

“Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China’s First Emperor” & Architectural Tour of National Cathedral

**Washington D.C.
Thursday, December 3, 2009**



Around 220 B.C. the First Emperor of China, 13 year old Qin Shi Huang, commissioned artisans to create an army of more than 7000 terra cotta soldiers to protect him in his mausoleum throughout eternity. The Emperor expected entertainment so he supplied his tomb with terra cotta acrobats and musicians, and a magnificent horse-drawn chariot. In 1974, farmers digging a well in his field outside the town of Xian discovered an intact terra cotta head.

The traveling exhibit includes more than 100 artifacts. Each of the 14 life-size sculptures, some taller than six feet, seemingly depicts an individual character -- a general in armor or a chariot driver, for example. With their unique hairstyles and facial expressions, the warriors are so realistic some experts wonder whether they were modeled after Qin's contemporaries. The exhibit also features artifacts buried with the warriors, including a bronze crane and an enormous clay horse weighing more than 750 pounds. Objects from 3rd century B.C. China, including weapons, musical instruments, cooking utensils and jewelry, also are on view. The suits of armor are constructed of scale-like limestone plates and held together with bronze cords. The National Geographic Museum is the third and last stop of the United States show.

We depart Newport News at 6:30 a.m. from the main parking lot at the Yoder Barn Theatre (boarding our motor coach at 6:15 a.m.). Our first stop is the National Cathedral where we will have an in-depth guided “architectural” tour. This tour offers a special look at aspects of Cathedral artisanship and Gothic architecture, such as stained glass and needlepoint.

Lunch will be at the Meiwah restaurant. The buffet will include a variety of Chinese dishes to sample.

After lunch we will go to the National Geographic Museum for the self-guided tour of the “Terra Cotta Warriors” exhibit. At the National Geographic Museum, past and current expeditions, adventures, and scientific research come to life. Enjoy a wide variety of changing exhibitions as well as permanent and interactive displays that reflect the richness and diversity of our world

Arrive back at LLS at approximately 7 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$175 per person includes deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation with breakfast bars, juices, water and soft drinks , guided “architectural” tour of the National Cathedral, lunch at Meiwah Restaurant, admission and self-guided tour of the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the National Geographic Museum and driver/escort services & gratuity.
- **Handicap accessibility:** accessible to all.
- **LLS name tags:** All travelers must wear LLS name tags with medical information cards at all times. Call the office if you need to update your medical information card.
- **Non-member guests:** If the bus is not filled with LLS members by **September 15, 2009**, the trip will be open to non-member guests. Guests will be charged a 10% non-member fee.
- **Travel insurance:** Information can be picked up in the LLS office. If you decide to purchase insurance; it is recommended that it be purchased within 21 days of initial deposit so that pre-existing conditions are covered.
- **Reservation deadline: October 19, 2009**
After this date all payments are nonrefundable.
- **Questions:** Call the LLS office at 757-269-4368.

Reservation form for “Terra Cotta Warriors”

December 3, 2009

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

___ LLS member ___ Non-member

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Do you need any extra help or services? Yes ___ No ___

Cost: \$175 per person \$192.50 per person, nonmember rate

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Payment:

___ Check made out to Covington Tours is included.

Credit card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears on the credit card: _____

Mail to: LifeLong Learning Society
CNU’s Yoder Barn
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Newport News, VA 23602

For office use only Date paid: _____ Amount paid: _____

