An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

With Li Jian, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Curator of East Asian Art at VMFA
Dear VMFA Members,

Journey with VMFA on an exclusive 19-day journey to discover the highlights of China, including the mysteries of Tibet, the grandeur of the Yangtze River, and the Terracotta Army in Xian. Traveling with you will be Li Jian, VMFA curator of East Asian Art and curator of two recent VMFA exhibitions: The Forbidden City, and Terracotta Army: Legacy of the First Emperor of China.

Our journey takes us from the Great Wall to giant pandas, and from the pinnacle of Himalayan spirituality to the cosmopolitan splendors of Shanghai. We begin in 2,000-year-old Beijing, site of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the legendary Great Wall. Next, we fly to Xian where we see treasures of the ancient capital of China, including the Terracotta Army. From Xian, we fly to Lhasa to absorb Tibet’s pervasive Buddhist spirituality, with visits to the vast Potala Palace, and Tibet's most sacred Buddhist site, the 7th-century Jokhang Temple. We continue to Chonqing, where will we have a full day excursion to Dazu, to view the UNESCO World Heritage site Wall Carvings before boarding our ship for a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River, and conclude our tour in Shanghai. To make the adventure even more memorable, travelers on this tour can opt for two extra nights in Shanghai at journey’s end.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,
Adele “Hutch” Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

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VMFA RESERVATION FORM: CHINA, TIBET & THE YANGTZE RIVER

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $_____ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on China, Tibet & the Yangtze River departing April 17, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from ____________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade □
I will share a room with ____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

Post-Tour “Shanghai – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for China, Tibet & the Yangtze River, April 17-May 5, 2019, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment □ Check □ American Express □ Discover □ MasterCard □ VISA
Account # _____________________________ Security Code ___________ Exp. Date ______________
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
China, Tibet &
the Yangtze River

19 days for $7,287 total price from Washington, DC
($6,795 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $492 airline taxes and fees)

This distinctive small group journey combines a special visit to remote, spiritual Tibet with a memorable cruise on the Yangtze, China’s fabled “long river.” Adding grace notes to this highly popular itinerary: intriguing Beijing, the extraordinary Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, and cosmopolitan Shanghai. East meets West in a joyful convergence.

Days 1-2: Depart U.S. for Beijing, China We arrive in the Chinese capital and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax, we embark on a brief walking tour. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 3: Beijing After this morning’s briefing about the journey ahead, we begin our discovery of this 2,000-year-old city at vast Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, seat of imperial power from 1368–1911. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Beijing/Great Wall This morning we enjoy a small group highlight, as we ride rickshaws through Beijing’s ancient back roads and alleys (hutongs) and enjoy a home visit, giving us a glimpse of the traditional communal lifestyle. Then we stop at Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Games. This afternoon we head to the Mu Tian Yu section of the Great Wall, the network of ancient defense installations that stretches more than 5,500 miles. B,L,D

Day 5: Beijing This morning we tour the splendid Temple of Heaven complex, where China’s rulers once worshipped. This afternoon we visit the Summer Palace, the former royal retreat, now a lovely park. B,L

Day 6: Beijing/Xian We fly this morning to Xian, a provincial backwater until the accidental discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974. Upon arrival we visit the Yangling Mausoleum, a Han Dynasty tomb dating to 153 CE. After lunch at a local restaurant we tour Xian’s impressive nine-mile city wall and moat. Tonight we enjoy a special dumpling dinner. B,L,D

Day 7: Xian Our day begins with a visit to the revered Small Wild Goose Pagoda (c. 652 CE). After lunch we tour the museum housing the army of 7,000 life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors that had lain buried and forgotten for more than two millennia. B,L,D

Day 8: Xian This morning we tour the Shanxi Provincial Museum, with an acclaimed collection of historic and cultural artifacts. We eat lunch in a local restaurant then visit a typical farming village where we meet the local people and see their lifestyle up close. B,L

Cover Photo: On Day 11, we tour Tibet’s Potala Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
Day 9: Xian/Lhasa  Early today we fly to Lhasa, Tibet’s capital and only major city. Sitting on a plateau between two Himalayan ridges, the Chinese province of Tibet covers an area as large as Western Europe. On the way to our hotel we stop to visit with a Tibetan family in their home. Since the altitude here is approximately 12,000 feet above sea level, we spend the remainder of the day acclimating. B,L,D

Day 10: Lhasa  Our day begins in the heart of the old city at Jokhang, Tibet’s holiest temple. Built in 647, Jokhang is an intriguing complex that attracts pilgrims day and night. Surrounding Jokhang is Barkhor, a plaza lined with chanting monks, street performers, and vendors. Later we tour the summer palace of the Dalai Lamas at Norbulinka; tonight, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 11: Lhasa  Opened to foreigners only since 1984, Tibet is a profoundly spiritual place where Buddhism has infused all aspects of life for 13 centuries. We see evidence of this at 17th-century Potala Palace, with 200,000 Buddha images and 1,000 rooms, some of which we explore this morning. This afternoon we visit the vast Sera Monastery. B,L,D

Day 12: Lhasa/Chongqing  We fly today to Chongqing, where we visit the local zoo to see the beloved pandas. B,L,D

Day 13: Chongqing/Dazu/Board Ship  Today’s excursion features the Dazu Rock Carvings dating back more than a millennium — and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. These cliffside carvings reflect Buddhist teachings, tenets of Confucianism, and local folklore. Tonight we board our river ship and set sail downstream. B,L,D

Day 14: Yangtze Cruising – Shibaozhai or Fengdu  Prize for its haunting natural beauty, the Yangtze is one of the world’s longest (3,600 miles) and busiest rivers. This afternoon we visit either the Red Pagoda in Shibaozhai or the “ghost city” of Fengdu. B,L,D

Day 15: Yangtze Cruising – Qutang Gorge/Wu Gorge/Small Gorges/Xiling Gorge  Today we pass through narrow Qutang Gorge followed by tranquil Wu Gorge. Then we board a small sampan for a cruise through the stunning Small Gorges. Back on board our Victoria Cruises ship this afternoon, we enter 42-mile Xiling Gorge. B,L,D

Day 16: Yangtze Cruising – Three Gorges Dam/Shanghai  After visiting the site of the immense Three

Post-Tour Extension

May 5-7, 2019

SHANGHAI – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights

for $195 total price

Single Supplement: $165

Spend additional time exploring dynamic Shanghai, China’s most prosperous, vibrant, and cosmopolitan city.

Your Tour Price Includes

• 2 nights’ accommodations at The Kunlun Jing An Hotel (Deluxe)
• 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
• Transfer to the airport
Gorges Dam we continue on to Yichang, where we disembark and fly to Shanghai, the “Paris of the East.” B,L

Day 17: Shanghai Our day begins with a walking tour of the Xin Tian Di shopping and entertainment area of reconstituted traditional homes. We continue on to beloved 16th-century Yu Yuan Gardens, whose plantings, courtyards, and pavilions create the illusion of mountains, caverns and lakes. Then after lunch together we tour the acclaimed Shanghai Museum of ancient Chinese art and artifacts. Tonight we dine on our own then attend a lively acrobatics show. B,L

Day 18: Shanghai This morning we visit the Bund, the mile-long riverside embankment where foreign investors – and their buildings – once held sway. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we toast our China adventure at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 19: Depart for U.S. We depart Shanghai for our return flight to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights aboard Superior First Class ship of Victoria Cruises; 14 nights in Deluxe hotels
- 43 meals: 17 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip, including on shore excursions
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Guest Curator
Li Jian is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Curator of East Asian Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Previous to joining VMFA in August 2007, she served as Kettering Curator of Asian Art at the Dayton Art Institute from 1995, and before that as a Mellon Fellow at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. She received a BA in English and management in Beijing, and an MA degree in the history of art from the University of Minnesota. Since completing the installation of VMFA’s new East Asian galleries, Li has focused on strengthening the museum’s Chinese, Japanese, and Korean holdings. She has organized the major exhibition Forbidden City, which featured the imperial art collection from the Palace Museum, Beijing.

Victoria Cruises Premier Ships

Launched/Rebuilt: 2004–2011
Registry: Chinese
Crew: 121–189

Air Conditioning: Yes
Decks: 5 or 6
Passenger Capacity: 218–378

All Cabins: Private balcony; satellite TV with HBO

Tour Departs: April 17, 2019
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Land Only (transfers not included) $6,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $492, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $3,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour. Lhasa’s altitude (12,090 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. You should consult with your physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765
Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

“TRAVEL IS FLIGHT AND PURSUIT IN EQUAL PARTS.”
– Peter Matthiessen
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
- cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
- cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
- cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
- cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.
If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement.

No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.

Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE VMFA TOUR TO CHINA AND TIBET!
April 17-May 5, 2019