regions, historic port cities and resplendent ravines aboard the comfortable M.V. VICTORIA ANNA. Cruise the magnificent Three Gorges, embark a private boat cruise on the spectacular Goddess Stream in the Wu Gorge and visit the engineering marvel of the Three Gorges Dam.

Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites during specially arranged included excursions; experience specially selected, knowledgeable, English-speaking guides who will accompany us; and enjoy meeting the fascinating people of China. This small group program is a sellout every year, so we encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Sincerely,

Angela C. Dimopoulos ’07
Assistant Director of Events and Marketing

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Chinese civilization originated in regional centers along both the Yellow River and the Yangtze River valleys during the Neolithic era, and for centuries Chinese culture, literature and philosophy have flourished, with each Kingdom and Dynasty adding to its collective knowledge and heritage. Yet China was an insular country, allowing only glimpses of its cultural richness to the outside world via the Silk Road, which stoked the European’s imagination of exotic lands in the East. A mysterious land, one which Napoleon referred to as “a sleeping giant that would change the world when awoken,” the country finally lifted its shroud in 1972. The reopening of China and the introduction of its ancient traditions to the Western world, which vaulted it into its current progressive nation status, has been and continues to be a spectacular transformation of the most populous, perhaps most culturally idiosyncratic nation on Earth.

Beijing, China
The former imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing is one of China’s ancient citadels. Rich in historical sites and cultural relics, this dynamic city of more than 12 million people is the cultural and spiritual heart of the country and the ideal place from which to begin tracing the fascinating narrative of ancient China.

Walk through immense and historic Tiananmen Square, the world’s largest public square, site of the mausoleum of modern China’s founder, Mao Zedong. Visit the ceremonial halls, royal apartments, gardens and temples of the Imperial Palace in the mystical Forbidden City, residence of Ming and Qing dynasty emperors for almost 500 years and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The beautifully landscaped Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was the retreat of 19th-century Empress Dowager Cixi. Walk through Cixi’s private apartments filled with jewel-encrusted furniture, and see her ornate Marble Boat.

Cover Photo: Cruise the scenic waterway carved by the Yangtze River through the heart of China, an exotic landscape of verdant mountains and sheer cliffs.

Photo this page: Walk along the Great Wall of China, the only man-made structure that can be seen from space, and feel the mystery and allure of the world’s oldest civilization.

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Day
1. Depart the U.S./Cross the International Date Line
2. **BEIJING, CHINA**
3. BEIJING
4. BEIJING
5. BEIJING
6. **BEIJING/XI’AN**
7. XI’AN
8. XI’AN/CHONGQING
9. **CHONGQING/DAZU/CHONGQING/Embark M.V. VICTORIA ANNA**
10. FENGDU
11. **WUSHAN FOR THREE SMALL GORGES**
12. **THREE GORGES DAM/YICHANG/Disembark M.V. VICTORIA ANNA/SHANGHAI**
13. SHANGHAI
14. SHANGHAI
15. **SHANGHAI/Return to the U.S.**
   * POST-PROGRAM HONG KONG OPTION
Then cruise by private boat across Kunming Lake’s tranquil waters. Visit the magnificent Great Wall of China, the symbol of imperial grandeur since 500 B.C., constructed over the course of 2000 years. This imposing fortification once spanned more than 3500 miles. Walk along this UNESCO World Heritage site and see sweeping views of the scenic northern plains and valleys.

Tour another extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of Heaven, and its magnificent complex of religious buildings.

Xi’an
Modern Xi’an was China’s thriving capital of emperors, courtesans, monks, merchants and soldiers for 11 dynasties; a place where many of the world’s great religions coexisted; and the fabled launching point of the Silk Road, where camel caravans introduced Chinese influence to the world and distributed goods from the Eurasian continent.

From Xi’an’s distinctive, triple-eaved Bell and Drum Towers, watchmen once signaled dawn and dusk with a bell and a drum.

Visit the amazing 20th-century architectural find and UNESCO World Heritage site of the famous life-size Terra Cotta Warriors—no two alike—they have guarded the still-unopened tomb of China’s first emperor, Qin Shihuang, for more than 2000 years. Then, tour the exquisite Yangling Imperial Tomb, where thousands of captivating figurines excavated from the 2100-year-old tomb of Emperor Liu Qi capture the essence of daily life during the Han Dynasty, a high point in Chinese history, when culture and the arts flourished as never before.

Chongqing
Enjoy a panoramic tour of the picturesque mountain city of Chongqing. Located at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers, vibrant Chongqing is known for its traditional teahouse culture, spicy Szechuan cuisine and its endangered giant pandas. Visit Chongqing Zoo to see pandas up close in a large, open setting among native plants. Tour the Joseph Stilwell Flying Tigers Museum celebrating Chongqing’s role as a base for the famous Flying Tigers during World War II.
Dazu
Near Chongqing, from the Tang dynasty (9th century) to the Song dynasty (13th century) thousands of exquisite, large- and small-scale figures were carved into the stone hillside cliffs of Dazu, today one of the most prolific UNESCO World Heritage sites in China.

Admire the quiet beauty and sheer white-stone cliffs of Wu Gorge and embark a private boat cruise down the picturesque Goddess Stream. Visit the massive Three Gorges Dam, the largest water conservancy project ever undertaken by man. Considered a key to China’s modernization, it is the world’s largest hydroelectric dam, 1.3 miles wide and 606 feet high.

Shanghai
The exhilarating metropolis of Shanghai was the first of China’s cities to be influenced by the West, as early as the 19th century. Today, its outstanding architectural landmarks along the famous Bund include the neoclassical Customs House and the China Merchants Bank building. Visit Old Shanghai’s open-air markets, tea houses, YuYuan classical Chinese garden, and tour the famous Shanghai Museum. The historic French Concession features distinctive European architecture, while 21st-century Pudong juxtaposes the ancient city. See the residences of Sun Yat-Sen and Zhou Enlai, two of 20th-century China’s most famous leaders.

Yangtze Cruise
Three Gorges/Three Lesser Gorges/Three Gorges Dam
This compelling three-day cruise stops in fascinating, historic ports and showcases the grandeur of one of China’s greatest natural wonders, the Three Gorges.

Call at the ancient city of Fengdu, “City of Ghosts,” famous for its Buddhist and Taoist temples and unusual, colorful spirit statues, located on Ming Hill.

Pass through Qutang Gorge and the spectacular Xiling Gorge.

Beijing’s 600-year-old Forbidden City displays the splendor of the Ming and Qing emperors, known in Chinese lore as the “Sons of Heaven.”

“The China trip was a once-in-a-lifetime journey to eight cities. David and I are simply in awe of what you provided for the travelers. I truly believe that almost every single person in the group realizes we saw China as very few are privileged to do. Gohagan travel directors, the outstanding local guides, the hardworking and kind ship’s crew—they all were key to this incredible adventure.”

–Julie Nixon Eisenhower
June 2013 participant
The M.V. VICTORIA ANNA, refurbished in 2013, provides modern cruise comfort on the Yangtze River. It was designed by a U.S. architectural firm and custom-built to conform to Western standards.

There are only 133 spacious outside Suites and Cabins, decorated in modern Chinese and Western styles. Each features floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, from which guests can view the stunning scenery of the Three Gorges and the Yangtze River. Each air-conditioned Suite and Cabin has a private bathroom with bathtub/shower, telephone and satellite television with English and international channels.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the Dynasty Dining Room. Chinese and Western cuisine feature local ingredients. Complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are served throughout the cruise.

There are two lounges and three bars, an Observation Deck, library, wireless hotspots for Internet access, gift shop, beauty salon and fitness center. Shipboard entertainment and exercise programs feature traditional Chinese culture. A physician is on board. Laundry service is available.

The M.V. VICTORIA ANNA has a highly trained, English-speaking crew that provides personalized, amiable service.

**Hong Kong**

**Post-Program Option**

Experience the exciting contrasts and epic drama of Hong Kong, where the present is infused with the past. See Chinese junks and sampans juxtaposed with ocean liners in the harbor, temples and markets tucked below ultramodern high-rises and the interplay of the exotic and the technically advanced. Explore this bustling metropolis and enjoy a scenic sampan ride through the floating village of Aberdeen and a tram ride up Victoria Peak. Spend two nights in the Five-Star KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

In Beijing
◆ Four nights in the Five-Star PENINSULA BEIJING, located in the city center within walking distance of the Forbidden City. Full Western breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception and Peking duck dinner.
◆ Tour of the mysterious Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and walk through Tiananmen Square.
◆ Excursion to the Great Wall of China, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch en route to Beijing.
◆ Visit to the towering Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Excursion to the Temple of Heaven, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

In Xi’an
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star HILTON HOTEL, located within the ancient city walls. Full Western breakfast each morning and one dinner.
◆ Excursion to the vast complex of the Terra Cotta Warriors, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Visit to the Yangling Imperial Tombs, a unique discovery.
◆ Tour of old Xi’an and the ancient Moorish Quarter.

In Chongqing
◆ One night in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL hotel with full Western breakfast and one lunch.
◆ Panoramic city tour and visit to the Joseph Stilwell Flying Tigers Museum.
◆ Excursion to see the exceptional Dazu rock carvings, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with lunch in a local restaurant.
◆ Excursion to the Chongqing Zoo to see giant pandas.

On board the M.V. VICTORIA ANNA
◆ Three-night Yangtze River cruise from Chongqing to Yichang, with port calls at Fengdu, Wushan and Sandouping for the Three Gorges Dam.
◆ River-view Suite or Cabin with a private balcony and private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome Reception.
◆ Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
◆ Complimentary house wine and beer served at lunch and dinner.
◆ Complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea throughout the day.
◆ Complimentary Executive Lounge access, including Internet usage, Wi-Fi, and beer, wine and spirits one hour before dinner.
◆ T’ai chi exercise sessions during the cruise.
◆ Captain’s Farewell Dinner Banquet.
◆ Visit to Fengdu, “City of Ghosts.”
◆ Private boat cruise on the Goddess Stream in Wu Gorge.
◆ Transit and tour of the Three Gorges Dam, the world’s largest dam complex.

In Shanghai
◆ Three nights in the historic, Five-Star FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, located on the famous Bund. Full Western breakfast each morning.
◆ Farewell Reception.
◆ Excursion to the famed Bund and Pudong districts.
◆ Guided tour of the Shanghai Museum, the colonial-era French Concession, the exceptional YuYuan Garden and the Old Chinese Quarter.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Terra Cotta Warriors® of Qin Shihuang

In 1974, near the ancient city of Xi’an, farmers digging a well unearthed one of the most amazing archaeological discoveries of the 20th century—an army of thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and horses maintaining a silent vigil over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.). This visionary monarch, the first ruler of a unified China, 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. The emperor, as large a figure in death as he was in life, lies buried in a mausoleum that took 36 years to construct and required the efforts of 700,000 laborers. The tomb itself remains unexcavated, 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.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (Per person, based on double occupancy)

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- Singles are available in category 5 at $7495 and in category 4 at $8995 on or before October 9, 2014. Add $1000 for reservations made after October 9, 2014.
- Taxes are an additional $210 per person and are subject to change.
- Airfare Beijing/Xi’an, Xi’an/Chongqing and Yichang/Shanghai (internal program air) is $795 per person additional and subject to change.

*M.V. Victoria Anna has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

ANCIENT KINGDOMS OF CHINA RESERVATION FORM

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:

1st Choice _____  2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Hong Kong Post-Program Option
- Double at $1125 per person.
- Single at $1525 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from
  (fill in departure city)
  to Beijing, China, with return from Shanghai, China, at additional cost to be advised.1
- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

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

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Hong Kong Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2015 Ancient Kingdoms of China.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number ______________ Exp. Date ______________

Signature as it appears on credit card

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