FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 2
@ 11:00 am  Seniors – Video/DVD
@ 7:00 pm    Adult Avesta Class

Sunday, May 4
@ 11:00 am  Madyozarem Gahambar (F)
@ 2:45 pm    Children’s Religion Class

Friday, May 16
@ 11:00 am  Seniors – Yoga
@ 7:00 pm    Gatha Studies (Persian)

Sunday, May 18
@ 12:30 pm  Scouts

Saturday, May 24
@ 10:30 am  Children’s Religion Class All Day Joint Session

Sunday, May 25
@ 10:30 am  Zarthost-no-Diso (S)

Friday, May 30
@ 11:00 am  Seniors – Bingo

Note: In addition to the above, “Self-Healing PLM YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy" classes will be held each Wednesday (May 7, 14, 21, and 28) at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm. For any further information, please call Zubin Dotiwala at (905) 629-2985.

Note: All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr, 3590 Bayview Avenue, unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

ZSO MEMBERSHIP FEES:
Please note that ZSO membership fees for 2014-2015 are due immediately. Members are requested to pay their fees and request family and friends to join the ZSO. Please forward your cheques to the Treasurer, payable to The ZSO.

Fee Schedule:
- $100.00  F = Family (married or single, includes children under 18)
- $60.00  I = Individual (non-student over age 18)
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- $30.00  ISR = Individual Senior (age 65 and over)
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EXECUTIVE CORNER: Your EC has been hard at work with several initiatives running concurrently. The zso.org website is being redesigned, becoming more interactive in nature with the option of registering as a new member or for membership renewals with payments by credit cards online. Stay tuned… The auto-dialer is fully operational and urgent messages are being sent by SMS to those requesting it.

Construction work on the major kitchen relocation project will commence in September 2014 after the Muktad and New Year events. All necessary building permits have been received and the architect has commenced the tendering and bidding process in conjunction with the Renovation sub-committee. The remaining two washrooms on the 2nd floor will be completely repaired and revamped within the next two months. As a result, we will have three fully functional washrooms upstairs. Other projects on the horizon include replacement of windows throughout the property where permissible, broadening of driveway going down to Bayview Avenue, a total facelift of the main hall, new chairs and dollies, new picnic tables, etc.

Thank you to all members who have sent in their membership fees for 2014-2015. However, many members still have not done so. Please check the address label on your newsletter envelope to determine the status of your fees. If the date says Mar-15, then you have paid your membership fee for the current year (April 2014-March 2015). If the date says Mar-14 then your fees for 2014-2015 are due. Please complete the renewal form and mail it with your cheque to the Treasurer, payable The ZSO. ZSO relies on membership fees and donations in order to run smoothly along with the countless hours volunteers contribute from across a broad cross section of the community.

Five positions on the EC will become vacant in July. Elections to fill these will be held at the next ZSO Annual General Meeting at the MGDM on July 20, 2014. The positions are:

- President (1 year term)
- Executive Vice President (2 year term)
- Treasurer (2 year term)
- Assistant Secretary (2 year term)
- Executive Officer (2 year term)

A nomination form is included and the completed form must be received by the Secretary no later than June 15, 2014. We invite and encourage many of you to apply, especially the youth who we would like to take the ZSO forward in the years to come. Many may have been disheartened with recent events – let that not be a stumbling block but rather an opportunity for you to join the EC to make a positive, meaningful, and lasting impact and difference.

On March 28 at the regular Friday Senior's meeting, the members honored Daulat on her retirement as Chair of the Seniors' Committee after several years of distinguished leadership, dedication, and service to the community. The occasion included a very entertaining musical presentation of songs (English Oldies) by a professional musician, Jay Franco (an ex-Bombay Goan), followed by a speech recounting Daulat's many accomplishments, presentation of a bouquet of flowers, and a Thank You card signed by her many well-wishers. The event ended with a delicious lunch of Dhan'dar-Patio and dessert. Daulat will still be amongst us as a member of the Seniors' Group and has offered her continued service as and when required. Thank you Daulat!

Enjoy the warm days and months ahead!

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT: On April 18, 2014, Mr. Firdosh K. Mistry of Toronto, husband of Hutoxi, father of Natasha Mistry, and brother-in-law of Havovii and Rohinton Viccajee, all of Toronto. All funeral-related prayers are being held in Mumbai. Our condolences to the bereaved family.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: On April 5, 2014 in Toronto (Ontario), Ava Elena, daughter to Isabel and Zubin Mancherjee, sister to Advi, granddaughter to Jeroo & Hosie Mancherjee and Isabel & Alvaro Cascante, niece to Janine & Kevin Mancherjee, and cousin to Xerxes & Zane.
On April 18, 2014 in Markham (Ontario), Julian, baby boy to Farrah and Neville Cooper, brother to Arianna, and grandson to Farida & Dara Bhesania and Aniheeta & Kersi Cooper.

*Congratulations to the happy families!*

**SMS MESSAGES:** Those who wish to receive urgent messages, which would otherwise be by way of auto-dialer only, will now have the option of receiving the same by way of SMS/text messages. Please confirm whether you would like SMS/texts and auto-dialer, or only one, in which case which one. Those interested are requested to send their mobile phone numbers to Dara Panthakee at panthakee@gmail.com.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The ZSO Scholarship Committee will be responsible for overseeing and managing the scholarship application program for the society. Forms for the inaugural ZSO Academic and Community Service Excellence Award for High School Students are available on the ZSO website (http://www.zso.org/documents/ZSO_Scholarship_Application_2014_2015.pdf). The deadline for this year's scholarship application is July 13, 2014. For questions about the scholarship application process, please contact Daraius Bharucha at xermgr@rogers.com.

**COMMUNITY HERO:** Khurshid Engineer was recently added to RBC’s Wall of Inspiration as a Community Hero. She works as a Mortgage Consultant and is also a dedicated volunteer, giving her time to the Red Cross Meals on Wheels program. For the past 15 years, Khurshid has not only volunteered with the program, but has also rallied RBC branches to become involved with Meals on Wheels. Khurshid is also very active in our community as a religion class teacher for ZSO and OZCF, and in the greater Toronto community as a volunteer with many causes, including the Canadian Cancer Society and MS and Parkinson’s Foundations. Congratulations Khurshid, we thank you for your dedication to the community!

**NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS:** The 17th North American Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014. Hosted by the Zoroastrian Association of California, in collaboration with the California Zoroastrian Center, the theme of the Congress is *Faith and Unity*. Separate programs are geared towards children, youth, and adults, while social and entertainment programs have been organized for all ages to enjoy. The Congress will culminate in an extraordinary New Year’s Eve Gala. Please visit www.nazc2014.org for the program, registration, discounted hotel rates, local LA attractions, and advertising options.

**ENTERPRISE DUBAI BUSINESS CONTEST:** Enterprise Dubai presents a business competition for individuals or teams with ideas for starting a business, product line, or service. Entrants can come from any industry, and all businesses must be for profit. The contest is looking for innovative ideas. Interested applicants must apply by July 31, 2014. For more information, please visit www.wzcongress.org/enterprisedubai.

**ZOROASTRIAN DELEGATION AT UNITED NATIONS:** In March the Zoroastrian United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (UN NGO) Committee represented FEZANA at the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting. The group (consisting of Havovi Bharda, Tanya Bharda, Rayomond Dinshaw, Homi Gandhi, Nurelle Mehta, Afreed Mistry, Nina Mistry, Behram Pastakia, and Mani Rao) presented a panel discussion entitled “Empowering women to break away from the vicious circle of poverty.” The discussion revolved around problems faced by women in rural India and examined how education, health care, and innovative tools like micro financing can help alleviate poverty for women in India. The panel discussion was extremely well-received.

**RATAN TATA AWARDED KNIGHT’S GRAND CROSS:** Ratan Tata was recently awarded the Knight’s Grand Cross. Conferred on the Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group by Queen Elizabeth II, the Knight’s Grand Cross is one of the UK’s highest civilian honours. Tata was recognized for his services in strengthening the
relationship between UK and India, inward investment to the UK, and philanthropy. May Ratan Tata’s example of leadership, business acumen, and compassion continue to inspire future generations.

**100 TORONTO AND 100 OAKVILLE SCOUT GROUPS** held their first ever **Joint Link Camp** at the OZCF grounds in Oakville from April 4-6. Thanks to the enthusiasm of 62 youth (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers) between the ages of 5-17 years and the dedication of 22 Section Leaders and Leaders-in-Training, this first Link Camp was a great success. The Mission of this camp: to bring the Scouting Spirit of adventure and camaraderie to the children and youth of our community.

Friday evening was wet and cold, but it didn’t dampen the scouting spirit – kids came on time and the Camp commenced with the Opening Ceremony. Kids were split into 4 groups, each including children from the 4 Sections, and they were given tasks to perform. An interesting project was to design and build birdhouses. As a remembrance of the Link Camp, 2 birdhouses will be put up at each location of ZSO and OZCF. There were sessions on Emergency and Safety. Other activities included water rockets, rope crawling, pioneering, Russian carpet, and physical fitness. Saturday afternoon, all children and leaders enjoyed a swim session at a nearby community centre. Saturday night witnessed a most enjoyable grand campfire that was very well conducted by Venturers Rohan Gazdar and Spenta Chothia, replete with skits, songs, scout yells, hot chocolate, and roasted marshmallows!

Due to the inclement and cold weather, everyone slept indoors. The hectic activities left the kids fairly exhausted, but it helped them to shut-eye immediately and earn a good night’s rest. The same might be said of the dedicated Leaders! To keep everyone energized, our Leader Chefs did a fantastic job of preparing healthy and unlimited meals over the entire weekend.

Sunday morning the Beavers and Cubs enjoyed an egg hunt. Later that day group pictures were taken, all participated in the Closing Ceremony, and the kids were picked up on time. After a most eventful and enjoyable Link Camp, in keeping with Scout practice the groups took away with them happy memories, but left nothing behind except their thanks to God and to OZCF for the use of the beautiful premises in Oakville.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Those interested in attending lunch after the *Zarhosht-no-Diso (S)* prayers on May 25, please contact Ervad Hoshang Udwadia at (416) 499-4957 at least 4 days prior to the event.

- In an attempt to saving postage and paper, the ZSO is requesting those who do not wish to receive the newsletter by mail and are prepared to accept the same on-line only, to please email with your full name to secretary@zso.org.

- The ZSO requests persons coming from India to please bring with them at least 1kg of *sukhar* to replenish the stock at our Darbe Mehr. The ZSO will gladly pay for the *sukhar*.

- Traditional wooded *paatlaas* (made without nails) and German silver *ses* polishing services are available for a nominal fee right here in the GTA. Please contact Pervez Masani at (416) 282-2615.

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TELEPHONE: (416) 225-7771

CONTACTS:
- Emergency situations: Khushru Chothia at (416) 677-7555
- Messages on the auto-dialer: Anahita Ogra at (647) 404-1388 or Mehdad Dastur at (416) 235-2627
- Bookings of private functions or special events at the Darbe Mehr: Meherwan Wadia at ExecOfficer2@zso.org or (416) 455-6514
- Renting the MGDM hall and Dadgah for post-funeral prayers and rituals: Meherwan Wadia at (416) 455-6514. Please note there is a charge of $100 per day.

ZSO NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:
Deadlines: Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 15th of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published in the following newsletter.

Publisher: Zoroastrian Society of Ontario
Associate Editors: Natasha Bozorgi (nbozorgi@hotmail.com) and Diana Vania (dianakvania@gmail.com)
جشن حورداگان (رزم جوانان)

خوردا بختیاری بخش ابتدا ابر و جشن حورداگان، جشنی در ستایش و گرامیداشت «خرداد» (حسن حورداگان) که در انسان‌نوازی «گوشه‌نگاران» و منطقی «خرداد» ساخته می‌شود، و به معنی رسالتی و نذری در تاریخ هفته از فرهنگ ایران می‌باشد.

در این جشن، به صورت امید عهده‌داران خوانندگی، رستگاری و رامش و سعادت را از طرف امیداران حورداگان به

جوان باک دری می‌پندارد.

روزگاران در پی یکدیگر می‌آیند و می‌روند و نشل‌ها یا کوله‌باری از ترجیح و عشق به زندگانی در پی آنند که این هدفی گران‌ها را بسته نشیه‌ها و گریمه می‌پس از خروج دارد. در فرهنگ بالا به عشق و خوشبختی که هم‌مروره که کوشش‌ها راهی مسیحیت شده، جوانان آن‌ها از جذابیت‌های خلاقانه و ارزش‌های روح‌الله. کانون‌های ایرانیان ترکستانی انتاریو با سربلندی حضرت حورداگان را به جشن حورداگان است برای اولین بار حسن می‌گردد تا کمک به پیوندگاهی به عشق به دیدارهای جوانان را باس نزدیک و با این جشن، سیاست‌گذاری از جوانان را به دیدارهای انسانی معرفی کنم. باشید که این سراغ‌ها بارای سیاست‌گذاری از تلاش‌ها و دست آوردهای جوانان نشان دهند که گمان برای ساختن باید افراد از نسل‌های پیشین و بهتر برای نسل‌های جدید راه یابد.

جشن حورداگان بر همگان مباد.

پیام‌های تلفنی

از همه‌ها نمی‌توان به دربار بیان ها و اگر ها می‌گردد، اطلاع‌رسانی از دلیل تلفنی (Message) برای بیان‌های خدا، خداوند، خواجه‌نشین است که شماره تلفن‌های جنگ‌ها و خود را به نام Dara Panthakee (panthakee@gmail.com) ارسال نمایند.

کانون ایرانیان ترکستانی انتاریو جوانان را به مراسمی شاد بوده برای شب کانون در گردش، این مراسم برای روزپردازی 45 - 15 در سالن دریایی الگانس با برنامه‌های تماشا، رقص هنری (Bally Dance)، و موزیک که جنگ‌ها و خواب با دادن سربلندی حضرت حورداگان را به جشن حورداگان است برای اولین بار حسن می‌گردد تا کمک به پیوندگاهی به عشق به دیدارهای جوانان را باس نزدیک و با این جشن، سیاست‌گذاری از جوانان را به دیدارهای انسانی معرفی کنم. باشید که این سراغ‌ها بارای سیاست‌گذاری از تلاش‌ها و دست آوردهای جوانان نشان دهند که گمان برای ساختن باید افراد از نسل‌های پیشین و بهتر برای نسل‌های جدید راه یابد.

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ارتباطات، نظرات و پیشنهادات سازنده خود را با ما ارسال کنید در میان بگذارید (kanoun@zso.org)
Jashne Javanan / Youth Celebration Party

Night filled with Dinner and DJ Dance, Light show & Belly Dancer

Saturday May 24, 2014  6:30pm

Location: Elegance Banquet Hall
10 Newkirk Rd #21, Richmond Hill
(Off of Major McKenzie between Bayview & Yonge)

ZSO Members + all Youth (under 21): $30  Non-members: $50

Tickets will be available during May 4th Gahambar or contact
Beheshteh Faramarzi – (647) 241-7744  /  Pearl Chothia – (416) 917-7402
or email rostaminkanoon@gmail.com
**Zoroastrian Society of Ontario**  
3590 Bayview Avenue  
North York, Ontario, M2M 3S6

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

- Please check mark one box that applies and write clearly
- APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP  
  April 1st, 201_ to Mar 31st, 201_
- MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION  
  April 1st, 201_ to Mar 31st, 201_
- CHANGE NOTIFICATION

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- Are you a member of any Zoroastrian Organization which belongs to FEZANA  
  - Yes  
  - No

If Yes, then my ZSO Membership is  
- Primary  
- Secondary

Cheque for the amount of $_____ payable to “Z.S.O.” is attached

MAIL TO “Z.S.O. Membership” to the above address

Date: dd/mm/yy (Applicant only)  
Signature ____________________________

**NEW MEMBERS MUST BE INTRODUCED BY TWO ZSO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND APPROVED BY ZSO EC.**

**NEW IMMIGRANT in past 12 months**  
- Yes  
- No if Yes, arrival date dd/mm/yy

1 - Proposed by (member in good standing)  
- Print full name  
- Telephone #:  
- Signature  
- Date: dd/mm/yy

2 - Proposed by (member in good standing)  
- Print full name  
- Telephone #:  
- Signature  
- Date: dd/mm/yy

Approved by ZSO E.C.  
- Yes  
- No  
- Date: dd/mm/yy  
- Signature & Position ____________________________

**NOTE:** The personal information given will be kept confidential. This information is required to provide better service to our members. Your cooperation is requested.
ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

NOMINATION FORM - 2014

(Please print or write clearly and complete all sections on both sides of this Form)

We, the undersigned, being members in good standing of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO), nominate the following member of ZSO who is a permanent resident of Ontario

__________________________ of __________________________.

(Name of member nominated) (City)

for election to serve on the Executive Committee as:

__________________________

(Position)

Dated at __________________________ this ______ day of __________, 2014.

(City) (Date) (Month)

__________________________

(Proposer’s Name) (Proposer’s Name)

__________________________

(Proposer’s Signature) (Proposer’s Signature)

I, ___________________________ (Nominee), consent to this Nomination, and agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the ZSO and all Resolutions passed by the members of the ZSO at all General Meetings.

__________________________

(Nominee’s Signature)

Please Note:
1. For this nomination to be valid, it must be delivered to the attention of the “ZSO Secretary” before 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at the registered office of the ZSO.
2. The Nominee must complete the Bio-data Form overleaf.
3. The Nominee and the Proposers must be members in good standing (up to date with their Membership Fees) on the date that this Nomination Form is signed.

(P.T.O.)

ZSO Nomination Form – 2014
ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

NOMINEE’S BIO-DATA FORM - 2014

Nominee’s Name:

Member of ZSO since:

Past Social/Community Activities:

Education Background:

Professional Background/Occupation:

Objectives I’d like to achieve if elected:

Dated: _______________, 2014

(Signature of Nominee)

(P.T.O.)
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• ISRAEL/PETRA TOUR  
• ICELAND (NORTHERN LIGHTS)  
• SOUTH AFRICA TOUR  
• MALAYSIA/THAILAND/SINGAPORE  
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
- Yangtze River cruise
- Great Wall of China
- Forbidden City
- Terra Cotta Warriors
- Garden City of Suzhou
- Local Cuisine and Shows

14 DAY CHARMING CHINA YANGTZE TOUR
DEPARTS MAY 14, 2014
$3,838 per person (Double occupancy)
Escorted by Nilufer Mama with International Air, Hotels, Land and most meals
Early Booking Bonus! $100 off per person for bookings by Feb 07, 2014
All gratuities included

This price is guaranteed with a minimum of 15 guests

May 14, 2014
Full package from Toronto
$3,838
Land Only
Includes China domestic flights
$2,999
* Single Supplement
$650
** Full Single Supplement
$999

Tour extensions to other South East Asia destinations also available

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:
- Round trip economy air from Toronto
- China domestic flights as specified in itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Accommodation at 5*star hotels & cruise
- English speaking national local guides
- Daily breakfast buffet in hotels
- Meals as specified
- Sightseeing & admissions
- Deluxe A/C coach
- All gratuities included

PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:
- International air taxes and fuel surcharge (approx.$500)
- China domestic airport, fuel & government taxes (approx. CAD $ 150 per person)
- Airport transfers for "Land Only" guests
- Visa fees
- Meals not described in itinerary
- Optional sightseeing and shows
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Drinks during meals, hotel extras and personal spending

Day 1 / May 14: Toronto – Beijing
Your journey begins with a transpacific flight to China. Move your watch a day ahead as you cross the International Dateline.

Day 2 / May 15: Beijing
Welcome to Beijing, the political and cultural centre of the world's most populous nation. Your friendly national tour guide will meet you at the airport followed by a transfer to 5-Star Marriott City Wall Hotel. (D)

Day 3 / May 16: Beijing
Visit Tian An Men Square and the Forbidden City, home of many priceless treasures. Savour a Dim Sum Lunch and explore the Temple of Heaven. A sumptuous Peking Duck dinner will be served in the evening. Optional: Legend of Kungfu Show. Overnight at 5-Star Marriott City Wall Hotel (B/L/D)

Day 4 / May 17: Beijing
Stroll along the mighty Great Wall then have locally flavored lunch. On the way back take a photo stop at the Olympic sites, where you will see the Bird Nest Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic Centre. Visit the Cloisonné Factory to experience the art of Chinese pottery-making and go on a Hutong tour by Pedi-cab, driving through the ancient streets and residential areas to see the daily life of local people. Overnight at 5-Star Marriott City Wall Hotel (B/L/D)

Day 5 / May 18: Beijing-Yichang
After breakfast, transfer to airport for your flight to Yichang. (Lunch in flight). Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy the stunning scenery as you sail through Xiling Gorge. Embark on a shore excursion to Shennong Stream, which is a natural habitat of the mandarin ducks and golden-hair monkeys. After lunch, admire breathtaking sights of the narrow cliff walls and dramatic vistas in the Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. (B/L/D)

Day 8 / May 21: Yangtze River Cruise
Participate in guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning. Later in the morning, take a shore excursion to Fengdu "the Ghost City" or Shibaozhai, home to a 12 storey red wooden pavilion built against a protruding 220 meter rectangular rock with sheer cliffs on the north bank. (B/L/D)

Day 9 / May 22: Chongqing – Xian by flight
As the cruise ends, you will disembark in Chongqing Pier. Upon arrival you will visit the Erling Park and the Flying Tiger Museum. After lunch you will be transferred to the airport and fly to Xian. Tour the Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient City Wall. Overnight at the 5-Star Golden Flower by Shangri-La Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 10 / May 23: Xian
Explore the famous Terra Cotta Museum where you will see the mighty terra cotta warriors. Lunch features local cuisine. En-route visit the amazing Lacquer ware Furniture Store. In the evening, watch an amazing Tang Dynasty Dinner Show. Dinner includes four varieties of specialty dumplings. (B/L/D)

Day 11 / May 24: Xian - Shanghai by flight
Take the morning flight to Shanghai. Visit the Orient TV Tower, Yu Garden and the Bund, Western dinner will be arranged at the hotel. Optional: Acrobatic Show available. Stay at 5-Star Renaissance Yangtze Hotel for three nights. (B/L/D)

Day 12 / May 25: Shanghai-Suzhou
Coach to Suzhou, the 'Venice of the East'. Visit the Master of Nets Garden and take a boat ride on the Grand Canal. Visit Silk Factory and Workshop. Back to Shanghai and join in the farewell dinner. Stay at 5-Star Renaissance Yangtze Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 13 / May 26: Shanghai
Free day to explore Shanghai or enjoy a shopping spree and sight-seeing at your leisure. Optional tours will be offered. (B)

Day 14 / May 27: Shanghai – Toronto
After breakfast, transfer to the airport on the high speed Maglev train. Say good-bye to China as you board your transpacific flight home. (B)

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner
*HAVE A GREAT TRIP*

Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars

If there are less than 15 guests, the price of the tour will increase
First deposit of $1000 is required upon booking.
Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure

*Single Supplement: single room in all hotels and shared cabin on cruise.
** Full Single Supplement: single room in all hotels and single cabin guaranteed on cruise.

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