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### Golf in China

Golf in China has come a long way since the country's last Emperor Pu Yi took lessons from his English tutor in the 1920s. Already home to 200 courses, golf is booming in China. "Green opium", as the Chinese refer to the lure of golf, is a growing phenomenon in China. Previously banned by the old Communist Party leadership as unacceptably bourgeois, the game of golf, originating in Scotland, is burgeoning in the new China. For many years, golf has been regarded as an ideal leisure activity for the exclusive country club members and high profile government officials and businessmen. But today, golf in China has an appeal which is beginning to attract a much wider audience. The golf club manufacturing sector already uses up a 10th of the country's annual titanium demand, although golfers make up less than 0.1 percent of China's population. Years of economic growth have swollen the ranks of the middle class and the game is gaining popularity so rapidly that government authorities fear it is displacing valuable farmland.

In this issue Peregrine Travel Group will introduce to you several golf resorts and golf clubs located in different major cities in China, including one golf club located in Shenzhen which was accredited as the world's largest by Guinness World Records, and recently ranked 17 out of 100 in a poll of "Top 100 Courses You Must Play" conducted by the English magazine Golf World. Peregrine Travel Group has also designed tour packages that include golf as well as sightseeing of major sites at each of the cities in China. We would gladly help you to customize a golf tour package to cater to your own schedule.

### Golf + Leisure Tours in China

#### Beijing



As capital of China, Beijing is one of the world's truly imposing cities. There are a wide variety of golf clubs for you to choose from. **Huangtang International Golf Club** and **Beijing Daiwei Golf Club** are recommended by Peregrine Travel Group to our clients. Combine your golf passion with the ancient city Beijing. Our trip brings you pleasurable golf games and the world wonder of the Great Wall, age-old imperial altar of the Temple of Heaven and the the Forbidden City!

#### Shanghai



Shanghai, a coastal city with predominant flat terrains, offers many great links-style courses. Your golf tour would be most enjoyable from the inclusion of the **Shanghai Tianma Golf & Country Club** located in the Sheshan Natural Reserve which is the only mountain range in Shanghai, 30 minutes from Hongqiao Airport. Other courses that may interest you are the **Grand Shanghai International Golf & Country Club** near Yang-Cheng Lake and the **Shanghai Silport Golf Club** where numerous major events have been staged, among which the Volvo China Open. While in Shanghai, you would not want to miss the opportunity to tour a 400-year old classic Chinese Garden in the Old Town of Shanghai or visit a museum with rich and high quality ancient Chinese art, or stroll along the waterfront with a spectacular skyline view of the 'Bund'.

#### Xi'an



Combine your golf experience at the **Xi'an Yajian International Golf Club** with an eye-opening experience of seeing up close actual terracotta warrior armor pieces still buried in the ground at the exclusive Pit #5. Other highlight venues to visit in this culturally-rich historic city include the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and Banpo Museum.

## Guilin



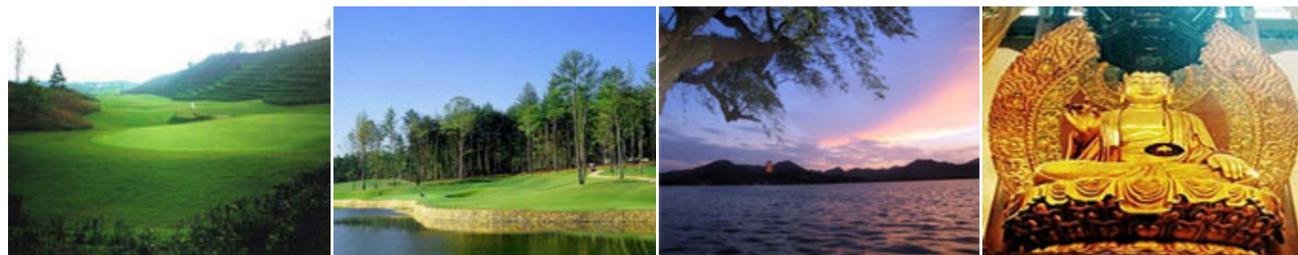
Our Guilin Golf Tours provide clients the chance to golf the day away in beautifully designed courses, all against the backdrop of the mountain peaks and long-winding rivers. Any golfer will surely have a memorable experience playing on a golf course such as the **Guilin Merryland Golf Club**. End this unforgettable tour with a cruise down the Li River and a bike tour around the picturesque old town of Yangshuo.

## Qingdao



Qingdao of China lies in the southeast of Shandong province. It has mild climate all year round and has plenty of natural sceneries and famous historical sites. Qingdao has become a place where golf lovers look forward to visiting. Some world class designed courses include **Qingdao International Golf Course, Qingdao HuaShan International Country Club, and Tiantai Holiday Hot Spring Golf Club**. These courses are comparable to some of the best golf courses in Southeast Asia. A must visit venue in Qingdao is the Beer Factory and the famous Beer Museum. Other attractions in Qingdao include Mt. Laoshan and Tai Qing Palace is there for you to enjoy.

## Hangzhou



Hangzhou has become one of the most popular destinations for tourists from all over the world. Regardless whether you are there as a leisure traveler or as a golfer, **Fuchun Resort** is a good choice for you. It is located in Fuyang scenic area in Hangzhou, surrounded by famed Fuchun Mountains and Fuchun River. The course is the only international golf holiday resort that uses Tea Garden as the theme in east China. There are three conceptions in Fuchun Resort which is Simple, Elegant and Multi-cultural, making it the best Golf Club in Hangzhou. To compliment your golf experience, a visit to the famous West Lake will enhance your appreciation for the artistic beauty of Hangzhou scenery.

## Shenzhen



**Mission Hills** is an international golf community that combines golfing with relaxation, business and lifestyle. **Mission Hills Golf Club**, accredited as the world's largest by Guinness World Records now boasts 12 world-class golf courses designed by 12 world-renowned golf legends; it recently ranked 17 out of 100 in a poll of "Top 100 Courses You Must Play" conducted by the English magazine *Golf World*. It has also been voted Golf Resort of the Year in the Rest of the World category by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) and was voted Best Golf Resort in Asia by the readers of *Asian Golf Monthly*. Stretching across Shenzhen and Dongguan, **Mission Hills** is the World's No.1 golf club. The next Major Event to be held here is the **Omega Mission Hills World Cup** on November 27-30, 2008.

Reserve early with Peregrine Travel Group for your Golf, Leisure, or Golf + Leisure Tour

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**Peregrine Travel's Upcoming Groups:**

*California Milk Advisory Board China Trip*

November 8-18, 2008

*Chinese New Year Hong Kong January 2009*

7-Day Tour, 10-Day & 15 Day Tours (incl. China)

*Lt. Governor John Garamendi California Delegation China Trip*

February 18-28, 2009

**Testimonials:**

*Many thanks to you and the team for excellent handling of two difficult groups. We have had good feedback from the passengers (One is attached). We would obviously not have pulled it off without you, well done!*

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*A lot of sights that are very impressive – Great Wall, Temple, Squares. People friendly and most spoke English. Food was better than US Chinese food.*

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