

Wednesday, 14th - Sunday, 25th November

AIRSHOW & MUSEUMS ~ OUTLINE ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER

Depart London

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER

Arrive Beijing for a stay of one night (Half Board basis throughout, except in Hong Kong which is bed and breakfast).

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 16th NOVEMBER

This morning we visit the China Civil Aviation Museum, whose collection of airliners includes: An-2, An-24, Li-2, Il-14, C-46 BAe146 and A310.

Late afternoon we travel to Zhuhai and stay 2 nights at hotel near to the airshow venue.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER

Full day at Airshow China.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 18th NOVEMBER

Morning: ferry to Hong Kong, then coach to Hotel Salisbury; ideally located in Kowloon, overlooking Victoria Straits to Hong Kong Island and its famous skyline. Stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAYS 6-7: MONDAY, 19th & TUESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER

2 free days to enjoy as you wish.

There is the option of a days sightseeing with guide on the Monday.

One night: optional evening excursion by the famous Star Ferry to Hong Kong Island and tram railway to The Peak with fabulous views over ex-colony.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

This morning we fly back to Beijing and transfer to our city centre hotel.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

Today we visit the Military Museum of the People's Republic of China; exhibits include: a DH Beaver, T-33, MiG (or Chinese-built) 15, 17, 19 & 21, Tu-2, P-51 Mustang and a Lockheed U-2!

We then have a tour of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square etc; followed by free time.

DAY 10: FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER

In the morning we visit the Beijing Aviation Museum which has one of only 3 known Northrop P-61 Black Widow night-fighters from WWII.

Then by train to Tianjin to see the CAAC Aeronautical Institution Collection (An-12 & 24, Il-12 & 18, Boeing 707 & 737, HS Trident, Xian Y-7, Li-2 and others).

We also stop by the Zhou En-Lai & Deng Yingchao Memorial Hall to see the Presidential Il-14P.

Tonight we hope to stay in Tianjin on the "Kiev" - the ex-Soviet Pacific Fleet aircraft carrier which is currently being converted into a hotel and should be open! (to be confirmed); or we take the train back to Beijing.

DAY 11: SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER

In the morning we look around the China Aviation Museum at Datan Shan (aircraft storage area to be confirmed): the huge, famous, collection of aircraft with part of the collection being displayed in a tunnel running through a mountain!

In the afternoon we visit the Great Wall of China.

DAY 12: SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

Fly back to London

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