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According to Edward J. Komyati, the organizer of the last seven China tours, the BAA has invited a tour group to China for a 17-day tour.

The tour will include a return visit to Nanjing to visit the monument dedicated to all airmen who flew and died defending China from 1931 &ndash;1945, and tours of original Flying Tiger World War II operational sites.

The tour is scheduled to depart Los Angeles (LAX) for Beijing on April 12, 2006. Stops will include:

Beijing -- The group will spend three days in Beijing and have the opportunity to visit the many historical and cultural sites in China's capital city. Events there will include a "Beijing Duck" banquet hosted by the BAA and COITS, our China travel service, as well as tours of the Forbidden City,

Tian'sammen Square

, Imperial Summer Palace, Great Wall of China and the China Aviation Museum where aircraft from World War II and the Korean War are on display.

Xian &ndash; Located in Central China, this will be the second stop. Participants will visit the excavation site of the world famous Terra-Cotta figures, Wild Goose Pagoda, Imperial Resort of Huaging and the Bampo Neolithic site. A welcome banquet hosted by SHXAA will treat the tour participants to a dumpling feast and dancing performance of the Tang Dynasty.

Kunming -- The Southwestern City of Eternal Spring is considered a historical aviation Mecca as it was the original home of the American Volunteer Group renowned as the Flying Tigers. It also served as the primary China air terminal for the AAF Air Transport Command during World War II. The tour will visit the "Hump" flyer's memorial and the renowned Stone Forest while in Kunming and banquet with the host Kunming Aviators Association member.

Guilin &ndash; This city is famous for its splendid natural scenery. This stop includes a visit to General Chennault's 14th Air Force forward command post, and a cruise on the Li River featuring limestone hill vistas that have inspired artists and poets since this city was founded more than 2,000 years ago.

Nanjing -- An ancient capital city of China, Nanjing is the home to Dr. Sun Yet-sen's Mausoleum and the famous Yangtze River Bridge -- a modern marvel of bridge engineering. While there the group will visit the monument to the allied aviators and aircrews who flew and died defending China during World War II.

Shanghai -- The last city to be visited on the tour will bring group into contact with China 2006. The city is a metropolis of more than 14 million inhabitants -- the most populous city in China. This modern city offers colorful variations between ancient Cathay and China 2006.

The tour will return to Los Angeles from Shanghai on April 28.

The cost for this "not-for-profit" tour is \$2,490 per person {double occupancy}. Included are the international and inter-city air tickets, ground transportation, hotel accommodations (four and five-star hotels)

three meals a day, entrance tickets for all sight-seeing locations, airport taxes inside China, insurance, and the Chinese visa fee.

To obtain an application and tour brochure, send your name, rank, status (cadet, senior member, CAP family member), address, and home and/or work telephone numbers to: BAA/U.S. Aviators 2006 China Tour, c/o Edward J. Komyati,

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