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2011 CSCCI Tibet Special and Southern China

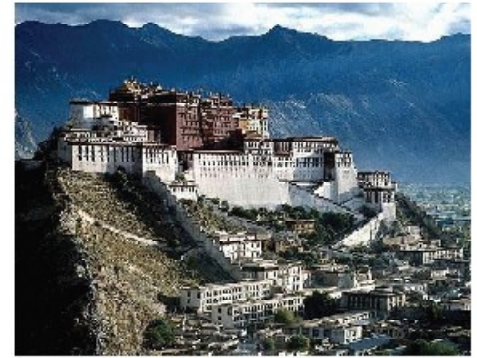


Departure Date: May, 28 2011

May 29 – June 5, 2011: 8 Day Tibet Special, starting in Beijing, will travel to Xining, Lhasa & Gyantze in Tibet, and Chendu in Sichuan Province.

Member Price: \$2199 without international airfare

Non-Member Price: \$2224 without international airfare



June 5 – June 12, 2011: Additional 8 Day Southern China Tour in continuation with the Tibet Special. Includes the Tibet Special, Guilin, Hong Kong, Macau, Kao Hsiung and Taipei.

Member Price: \$4649 without international airfare

Non-Member Price: \$4674 without international airfare



All pricing is for a minimum of 10 people
Final Payments and Registration due February 1, 2011
Register at: www.regonline.com/2011CSCCI

View detailed itinerary at:
<http://www.chinatravelandtour.com/2011CSCCI.pdf>

Prices Include: Pre-trip orientation with written guide, tour escort from CSCCI, professional English speaking national & local tour guides, round-trip airfare from Colorado Springs, all China domestic flights, sales taxes, airport fees, all entrance fees, four or five Star hotel, meals and more...

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The Year of the Rabbit 2/03/2011 - 2/22/2012

On the Western calendar, the start of the Chinese New Year falls on Sunday, February 3, 2011. If you were born in 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999 or 2011 you were born in the Year of the Rabbit. Albert Einstein, Leon Trotsky, Frank Sinatra, Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp, Whitney Houston and David Beckham are a few famous Rabbits. People born in the Year of the Rabbit are compatible with those born under the Year of the Sheep, Dog and Pig.

Rabbit people are calm, gentle, charismatic and thoughtful. Articulate, talented, persistent and ambitious they are clever and wise in business.

They are recognized for their tactful and considerate interactions. It is common that others seek their advice because of their strategic skills. Though afraid to commit at the start of a relationship they become a trusted life-long partner. Rabbit people also stand out in a crowd because of their innate artistic abilities and keen sense of fashion.

It is predicted that the Year of the Rabbit will bring peace, world-wide and personally. Art will also become recognized and influential during the Year of the Rabbit.

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CHINESE PROVERB

“The bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.”

FENG SHUI TIP

Don't put mirror in the bedroom, the reflection of the mirror creates a sort of intrusion on your peaceful sleep and a stress between the partners.

Wood promotes development and creative energies. You can use wooden objects to promote motivation, inspiration and passion without overwhelming your home.

Source:

<http://www.thespiritualfengshui.com/feng-shui-tips.php>

Do you recognize these famous rabbits:

Bugs Bunny - “eh, what’s up doc?” Warner Brother’s Cartoon mascot.

Peter Rabbit - The rabbit in Beatrix Potter’s children books.

Velveteen Rabbit - a stuffed toy made real by love by the Nursery Magic Fairy.

Trix Rabbit - “Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids”, slogan of the General Mills cereal.

Roger Rabbit - fictional cartoon character from “Who Framed Roger Rabbit”.

VW Rabbit - the Volkswagen car that replaced the VW Beetle.

“Down the rabbit hole” - a metaphor for adventure into the unknown.

Rabbit’s foot - an amulet that is believed to bring good luck.

The Energizer Bunny - the sunglass and blue sandal wearer who keeps drumming and drumming and drumming.

The White Rabbit - “I’m Late! I’m Late!” says this rabbit in Alice in Wonderland.

Jack-a-lope - a creature born from a dwarf deer and a jack rabbit.

“Hare” - watercolor by Albrecht Durer.



Chinese Arts and Authors

A new feature of our newsletter will be to introduce readers of Tea Leaves to works of Chinese artists and authors or to works about China or Chinese people.

Book Review

Anchee Min has written seven books, all based on her life and memories of China. Her first was *Red Azalea*, an autobiography of growing up in China during communist rule and China's Cultural Revolution. A best seller published in 1994, it has been translated into 32 languages. This past summer, I had the pleasure of reading three of her works: *Empress Orchid*, *The Last Empress* and *Pearl of China*. *Empress Orchid* and *The Last Empress* tell the story of a poor Manchurian girl who is chosen as one of the seven wives of Emperor Hsien Feng. These books are a fictionalized account of Empress Dowager Cixi, who ruled China during the last 46 years of the Ch'ing Dynasty, through the Emperor and her son. The books' setting is the Forbidden City and Anchee Min provides fascinating details of the structural and design significance of the Forbidden City as well as court life.

Anchee Min's latest book is *Pearl of China*. In this book, Min honors Pearl S. Buck (*The Good Earth*) through the telling of a story of the life-long friendship between Willow, a Chinese girl, and Pearl. The story conveys how the friendship survives and endures even amidst China's cultural and political transitions. Anchee Min's books are filled with historical information written within the context of her stories. Min also authored *Katherine*, *Become Madame Mao* and *Wild Ginger*, which I am excited to read.

Movie Review

Last Train Home

Save *Last Train Home* on your Netflix Queue. It is unlikely that this remarkable documentary, directed by Lixin Fan, will show at any of our local theaters. The story follows the Zhang family, whose parents left their children behind sixteen years ago to seek work in the large booming economic cities of China in hopes of creating a better life for their children. The dilemma this creates as well as the cultural and economic transitions occurring in China is depicted in a manner that causes the viewers to reflect upon their own lives. *Last Train Home* has received numerous awards, including Best Cinematography (Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival) and winner of the San Francisco International Film Festival Golden Gate Award for Investigative Documentary.

Greetings,

The Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute along with China Travel and Tour would like to invite you to join our annual tour to China.

This year's tour will consist of a fun-filled adventurous trip through Tibet with the option of traveling through Southern China. Starting in Beijing, you will work your way to Tibet and embark on an adventurous expedition. Your journey through Tibet will be an 8-day tour, which will start in Xining and take the world's highest train by elevation through the Tibetan Plateau to Lhasa. Here you will explore this fascinating city with many famous temples along with nearby lakes and peaks that lay within the Himalayas. You will travel to the roof of the world and explore the cities, monasteries and view the spectacular landscapes of the Tibet Plateau. This trip is recommended for those of you who wish to adventure into a divine land. Your trip will end in Chengdu Sichuan Province where you will see the famous Panda Bears of China.



Your journey has the option to continue through Southern China. There will be an extended 8-day tour (total of 16 days with the Tibet Special) that starts from Chendu and leads you to Guilin and Yangshuo. Here you will go on a remarkable river tour with the splendid sights of the countryside and limestone peaks. Then you will fly to Hong Kong, visit Macau and continue the Southern China Tour to Kao Hsiung and Taipei the modern capital of Taiwan. By the way Kao Hsiung has a sister city relationship with Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,
Mali Hsu
Founder and Chairwoman

2011 Chinese New Year Festival Celebrating the Year of the Rabbit February 5, 2011

In celebrating our 10th anniversary and Colorado's largest Chinese New Year Festival, the event will be held in Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 11am-4pm. at the historic City Auditorium located at 221 East Kiowa, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

The Main Arena will feature local organizations linked to Chinese culture, vendors with items from throughout Asia, culinary selections from local Chinese restaurants and short feature performances from the main stage throughout the day. A kids-zone and Tea House are also planned.

Local businesses with links to Chinese culture are encouraged to participate and sponsorship opportunities are also available. Those wishing to participate, sponsor, volunteer or simply learn more, may contact us at 287-7624 or email at mali.cscii@gmail.com.

CSCCI would like to acknowledge the **BEE VRADENBURG FOUNDATION** and the **GAY AND LESBIAN FUND FOR COLORADO** for their continual support of the Chinese New Year Festival.

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CALENDAR

February 3

Chinese New Year

The 1st day of the 1st month of the Lunar New Year

February 5

CSCCI 10th Anniversary Chinese New Year Festival

City Auditorium, Colorado Springs, CO 11 am - 4pm

February 17

Lantern Festival

The last day of Chinese NY is celebrated on the 15th day of the new year. Colorful lanterns are hung to celebrate and appreciate the 1st full moon.

March 6

Longtaitou Festival

(Azure Dragon Festival)

It is a celebration of the blue dragon, whom is believed to bring rain and control insects to promote a successful harvest.

May 29 - June 5

CSCCI Southern China and Tibet Tour

See ad in this issue for additional information and reservations.

June 6

Dragon Boat Festival

Festival to honor the ancient poet, Qu Yuan

July 24/25

Annual Denver Dragon Boat Festival: Sloan's Lake Park, 10 - 7pm

August 6

Double Seventh

The once in a year day when the goddess, Zhi Nu (the Vega star) and her lover, Niu Lang (the Altair star), separated (by the Milky Way), meets.

August 14

Ghost or Spirit Festival

A day when paper money and offerings are made to dead ancestors.

September 12

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

Held on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar to celebrate the end of the summer harvest.

October 5

Double Ninth

To avoid too much "yang", it is customary to climb a high mountain, drink chrysanthemum wine and wear the zhuyu (Cornus officinalis) plant to maintain balance.

November 10

Water Lantern Festival

Flower shaped lanterns or other offerings are placed on a stream or river to meet visiting spirits/ghosts.

December 1

Winter Solstice Festival

(Chinese Thanksgiving)

Please submit future events to
tea.leaves@cscci.org

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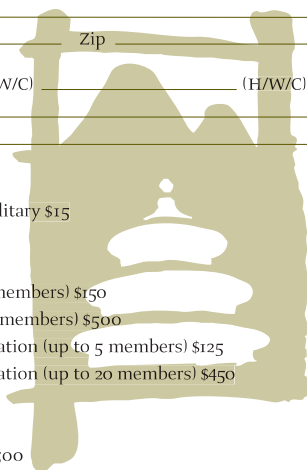
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