

China Tree Fruit Study Tour
Sponsored by the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association
July 11-26, 2005

Join fruit industry friends on a study tour to China, a fascinating and rapidly changing country that has emerged from isolation and closed markets to an era of plentiful products and free trade to become the world's leading exporter. China produces 40% of the world's apples and is increasing its yields and expanding its capabilities of producing high quality fruit for export. Large vertically integrated companies are now becoming major players, although very small orchards (less than a half acre) are still the norm. The tour will visit the two major apple areas, Shandong and Shaanxi Provinces.

The tour emphasis will be the study of the Chinese apple industry. In addition, important tourist sites will be included. Historic treasures including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Terra Cotta Warriors will be visited. The combination of tree fruit industry visits and the incredible Chinese cultural history will make this a truly memorable experience.

Join Dr. Bruce Barritt, Washington State University, tour leader, and Bob and Vera Curtis, tour coordinators, on their thirteenth tree fruit study tour.

Itinerary

- July 11 Monday. Early morning departure from west coast gateway city.
- July 12 Tuesday. Arrive Hong Kong, clear customs and transfer for afternoon flight to Qingdao in Shandong Province, the leading apple producing province in China. Overnight Hotel Equatorial, Qingdao. (D)*
- July 13 Wednesday. Full day of apple industry visits traveling across the Shandong peninsula to Yantai, the most progressive apple district in China. Overnight Hotel Pacific, Yantai. (B/L/D)
- July 14 Thursday. Full day of apple industry visits in Yantai district. Overnight Hotel Pacific, Yantai. (B/L/D)

- July 15 Friday. Full day of apple industry visits in Yantai district. Early evening flight to Beijing. Transfer to Beijing Hotel located near the Wanfujing pedestrian shopping street, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. (B/L/D)
- July 16 Saturday. Full day of guided sightseeing including the Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven and Tiananmen Square. Peking Duck dinner. Overnight Beijing Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 17 Sunday. Full day tour to the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs. Overnight Beijing Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 18 Monday. Morning visit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service. Afternoon free to explore the city. Evening flight to Xian. Transfer to the Sheraton Hotel next to the ancient city wall surrounding the inner city. (B/L/D)
- July 19 Tuesday. Full day of apple industry visits near Xian. Overnight Sheraton Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 20 Wednesday. Full day of apple industry visits near Xian. Overnight Sheraton Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 21 Thursday. Full day guided tour to the 2,000-year-old life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors and the historic sites of Xian. Overnight Sheraton Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 22 Friday. Morning free to explore Xian, late afternoon flight to Guilin. Overnight Hotel Sheraton. (B/L/D)
- July 23 Saturday. All day guided cruise on the Li River past scenic limestone peaks to the village of Yangshuo. Return to Guilin. Overnight Hotel Sheraton. (B/L/D)
- July 24 Sunday. Guilin city guided tour with free afternoon to explore the picturesque city. Evening flight to Hong Kong. Transfer to Hyatt Regency Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 25 Monday. Morning Hong Kong city guided tour with afternoon at your leisure. Floating restaurant dinner. Overnight Hyatt Regency Hotel. (B/L/D)
- July 26 Tuesday. Morning free, afternoon transfer to airport for flight to U.S., arriving the same day. (B)

*Meals included; B breakfast, L lunch and D dinner.

TOUR COSTS

\$3,995 per person double occupancy for 16-day China tour. Single supplement is \$750. The tour cost includes round trip airfare from San Francisco plus intra-China flights, surface transportation via chartered bus, all hotels as indicated in itinerary, meals as indicated in itinerary (B: Breakfast/ L: Lunch/ D: Dinner), agricultural visits as indicated in itinerary, sightseeing tours as indicated in itinerary, services of national guide/interpreter, services of local sightseeing guides, baggage portage at airports and hotels where available, tips for guides and drivers, visa fee for U.S. and Canadian citizens, all taxes and fees for above. Tour is fully escorted by Dr. Bruce Barritt and Bob and Vera Curtis. For those wishing to use air miles for travel from San Francisco to Hong Kong and return, the tour cost can be reduced by \$700.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms, conditions and limitation of liability under which this tour operates are detailed hereunder, and the payment of the tour deposit or tour price represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

1. This tour is organized and/or operated by Bob's Tour and Travel and Jalpak International, America, (hereinafter called "the parties"). The International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association is not responsible for the operation of this tour.
2. The parties reserve the right to alter or change the accommodation or carriers at any time for any reason. The parties reserve the right to cancel or alter the itinerary and/or tour without notice as may be found necessary for any reason whatsoever. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
3. No passengers will be permitted to continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the parties, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The parties will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any such reason.
4. The parties can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by the parties in the tour, and the parties will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
5. The parties reserve the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payments have not been received by the parties within the times specified in the tour offering. It is a condition of carriage that a passenger has paid all tour moneys prior to the departure of the tour.
6. The parties reserve the right to vary the price advertised or printed to cover any significant increase in air fare, fuel price, or other tour related tariffs or costs. Passengers are reminded that this is a condition of travel.
7. Where the parties do not operate the tour, attractions, excursions and/or optional tours (hereafter called the "Tour Inclusion") which may be included in this tour itinerary or associated with the tour, the parties shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of any such Tour Inclusion undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise.
8. Baggage is entirely at "owners risk" during the tour unless private insurance has been taken out. Passengers are CAUTIONED against leaving articles on board carriers or the tour coach at any time.
9. Due to government regulations and the parties policy, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED INSIDE TOURIST COACHES; however, frequent stops provide ample opportunity for those who desire to smoke.
10. The parties will not be bound by any representation reported to have been made on their behalf unless the representation is confirmed by the parties.
11. Airlines used in association with this tour are not responsible for statements in the tour offering relating to the tour or any of its features, and the parties indemnify the airlines against any claim, action, loss or damage which may be made against the airlines or which the airlines may incur as a result of any mis-description or misleading information contained in this tour offering. The passenger tickets in use by the airline when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers using these tickets.

TOUR PRICES: All prices printed in this tour offering are in U.S. dollars. Payment may be made by personal or company check. CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$250.00 per person is due at the time of booking to hold your reservation. \$100 of this amount is non-refundable. DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT IS FEBRUARY 11, 2005. PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH WE ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN THIS TOUR, IT IS NECESSARY TO STRICTLY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. SPACE WILL BE CONFIRMED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS UPON RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT. Final payment is due, in full, prior to departure. DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAYMENT IS APRIL 11, 2005. This payment indicates your acceptance of the party's terms and conditions. Your deposit is accepted as the first installment of your total itinerary package cost. CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: Provided the parties have received full tour payment, Bob's Tour and Travel will mail your documents approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to tour departure.

CANCELLATION FEES: Cancellations must be made in writing and such notice is not effective until received by the parties. Days of notice commence from the day notice is received (during office hours not being weekend or public holiday) by the parties. The following cancellation fees, per person, apply:

90 or more days prior to departure: \$100 per person.

89-61 days prior to departure: 25% of total plus applicable airline fees.

60-31 days prior to departure: No refund unless space can be resold. (Minimum \$100 fee, per person, will apply.)

30-0 days prior to departure: No refund.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return necessitated by death or illness, etc.).

MODIFICATIONS: A fee of \$100 per file is payable for each change to your original booking to cover communication and administration cost, plus any additional travel costs attributable to the changes made. No modifications may be made less than 60 days from tour departure. ANY DEVIATION FROM THE GROUP ITINERARY SHOWN (air travel dates or cities visited) WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL

CHARGE OF \$50.00 PER PERSON PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL AIRFARE APPLICABLE. PERSONS MAKING THEIR OWN AIR ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSFER COSTS IN JOINING AND LEAVING THE TOUR.

AIR FARES: Air fares used in this tour offering are based on air tariffs in effect as of Sept. 1, 2004. Airfares are subject to increase, without notice, due to fluctuations of international currency rates or increase in tariff fares by airlines.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Experienced travelers realize it is best to limit themselves to one checked suitcase which they can easily handle by themselves. You must limit yourself to One (1) medium/large suitcase per person plus one overnight bag which may be carried on the coach. Intra-China flights will be very strict in observing this rule. Additional baggage will be subject to excess baggage charges and will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.

PASSPORT AND VISAS: VISITORS TO CHINA ARE REQUIRED TO POSSESS A VALID PASSPORT WHICH MUST BE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER YOUR RETURN. A VISA IS REQUIRED TO VISIT CHINA.

It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain all required travel documents prior to travel. U.S. and Canadian citizens may obtain their Chinese visa through Bob's Tour and Travel. The \$75 fee is included in your tour cost. Visa applications and information will be sent upon confirmation. Citizens of countries other than U.S. or Canada must obtain a visa from the Chinese consulate in your country. You may deduct \$75 from your tour cost.

TIPPING/GRATUITIES: Tips are included for driver/guides and airport/hotel porters where available. Other tips are at the discretion of the passenger.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The parties act only as agents in securing all services related to this tour, and their liability is limited to terms of the tickets. The parties are not liable in the event of any failure by any person or company to render any transportation, accommodation or other travel services to be provided on this tour, or for expense incurred due to the delays caused by weather or other acts of God, or in the event of strikes, quarantine, war, aircraft delays or mechanical failure. Although every effort will be made to adhere to the flight schedule, the safety of passengers will always have first priority over all else. For this reason we cannot assume any responsibility for flight delays, cancellations or missed connections and are not liable for any expenses or consequences resulting therefrom. IATAN or ARC airline carriers, together with the parties and/or its ground operators are not to be held responsible for any act or omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the tour passenger. Any and all transportation companies mentioned shall have or incur no responsibility for liability to any traveler. All services are subject to laws of the countries where used.

Tour Registration Form

Clip and mail to: IDFTA TOUR, Attn: Bob Curtis, 1380 Eastmont #203, East Wenatchee, WA. 98802, U.S.A.

(Please give name/s exactly as they appear on your passport.)

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(Please include your e-mail address as most communication will be via e-mail. Write legibly, please)

Please reserve _____ spaces on the IDFTA China Tour 2005.

Enclosed find \$ _____ (US) as deposit for _____ people. (\$250.00 each, deposit due Feb. 11, 2005).

I will room with: _____ Please assign me a roommate: _____

Age bracket: Under 30: _____ 30-50: _____ Over 50: _____ Smoking: _____ Non-smoking: _____

I prefer a single room and will pay a single supplement (\$750.00) _____

My frequent flyer number is: _____. (Cathay Pacific partner airlines are: Japan Air Lines, Qantas, British, Alaska Airlines, American Air Lines and LanChile)

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Passport # and date of issue, passenger #1: _____

Passport # and date of issue, passenger #2: _____

(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "IDFTA TOUR". CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.)