

# THE PEARL RIVER DELTA: CHINA THEN & NOW

## Study/Travel Tour

January 3-16, 2007

Experience the semitropical weather and dynamic culture of China's Pearl River Delta, with fascinating talks by renowned local experts arranged in conjunction with Macau Millennium College. Enjoy cultural tours of Macau, Hong Kong, Guangzhou (Canton), Fooshan, Zhuhai, Zhaoqing, and Shenzhen.

**Macau**, a small territory on the southern coast of China, was the oldest European colony in China, dating to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and administered by Portugal until 1999. Its well-preserved traditional architecture and sweeping history make it a fascinating microcosm of China. **Hong Kong**, which means "Fragrant Harbor" in Cantonese, is located at the mouth of the Pearl River and has been called the Jewel of the Orient. Leased to Britain in 1898 for 99 years, it became a melting pot of religions, cuisines, and cultures and one of Asia's most enthralling cities. A couple of thousand years old, **Guangzhou**, as the first seaport city in China, was thronged with foreigners and today maintains its gateway role. Nearby **Fooshan**, in central Guangdong Province, is considered to be the cradle of Cantonese Opera. **Zhuhai**, a city reminiscent of Singapore, is a Special Economic Zone of Guangdong, and a flourishing new area that is now linked to Macau by a bridge. **Zhaoqing's** craggy limestone cliffs and caves are similar to those near Guilin. **Shenzhen**, formerly known as the Bao'an County, has a history that goes back 6,000 years and has become a teeming metropolis in a very short time.

Includes hotels as identified or similar, some meals, air and ground transportation, tour guides, and most admission fees.

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## Itinerary January 3-16, 2007

**DAY 1 Wed., Jan. 3:** Depart Washington—Dulles Airport for Hong Kong. In-flight meals and on-board entertainment available. L, D

**DAY 2 Thu., Jan. 4:** Arrive Hong Kong in the evening (local time). Transfer from the Airport to Shun Tak Wharf to connect to the Jetfoil for Macau. Pickup from Macau Pier to the New World Emperor Hotel.

**DAY 3 Fri., Jan. 5:** Visit ruins of St. Paul's, built by the Jesuits in 1602 and destroyed by fire in 1835 except for its stone façade with carvings that tell the story of the Catholic Church in Asia. Cross to Monte Fort into which is built the Museum of Macau, with an astonishing range of exhibits to illustrate Macau's bicultural history. Nearby is the Old Protestant Cemetery, the last resting place of 150 merchants, missionaries, seamen, and 19th century residents. See Camoes Garden, named after Portugal's national poet, Luis de Camoes. In this same section is the Grand Prix Museum, dedicated to the annual Formula 3 championship races and the Wine Museum, with exhibits of Portuguese wines, antique winemaking equipment, and history of vine growing. On to Taipa Village, a blend of ancient colonial buildings and modern life, and Rua da Cunha, popularly known as Food Street because of its many restaurants and perfect for today's lunch. The afternoon includes Guia Fort and Lighthouse, built in 1637 and still in use, and a talk on local architecture. Gathering for a Welcome Dinner. B, L, D

**DAY 4 Sat., Jan. 6:** Visit Coloane Village, where narrow lanes and old fishing-village traditions can still be seen and temples stand side by side with the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier. Lunch at a Macanese Restaurant with a lecture and demonstration on Macanese Cooking and Its Cultural Roots, after which local sightseeing continues with a variety of highlights. Dinner on own, followed by an evening talk and behind-the-scenes tour of Casino Lisboa. B, L

**DAY 5 Sun., Jan. 7:** Visit Kun Lam Temple, one of the largest and wealthiest of Macau's temples, with a huge entrance gate and roofs clustered with porcelain figures; Rainbow Bridge; Macau Tower; local markets; a traditional medicine shop. Lunch again takes in the flavors of Macau. Afternoon talks on Chinese traditional medicine, Buddhism and Taoism, and Chinese ceramics. B, L

**DAY 6 Mon., Jan. 8:** Depart for Zhuhai, home to the New Yuanming Palace (a replica of the one in Beijing), located at the foot of Big Shilin Mountain. Along the way, visit the memorial home of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, designed in mock-Moorish style with a statue of Sun in the courtyard, which contains his books, letters, photos, mementos, and old newspaper accounts of his life. On to Zhaoqing and a visit to Seven Star Crag, located beside Star Lake and the most scenic place in Guangdong Province, with limestone pillars naturally arranged in the same formation as the 7 stars of the Big Dipper constellation and caves with underground rivers large enough to navigate by boat. Check in to Star Lake Hotel. B, L

**DAY 7 Tue., Jan. 9:** On the way back to the mainland, visit Fooshan, which, together with Jingde, Zhuxian, and Hankou, is known as one of the "four ancient towns of China," and was an

important religious, commercial, and handicraft center. Metal casting, pottery, silk weaving, and paper cutting were important local arts that are still sold today as souvenirs. Stop at a ceramics factory and other sights. Late afternoon arrival in Guangzhou and Ocean Plaza Hotel. Evening free to enjoy a fine restaurant or a Chinese Opera. B, L

**DAY 8 Wed., Jan. 10:** Touring Guangzhou includes the Chen Clan Temple, Nanye King's Museum, Shamian Island, the Flower Pagoda, Big Buddha Temple, Provincial Museum, parks, gardens, and markets. B, L

**DAY 9 Thur., Jan. 11:** Visit the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Five Ram Statue, and Temple of Six Banyan Trees. After lunch, free time for more sightseeing, shopping, dinner, and local entertainment. B, L

**DAY 10 Fri., Jan. 12:** A full day's journey ends in Hong Kong. On the way, stop in Shenzhen at the China Folk Culture Villages, where the folk arts, culture, and architecture of China's various nationalities are assembled in one area. Life-size replicas of 24 villages from areas inhabited by ethnic peoples in Yunan, Guizhou, Sichuan, Tibet, Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia reflect the folk customs and cultures of China's nationalities. Harbor Plaza Metropolis Hotel. B, L

**DAY 11 Sat., Jan. 13:** Half-day city tour of Hong Kong Island and the harbor, including Repulse Bay, Victoria Peak, and Stanley Market. Visit Hong Kong Museum of History and Museum of Art, enjoy a Guandong-style seafood lunch and later an evening Harbor Tour. B, L

**DAY 12 Sun., Jan. 14:** Ferry trip from Central Wharf through Victoria Harbor and past islands in the outer harbor to Mui Wo (Silver Mine Bay) on Lantau, Hong Kong's largest outlying island. Our tour bus passes the two-kilometer long, white sands of Cheung Sha Beach and goes over the Shek Pik Reservoir dam. Visit the Tanka boat people's stilt-house fishing village at Tai O; then ride up to a 520-meter plateau to visit the famous Po Lin Monastery to view the world's tallest seated outdoor bronze Buddha and enjoy a vegetarian lunch prepared by the monks. Return to Hong Kong. B, L

**DAY 13 Mon., Jan. 15:** Discover how traditional Eastern values live in harmony with Western influences with tai chi, a ritualistic, slow-motion shadow boxing that people practice before starting their hectic days. The hour-long lesson takes place on the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront with views across Victoria Harbor to Hong Kong Island's stunning skyline. Also learn how the feng shui elements of wind and water influence and generate the prosperity and vibrancy of this international city when visiting Lantau Link View Point, with its wonderful view of the Tsing Ma Bridge, the world's longest road-and-rail suspension bridge. Visit a tea house to watch a demonstration of traditional tea making and tea drinking etiquette and sample the famous Kung Fu tea. Lunch on own and afternoon free. Gather for a "farewell to China" traditional dinner and to relive memories of the fascinating culture in the Pearl River Delta. B, D

**DAY 14 Tue., Jan. 16:** Transfer to airport for flight to U.S.

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## Study/Travel Tour

### ***What is China's Pearl River Delta Study/Travel Experience?***

The study/travel tour is a voyage into the rich and varied culture of China's Pearl River Delta that may be enjoyed by Montgomery College students as well as by the general public.

### ***Must I take a course to participate?***

No. One may simply register for two orientation sessions to participate in the program, open to students and the public. These sessions will take place Oct. 28 and Nov. 18, 2006, 10am -12 (noon), room 212 Macklin Tower Bldg., Rockville Campus. The registration fee is \$30. Please telephone 301-353-7869 to register.

### ***When is it?***

The Pearl River Delta Program will take place from January 3 through January 16, 2007. However, it is necessary for interested **participants to express their interest by late September, 2006**, since reservations must be made well in advance.

### ***What are the costs and what is included?***

- The fee is \$3,050 per person for two persons sharing double room based on minimum of 20 traveling
  - \$695.00 Single Room Supplement
- This amount covers the following:
- International economy air transportation and round-trip airport transfers
  - Airport taxes and security charges based on current rates
  - Accommodations: Includes hotels as identi-

fied or similar, all hotel taxes, and full American breakfast daily

- Other meals as specified in the itinerary (most lunches, welcome and farewell dinners)
- Full-time certified English-speaking tour guides in each city
- All entrance fees
- Sightseeing per itinerary
- In-country lectures
- Local transportation

### **Air Transportation and Taxes**

Round trip air from Dulles Airport to Hong Kong and return

### **Pricing Excludes**

- Visa fees and related fees
- Meals not specifically identified
- Portage for luggage at airports and hotels
- Gratuities payable to guides, drivers, and local service personnel
- Other personal expenses
- Trip Cancellation Insurance protection, which will be offered

### ***Criteria of Acceptance***

- Reservations are on a first come, first served basis
- Initial reservation requires a deposit of \$200 sent with application due by October 1, 2006
- Remaining balance of \$2,850 is due by November 1, 2006

## Montgomery College's Affiliation with China

For the last three years, Montgomery College has been engaged in a transnational partnership with Macau Millennium College in Macau, China. The terms of the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) include faculty and student exchanges as well as cultural tours.

Since summer 2004, three delegations of Montgomery College faculty have taught both English composition and English as a Second Language courses to Chinese students enrolled in Macau Millennium College.

In January 2006, one of the vice presidents of Macau Millennium College, a leading scholar on Sino-Western relations visited Montgomery College to cement the relationship between our two colleges.

This study/travel tour is the first of many cultural exchanges planned.

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### APPLICATION FORM

Please mail this form along with a \$200 deposit (check or credit card) made payable to:

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William Best  
118 Portsmouth Ave., Ste. A1B  
Stratham, NH 03885  
877-462-9294

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**I have read and accepted the tour conditions. I understand that a deposit of \$200 per person is due by October 1, 2006. Final Payment is due by November 1, 2006.**

Legal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_