

Cruise Holidays of Clarkson proudly presents

# China, Yangtze River Cruise & Hong Kong

18 Days from Beijing to Hong Kong Oct 10 - 27, 2011





This special departure is hosted by Jean Stilwell of Classical 96.3 fm











I am absolutely delighted that - once again!!! - Joe and Zaneta Rochemont have invited me to travel with Cruise Holidays of Clarkson and our beloved Classical 96.3FM listeners.

## **Destination?** China.

Those of you who traveled with me to the Mekong Delta, and to France and Spain, will know that right from the get-go not one detail is overlooked. Cruise Holidays looks after our luggage, they ferry us from the airports to the hotels when we land, they arrange for fascinating tours in each and every city we visit and, when we have free time, their staff always have excellent "insider" suggestions on what to do, where to shop, and how to get there in every city and port.

This is an exotic trip that I cannot imagine planning on my own. The good news is that Cruise Holidays of Clarkson has offered this trip before and so they already know all of the ropes. Tiananmen Square. The Forbidden City. The Terra Cotta Warriors - all two thousand of them!!! I can't wait to walk along the Great Wall. I'm already reading up on the history, poring over our route from Beijing to Hong Kong in my atlas, salivating over thoughts of the food and dreaming about the silk!

On Day Nine of our trip, we're going to board a deluxe riverboat for a four-day trip on the Yangtze. We'll cruise through the stunningly beautiful Three Gorges, we'll see the controversial, massive dam and even ride a sampan into smaller gorges and look for monkeys and goats.

At the end of our trip we visit the "Paris of the Orient" - Shanghai - for three nights and then we finish off our grand adventure with three nights in Hong Kong.

My friend, pianist and collaborator Patti Loach, will once again be traveling with us. She totes a huge camera so we're all guaranteed some good photographs. And, to quote one of our dear friends from the Mekong trip, "Whenever I saw Patti's blonde head of curls, I knew I was where I should be!!!"

2011 is the Year of the Rabbit so please get hopping and book soon. I know this trip is going to sell quickly!!!

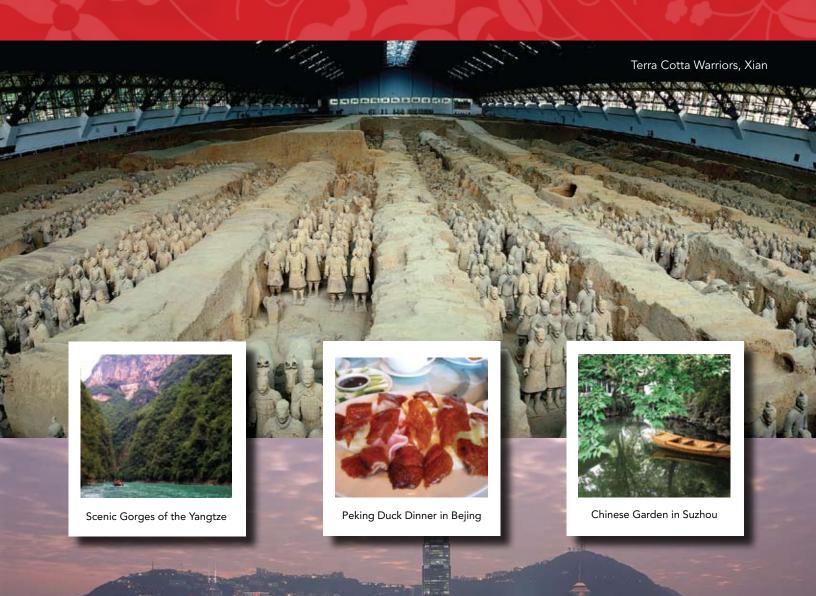


Jean Stilwell Mezzo Soprano Co-Host of Good Day G.T.A. Classical 96.3FM



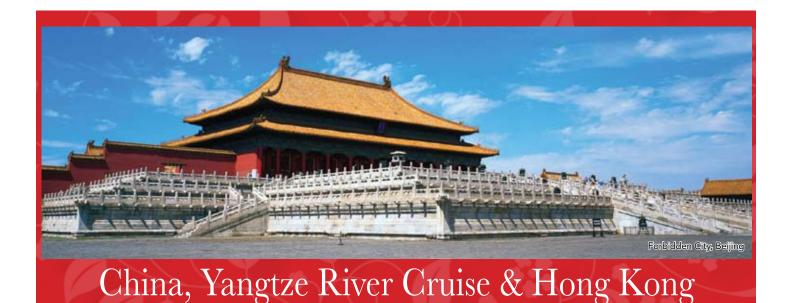
Patti Loach Pianist & Collaborator





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**DAY 1 OCT 10 TORONTO-BEIJING** This morning you will fly to Beijing, a modern metropolis with the charm of an ancient city in the East via Hong Kong. *Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways* 

**DAY 2 OCT 11 ARRIVE BEIJING (D)** After customs formalities, you will be transferred to the hotel. In the evening, join the group at the hotel restaurant for your welcome dinner. *Crown Plaza Hotel (superior room) or similar (3 nights)* 

**DAY 3 OCT 12 BEIJING (B/L/D)** Visit the historic Tian An Men Square where Mao Tse Tung first raised the flag of the People's Republic. Then visit the Forbidden City where, in earlier times, only members of the Emperor's family were permitted. The tour continues to the Summer Palace, a former retreat for the imperial family. Tonight, savour a Peking duck dinner at the famous Quanjude Restaurant.

**DAY 4 OCT 13 BEIJING (B/L/D)** Today visit the Great Wall, built over 2,000 years ago and

covering a distance of 5,000 km. In the afternoon you will visit the Temple of Heaven which features the Hall of Prayer for Bountiful Harvests. Dinner at local Restaurant followed by a cultural performance (Kungfu Show)

**DAY 5 OCT 14 BEIJING-XIAN (B/D)** Free morning for you to explore the city on their own. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to the ancient city of

Xian. Savour specialty dumpling at Defachang Restaurant. Accommodation: Xi'an Golden Flower Hotel (deluxe room) or similar (2 nights)

DAY 6 OCT 15 XIAN (B/L/D) A full day tour includes a visit to the Mausoleum of Qin Emperor Shi Huang Di, the first emperor of China. Admire the 6,000 crafted life-size terracotta warriors and horses. In the evening, enjoy a special dinner show of cultural Tang dancing, typical of imperial

entertainment during the Tang Dynasty.

**DAY 7 OCT 16 XIAN-GUILIN (B/D)** The tour today will include the Drum Tower and the Great Mosque. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Guilin, China's ancient and scenic wonderland. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Western set dinner or buffet dinner at hotel. Accommodation: Guilin Sheraton Hotel (deluxe room) or similar (2 nights)

DAY 8 OCT 17 GUILIN (B/L/D) A boat trip down the Li River offers 30 miles of

breathtaking scenery. The beautiful landscape has been the subject of countless poems and paintings since ancient times. Your cruise will end at the colourful market town of Yangshou. After that you will take the village tour. Return by coach to the hotel. Western set dinner at hotel, Minority show – Fantastic Guilin.





**DAY 9 OCT 18 GUILIN-CHONGQING (B/L/D)** You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Chongqing. Upon arrival, you will have a brief city tour of Chongqing before being transferred to your 5\* deluxe cruise ship. Dinner will be at a local restaurant Accommodation: MV President Prime or similar (4 nights)

**DAY 10 OCT 19 YANGTZE CRUISE FENGDU (B/L/D)** At the town of Fengdu a shore excursion shows the new resettlement town on the Yangtze's south bank, a farmer's home and a local market. Return to the ship and continue your downstream cruise.

DAY 11 OCT 20 YANGTZE CRUISE QUTANG GORGE /SMALL GORGES (B/L/D) EXCURSION / WU GORGE / XILING GORGE Cruise through the first of the fabled

Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge hemmed by mossy cliffs. At Wushan, a cruiser excursion takes you up the Daning River to view the splendid Small Gorges. Continue by sampan to the picturesque mini-gorges of the Ma Du River with its clear, swift water, unusual rock formations, and monkeys and goats along the banks. Alternatively, your excursion may be on Shennong Stream with its famed small gorges. Sail on through Wu Gorge, celebrated for its Twelve Peaks. Next sail through Xiling Gorge, the most scenic of all the gorges. Finally, sail through the huge Three Gorges ship locks.

DAY 12 OCT 21 YANGTZE CRUISE XILING GORGE / SAN DOU PING /YICHANG-SHANGHAI (B/L/D) This morning, stop at San Dou Ping for a shore excursion to see the massive Three Gorges Dam , the world's largest hydroelectric project. Cruise on to Yichang, where you disembark. Then you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Buffet dinner at hotel. Accommodation: Sheraton Hong Kou Hotel (deluxe room) or similar (3 nights)

**DAY 13 OCT 22 SHANGHAI (B/L/D)** Visit the Bund, often referred to as the "Wall Street" of former foreign powers, and the predestrian street – Nanjing Road. This morning we also visit Old Downtown (Temple of the city God). Old Downtown has many narrow zigzag lanes, small squares, fish pond and pavilion linked by stone bridges.

It collects many favorite local bars, restaurants, tea houses and souvenir shops.

After that, we visit Shanghai Museum, one of the best museums in the world. It houses a collection of over 120,000 fine relics. Marvel at the display of stone sculptures and carvings, Chinese paintings and antique furniture. In the afternoon, we visit the Children's Palace, a school for truly gifted children. Enjoy an acrobatic performance in the evening.

**DAY 14 OCT 23 SHANGHAI-SUZHOU-SHANGHAI (B/L/D)** Full day tour to Suzhou by coach. The highlight of Suzhou is a Grand Canal Cruise followed by a visit to the "Three Attractions of Panmen" and the Fishmen Net Master garden. We return to Shanghai in the evening. Tonight enjoy a local

favour dinner at local restaurant.

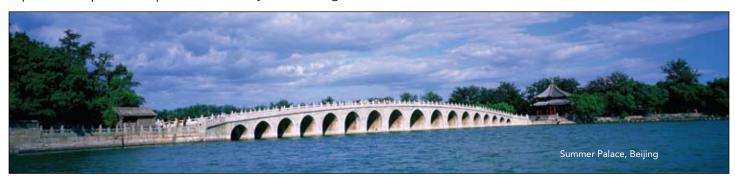
DAY 15 OCT 24 SHANGHAI-HONG KONG (B/L) Free morning for you to explore the city on your own. After lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong, the city of life where east and west meet to create a fascinating mix of cultures. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel *Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airway. Accommodation: Harbour Grand Kowloon Hotel* (harbourview room) or similar (3 nights)

**DAY 16 OCT 25 HONG KONG (B/L)** Today's Island tour begins with a drive through the Central District, then on to the famous fishing village of Aberdeen.

Repulse Bay is next with its stretch of golden sandy beaches making it the most picturesque area in Hong Kong. Your Island tour ends at Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the harbour, the mountains of Kowloon and the islands of the South China Sea. Balance of the day is free for shopping or exploring.

**DAY 17 OCT 26 HONG KONG (B/D)** Today is a free day for you to explore the city on your own. Join the group for your farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant, including unlimited soft drink, beer, orange juice, red wine or white wine.

**DAY 18 OCT 27 HONG KONG-TORONTO (B)** The morning is at leisure for last minute shopping. In the afternoon you will transfer to the airport for your flight to return home. *Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways* 





## **MV** President Prime

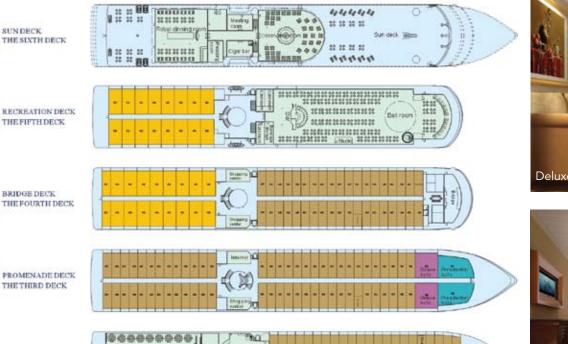














**Deluxe** Suite



BRIDGE DECK THE FOURTH DECK

PROMENADE DECK THE THIRD DECK

UPPER DECK THE SECOND DECK \*\*\*\*\*\*

- Dinning room (

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#### PACKAGE PRICE

In Canadian dollars, per person

Cat	DOUBLE	SINGLE
Deluxe Cabin	\$7,700	\$9,490
Deluxe Suite	\$8,490	\$10,690
Excecutive Suite	\$8,890	



#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Scheduled transatlantic flights
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 5\* deluxe hotel accommodation as indicated in the itinerary or similar
- 4 day Yangtze River cruise and shore excursions
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Evening performances as indicated in the itinerary
- All sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary including entrance fees
- Hosted by Jean Stilwell of Classical 96.3 fm and her collaborator Patti Loach
- Local Tour Director service in Mainland China from Oct 11 to Oct 24 (excluding Hong Kong)
- English speaking local guides in each city
- Two bottles of water onboard the coach every day
- China visa fee
- All gratuities

### OPTIONAL PRE TOUR Chengdu - Tibet

5 nights / 6 days • October 5 - 11, 2011

**DAY 1 OCT 5 TORONTO-CHENGDU** This morning you will fly to Chengdu via Hong Kong. *Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways* 

**DAY 2 OCT 6 ARRIVE CHENGDU (D)** Arrive in Chengdu. Meet and transfer to Shangri-la hotel. Welcome buffet dinner at hotel. Accommodation: Shangri-la hotel (superior room) or similar (2 nights)

**DAY 3 OCT 7 CHENGDU (B/L/D)** Morning tour of Panda Breeding and Research Base. In the afternoon, we visit the Sanxingdui Han Dynasty Tomb. Enjoy a famous hot pot dinner tonight.

**DAY 4 OCT 8 CHENGDU–LHASA (B/D)** We fly to Lhasa today. The afternoon is free for you to adjust to local latitude. Dinner at hotel. Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton Hotel (superior room) or similar (3 nights)

**DAY 5 OCT 9 LHASA (B/L)** Visit the imposing Potala Palace, once the center of the Tibetan government and the former



winter residence of the Dalai Lama. Also, visit one of Tibet's oldest shrines, Jokhang Temple, then spend time in the pilgrim circuit - Barkhor Street. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**DAY 6 OCT 10 LHASA (B/L/D)** Visit the Summer Palace of the Dalai Lama, featuring the largest man-made garden in Tibet. In the afternoon, we visit Sera Monastery before we visit a Tibetan family. Western set Dinner at hotel tonight.

**DAY 7 OCT 11 LHASA-BEIJING (B/L)** Morning tour of Drepung Monastery, lunch at local restaurant, afternoon transfer to airport for your flight to Beijing. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel in Beijing to join the main group.

#### Tibet Extension - DOUBLE: \$2,990 SINGLE: \$3,990 IN CANADIAN DOLLARS, PER PERSON.

**Chengdu-Tibet Includes** • Economy class air Chengdu/Lhasa, Lhasa/Beijing • Hotel accommodation as listed with daily breakfast as listed above. • Four regular lunches at local restaurant, one buffet dinner at hotel in Chengdu, one hotpot dinner at local restaurant and two dinners at hotel in Lhasa. • Sightseeing as listed above with private coach, driver and English Speaking local guide. • Tibet entry permit • Two bottles of water onboard the coach every day • Local Tour Director service from Oct 6 -11 • All gratuities





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President's Circle Award for Excellence in Business Practice and Performance 2009, 2010

RBC Travel Insurance Award for Outstanding Performance and Customer Service 2009

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**Deposit:** \$1,000 pp **Final Payment: July 5, 2011 Air Credit:** \$1,200 pp

#### **Cancellation:**

From deposit to July 4, 2011:No FeesFrom July 5 – August 4:50% of toFrom August 5 to departure:100% of

50% of tour cost 100% of tour cost



Relax...you're with us



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