THE CHILDREN'S BRIDGE

CHINA

HOMELAND VISIT REGISTRATION PACKAGE

MARCH 1 – MARCH 15, 2019

Children's Bridge
International Adoption Consultants

HOMELAND VISIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Homeland Contact: Darlene Catton, 905-836-6776, Darlene.catton@childrensbridge.com

Consent Letter: If one parent only is travelling, you will need to complete a consent letter and have it notarized. Canadian Border Services has some great info on this and I would suggest you follow their guidelines (see link below).

http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter

Flights: If booking your own international flights, ensure you give me all flight details. Check with me BEFORE confirming flights to ensure you have the correct departure dates and cities.

Bullet Train: If travel time between cities is less than 5 hours, you will have the option of taking a high speed train (which is a fabulous experience!).

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HOMELAND VISIT REGISTRATION FORM

	Parent #1 (Main Contact)	Parent #2
First Name:		
Last Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Complete Mailing Address:		
Tel. No. Home:		
Tel. No. Business:		
Cell Phone #:		
Fax #:		
Email Address:		

Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and are accepted with full payment of Agency Facilitation Fee. Please see cost sheet below for a complete listing of fees.

Do you give permission for The Children's Bridge to share your email address with other members of this homeland trip? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wish to visit your child's orphanage? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wish to visit your child's finding site? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, you will be required to provide further documentation outlined in the "Orphanage Visit Arrangements" document below.

Emergency contact person in Canada:

Name (Please print): _____

Tel. No. Home:_____Tel. No. Business:_____

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I acknowledge that participation in this travel program organized by The Children's Bridge is entirely at my own risk. In addition, I assume full and complete responsibility for the safety, health and welfare for any minor in my care that participates in this travel program. The Children's Bridge assumes no liability for accidents or injuries associated with participation in this program howsoever caused.

I acknowledge that travel to China may carry with it an element of risk. It is my responsibility to behave and conduct myself in a safe manner and to ensure that I have taken sufficient medical procedures to safeguard my health and that of any minor in my care.

I acknowledge that The Children's Bridge will contract the services of a travel service to complete travel arrangements in China. Such travel service is an arm's length corporation acting independently of The Children's Bridge and The Children's Bridge assumes no liability relating to the services provided by this travel service.

I/we_____(parents) understand and accept that participation in The Children's Bridge sponsored homeland visit to China is on a voluntary basis for myself/ourselves and my/our child(ren).

I/we acknowledge and represent that I/we carry health insurance for myself/ourselves and my/our child(ren) and understand that we are fully responsible for any and all costs associated with any illness or emergency treatment(s) that may result from participating in our visit to China. I/we do hereby waive from any liability the parties associated with the conduct of this Children's Bridge Homeland Visit employed by The Children's Bridge or travel service provider AND ANY OTHER OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES of The Children's Bridge.

Signatures:

Parent/Guardian_____Date: _____

Parent/Guardian_____Date: _____

HOMELAND VISIT PARTICIPANTS

The following information is required from **each** participant in the homeland visit:

	Name as it appears on the passport	**Birth date**
Parent #1		
Parent #2		
Adoptee 1		
Adoptee 2		
Additional Traveller		
Additional Traveller		
Additional Traveller		
Additional Traveller		

ITINERARY

March 1 - Beijing	Depart Canada.
March 2	Arrive Beijing, meet your guide and transfer to hotel.
March 3	Visit Tiananmen Square and Forbidden city in the morning. Visit a local Hutong (with a pedi-cab ride!) in the afternoon. (B, L)
March 4	Visit the Great Wall (Mutianyu section) Note: Additional fee will be charged (see page 7). If you choose the cable car/chair lift/slide down the wall (this additional fee to be paid upon arrival at Great Wall). (B, L)
March 5 – Xi-an	Explore the Imperial Gardens of the Summer Palace in the morning. After lunch travel to Xi'an either by plane or high speed train (5 hours). (B, L)
March 6	In the morning, walk on top of the 950 year old City Wall. In the afternoon explore the Terra Cotta Warriors. (B, L)
March 7	Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda in the morning and in the afternoon, proceed to the airport for your flight to the orphanage city. Your guide will meet you upon arrive and transfer you to your hotel. (B, L)
March 8 - Provincial Capital	Visit orphanage and finding site. (B)
March 9	Local sightseeing. (B)
March 10 – Guilin	Depart hotel for the airport where you will take a morning flight to Guilin. In the afternoon, you will visit the Reed Flute Caves to see the spectacular views created by the underground atmosphere and also see the colourful light displays throughout the caves. (B, L)
March 11	After breakfast, embark on a scenic cruise along the Li River and enjoy lunch on board. Depart the cruise at around 2:30 and wander around the famous Yangshuo West Street. (B, L)
March 12 - Shanghai	In the morning, stroll along the beautiful lake in the city and in the afternoon, head to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. (B, L)

March 13	Visit Bund and YuYuan Gardens in the morning. Yuyuan Market shopping in the afternoon as well as a tour through the alleys of the old city neighbourhoods learning the history and culture of Shanghai. (B, L)
March 14	In the morning, take van (approximately 1 hour) to Zhujiajiao (watertown). This amazing town was established about 1,700 years ago! Enjoy a fabulous acrobat show in the evening to end your adventure! (B, L, D)
March 15	Transfer to airport for flight home. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

QUOTE

Costs below are based on a minimum of 15 paying adults in the tour group. Costs will be higher (up to $200/person) if fewer adults are travelling and will be modified upon registration deadline, if required.

Basic Tour:

5 star accommodations – Beijing – Xi'an – Guilin – Shanghai

All fees are quoted in **US dollars** and are per person. Children aged 12 and up (at time of travel) are considered adults for travel purposes in China.

Each room will have 2 double beds.

2 Adults (double occupancy)	$1755 x 2	=$3,510USD
2 Adults + 1 Child (double occupancy)	$1755 x 2 + $1405	=$4,915USD
2 Adults + 1 Child (over 12) (one room, one cabin w/cot)	$1755 x 2 + $1575	=$5,085USD
2 Adults + 1 Child (over 12) + 1 Child (one room, 2 cabins)	$1755 x 2 + $1575 + $1195	=$6,280USD
2 Adults + 2 Children (one room, 2 cabins)	$1755 x 2 + $1195 x 2	=$5,900USD
1 Adult + 1 Child (double occupancy)	$1755 + $1405	=$3,160USD
Adult (single occupancy)		=$2,295USD

Quotes for other rooming options are available upon request.

The above quotation includes:

A welcome at the airport and escort to hotel, **5 star** hotel accommodations, meals as per itinerary, sightseeing and entrance fees (some exclusions as noted), guide service, flights/trains from Beijing – Xi'an – Guilin - Shanghai, all taxes.

Orphanage Visit

The cost for one orphanage visit will vary depending on the city but will average about $900USD **per adult** and $750USD **per child** (including airfare from Xi'an – provincial capital – Guilin, accommodations, transportation to orphanage, guide, etc.).

Once I have all of the details for your orphanage visit, I'll request a quote from our in-China rep and forward this information to you. It can take 2 – 3 weeks to obtain your quote.
In addition to the above, there will be a fee to visit some orphanages that is paid to the Civil Affairs department. This fee ranges from 800RM – 2200RMB.

Additional Fees

Mutianyu Great Wall Cable Car/Slide/Chair Lift:	120RMB/adult, 100RMB/child (if over 1.2 metres will pay adult fare) – payable upon arrival at Great Wall, double way cable/slide is 120RMB/person

ESTIMATED COST SHEET
CHINA HOMELAND VISIT

AGENCY FEES (QUOTED AND PAYABLE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS)

Homeland Visit Facilitation fee	$150.00/person

3RD PARTY FEES (ESTIMATE ONLY – PAYABLE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS)

Return Airfare (per adult)	1,400 – 1,800.00
Return Airfare (child aged 2 – 11, approx. 70% of adult fare)	1,000 – 1,300.00
Visa Fees (approximate)	$140.00/person

IN-CHINA TRAVEL (QUOTED AND PAYABLE IN USD)

Basic Tour

See quote above.

Please note that each room contains two (2) beds unless otherwise requested.

*In-China travel includes: hotel, guide service, transportation to/from sites, airport/train stations and hotels, some meals (as outlined on itinerary), sightseeing, all flights and trains within China and all taxes.

Please note: There may be other costs that will vary. All international flights and in-China travel fees are set and charged by third parties and must be paid at the current rate at the time they are due.

There may be changes from when you initially received this cost information until you receive a final quote for your in-China travel (approximately 60 days prior to travel). Adults are travellers aged 12 and older. This applies to fares on international flights as well as in-China travel fees.

HOMELAND VISIT ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The costs per family were quoted above. Please note that children ages 12 and up (at time of travel) are considered adults for travel in China.

Hotels are family friendly and rated 5 stars in China. They were selected for their location and comfort and are more than suitable for the average family. They all have pools as well as a variety of restaurants nearby with a varied choice of food. In Beijing the hotel is close to both western style and Chinese restaurants. Hotels in each province are to be confirmed at a later date. Hotels will all have 2 beds. In some locations, the beds are standard size.

Indicate by checking the appropriate box which option you prefer. Payment for the in-China travel (below) is due upon receipt of individual itinerary. Cheques/money orders must be in US funds and are made payable to "The Children's Bridge". This payment will be wired to the travel coordinators in China. Should you not be able to come on the tour, cancellation penalties will apply.

Costs per family:

☐	2 adults	$3,510USD
☐	2 adults + 1 child	$4,915USD
☐	2 adults + 1 child (over 12)	$5,085USD
☐	2 adults + 2 children (under 12)	$5,900USD
☐	2 adults + 1child (over 12) + 1 child	$6,280USD
☐	1 adult (single occupancy):	$2,195USD
☐	1 adult + 1 child:	$3,160USD

Note that children aged 12 and up at time of travel are considered adults for payment options.

Costs *not* included:

- Provincial capital/orphanage tour (including flights to orphanage)
- Dinners (except where noted)
- International airfare and airfare within Canada
- Passport or Chinese visa processing fees
- Optional activities, personal purchases, laundry, business centre/internet, room service, travel insurance
- Gratuities for guides, driver and hotel staff

Number of Rooms: _____ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking ☐

Please note: If you are taking additional adults or children with you, an extra room is the best option. Often, adjacent or adjoining rooms are available. Non-smoking rooms may smell like smoke.

Number of beds:_____ Extra Cot Required: Yes ☐ No ☐

Special Requirements (i.e. food allergies, dietary requirements): _____

ORPHANAGE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS

The Children's Bridge will arrange a visit to your child's orphanage. Your request will be made through the Department of Civil Affairs in each province. Such visits are approved both by the Department of Civil Affairs and the Director of your child's orphanage. While every effort will be made on your behalf to visit the orphanage, there is no guarantee that it will be allowed. Note that there is a fee (payable to Civil Affairs) to visit certain orphanages in certain provinces that we will relay to you when approval is given.

In order to make the request, the following *adoption document* is required:

1. Copy of your child's Adoption Certificate (red book with family photo) with complete Chinese name, year of adoption, birth date, etc.

If you would like to visit any particular orphanage staff or foster family, please provide any details that you have (names, addresses, photos, etc.).

FINDING SITE

If you wish to visit your child's abandonment/finding site, please scan and email me a copy of his/her abandonment certificate. This will be a white booklet that may say "Notarial Certificate" on it. Ensure that inside, it indicates where your child was abandoned. Note that often the site noted in the booklet no longer exists.

Kids Travel Journal Publication Release Form

I/We _____

(please print)

Parent(s) of _____

(please print)

□ Give permission to The Children's Bridge to print our child's photograph in the Homeland Visit Kids' Travel Kit. This Kit will be printed only for the purpose of the Homeland Visit and in sufficient quantity to be distributed to each child participating in the trip.

□ Deny permission to print my child's photograph in the Homeland Visit Kids' Travel Kit.

Signatures: _____

_____

Date: _____

Please note: One form is required for each child travelling whose picture will be included in the Homeland Visit Kid's Travel Kit.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE & TASK LIST

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The following is the payment schedule for the Homeland Visit scheduled for March 2019.

Description	Date	Amount
Registration/Facilitation Fee (see task list below for detailed outline of forms required)	On or before January 2, 2019.	$150.00CAD per person (non-refundable)
International Flights - If booking airfare yourself please send us confirmation of international airline booking to China (a photocopy of tickets or itinerary needs to be sent to China).	Before departure date.	$1,400-1,800 per adult (economy) – estimate only $1,000-1,300 per child (economy) – estimate only
In-China travel service fees as per personal itinerary.	Upon receipt of personal itinerary.	As per attached fee schedule and personal itinerary.
Add-on portion	As above.	Per quote

Please note:

- Payments may be made by cheque, money order or bank draft and are payable to "The Children's Bridge In Trust". **All fees for in-China travel are paid in USD.**
- Airline fees may be paid via credit card and are in CAD.

*Fees not paid by February 8, 2019 may result in all reservations in China being cancelled.

***Once final itinerary has been sent and fees are paid, fees are non-refundable.**

TASK LIST

You need to:

- **Scan and email** to darlene.catton@childrensbridge.com the following:
    - Homeland Visit Registration
    - Waiver of Liability
    - Homeland Visit Participants
    - Homeland Visit Accommodation Options
    - Kids Travel Journal Publication Release Form
    - Adoption Certificate (red booklet)
    - Abandonment Certificate (white booklet)
    - Copies of pages 2 and 3 of each traveller's passport
    - A fun, clear picture of your child(ren)

- **Remit payment** of $150CAD/person non-refundable registration fee by January 2, 2019 – mail personal cheque or money order made payable to The Children's Bridge to:

  The Children's Bridge
  1400 Clyde Avenue, Suite 221
  Ottawa, ON
  K2G 3J2

- Ensure all travellers have received necessary immunizations. Twinrix (recommended) must be started 6 months prior to travel. Dukoral is also recommended for all travellers.

- We will book your international flights or you can book directly with the airline or agency of your choice (using points if you choose to). Please provide me with copies of your e-tickets ASAP. You also have the option of travelling early or staying longer if you like.

  - We use the services of Eastview Travel to book all international airfare. Eastview Travel is located at 780 Somerset Street West (2nd Floor), Ottawa, ON, K1R 6R2, Tel: 613-232-9461

- Every person travelling must apply for and obtain a Chinese visa (this is simply a stamp in your passport). It is advisable to complete this process yourself using the link provided. I'll send you the link after I receive your registration package and I have your hotel details and Invitation Letter from the in-China travel service as you must include this information in your application. Note that you will need to submit your passports and 2 colour visa sized pictures (2" x 2").

  Important: Passports must be signed and valid for 6 months <u>following</u> dates of travel.

- **For all children travelling to China (adopted) for the <u>first</u> time, please include their red Chinese passport with your visa application as well as adoption documents.**

- Attend your Homeland Pre-Travel Meeting – The meeting will be scheduled for mid-January and we ask that all attend (adults AND children), if possible.