

CHINA

2 - 18 MAY 2018

Led by Michael Johnson



**Per person sharing R54 000
Single Supplement R14 900**

Itinerary based on 15 passengers

Includes :

**All accommodation, guided touring & entrance fees
Guilin/Xian-Chongqing / Yichang-Shanghai- Beijing airfares & taxes
Meals as indicated with B, L D : lunches & dinners include 1 glass of local beer or soft drink
3 night Yangtze River Cruise in outside cabins with private balconies
High speed train Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai in first class**

**Excludes airfare estimate on Cathay Pacific :
South Africa-Hong Kong-Guilin/Beijing-Hong Kong-South Africa
ex Cape Town from R13 250
Johannesburg from R11 850**

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at May 2017

MICHAEL JOHNSON



Born and brought up in East Africa and educated in Britain at Clifton College and at University of Edinburgh, where he graduated BCom (Economics). Subsequently qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Deloitte, London (later also as CA (SA) at University of Cape Town). Worked for many years for various Deloitte offices, and listed in alpha order: Arusha, Cleveland, Durban, London, Mombasa, Nairobi and New York, before settling in 1970 in “his” beautiful Cape Town.

Titch Tours is Michael’s main professional/work-cum-retirement hobby and fun!

Titch Tours offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the “mature traveller”. Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of joie de vivre, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.

CHINA 2018 ITINERARY

You will visit all the places included in this itinerary but Titch Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

(Where Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner is provided, this is shown on the right, with the letters **B L** and **D**)

<u>Wednesday, 2 May</u>	DEPART SOUTH AFRICA – HONG KONG Overnight flight from Cape Town/Johannesburg to Hong Kong.	
<u>Thursday, 3 May</u>	HONG KONG (1 night) On arrival in Hong Kong, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon we will enjoy a Hong Kong City Tour and a Peak tram shuttle, which will be followed by a Sampan ride and a brief visit to the famed Stanley Market. Evening dinner will be at a local Chinese restaurant.	D
<u>Friday, 4 May</u>	HONG KONG- GUILIN (1 night) After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Guilin on the Mainland. Upon arrival in Guilin we will be met and transferred to our hotel.	BD
<u>Saturday, 5 May</u>	GUILIN-YANGSHOU (1 night) Today we will enjoy a unique boat cruise on the tranquil waters of the beautiful Li River; lunch will be served on board. We will float past panoramic views of bamboo grooves with sleepy villages and karst peaks of limestone formations, memorialised over the centuries by painters and poets. Upon arrival in Yangshou we will be greeted by enthusiastic hawkers saying “hello” (the “Hello Market”), and explore busy West Street, crammed with shops, pubs, cafes and hotels. After dinner we will be invited to watch cormorant fishing; Li River fishermen can be seen rowing their rafts on the silken waters with their cormorants aboard. These ancient birds are trained to catch fish and this nocturnal event is indeed a unique experience, witnessing “man & bird” working harmoniously in a tradition dating back many, many centuries. Overnight in our hotel.	BL
<u>Sunday, 6 May</u>	YANGSHOU-GUILIN-XI'AN (2 nights) After breakfast we will venture into the countryside and visit “Wendy’s, Titch friends for many years. A husband and wife team who are local farmers who can help us to understand local farming conditions. In the afternoon we will be transferred to Guilin for our flight to Xi’an, and on arrival stop at a “dumpling restaurant” en route to our hotel.	BD
<u>Monday, 7 May</u>	XI'AN After breakfast we will visit officers and soldiers of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China and behold the excavation of the Terracotta Warriors & Horses in sheer wonder, as we try to grasp the magnitude of the entire mausoleum project. There are thousands of pottery soldiers, each one looking different and their solemn assignment was to protect the Emperor Qin in his after-life. This world-famous/World Heritage Site from the 3 rd Century BC is explained in film at the local cinema. After lunch we will visit The Ancient City Wall which was built during the Ming Dynasty in the 14 th Century onto Tang Dynasty foundations. The walls are a part of the largest and best-preserved ancient fortress in the world. This will be followed by a visit to the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, an amazing museum, designed by a prominent lady architect. This evening we can look forward to enjoying the Tang Dynasty Dinner and Show, before we overnight in our hotel.	BLD
<u>Tuesday, 8 May</u>	XI'AN-CHONGQING (3 nights) Following breakfast we will visit the famous local Mosque and surrounding warren of streets and local bazaar shops; a veritable shopping experience! In the afternoon we will fly to Chongqing where we will be introduced to this major metropolis by our local guide, and transferred to the Harbour Plaza for an exquisite “Buffet” dinner. After dinner we will board our cruise ship and, during the evening, set sail down the Yangtze River. 3 nights aboard The President 7 (or similar) in outside cabins with private balconies.	BD
<u>Wednesday, 9 May</u>	YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE 08:00-10:00 Fengdu (optional) 14:00-16:00 Shore excursion to Shibaozhai	BLD
<u>Thursday, 10 May</u>	YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE 07:00-09:00 Shore excursion to White Emperor City (optional) 09:00-13:00 Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge 13:00-17:30 Boat excursion to Shennong Stream 18:00 Xiling Gorge	BLD

<u>Friday, 11 May</u>	YICHANG-SHANGHAI (3 nights) 08:00-10:00 After breakfast on board, you will join the shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam site. 10:00-11:00 Xilling Gorge 11:00 Disembark at Yichang from where we will fly to Shanghai and be met and transferred to our hotel.	BLD
<u>Saturday, 12 May</u>	SHANGHAI After breakfast we will visit the 400-year old Yu Garden in the Old Town, which was laid out in 1559 AD by a powerful Ming official. The garden recreates a beautiful landscape of pagodas, pavilions, rockeries, fountains, ancient trees and precious flowers. Lunch at a Mongolian BBQ restaurant will be followed by a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple which was constructed in 1882 to house two jade Buddha statues brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. We will round the afternoon off with a visit to the amazing Shanghai Museum. Dinner will be followed by a stunning Acrobatic Show before we overnight at our hotel.	BLD
<u>Sunday, 13 May</u>	SHANGHAI-SUZHOU-SHANGHAI After breakfast, we will enjoy a full-day excursion by high speed train to Suzhou and upon arrival in this "garden city", experience a boat ride on the Grand Canal, the world's longest man-made canal. We will then visit the silk factory, participating if we wish in a buying frenzy of silk duvets and silk clothing and taking our lunch in the local garden. In the afternoon we will visit the Garden of Master of Nets, testimony to Chinese garden designers and their skills for synthesizing art, nature and architecture to create unique metaphysical masterpieces. The Master of the Nets is highly regarded among garden connoisseurs for its mastery of techniques of relative dimension, contrast, foil, sequence and depth, and borrowed scenery. In the late afternoon we will return to Shanghai by high speed train per "soft seat". Dinner and overnight in our hotel.	BLD
<u>Monday, 14 May</u>	SHANGHAI-BEIJING (3 nights) In the morning we will visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition which shows the past and future development of this vibrant city and in the afternoon fly to Beijing. Overnight at our hotel.	BLD
<u>Tuesday, 15 May</u>	BEIJING After breakfast we will climb the breathtaking Great Wall of China (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and visit Badaling, one of the most impressive parts of The Wall. These visits lend themselves to wonderful "photo opportunities" of many majestic views. After lunch we will drive to the Ming Tombs, to view the most famous Emperor Mausoleum of the Ming Dynasty with 500 years of history - Chang Ling and The Sacred Way, which was the main road on which the Ming Dynasty Emperors passed to worship their forefathers. Evening time: enjoy a Peking Duck Dinner at Bianyifang's, followed by Peking Opera.	BLD
<u>Wednesday, 16 May</u>	BEIJING After breakfast, we will visit the Beijing Zoo and see the beloved Panda Bears. In the afternoon, we will visit Tian An Men Square, the world's largest urban open space capable of holding over a million people at one time and follow this with a walk to the magnificent Forbidden City/Palace Museum (UNESCO World Heritage site), the home/office for China's rulers until 1911. This impressive structure was off-limits to all commoners for almost 500 years.	BLD
<u>Thursday, 17 May</u>	BEIJING-SOUTH AFRICA Morning at leisure. Check out, transfer to the airport for our flight home via Hong Kong.	B
<u>Friday, 18 May</u>	ARRIVE SOUTH AFRICA Arrive Johannesburg/Cape Town.	

**TITCH TOURS (PTY) LTD : TERMS & CONDITIONS
(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TITCH TOURS' BOOKING FORM)**

1. **Accommodation:** In specially chosen hotels with private facilities; generally 4 star hotels, subject to availability.
2. **Airline Clause:** The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.
3. **Baggage:** One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.
4. **Cancellation:**
 - 4.1 All cancellations **must be made in writing**. Titch Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations.
 - 4.2 In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, **Titch Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Tours**, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Tours in respect of the tour.
5. **Fares/Flights:** The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.
6. **Gratuities:** Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.
7. **Insurance:** Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Tours, which constitutes an additional expense.
8. **Itinerary:** The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.
9. **Liabilities:** Titch Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.
10. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.
11. **Not included in tour price:** The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.
12. **Passport and Visas:** Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.
13. **Payment:** A deposit of R10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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14. **Indemnity: Titch Tours, its employees, tour operators and/or their agents are indemnified from any liability in making arrangements for the tour and Titch Tours, its employees, tour operators and/or their agents will not be liable for injury, damage or any loss which may be occasioned by carrying out the arrangements of the tour or otherwise in connection therewith.**



TITCH TOURS BOOKING FORM

CHINA: 2-18 MAY 2018

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to TITCH TOURS

NAME AS PER PASSPORT:				TITLE:	
NAME YOU WISH TO BE CALLED:		MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE):			
ADDRESS:					
TELEPHONE:	HOME:	WORK:		CELL:	
FAX:		EMAIL:			
NATIONALITY:		ID NO:			
PASSPORT No		DATE OF BIRTH:			
DATE OF ISSUE:		DATE OF EXPIRY:			
ALT PASSPORT No		NATIONALITY:			
DATE OF ISSUE:		DATE OF EXPIRY:			

IF YOU HAVE TWO PASSPORTS, WHICH ONE WILL YOU BE TRAVELLING ON: _____

SMOKING: YES NO SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS: _____

SEATING REQUEST (ON FLIGHT): _____

Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.

ACCOMMODATION - I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH: _____ SINGLE

In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN /FRIEND: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by EFT) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the TERMS & CONDITIONS (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Tours. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed 15 May 2017, based on 15 full paying passengers.

SIGNED this.....day of.....201 SIGNATURE

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Tick applicable one

AIR TICKET: Bank Transfer Cheque

Credit Card No. _____ Expiry Date: _____ 3 Digit Code: _____

Card Type: _____ Bank Name: _____

LAND & DEPOSIT (NO CREDIT CARD): Bank Transfer Cheque

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