

Travel to China or Tibet and see a Spectacular Total Eclipse of the Sun! *The most interesting speakers – The most interesting Itinerary – A great value* 11 Days: July 13-23, 2009 **Now taking bookings**

Join Dr. Doug Duncan, ex-National Public Radio “Science Guy”, International best-selling author Dava Sobel, author of *Galileo’s Daughter* and *Longitude*, and China experts from “A Bridge to China.” See Nature’s most astonishing spectacle: a total eclipse of the sun. Experience dynamic China and fascinating Tibet. “A Bridge to China” specializes in personalized tours that feature the culture of China in a way that others miss.

Dr. Duncan’s trips are the most popular of their kind, featuring outstanding speakers you may recognize from NOVA and other TV or radio programs. **This will be the longest total eclipse of our lifetimes – almost 6 minutes of darkness. Don’t miss it!**



Our trip will visit Beijing, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the famous Wanfujing shopping area, the Great Wall and Ming Tombs. We will fly to Xian to see the famous Terra Cotta Soldiers, and return to the incredible modern city of Shanghai, and to Suzhou, where we will see the July 22, 2009 total eclipse of the sun. People cheer, scream, and cry as the sky goes dark, the temperature drops, pink flames leap from the sun and silver streamers of the sun’s corona stretch across the sky. At each stop we will be hosted by local experts, curators, and Museums. We are arranging for visits to private homes for those interested in seeing a more personal side of China.

The total cost of the trip is \$3,195, exclusive of airfare, making it a great value. Low-cost airfares will be offered or participants may travel to and from China on their own.

All accommodations will be in 5-star hotels, including the famous Regent Hotel in Beijing, one of the “Top 100 Hotels in the World” according to Travel and Leisure magazine. All hotels and restaurants have been personally tested by Dr. Duncan and A Bridge to China president Robin Duberow during February 2008. They are terrific. An American doctor will accompany our group throughout travels in China.

The optional extension of the trip will use China's famous brand-new pressurized train as we travel to Tibet to see Lhasa, the famous Potola Palace (Monastery), and the Himalayas, the world's highest mountains.

Pressurized like a jet, the "Sky Train" of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway is a marvel of modern engineering. At altitudes exceeding 3-mi or 5-km, it counts the world's loftiest train depot and highest rail tunnel among its credits. 2007 marked its first year of full operation. We will fly to Tibet and make the 2 day train trip on our return. The Tibet trip cost is \$3100.

Since this is a land trip, space will be limited. Booking early is important.
Call "A Bridge to China" at 1-800-574-3021 to reserve your space.

For the full itinerary please click below:

<http://casa.colorado.edu/~dduncan/2009eclipse/ChinaEclipseItinerary2009.pdf>

For a list of the fantastic speakers:

<http://casa.colorado.edu/~dduncan/2009eclipse/speakerbiobriefChina.pdf>

For more information please see:

<http://casa.colorado.edu/~dduncan/eclipse> and <http://www.abridgetochina.net/>

Contact us at 800-574-3021 for itinerary questions, or by email: info@abridgetochina.net or astroforall@comcast.net, for astronomy and speaker questions.

Note – Our trip is priced on the basis of an exchange rate of 6.5 Chinese Yuan to \$1. 130 days before departure we will adjust prices according to the rate at that time. This could result in a small refund or small additional payment.