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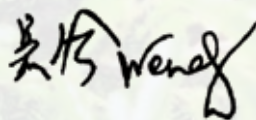
WELCOME TO CHINA

“I started taking people to China in 1994 to share my passion for the country where I grew up...”

Wendy has been inspiring travellers ever since – nobody more so than her own team. At Wendy Wu Tours we are all avid adventurers, constantly seeking out the best ways for you to experience China. That's why we are the China experts and one of Australia's leading tour operators to Asia.

The tours and holidays in this brochure are designed to showcase China's iconic sights, as well as its magnificent hidden gems and authentic and exciting experiences. These provide you with the very best China holiday, whether it's your first or your tenth visit.

My team and I look forward to welcoming you to China soon!



Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

10 reasons why you should choose Wendy Wu Tours.

1 No one knows China like we do

Most of our staff have travelled throughout China and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are known as Australia's specialist operator to Asia, and have been building our global reputation as Wendy Wu Tours since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time. Wendy however first commenced developing programmes to the region years prior, proudly escorting her very first group tour in 1994.



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

3 Dedicated National Escorts

At the heart of Wendy Wu Tours is our team of experienced and dedicated National Escorts and Local Guides. The most common feedback we receive from returning passengers is praise for the caring, efficient and passionate nature of our guides who provide valuable insight into the local history, customs and culture. All our group tours (of 10 people or more) are accompanied in China by a National Escort and Local Guides with particular expertise in each location. This way, our customers receive the very best of care and return with unrivalled experiences.

2 Authentic Experiences

Our extensive experience and local expertise means we can take you to places rarely visited and those you have always dreamed of exploring. We have been blazing trails into this ever-developing country for over 21 years, and pride ourselves in delivering authentically Chinese experiences. On some of our tours, you will have the opportunity to experience and try your hand at ancient crafts and traditions; and there will be endless opportunities to meet local people and see a lifestyle so different to your own.

We continue to redefine travel to China, and are proud to offer the widest variety of tours to this amazing country.



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ VICTORIA JENNA

4 Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyable authentic travel experience. Our group tours are predominately conducted using air conditioned coaches, internal flights and trains and various boats. See page 127.



▲ GOLDEN FLOWER, XIAN

5 Selected Accommodation

With many years' experience in sending passengers to China, we are attuned with the types of hotels and locations our customers expect in order to enhance their holiday experience. Utilising good quality 'medium range' properties on our Classic and Discovery Tours that can vary from a smart business hotel in one city to a

family run guest house in a smaller town, we can ensure that no matter where you are staying, a comfortable night's rest is had. We inspect our hotels regularly under our 'We Care' initiative to ensure that they reach and maintain our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. See page 128.

6 Preferred Airlines

Return international economy flights are included as part of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours. The airlines offered have the finest reputations for service and reliability on their international and domestic routes. Wendy Wu Tours works closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination conveniently and in comfort. Stopovers are available (see pages 116-122). For more information about our preferred airlines, see page 123.

7 We Love Solo Travellers

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Even better, if you are a single traveller, book outside 75 days before departure and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement. Single supplements for Yangtze River cruises unfortunately cannot be waived.

8 Tipping Made Easy

Tipping is customary in many cultures, and is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry in Asia. In the interest of transparent pricing, we've included the nominated tipping amount (converted into AUD) in all of our group tour prices. This makes it easier for you to plan your total travel budget. This tipping amount is not to be paid with the rest of your tour balance before leaving home – it is due to be paid to the National Escort at the start of your tour. They will then distribute tips throughout your tour to the Local Guides and drivers on behalf of your whole group. See page 128.



9 Regional Flavour

Meals included in our tours are aimed to provide our customers with a genuine taste of the different regions visited. We endeavour to provide meal options that cover a wide selection of tastes and preferences. Highlights may include a dumpling dinner in Xian, a Peking Duck dinner in Beijing, and east meets west fusions in Hong Kong.

10 Great Value Fully Inclusive Classic Tours

- ✓ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All meals
- ✓ All transportation and transfers
- ✓ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- ✓ English-speaking National Escort and Local Guides
- ✓ Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- ✓ Tipping (paid locally)
- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides

The only things you need to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, arrival or departure transfers if not travelling on group flights and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed).

If you have booked your tour as Land Only, the price does not include visa fees or arrival/departure transfers.

If, due to flight schedules, you are required to stop over, taxes, accommodation, transportation and meals in country of transit are not included (see individual touring pages).

DISCOVER CHINA WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Over 21 years we have established expert local knowledge that will ensure you see the very best of China – whether that is the major cities or more remote regions.



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CHINA NATIONAL
TOURIST OFFICE, SYDNEY

WENDY'S TOP 10 CHINA SIGHTS

1 BEIJING

Capital city, imperial treasure trove and home to the Forbidden City and Great Wall of China, Beijing is featured on the majority of our itineraries.



2 XIAN

Xian is best known for those enigmatic Terracotta Warriors. It is also a city with an illustrious past, which is why it is included on most itineraries.



3 YANGTZE RIVER

China's pivotal waterway brings together a plethora of unmissable sights. A cruise boat icon will indicate whether a tour includes a Yangtze cruise.



4 CHENGDU

Chengdu is the gateway to Sichuan province and the home of China's cuddly icon. We love Giant Pandas so much that we've included Chengdu on many of our tours.



5 GUILIN & YANGSHUO

Cruise through the breathtaking landscapes of the Li River to vibrant Yangshuo. Every river bend brings mesmerising views of jagged karst peaks and alluring rural scenes.



6 HONG KONG

Hong Kong is the very definition of a cosmopolitan city. See it on Cities of the Orient (page 30) or add it on as a stopover (page 118).



7 LHASA

Tibet's magical capital sits on the roof of the world. This profoundly spiritual city is brimming with architectural and natural beauty.



8 LIJIANG

Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic landscapes, this beautifully preserved ancient Chinese town is set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains.



9 JIUZHAIGOU NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

This incredible national park of ragged peaks and sapphire lakes takes its name from the nine Tibetan villages along its length.



10 KASHGAR

Packed with rich Silk Road history, tread the ancient trade route on our Road to Samarkand (page 86) and Silk Road Explorer (page 74) adventures.



TRAVEL YOUR WAY

We know that every traveller is different, so we have developed three touring styles to help you see Asia in the way that suits you the best. See the highlights of the region on our Classic Tours, immerse yourself further in China on our Discovery Tours, or experience the country in comfort and style on our Deluxe Tours.



FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOURS

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A thoughtfully designed series of journeys for those who wish to see the iconic sights and magnificent treasures that China has to offer on a fully inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU

IS A CLASSIC TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- Tick off all of China's big, awe-inspiring sights – whether that's the classic Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Giant Panda combination, or a tour that's a little more comprehensive.
- Travel with the assurance that all of your arrangements are taken care of – flights, visas, accommodation and all touring.
- All of your meals are included – whilst breakfasts are usually western style, at lunch and dinner we'll help you go on a Chinese culinary adventure!
- Travel with like-minded people – our customers often form lifelong friendships on tour.
- You'll be accompanied by our industry-leading National Escorts, whose unparalleled knowledge and talent will ensure your holiday is truly memorable.



▲ GUILIN



▲ LONGJI RICE TERRACES

DISCOVERY TOURS

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Designed for those who wish to be further immersed in the authentic charm of Asia; see China differently on our Discovery Tours by taking part in unique, cultural and active experiences.

IS A DISCOVERY TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- See and experience travelling through a remote, untouched China, whilst also taking in the classic sights.
- Get closer to the locals and see their traditions.
- Experience China differently – from trekking along the Great Wall to cycling through Yangshuo's beautiful landscapes or participating in a Bai minority tea ceremony.
- Travel in small groups of 18 or less.
- Enjoy more freedom – the majority of these tours are not fully inclusive, meaning we've left you some free time to go out and explore local restaurants and culinary traditions for yourself.



FLEXIBLE

A tour with this symbol has many of the active elements as optional and at your own expense, so you can choose how active your tour will be and when you would like to have free time.



▲ YANGSHUO

DELUXE TOURS

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Meticulously designed with the more discerning traveller in mind, our Deluxe journeys through China feature distinctive and exclusive experiences which bring the region to life.

IS A DELUXE TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- Travel in intimate groups of 18 or less.
- Take part in a series of unique and exclusive experiences such as sipping champagne on the Great Wall, taking part in a Tai Chi class with a master or exploring the Terracotta Warriors, guided by a member of the excavation team.
- Stay in carefully selected deluxe hotels in the best possible locations throughout.
- Indulge in sumptuous dining experiences.
- Enjoy a little more freedom – these tours are not fully inclusive so you can enjoy some evenings to yourself.
- You get those little added extras that make the tour special, such as portage, a mid-tour laundry service and daily bottled water.

THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our tours are also graded as **Comfortable**, **Moderate** or **Active** to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the below icons on the page.

TOUR GRADING

Comfortable



Accessible to most people

with an average level of fitness and average mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

Moderate



Tours require a higher

level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.

Active



Tours require a good

level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and some travel to remote, high altitude areas where facilities are less developed.



▲ HIMALAYA VIEWS



Altitude

This symbol indicates that areas above 3000m are visited on tour. Please refer to your travel documents for information regarding locations of altitude, acute mountain sickness and recommendations for travelling to these areas. If you have an existing medical condition, we recommend checking with your doctor before travelling.

YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated guide throughout. The unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise of our Local Guides and National Escorts will astonish you.

Dedicated & Professional Local Expertise

Our guides are utterly committed to Wendy Wu Tours and the vast majority have been with us for many years. We ensure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone who you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the Chinese way of doing things.

We own our touring operation in China, meaning our high standards are seamlessly communicated and fully maintained across the organisation. We speak daily to our National Escorts in China to ensure they are aware of what we expect and have been briefed on any customer feedback.

All of our National Escorts go through rigorous and ongoing training and are completely fluent in English.



All our National Escorts

- Have a minimum of two years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Are born and raised in China making them unparalleled experts
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Above all they love to explore China





Jacky Sun

"I worked my way up, step by step, from being a Local Guide in Xian to an experienced National Escort, leading trips all over China. I am a considerate and helpful guide and treat all of my groups like family – everyone can just come along and enjoy, and leave the rest to me. I believe a wonderful tour is not only about the destinations we visit, but also the things that we do and see along the way."

**Ms Michelle Cheong,
Glories of China**

"Jacky Sun went above and beyond to make our trip as memorable and as enjoyable as possible. Jacky kept us safe and, most importantly, made sure we had fun."



Michelle Liu

"I am a National Escort who is a fountain of knowledge about China, and is a lot of fun to travel with! I consider myself calm and professional and able to make sure that everything runs like clockwork. Come and join me on a trip of a lifetime through my breathtaking country."

**Mr and Mrs Lowrey,
Wonders of China**

"This tour was made so amazingly fun by our National Escort, Michelle. Please pass on my gratitude to her, her friendliness and concern for her 'family' was obvious and appreciated."



Jason Jia

"I am proud to be a National Escort and part of the Wendy Wu family. I always give 110% effort to make sure I meet the needs of my guests. I love to share my passion for travel with my groups – it can make me laugh, make me nervous and can even make me cry, and has also made me a better guide."



**Mr and Mrs Taylor,
China Delights**

"The whole tour was superbly run. For his organisational abilities, knowledge, humour and compassion we think Jason was the best tour guide we have known (and we have done several group tours with other companies). He added enormously to the whole experience and our enjoyment."



"This is my 10th year working for Wendy Wu Tours. In those 10 years I have been to almost every corner of China, experiencing and learning a lot along the way. Trust me when I say travelling with Wendy Wu offers you a different tour experience and unforgettable memories."

Miss Brierley, China Delights

"Jay Chen is an excellent National Guide with a good sense of humour and made the holiday interesting and run smoothly. Informative Local Guides, experienced coach drivers and good service at all the hotels."



Jay Chen

TRAVELLERS' FEEDBACK

We love to hear from our customers. Your comments and feedback help to maintain and improve our high standards. We also love to hear your travel stories and discover your holiday highlights.

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS THINK OF US



We returned happy, happy people

"A dream come true! We returned happy, happy people. The Wonders of China was just that, wonderful. I have had a long desire and dream to walk on the Great Wall of China, when I got there I was so thrilled! Our National Guide George went out of his way to make the tour a delight and a wonderful experience for all of us."

Vincent and Christina McGillick,
Wonders of China, April 2016

One of the best holidays I have ever had

"I have no words other than to say it was AWESOME, one of the best holidays I have ever had. I have extensive travel experience and travel 4-6 weeks every year overseas, which I have been doing for the past 13 years. I would have to say this experience tops the list. The tour was very well organised and I had no complaints, the hotels and food were great! The places we visited and shows we saw were just amazing."

Michael Carter, A China Experience, May 2015

Surpassed our expectations

"Our first trip to China with Wendy Wu Tours surpassed our expectations because of the professionalism, expertise and caring attitude of our National Escort. He had a good sense of humor and his knowledge of China was astounding. Special mention also to Chi, the Shanghai tour guide. We felt safe and very well looked after at all times. We would highly recommend Wendy Wu Tours."

Mr and Mrs Mayberry,
A China Experience, August 2015





Thank you

"Our tour was so fortunate to have Jason as our guide. He took care of each and every one of us as though we were family. We all learned so much about China's past and present and all came home having gained so much knowledge about the country. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to experience such a different culture and such a beautiful country and especially for employing Jason as a national guide. In him you have the best!!"

Lynette Deacon,
China Encounters, April 2015

A good insight into China

"We would like to thank Wendy Wu management and staff for a wonderful experience in China. Our itineraries, guides and variety of experiences has given us just about as good an insight into such a large and complex nation as possible in three short weeks of the tour."

Ellen and Howard Leader,
Ancient China, April 2015



We enjoyed every minute of it

"Majestic Yangtze was the first guided tour we have ever done and we enjoyed every minute of it. Wendy Wu Tours took great care of us from beginning to end which left us with nothing else to do but enjoy the sites and scenery – we soaked up all the culture of china. Value all the way!"

Ken and Kath Tonge, Majestic Yangtze, April 2015

An absolutely fantastic holiday

"Just an absolutely fantastic holiday. I saw the big three; Terracotta Warriors, Great Wall and Giant Pandas. Then there was the world's biggest stone Buddha at Leshan, Tiananmen Square, the list goes on! The travellers were a great bunch of people and our guide was fantastic for the whole trip. I couldn't ask for anything more. Thank you very much."

Wayne Bandholz,
In Pursuit of Pandas, April 2016

Nothing was too much trouble

"Our Ancient China tour combined various elements to make it a great experience. The Great Wall was great, the Terracotta Warriors captivating and the smile of the 'Mona Lisa Buddha' was enigmatic. Our National Escort was fantastic. Nothing was too much trouble! The local guides were also very good with information, personal stories and just their presence."

Frederick and Helen Rainger,
Ancient China, May 2016





CLASSIC TOURS

Our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours encompass China's iconic sights, from the Great Wall to the Terracotta Warriors and beyond.

Our Classic Tours include:

- International flights & taxes
 - Comprehensive touring
 - Expert National Escorts
 - Knowledgeable Local Guides
 - All accommodation & meals
 - All transportation in country of travel
 - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
 - Specialist advice from our travel consultants
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IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

Journey from the imperial treasures of Beijing through atmospheric Xian with its enigmatic legions of Terracotta Warriors to reach the charming city of Chengdu, where you will meet its most famous residents – the captivating Giant Pandas.

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$2,980 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & PERTH



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$2,753, airline fuel surcharge \$160 and tipping \$67 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU

Price includes:



All meals (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

■ 9 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$2,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth with China Southern Airlines (CZ)

■ 9 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,240 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns** with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Adelaide passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost*

***Cairns passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.*

■ 9 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,580 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

**Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Chengdu) 8 days from \$2,080 per person (includes tipping)

Available for travellers aged 8 years and over.



▲ TEMPLE OF HEAVEN, BEIJING



▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feast on Peking Duck
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Stroll the Summer Palace
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Admire the Leshan Buddha
- Watch Giant Pandas play

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly to Beijing for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao. At the head of the square the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City is a monument to dynasties past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck, after which there is an option to enjoy a Kung Fu show (at your own expense).

■ Day 3: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of kilometres from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing, then savour a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional gardens and admire exquisite architecture. Jade is revered throughout China; it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

■ Day 4: Fly to Xian

Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four

great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province, and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town to get your bearings, before a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors who stand in their original formations at the exact location where they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftspeople who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Fly to Chengdu.

■ Day 6: Grand Buddha of Leshan

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A short boat trip on the river will give even better views of the statue. Returning to Chengdu, there will be a stop at the riverside village of Huanglongxi, where cobbled streets and rickety wooden buildings retain the charms of the Qing Dynasty. Sample a delicious Sichuan meal this evening.

■ Day 7: Giant Pandas

A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn

about China's celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, visit the Shu Brocade Embroidery Museum, then enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional tea house before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

■ Day 8: Depart Chengdu

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 8.*

■ Day 9: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

STOPOVER



HONG KONG DISNEYLAND 3 NIGHTS FROM \$740PP

Enter a magical kingdom and explore seven lands – Adventureland, Grizzly Gulch, Mystic Point, Toy Story Land, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland and Main Street, USA – filled with excitement and Disney characters.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, PER (CZ) and SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS** (CX)

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2016 DATES											
24 Dec - 03 Jan ^		CX \$4,980									
2017 DATES											
11 Feb - 19 Feb	CZ N/A	CX \$3,630	06 May - 14 May	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,230	12 Aug - 20 Aug	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,730	21 Oct - 29 Oct	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,830
04 Mar - 12 Mar	CZ \$2,980	CX \$3,240	13 May - 21 May	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,230	02 Sep - 10 Sep	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,930	20 Nov - 28 Nov	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,630
18 Mar - 26 Mar	CZ \$2,980	CX \$3,490	20 May - 28 May	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,230	09 Sep - 17 Sep	CZ \$3,280	CX \$4,030	24 Dec - 03 Jan ^	CZ N/A	CX \$4,530
08 Apr - 16 Apr	CZ \$3,680	CX \$4,030	03 Jun - 11 Jun	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,730	23 Sep - 01 Oct#	CZ \$3,840	CX \$4,230			
22 Apr - 30 Apr	CZ \$3,480	CX \$4,030	22 Jul - 30 Jul	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,730	07 Oct - 15 Oct#	CZ \$3,840	CX \$4,230			
2018 DATES											
05 Feb - 13 Feb	CZ N/A	CX \$3,730	09 Apr - 17 Apr	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,130	14 May - 22 May	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,330			
05 Mar - 13 Mar	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,340	23 Apr - 01 May#	CZ \$3,580	CX \$4,130	21 May - 29 May	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,330			
19 Mar - 27 Mar	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,590	07 May - 15 May	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,330	04 Jun - 12 Jun	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,830			

Important note:

CZ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$160 and tipping of RMB320 (AU\$67). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB320 (AU\$67). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

SQ – Price on page 16 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB320 (AU\$67). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

^ Christmas Departure

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

The quintessential experience, this introductory tour offers a glimpse of China's glorious past, fascinating present and bright future with visits to the exceptional and contrasting cities of Xian, Beijing and Shanghai.

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PER PERSON

\$2,980 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & PERTH



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$2,737, airline fuel surcharge \$160 and tipping \$83 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



All meals (8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 10 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$2,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth with China Southern Airlines (CZ)
- 10 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,380 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

*Adelaide and Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.

- 10 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,680 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

**Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Shanghai at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$480
- Land Only (Shanghai to Beijing) 9 days from \$2,080 per person (includes tipping)



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



▲ ZHUJIAJIAO



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Uncover the past in Zhujiajiao
- Stroll the Summer Palace
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Feast on Peking Duck

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Shanghai

Fly to the city of Shanghai for a three-night stay.

Brisbane and Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

■ Day 2: Zhujiajiao water town

Visit Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Return to Shanghai and enjoy the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. Dinner is traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

■ Day 3: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and

10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Gardens, the Silk Museum and the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ Day 4: Fly to Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Tonight feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors. See the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, and later stroll on

the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ Day 6: Fly to Beijing

A relaxed morning includes a visit to the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda and time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city.

■ Day 7: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Watch a Chinese acrobatic show this evening.

■ Day 8: Great Wall of China

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Jade has been long cherished by the Chinese and at a jade factory you can understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. Savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's best known delicacy – Peking Duck, after which there is an option to

enjoy a Kung Fu show (at your own expense).

■ Day 9: Depart Beijing

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 9.*

■ Day 10: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



PURE YANGTZE 4 NIGHTS FROM \$695PP

Relax over four nights cruising on the Yangtze. Explore the Three Gorges – Qutang, Wu and Xiling. Visit the colossal dam and enjoy daily shore excursions.

See page 104.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

STOPOVER



HONG KONG IN FOCUS 3 NIGHTS FROM \$815PP

Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, PER (CZ) and SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS* (CX)

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2016 DATE											
27 Nov - 06 Dec	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,880									
2017 DATES											
05 Feb - 14 Feb	CZ \$2,980	CX \$3,630	23 Apr - 02 May#	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,230	30 Jul - 08 Aug	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,730	15 Oct - 24 Oct	CZ \$3,480	CX \$3,930
19 Feb - 28 Feb	CZ \$2,980	CX \$3,380	07 May - 16 May	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,230	13 Aug - 22 Aug	CZ \$3,480	CX \$3,830	22 Oct - 31 Oct	CZ \$3,480	CX \$3,830
05 Mar - 14 Mar	CZ \$2,980	CX \$3,380	14 May - 23 May	CZ \$3,980	CX \$4,330	27 Aug - 05 Sep	CZ \$3,540	CX \$3,930	19 Nov - 28 Nov	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,730
19 Mar - 28 Mar	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,730	21 May - 30 May	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,330	03 Sep - 12 Sep	CZ \$3,740	CX \$3,930	26 Nov - 05 Dec	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,630
26 Mar - 04 Apr	CZ \$3,280	CX \$3,730	28 May - 06 Jun	CZ \$3,680	CX \$4,030	10 Sep - 19 Sep	CZ \$3,740	CX \$3,930			
02 Apr - 11 Apr	CZ \$3,680	CX \$4,030	04 Jun - 13 Jun	CZ \$3,440	CX \$3,830	17 Sep - 26 Sep	CZ \$4,040	CX \$4,390			
09 Apr - 18 Apr	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,230	25 Jun - 04 Jul	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,730	24 Sep - 03 Oct#	CZ \$4,040	CX \$4,390			
16 Apr - 25 Apr	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,230	16 Jul - 25 Jul	CZ \$3,380	CX \$4,030	08 Oct - 17 Oct	CZ \$4,040	CX \$4,390			
2018 DATES											
04 Feb - 13 Feb	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,730	01 Apr - 10 Apr	CZ \$3,380	CX \$3,830	06 May - 15 May	CZ \$3,980	CX \$4,330	03 Jun - 12 Jun	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,130
04 Mar - 13 Mar	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,480	08 Apr - 17 Apr	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,130	13 May - 22 May	CZ \$3,980	CX \$4,330	24 Jun - 03 Jul	CZ \$3,580	CX \$3,930
18 Mar - 27 Mar	CZ \$3,180	CX \$3,480	15 Apr - 24 Apr	CZ \$3,980	CX \$4,330	20 May - 29 May	CZ \$4,080	CX \$4,430			
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Important note:

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CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB400 (AU\$83). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

SO – Price on page 18 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB400 (AU\$83). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

GLORIES OF CHINA

Combining the contrasting urban splendour of Shanghai, Beijing and Xian with the majestic sights of the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and extraordinary landscapes of the Li River, this tour showcases China's most glorious highlights.

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$3,780 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & PERTH



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,526, airline fuel surcharge \$160 and tipping \$94 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ YANGSHUO

Price includes:



All meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$680
- Land Only (Shanghai to Beijing)
13 days from \$2,860 per person (includes tipping)

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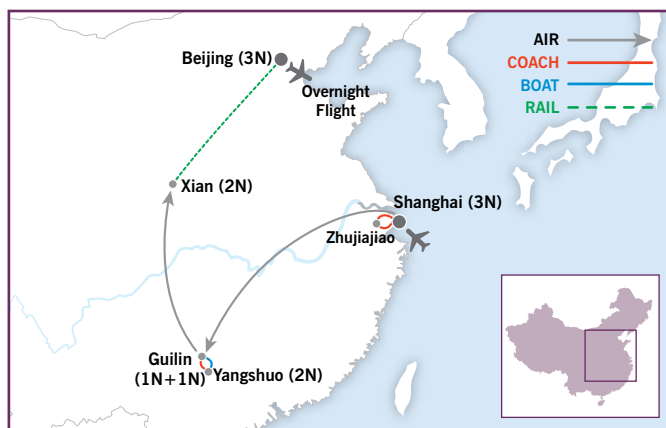
▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ CORMORANT FISHERMAN, GUILIN



▲ SHANGHAI



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Cruise the tranquil Li River
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Feast on Peking Duck
- Explore the Forbidden City

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai for a three-night stay.
Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

■ Days 2-3: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns. Afterwards see the antiquities of the Shanghai Museum and stroll along the Bund. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghai cuisine. The next day visit the peaceful Yu Gardens and wander the bustling streets of the old town. Visit a silk museum, then this evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ Day 4: Fly to Guilin

Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. Visit the Seven Star Park which is not only home to two Giant Pandas but also has beautiful scenery to stroll through. You

can also explore the spectacular formations of Seven Star Cave.

■ Day 5: Li River cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

■ Day 6: Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of jewel-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before having an afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling and rafting (at your own expense), or take a relaxing walk through the town.

■ Day 7: Cormorant fishermen

Return to Guilin by road. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture.

The South China Pearl Museum covers the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. There are also beautiful pieces available to buy. In the evening see the famous cormorant fishermen.

■ Day 8: Tang Dynasty dancing

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. Saunter around the beautiful Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching an exuberant performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 9: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life sized warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftspeople who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ Day 10: Bullet train to Beijing

Board the bullet train to Beijing, the capital of China. Enjoy a fascinating rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs.

■ Day 11: Great Wall of China

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory where you can understand the delicate process of carving this stone. In the afternoon savour the

idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander amongst traditional Chinese gardens and view the exquisite architecture. Round off the day with an evening Chinese acrobatic show.

■ Day 12: Forbidden City

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. This evening, relish Beijing's best known delicacy – Peking Duck.

■ Day 13: Depart Beijing

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on day 13.*

■ Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



BEYOND THE GREAT WALL 1 NIGHT FROM \$485PP

Explore one of the less-visited and untouched parts of the Great Wall as you hike along the Jinshanling section of the wall.

See page 106.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from

SYD, MEL, BNE, PER (CZ) and SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS* (CX)

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES											
26 Feb - 11 Mar	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,180	23 Apr - 06 May#	CZ \$4,980	CX \$5,330	13 Aug - 26 Aug	CZ \$4,340	CX \$4,730	08 Oct - 21 Oct	CZ \$4,780	CX \$5,230
12 Mar - 25 Mar	CZ \$3,780	CX \$4,180	07 May - 20 May	CZ \$4,980	CX \$5,330	03 Sep - 16 Sep	CZ \$4,440	CX \$5,030	15 Oct - 28 Oct	CZ \$4,680	CX \$5,030
26 Mar - 08 Apr	CZ \$4,680	CX \$4,990	21 May - 03 Jun	CZ \$4,980	CX \$5,330	10 Sep - 23 Sep	CZ \$4,680	CX \$5,030	29 Oct - 11 Nov	CZ \$4,340	CX \$4,790
02 Apr - 15 Apr	CZ \$4,680	CX \$4,990	25 Jun - 08 Jul	CZ \$4,340	CX \$5,030	17 Sep - 30 Sep	CZ \$4,780	CX \$5,230	19 Nov - 02 Dec	CZ \$4,180	CX \$4,530
09 Apr - 22 Apr	CZ \$4,780	CX \$5,230	23 Jul - 05 Aug	CZ \$4,340	CX \$4,730	24 Sep - 07 Oct#	CZ \$4,780	CX \$5,230			
2018 DATES											
25 Feb - 10 Mar	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,280	01 Apr - 14 Apr	CZ \$4,780	CX \$4,990	06 May - 19 May	CZ \$5,080	CX \$5,430			
11 Mar - 24 Mar	CZ \$3,880	CX \$4,280	08 Apr - 21 Apr	CZ \$4,880	CX \$5,330	20 May - 02 Jun	CZ \$5,080	CX \$5,430			
25 Mar - 07 Apr	CZ \$4,780	CX \$4,990	22 Apr - 05 May#	CZ \$5,080	CX \$5,430	24 Jun - 07 Jul	CZ \$4,480	CX \$5,130			

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SG – Price on page 20 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB450 (AU\$94). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

MAJESTIC YANGTZE

Savour the natural grandeur of the Three Gorges on a relaxing Yangtze River cruise – just one part of a wonderful tour that also includes China's enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian and Beijing, plus the Giant Pandas of Chengdu.

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$4,680 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE*, PERTH & CAIRNS*



INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$4,555 and tipping \$125 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

Price includes:



All meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$540
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Shanghai to Beijing)
13 days from \$3,560 per person (includes tipping)

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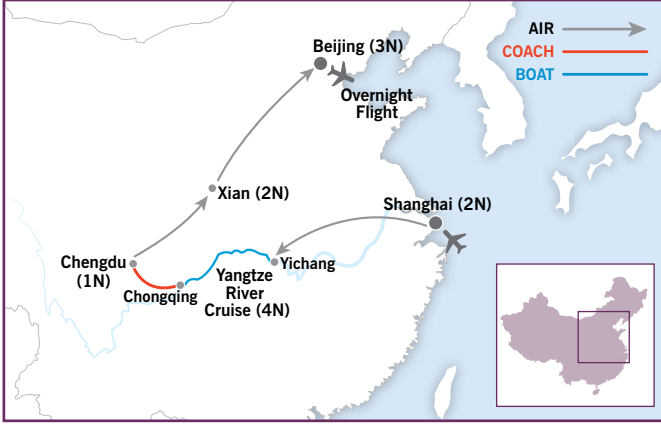
▲ YU GARDENS, SHANGHAI



▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Feast on Peking Duck

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Shanghai
Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Shanghai for a two-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ **Day 2: Explore Shanghai**
Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Gardens, the atmospheric alleys of the old town, and the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Later on you will sample some traditional cuisine.

■ **Day 3: Fly to Yichang**
Take the morning to see the sights of the ultra-modern Pudong area of the city with its sci-fi skyscrapers. Follow the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum, from the cultivation of silkworms up to creating the final piece. There are also many gorgeous, handmade items for sale. Fly to

■ Days 4-6: Yangtze River cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical and traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuan dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera (at your own expense).

A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. You'll then fly to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing await.

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10 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,830	11 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,230	09 May - 22 May	\$5,330	06 Jun - 19 Jun	\$5,330	22 Aug - 04 Sep	\$5,030	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$5,530	12 Oct - 25 Oct	\$5,230
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28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$4,680	25 Apr - 08 May#	\$5,230	16 May - 29 May	\$5,430	18 Jul - 31 Jul	\$5,030	05 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,230	26 Sep - 09 Oct#	\$5,630	24 Oct - 06 Nov	\$5,030
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27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$4,780	10 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,330	26 Apr - 09 May#	\$5,330	10 May - 23 May	\$5,430	29 May - 11 Jun	\$5,430				

CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB600 (AU\$125). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

CHINA SPLENDOUR

Combine the wonders of the superb cities of stylish Shanghai, Beijing and ancient Xian, with the beauty of the Nine Villages Valley, a magnificent and delightfully undiscovered example of China's resplendent nature.

14 DAYS FROM

PER
PERSON

\$5,480 TWIN
SHARE



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MODERATE

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▲ NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Price includes:



**All meals (12 breakfasts,
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▲ HUANGLONG POOLS



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



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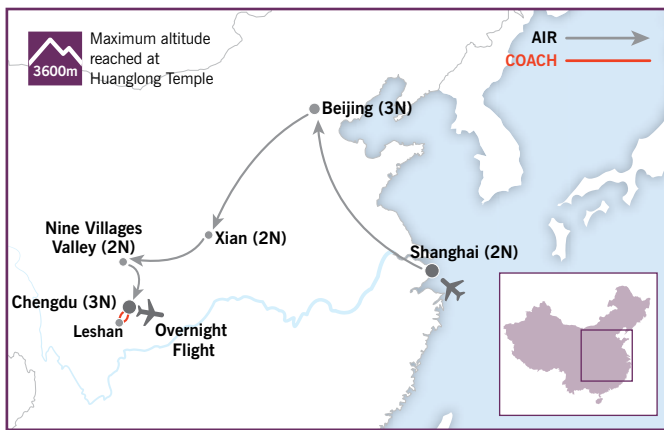
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▲ OLD AND NEW SHANGHAI



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- Set foot on the Great Wall
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Admire the Leshan Buddha

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Shanghai

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to the exuberant city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East', for a two-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Day 2: Discover Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Explore the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum, visit the Yu Gardens and admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Follow the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum, from the cultivation of silkworms up to creating the final piece. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

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Fly to Beijing, China's fascinating capital. Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening savour Beijing's best known delicacy – Peking Duck.

■ Day 4: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen

Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City – a monument to China's dynastic past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatics show rounds off the day.

■ Day 5: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. An astounding feat of construction, there is no better way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall and the dramatic scenery that it crosses than a fascinating walk along it. Visit a jade factory then relax in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you explore traditional Chinese gardens and view exquisite architecture.

■ Day 6: Ancient Xian

Fly to Xian, China's historic former capital. Stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 7: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors. Visit the workshop of

the craftspeople who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and choose to purchase your own little warrior to take home. Later visit the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda, then soak up the atmosphere in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter.

■ Days 8-9: Fly to the Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine typical Tibetan settlements scattered throughout the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. After your explorations are done there is an option to see a Tibetan cultural show (at your own expense).

■ Day 10: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the chairlift (at your own expense) up to Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley for excellent views over the whole valley. Later, fly to Chengdu.

■ Day 11: Giant Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can get up close to China's celebrated bears, as they chomp through piles of bamboo, in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Explore the Shu Brocade Museum. This evening there will be a delicious Sichuan meal to enjoy before an optional performance of a Sichuan Opera (at your own expense).

■ Day 12: Grand Buddha of Leshan

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres-tall, is the world's

largest stone-carved Buddhist monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the Buddha up close from the adjoining park, then take a short boat trip on the river for even better views of the statue.

■ Day 13: Depart Chengdu

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 13.*

■ Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



PURE YANGTZE 4 NIGHTS FROM \$695PP

Relax over four nights cruising on the Yangtze. Explore the Three Gorges – Qutang, Wu and Xiling. Visit the colossal dam and enjoy daily shore excursions.

See page 104.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



DAZU & CHONGQING SHORT STAY 3 NIGHTS FROM \$1,350PP

Chongqing attracts visitors interested in its cultural heritage, Yangtze River cruising and the Dazu rock carvings, valuable works of art carved during the Tang and Song dynasties.

See page 105.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
11 May - 24 May	\$5,630	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$5,630	12 Oct - 25 Oct	\$5,480	10 May - 23 May	\$5,730
						13 Sep - 26 Sep	\$5,730
						11 Oct - 24 Oct	\$5,580

Important note:

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CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

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INCLUDES 3 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,220 and tipping \$160 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ POTALA PALACE, LHASA

Price includes:



All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 16 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,380 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns** with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

*Adelaide passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.

**Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.

- 16 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,680 per person departing Darwin ^ with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

^ Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing and a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$760
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 15 days from \$5,260 per person (includes tipping)

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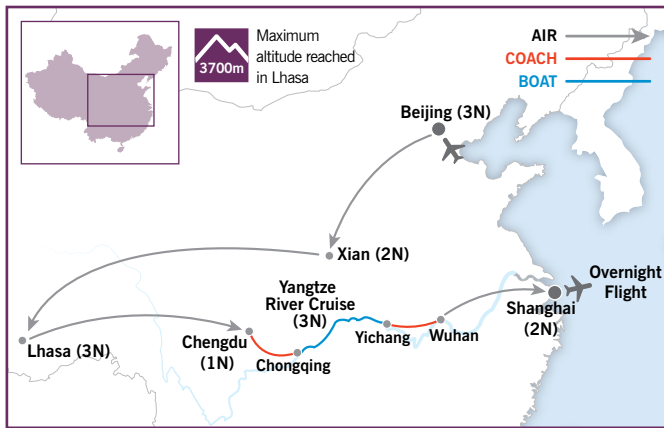
▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



▲ NORBULINGKA, LHASA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Wander the Barkhor
- Explore Potala Palace
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Three nights on the Yangtze

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

■ Day 3: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory then savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

■ Day 4: Fly to Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Visit the Muslim Quarter. Tonight enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. Stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ Day 6: Fly to Lhasa

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. You'll immediately notice the difference from the bustling streets of urban China. This afternoon is at leisure to help you acclimatise to the altitude.

■ Day 7: Jokhang Temple and the Barkhor

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city, but among the narrow, old streets you'll feel a million miles from the stresses and strains of the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and

prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning.

■ Day 8: Potala Palace and Norbulingka

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. You'll then visit a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner and dance performance in the evening.

■ Day 9: Fly to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, where, after a tour of Jinli Street, there will be a delicious Sichuan meal to savour.

■ Day 10: Giant Pandas

A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum for a fascinating view of the skills necessary to create these beautiful, traditional items. There will also be an opportunity to buy a unique, handmade piece. Travel to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise.

■ Days 11-12: Yangtze River cruise

Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another as you savour the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess Stream or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

■ Day 13: Three Gorges Dam

A man-made marvel, touring the Three Gorges Dam showcases

this massive feat of engineering. Disembark your cruise in Yichang, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai.

■ Day 14: Discover Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the peaceful Yu Gardens, the Silk Museum and the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical, waterfront Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Also sample some traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

■ Day 15: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 15.*

■ Day 16: Arrive Australia

Return home today.

NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.

STOPOVER



HONG KONG GLIMPSES 2 NIGHTS FROM \$440PP

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS**

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

08 Apr - 23 Apr **\$6,730** 13 May - 28 May **\$6,930** 27 May - 11 Jun **\$6,380** 02 Sep - 17 Sep **\$6,380** 09 Sep - 24 Sep **\$6,730** 16 Sep - 01 Oct# **\$6,930** 07 Oct - 22 Oct# **\$6,930**

2018 DATES

21 Apr - 06 May# **\$6,830** 12 May - 27 May **\$7,030** 26 May - 10 Jun **\$6,580** 01 Sep - 16 Sep **\$6,580** 08 Sep - 23 Sep **\$6,830** 15 Sep - 30 Sep **\$7,030** 13 Oct - 28 Oct **\$7,030**

Important note:

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Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

WONDERS OF CHINA

China is a land of many wonders – both ancient and modern, natural and man-made. This hugely popular tour is a comprehensive journey through China's most iconic sights from the magnificent Great Wall to the mighty Yangtze River.

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INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,220 and tipping \$160 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ SHANGHAI

Price includes:



All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 16 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$5,380 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Adelaide and Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

- 16 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$5,780 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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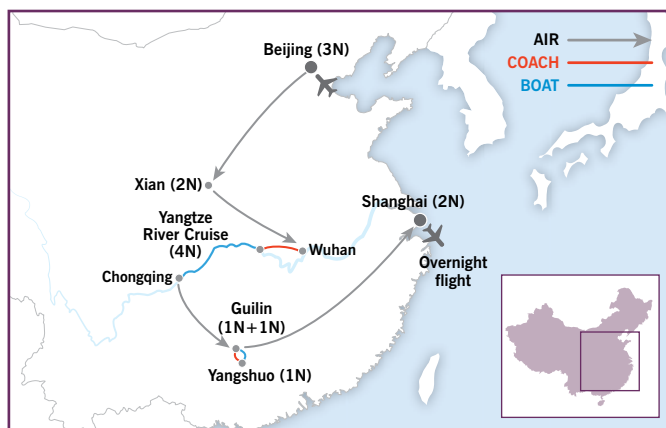
▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



▲ YANGSHUO



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feast on Peking Duck
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Cruise on the Li River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's capital for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain an insight into Chinese culture and local customs. Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck.

■ Day 3: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall

itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory and savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture.

■ Day 4: Fly to Xian

Fly to Xian and stroll around the Muslim Quarter. Enjoy a Shui Jiao dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

■ Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors before seeing the Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition. Stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ Day 6: Fly to Wuhan

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board the Yangtze River cruise vessel.

■ Days 7-9: Yangtze River cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a

massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

■ Day 10: Fly to Guilin

Disembarking from the cruise vessel, visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo. Fly to the charming city of Guilin.

■ Day 11: Li River cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the village of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Browse Yangshuo's lively markets.

■ Day 12: Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of jewel-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Museum before seeing the cormorant fishermen demonstrating their age-old skills.

■ Day 13: Fly to Shanghai

Fly to the exuberant city of Shanghai. Spend the afternoon admiring the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum and stroll around People's Square. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ Day 14: Discover Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and

10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Gardens, the Silk Museum and the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Stroll along the Bund, and this evening enjoy some tasty, traditional Shanghai cuisine.

■ Day 15: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 15.*

■ Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



SUZHOU & HANGZHOU 4 NIGHTS FROM \$1,095pp

Visit Suzhou to see classical gardens and Hangzhou, a place of natural beauty.

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STOPOVER



HONG KONG IN FOCUS 3 NIGHTS FROM \$815pp

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

See page 119. Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES													
07 Mar - 22 Mar	\$5,380	14 Apr - 29 Apr	\$6,030	12 May - 27 May	\$6,330	26 Jun - 11 Jul	\$5,730	01 Sep - 16 Sep	\$5,730	22 Sep - 07 Oct#	\$6,030	23 Oct - 07 Nov	\$5,630
14 Mar - 29 Mar	\$5,380	17 Apr - 02 May#	\$6,030	15 May - 30 May	\$6,330	10 Jul - 25 Jul	\$5,630	04 Sep - 19 Sep	\$5,730	25 Sep - 10 Oct#	\$6,030	30 Oct - 14 Nov	\$5,630
20 Mar - 04 Apr	\$5,380	21 Apr - 06 May#	\$6,030	19 May - 03 Jun	\$6,330	24 Jul - 08 Aug	\$5,430	08 Sep - 23 Sep	\$5,830	06 Oct - 21 Oct#	\$6,030	06 Nov - 21 Nov	\$5,380
27 Mar - 11 Apr	\$5,380	24 Apr - 09 May#	\$6,030	22 May - 06 Jun	\$6,230	07 Aug - 22 Aug	\$5,530	11 Sep - 26 Sep	\$6,030	09 Oct - 24 Oct	\$5,930		
03 Apr - 18 Apr	\$5,730	05 May - 20 May	\$6,330	29 May - 13 Jun	\$6,030	21 Aug - 05 Sep	\$5,530	15 Sep - 30 Sep	\$6,030	13 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,930		
10 Apr - 25 Apr	\$5,830	08 May - 23 May	\$6,330	12 Jun - 27 Jun	\$5,730	28 Aug - 12 Sep	\$5,530	18 Sep - 03 Oct#	\$6,030	16 Oct - 31 Oct	\$5,830		
2018 DATES													
06 Mar - 21 Mar	\$5,480	26 Mar - 10 Apr	\$5,480	14 Apr - 29 Apr	\$6,130	23 Apr - 08 May#	\$6,130	12 May - 27 May	\$6,430	21 May - 05 Jun	\$6,330	25 Jun - 10 Jul	\$5,830
13 Mar - 28 Mar	\$5,480	02 Apr - 17 Apr	\$5,830	16 Apr - 01 May#	\$6,130	05 May - 20 May	\$6,430	14 May - 29 May	\$6,430	28 May - 12 Jun	\$6,130		
19 Mar - 03 Apr	\$5,480	09 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,930	21 Apr - 06 May#	\$6,130	07 May - 22 May	\$6,430	19 May - 03 Jun	\$6,430	11 Jun - 26 Jun	\$5,830		

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SQ – Price on page 28 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB770 (AU\$160). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

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YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



COMFORTABLE

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▲ VICTORIA HARBOUR, HONG KONG

Price includes:



All meals in China (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners), daily breakfast and 1 dinner in Hong Kong

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 16 Days, Twin Share from \$6,180 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Adelaide passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,050
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▲ HONG KONG



▲ GIANT BUDDHA, LANTAU ISLAND



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▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Three nights on the Yangtze
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Soak in vibrant Hong Kong

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly to Beijing with Cathay Pacific Airways for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing's old hutongs by rickshaw and visit the home of a local family. Eat traditional Peking Duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

Day 3: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

Day 4: Temple of Heaven

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of

Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander in the surrounding park where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. This evening enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. Stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

Day 6: Fly to Chengdu

A relaxed morning includes time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province and home of the Giant Panda.

Day 7: Giant Pandas

A visit to Chengdu's famous Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated

bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade Museum and take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Enjoy the lively atmosphere of the Wide and Narrow Alleys.

Day 8: Old Ciqikou

Drive from Chengdu to Chongqing and spend some time wandering the picturesque old alleyways to Ciqikou. Later, board your Yangtze cruise vessel and set sail.

Days 9-11: Yangtze River cruise

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery, particularly the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai. You will see Three Gorges Dam, which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai.

Day 12: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the Yu Gardens, old town and People's Square before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture during a stroll along the Bund. Follow the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Day 13: Fly to Hong Kong

Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong and embark on a Hong Kong Island tour, which includes Stanley Market and Aberdeen Harbour, before you take to the water on a traditional junk boat – the perfect way to admire the city skyline. (B)

Day 14: Lantau Island

Take a ferry across Victoria Harbour to spend the day on the lovely island of Lantau. Explore Hong Kong's natural beauty, including Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O fishing village and the Giant Buddha. A ride in the Ngong Ping 360 degree cable car gives fantastic panoramas over the island's coastline. Enjoy a farewell dinner atop Victoria Peak. (B,D)

Day 15: Depart Hong Kong

Today is at leisure until your flight home. Depending on your time of departure there is an option to tour the New Territories (at your own expense). Visit Plover Cove Country Park and the Sam Mun Tsai Fishing Zone, the tranquil Yuen Yuen Institute, Luk Keng bird sanctuary and Tai Mo Shan Mountain. Transfer to Hong Kong airport for your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 15.*

Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

STOPOVER



TASTE OF MACAU 2 NIGHTS FROM \$300PP

Located 60km south-west of Hong Kong, Macau has long been a place of shipping and trade. With baroque-style churches, traditional Chinese buildings, gardens and temples, there is much more to Macau than just glitzy casinos.

See page 121.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES					
22 Mar - 09 Apr+	\$6,880	10 May - 25 May	\$6,530	06 Sep - 21 Sep	\$6,530
12 Apr - 27 Apr	\$6,630	24 May - 08 Jun	\$6,530	13 Sep - 28 Sep	\$6,630
				01 Nov - 16 Nov	\$6,180
2018 DATES					
21 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,530	09 May - 24 May	\$6,730	29 Aug - 13 Sep	\$6,730
11 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,730	23 May - 07 Jun	\$6,630	12 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,730
				31 Oct - 15 Nov	\$6,280

Important note:

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YUNNAN & SICHUAN

As two of the most fascinating, diverse and colourful provinces in China, Yunnan and Sichuan are a utopia of wonders, from the lofty peaks of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain to the colourful calcite pools of Huanglong, to the lovable nature of the Giant Panda.

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MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,251 and tipping \$129 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ HUANGLONG POOLS

Price includes:



All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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Price guide

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- 17 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,580 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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▲ THREE PAGODAS, DALI



▲ OLD TOWN, LIJIANG



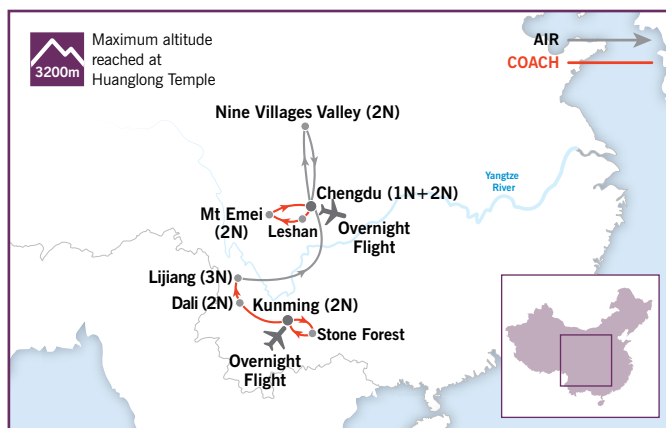
▲ MT EMEI

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the past in Lijiang
- Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Find peace at Mt Emei
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- Admire Huanglong Pools
- Watch Giant Pandas play

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

■ Day 3: Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles, for dinner. Tonight there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan's performing arts (at your own expense).

■ Day 4: Discover Dali

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse at the China of times-gone-by. Begin your touring in the local atmosphere of the fascinating old quarter and lively market. Next visit the age-old Three Pagodas and later this evening, take a stroll down Foreigners' Street.

■ Day 5: Erhai cruise

Spend the morning cruising the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains

– keep an eye out for cormorant fishermen. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, with the option of riding up into the Cang Mountains, an area noted for its diverse flora and fauna, by cable car (at own expense).

■ Day 6: Travel to Lijiang

Pop over to Xizhou village to browse the local market. Drive to Lijiang set in the foothills of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains, before mingling with traditionally dressed Naxi women in the bustling backstreet markets.

■ Day 7: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and visit the Mu Family Embroidery School.

■ Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views.

Return to Lijiang and explore the old quarter. The quintessential Chinese 'old town', wander the jumble of cobbled streets, precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

■ Day 9: Fly to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province and home of the Giant Panda. In Chengdu, take a wander through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner and have tea in a traditional tea house. This evening there is the option to be amazed by a dramatic Sichuan Opera (at your own expense).

■ Day 10: Leshan Grand Buddha

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. A short boat trip will give you even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei.

■ Day 11: Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, to admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. If the weather is right the summit offers extraordinary views over the river below.

■ Day 12: Fly to Nine Villages Valley

Transfer to Chengdu for your flight to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park).

■ Day 13: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine typical Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. Spend the day exploring, with an option in the evening to

enjoy a Tibetan cultural show (at your own expense).

■ Day 14: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposit, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. Visit the Huanglong Temple before returning to Nine Villages Valley for your flight to Chengdu.

■ Day 15: Giant Pandas

A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated icons. See them up-close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. This afternoon visit Wuhou Temple and Jinli Street, a lively road lined with antique shops and restaurants. This evening dine on mouth-watering Sichuan cuisine

■ Day 16: Depart Chengdu

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 16.*

■ Day 17: Arrive Australia

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EXTEND YOUR STAY



TIBETAN SHORT STAY 5 NIGHTS FROM \$2,350PP

The mysterious Buddhist kingdom of Tibet, locked away high in the Himalaya, offers magnificent monasteries and stunning views.

See page 111.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES					
08 Apr - 24 Apr	\$6,380	06 May - 22 May	\$6,630	02 Sep - 18 Sep	\$6,380
				07 Oct - 23 Oct#	\$6,930
2018 DATES					
07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$6,480	05 May - 21 May	\$6,730	01 Sep - 17 Sep	\$6,480
				06 Oct - 22 Oct#	\$6,730

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ANCIENT CHINA

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MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$4,832 and tipping \$148 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ LONGMEN GROTTOES, LUOYANG

Price includes:



All meals (16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
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Price guide

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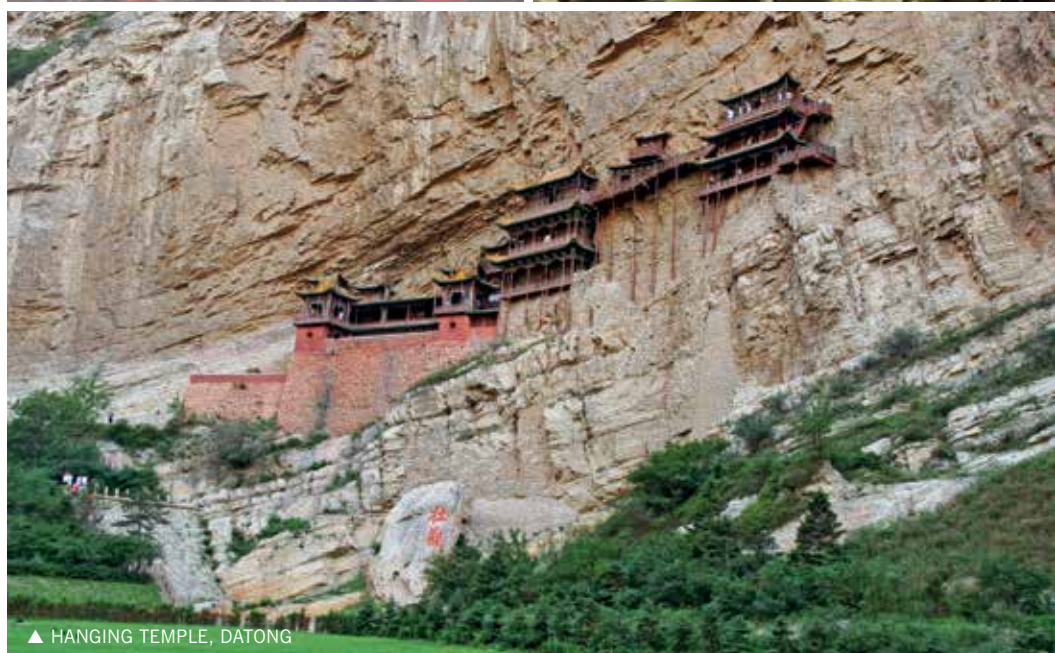
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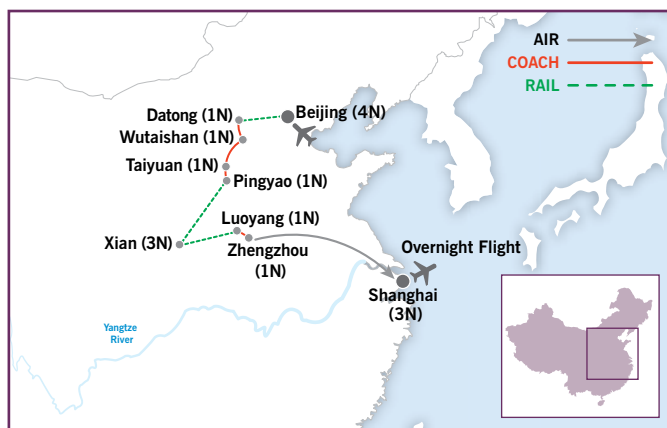
▲ SHAOLIN TEMPLE, LUOYANG



▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN



▲ HANGING TEMPLE, DATONG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Marvel at the Hanging Temple
- Seek peace at Wutaishan
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Witness the art of Kung Fu
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's fascinating capital, for a four-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Take a rickshaw ride through the charming hutongs and visit with a local family to learn more about living in this traditional area. In the evening sit down to enjoy the local delicacy, Peking Duck, followed by a performance of the Beijing Opera.

■ Day 3: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Jade has long been cherished by the Chinese – at a jade factory you can understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. Savour the serenity of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

■ Day 4: Temple of Heaven

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Meander through Panjiayuan, Beijing's most extensive arts, crafts and antiques market.

■ Day 5: Travel to Datong

Travel by train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Arrive in time for a local dinner in this fascinating city.

■ Day 6: The Hanging Temple

Grottoes carved from sandstone cliffs in the 5th and 6th centuries, Yungang Caves are replete with intricate Buddhist imagery. The 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge. Travel on to Wutaishan.

■ Day 7: Wutaishan

One of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains, Wutaishan (Five Terraced Mountain), is a site of scenic magnificence. Visit Bodhisattva Summit and Xiang Tong Temples. Continue to Taiyuan and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, which dates from the Ming Dynasty.

■ Day 8: Taiyuan and Pingyao

Enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Jinci Temple before travelling to the old town of Pingyao.

■ Day 9: Pingyao

The characterful old town of Pingyao is considered the best ancient walled town in the country. Stroll along the cobbled streets to view the old city walls and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum. There will also be time to see the Yamen, a former government building from the Qing Dynasty before taking the bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian.

■ Day 10: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-sized warriors. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, then stroll on the ancient City Walls. This evening enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 11: Discover Xian

Admire the relics of the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda with a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

■ Day 12: Luoyang

Board a bullet train from Xian to Luoyang, a city that was the capital for more than 13 dynasties. This afternoon visit the Longmen Grottoes which house tens of thousands of age-old statues and sculptures depicting Buddha and his disciples carved from the limestone cliffs of Xiangshan and Longmenshan.

■ Day 13: Shaolin Temple

Travel to the famous Shaolin Temple, best known for its association with martial arts, and walk through the Pagoda Forest, a collection of 228 pagodas of various styles built from the Tang through to Qing dynasties. Witness a Kung Fu demonstration by the famous Shaolin Monks. Continue to Zhengzhou.

■ Day 14: Yellow River

Learn about the river basin called 'the birthplace of Chinese

civilisation' at Zhengzhou's Yellow River Museum before heading to a lookout for panoramic views over the river itself. Fly to Shanghai.

■ Day 15: Cosmopolitan Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, east and west colliding on streets lined with skyscrapers and historic temples. Visit the classical Yu Gardens and the atmospheric old town before admiring the colonial architecture on the Bund. In the evening take your seats for a fascinating Chinese acrobatic show.

■ Day 16: Shanghai river cruise

Wander through the Xintiandi area to admire the 1920s architectural styling, view the artefacts at the Shanghai Museum and visit a Silk Museum. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a scenic cruise. Taste the delicious, traditional Shanghai cuisine for dinner.

■ Day 17: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Perth and Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 17.*

■ Day 18: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

STOPOVER



HONG KONG GLIMPSES 2 NIGHTS FROM \$440PP

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS**

•AIRFARES INCLUDED•

2017 DATES											
04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$4,980	25 Apr - 12 May#	\$5,230	09 May - 26 May	\$5,530	05 Sep - 22 Sep	\$4,980	19 Sep - 06 Oct#	\$5,430	10 Oct - 27 Oct	\$4,980
2018 DATES											
03 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,180	24 Apr - 11 May	\$5,430	08 May - 25 May	\$5,630	04 Sep - 21 Sep	\$5,180	18 Sep - 05 Oct	\$5,630	09 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,180

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Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

CHINA DELIGHTS

From cosmopolitan Shanghai and the Giant Pandas of Chengdu, to Beijing's imperial highlights, and all the dramatic landscapes in between, you will relish the historical, cultural and natural delights of China on this comprehensive trip.

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PER PERSON

\$5,280 TWIN SHARE



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MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,126 and tipping \$154 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



All meals (16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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Price guide

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▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



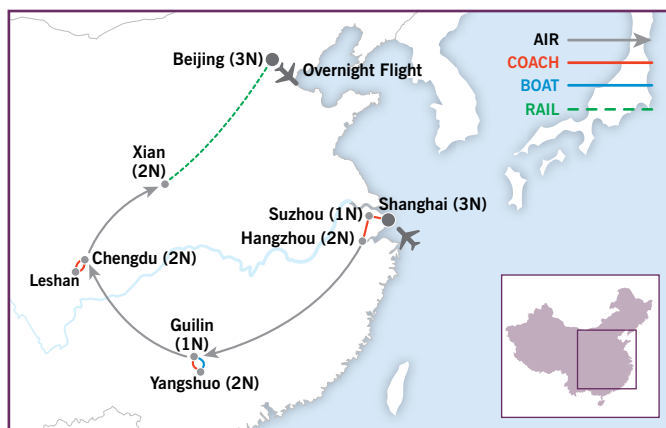
▲ LI RIVER, YANGSHUO



▲ GIANT PANDAS, CHENGDU



▲ HANGZHOU



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Stroll through Suzhou's gardens
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Cruise on the Li River
- Walk on the Great Wall

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Shanghai

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to the exuberant city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East', for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Days 2-3: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the classical Yu Gardens and the atmospheric old town before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round off the day with a delicious meal of traditional Shanghai cuisine. The next day explore ultramodern Pudong, a silk museum and the arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ Day 4: Historic Suzhou

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm even as the city has grown up around it. Renowned for its gardens, visit one of its finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Later, cruise on the thousand year-old Grand Canal.

■ Day 5: Wuzhen

Travel to the water town of Wuzhen – a charming place of old-world timber buildings, cobbled streets and narrow waterways; it is an easy place to while away the day. Transfer to the city of Hangzhou.

■ Day 6: Spiritual Hangzhou

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seculsion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Visit the residence of Hu Xueyan before cruising on Hangzhou's West Lake, admire the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

■ Day 7: Fly to Guilin

Browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to learn the tea-making process, from bush to brew. Enjoy a cup of organic green tea and ponder which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Fly to the attractive city of Guilin where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

■ Day 8: Li River cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of

lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

■ Day 9: Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of paddy fields and limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before an afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling and rafting (at your own expense), or take a relaxing walk through the town. In the evening see the famous cormorant fishermen.

■ Day 10: Fly to Chengdu

Return to Guilin visiting Reed Flute Cave en route. Visit the Pearl Museum, then fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province.

■ Day 11: Grand Buddha of Leshan

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. Get a bird's eye view of the Buddha from the adjacent park, then take a short boat trip for excellent views from the river. Sample a delicious Sichuan meal this evening.

■ Day 12: Giant Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade Museum then fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This evening sit down to a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ Day 13: Terracotta Warriors

Visit the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. The warriors have intrigued visitors ever since their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s. Spend the morning viewing their enigmatic ranks. Next visit the Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ Day 14: Train to Beijing

Enjoy a fascinating morning visit to the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board a bullet train to Beijing, China's capital.

■ Day 15: Imperial Beijing

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, cross Tiananmen Square and head into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City – a complex full of imperial treasures. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

■ Day 16: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Later on you'll visit a jade factory. Take some time in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace before dining on Beijing's best known delicacy – Peking Duck.

■ Day 17: Depart Beijing

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 17.*

■ Day 18: Arrive Australia

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STOPOVER



HONG KONG IN FOCUS 3 NIGHTS FROM \$815PP

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See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS**

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES									
11 Apr - 28 Apr	\$5,730	23 May - 09 Jun	\$6,030	05 Sep - 22 Sep	\$6,030	10 Oct - 27 Oct	\$5,730	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$5,280
09 May - 26 May	\$6,030	08 Aug - 25 Aug	\$5,730	19 Sep - 06 Oct#	\$6,030	24 Oct - 10 Nov	\$5,280		
2018 DATES									
10 Apr - 27 Apr	\$5,830	08 May - 25 May	\$6,130	22 May - 08 Jun	\$6,130	07 Aug - 24 Aug	\$5,830	04 Sep - 21 Sep	\$6,130
								18 Sep - 05 Oct#	\$6,130

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CLASSIC CHINA

Cruise along the Yangtze and Li Rivers and let the landscapes of Yunnan province take your breath away. Saunter the cobbled streets of Lijiang, explore the Stone Forest and gaze over the Tiger Leaping Gorge on this diverse adventure.

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,880 TWIN SHARE

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INCLUDES 3 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,688 and tipping \$192 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:

All meals (19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 21 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,880 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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- 21 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$7,180 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$940
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- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 20 days from \$5,580 per person (includes tipping)

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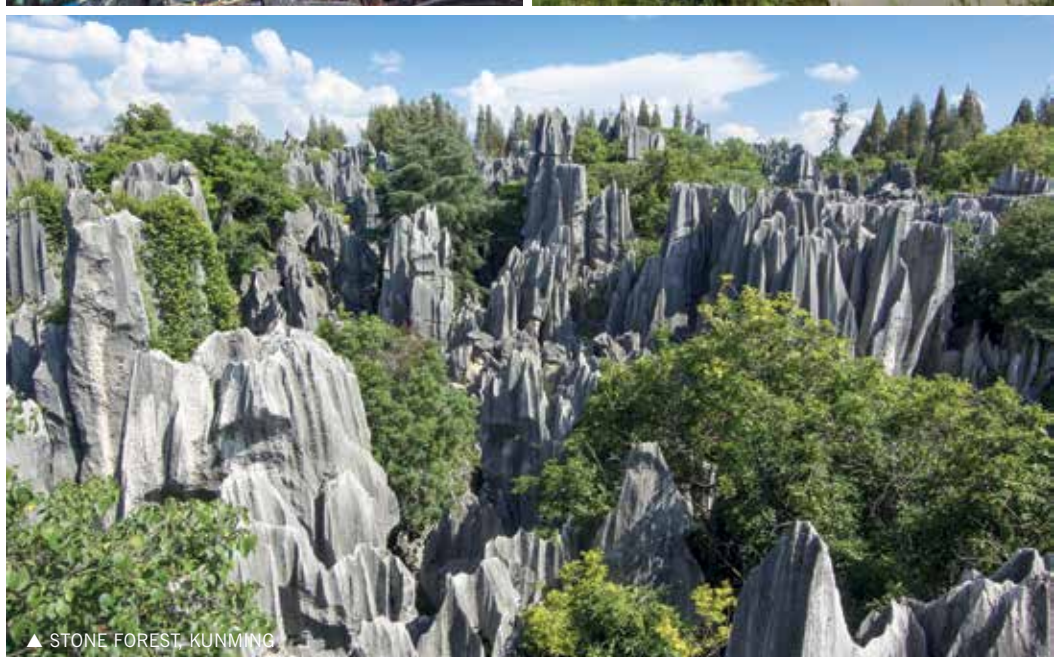
▲ BLACK DRAGON POOL, LIJIANG



▲ SHANGHAI



▲ COMORANT FISHERMAN, YANGSHUO



▲ STONE FOREST, KUNMING



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feast on Peking Duck
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Explore the past in Lijiang
- Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Three nights on the Yangtze

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing for a three-night stay.

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander in the park where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. Eat traditional Peking Duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

Day 3: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture. This evening, there is an option to see some Kung Fu masters in action (at your own expense).

Day 4: Fly to Xian

Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before enjoying a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a colourful performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. Stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

Day 6: Travel to Guilin

Fly to the attractive city of Guilin. Visit the Reed Flute Cave where you can admire colourful stalactites and stalagmites.

Day 7: Li River cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

Day 8: Around Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits amongst paddy fields and dramatic karsts – spend the morning exploring the countryside around it. This afternoon is at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling and rafting (at your own expense), or take a relaxing walk through the town. In the evening see the famous cormorant fishermen.

Day 9: Travel to Kunming

Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Museum before catching a flight to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge noodles.

Day 10: Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland.

Day 11: Explore Lijiang

Fly to Lijiang. Discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town', wander the jumble of cobbled streets, precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. Continue on to the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains.

Day 12: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views.

Day 13: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

A magnificent mountain massif, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and visit Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

Day 14: Travel to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, the home of the Giant Panda. Take a stroll through People's

Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Dine on some fantastic local cuisine before an option to take in a traditional Sichuan Opera (at your own expense).

Day 15: Giant Pandas

A visit to Chengdu's famous Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Also visit the Shu Brocade Museum. Transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

Days 16-18: Yangtze River cruise

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery, particularly the Three Gorges. Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai. You will also see Three Gorges Dam which showcases a massive feat of engineering. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai.

Day 19: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the delightful Yu Garden and the Old Town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Follow the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or up Jin Mao Tower (at your own expense). This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a meal of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Day 20: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 20.

Day 21: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES									
10 Apr - 30 Apr	\$7,030	15 May - 04 Jun	\$7,030	04 Sep - 24 Sep	\$6,880	18 Sep - 08 Oct#	\$7,030	09 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,880
2018 DATES									
09 Apr - 29 Apr	\$7,230	14 May - 03 Jun	\$7,230	03 Sep - 23 Sep	\$6,980	17 Sep - 07 Oct#	\$7,230	08 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,980

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Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

MAGNIFICENT CHINA

China is home to a great number of magnificent and world-renowned sights. This tour incorporates them all – visit the pandas and admire the Great Wall and Terracotta Army, then cruise along the Yangtze and Li Rivers.

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INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,786 and tipping \$194 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

Price includes:



All meals (20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
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- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 22 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$5,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Cairns passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing and a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

- 22 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,180 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers may require one night post-tour accommodation in Shanghai at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$980
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 21 days from \$4,860 per person (includes tipping)



▲ YANGSHUO



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



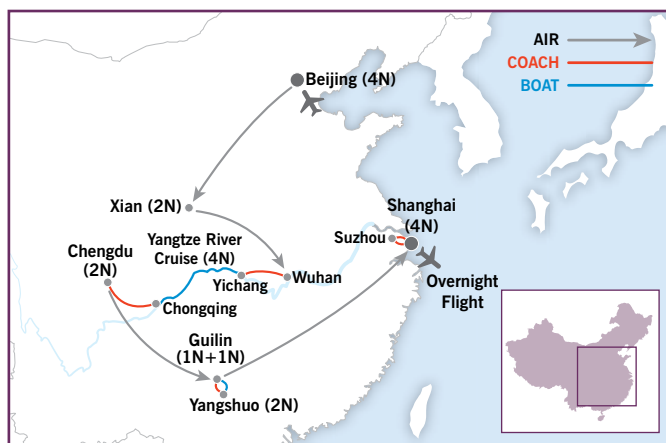
▲ SHANGHAI

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Cruise on the Li River
- Stroll old gardens in Suzhou
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historical capital, for a four-night stay. *Darwin passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to discover a complex full of imperial riches. Later, enjoy a rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck.

Day 3: Great Wall

Visit China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. There is no better way to appreciate this incredible structure than a walk along it. Visit a jade factory then savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. This evening there is an option to see Kung Fu masters in action (at your own expense).

Day 4: Temple of Heaven

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly

oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

Day 5: Fly to Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. See the delicate Little Wild Goose Pagoda, before a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a Tang Dynasty dance show.

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has long intrigued visitors. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors and the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition where replicas of the statues are created. Next, take an afternoon stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Also explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter and the many Islamic food stalls.

Day 7: Fly to Wuhan

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

Days 8-10: Yangtze River cruise

The Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering but as we cruise upstream nature takes

over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, and take side trips such as the attractive Goddess Stream and Shibaozhai.

Day 11: Old Ciqikou

Disembark in Chongqing and explore old Ciqikou, where the narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu.

Day 12: Giant Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see and learn about China's celebrated icons in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, and a hot tea at a traditional tea house. Dine on delicious Sichuan food for dinner.

Day 13: Guilin

Fly to the attractive city of Guilin. Discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave.

Day 14: Li River cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

Day 15: Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits in a beautiful rural location, surrounded by green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before an afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling and rafting (at your own expense), or take a relaxing walk through the town. In the evening see the famous cormorant fishermen.

Day 16: Discover Guilin

Travel back to Guilin by road. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas. The South China Pearl Museum covers

the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea with displays and demonstrations. There are also beautiful pieces available to buy.

Day 17: Fly to Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai for a four-night stay. Later, spend some time in the city's Xintiandi area, a vibrant entertainment district made up of traditional 19th-century shikumen architecture.

Day 18: Historic Suzhou

Travel to Suzhou. Suzhou is renowned for its gardens – visit one of its finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden. Cruise the Grand Canal before returning to Shanghai to dine on local cuisine.

Days 19-20: Discover Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit the peaceful Yu Gardens and atmospheric old town before admiring the architecture on the Bund. You will also visit the Shanghai Museum. The next day explore futuristic Pudong and view the city from the Huangpu River during an evening river cruise.

Day 21: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 21.*

Day 22: Arrive Australia

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STOPOVER



HONG KONG GLIMPSES 2 NIGHTS FROM \$440PP

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. It offers a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES											
06 Mar - 27 Mar	\$5,980	03 Apr - 24 Apr	\$6,430	08 May - 29 May	\$6,730	05 Jun - 26 Jun	\$6,630	28 Aug - 18 Sep	\$6,430	11 Sep - 02 Oct	\$7,030
13 Mar - 03 Apr	\$5,980	10 Apr - 01 May	\$6,630	15 May - 05 Jun	\$7,030	19 Jun - 10 Jul	\$6,430	02 Sep - 23 Sep	\$6,630	18 Sep - 09 Oct	\$7,030
20 Mar - 10 Apr	\$5,980	17 Apr - 08 May	\$6,630	22 May - 12 Jun	\$7,030	10 Jul - 31 Jul	\$5,980	04 Sep - 25 Sep	\$6,630	25 Sep - 16 Oct	\$7,030
27 Mar - 17 Apr	\$6,430	24 Apr - 15 May	\$6,630	29 May - 19 Jun	\$7,030	07 Aug - 28 Aug	\$5,980	09 Sep - 30 Sep	\$6,630	07 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,730
										30 Oct - 20 Nov	\$5,980
2018 DATES											
05 Mar - 26 Mar	\$6,180	24 Mar - 14 Apr	\$6,330	07 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,530	21 Apr - 12 May	\$6,730	12 May - 02 Jun	\$6,830	26 May - 16 Jun	\$7,130
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Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

CHINA ENCOUNTERS

Encounter all of the magnificent sights that make China a truly spectacular destination. Journey from the iconic Wall and enigmatic Warriors to the off-the-beaten-track vistas of Yunnan province on this epic cross-country adventure.

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$7,280 TWIN SHARE



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INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$7,053 and tipping \$227 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ SONGZANLIN MONASTERY, ZHONGDIAN

Price includes:



All meals (21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 23 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$7,280 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide* and Perth* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

*Adelaide and Perth passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- 23 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$7,780 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

**Darwin passengers may require one night post-tour accommodation in Kunming at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,140
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Kunming) 22 days from \$5,880 per person (includes tipping)

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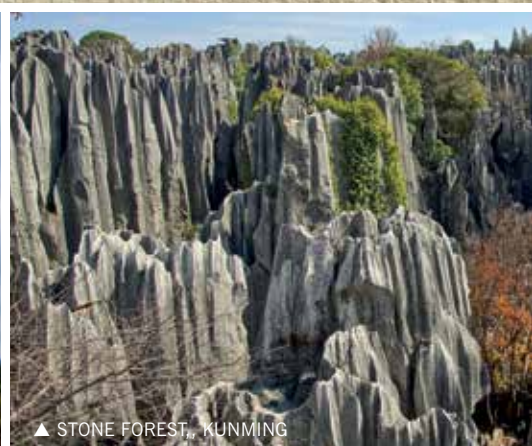
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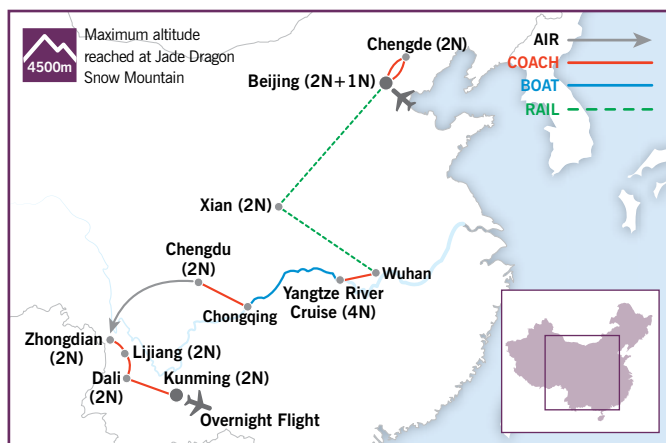
▲ THREE PAGODAS, DALI



▲ STONE FOREST, KUNMING



▲ PUTUO ZONGCHENG TEMPLE, CHENGDE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Chengde's architecture
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Find Tibet in Zhongdian
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing for a two-night stay. Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck and an exciting acrobatics show.

■ Days 3-4: Chengde

Savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace before travelling to Chengde by road. The summer retreat of Manchu emperors, this town is home to a wealth of imperial architecture. Over two days visit the magnificent mountain villas and intricate temples, including Puning and Putuo.

■ Day 5: Great Wall

Make the return journey to Beijing via the Great Wall, China's most iconic sight. Taking a walk on this

incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence.

■ Days 6-7: Terracotta Warriors

Take a bullet train to Xian and enjoy a visit to the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army. Visit the workshop of the craftspeople who recreate warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and perhaps choose to purchase one to take home. Later stroll Xian's 14th-century city walls, and the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

■ Day 8: Bullet train to Wuhan

Take the bullet train to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

■ Days 9-11: Yangtze River cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the

attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

■ Day 12: Drive to Chengdu

Disembark in Chongqing and explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu. This evening there is an option to enjoy a traditional Sichuan Opera performance (at your own expense).

■ Day 13: Explore Chengdu

Visit Chengdu's famous Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see and learn about China's celebrated bears in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through the bustling People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

■ Days 14-15: Zhongdian

Fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Tour Zhongdian Old Town and Dafo Temple. Tomorrow, visit magnificent Songzanlin Monastery then make your way to a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, farming and taste homecooked dishes.

■ Day 16: Tiger Leaping Gorge

The 3,000 metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views before you travel on to Lijiang.

■ Day 17: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which is 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Visit Baisha village to view the fascinating murals which were painted during the early Ming Dynasty.

■ Day 18: Black Dragon Pool

The quintessential Chinese 'old town', Lijiang's old quarter is a jumble of cobbled streets,

precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges – in short, a delightful place to aimlessly wander. Also visit Black Dragon Pool where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Travel to Dali and explore the lively Foreigner Street.

■ Days 19-20: Enchanting Dali

Dali is a charming place to visit. Explore Xizhou village to browse the local market. See the Yen family home and witness a tie-dyeing demonstration. Explore Dali's Ancient Quarter and relax with a cruise on Erhai Lake. The next day visit the Three Pagodas and travel by road to Kunming. Tuck into local Across the Bridge noodles for dinner.

■ Day 21: Stone Forest

Explore the fascinating formations of the picturesque Stone Forest.

■ Day 22: Depart Kunming

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kunming airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

■ Day 23: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



**ZHANGJIAJIE
SCENIC WONDER**
4 NIGHTS FROM \$1,260PP

A stunning location that is famous worldwide for its unique natural scenery, sandstone pillars, and for being the inspiration for scenery in the movie Avatar.

See page 111.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES							
05 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,280	10 May - 01 Jun	\$7,430	06 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,430	11 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,280
2018 DATES							
05 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,380	10 May - 01 Jun	\$7,530	06 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,530	11 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,380

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GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

This wide-ranging tour has China's top destinations covered, with time to soak up the sights. Whether you are looking for history, character and culture, the modern and marvellous, or a straight-up combination of the two, then this is the itinerary for you.

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INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,742 and tipping \$238 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



All meals (24 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 24 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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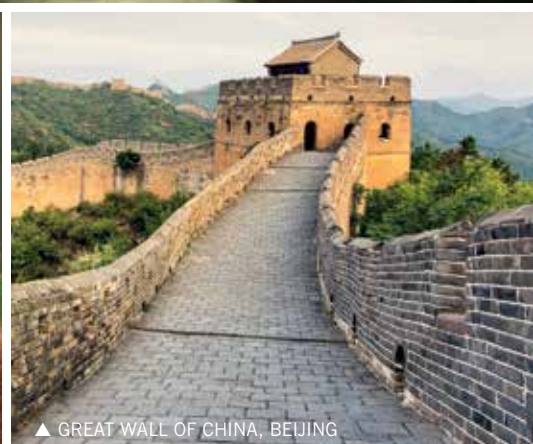
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▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN



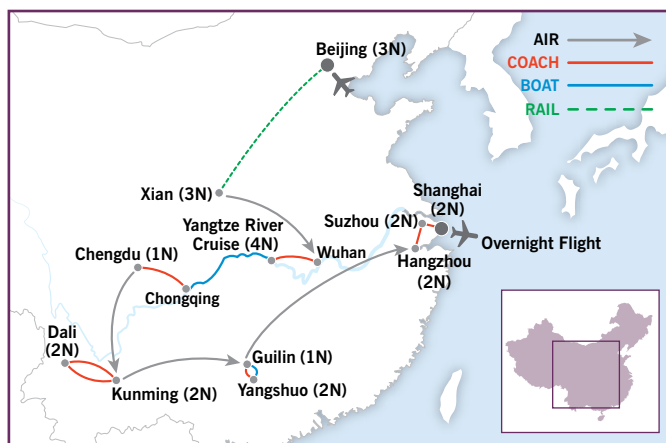
▲ RED PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ SHANGHAI OLD TOWN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Marvel at the Stone Forest
- Drift along the Li River
- Stroll along Shanghai's Bund

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing for a three-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

■ Days 2-3: Beijing and the Great Wall

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before exploring Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. This evening eat a traditional dinner of Peking Duck. The next morning take a walk on the incredible Great Wall, the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Stop at a jade factory to understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. Finally savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. In the evening enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

■ Day 4: Temple of Heaven

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander through the park where you can watch, or participate

in, a dance class. Board a bullet train to Xian.

■ Days 5-6: Terracotta Warriors

Enjoy a visit to the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Visit the workshop of the craftspeople who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

■ Day 7: Fly to Wuhan

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

■ Days 8-10: Yangtze River cruise

The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking

panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy a range of shore excursions.

■ Day 11: Old Ciqikou

Disembark in Chongqing then explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuan dinner. There is an optional performance of a Sichuan Opera available tonight (at your own expense).

■ Day 12: Giant Pandas

Visit Chengdu's famous Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see these celebrated bears in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stop by the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum before flying to the pleasant city of Kunming.

■ Day 13: Stone Forest

Explore the fascinating formations of the picturesque Stone Forest. Tuck in to local delicacy Across the Bridge noodles for dinner.

■ Days 14-15: Enchanting Dali

Dali offers a glimpse of the China of times-gone-by. On your first day visit the Three Pagodas, and the next day explore the old quarter, the Yen Family House and pop over to Xizhou village and watch a tie-dye demonstration. There will also be a cruise on Erhai Lake.

■ Day 16: Fly to Guilin

Transfer back to Kunming and fly to the attractive city of Guilin.

■ Days 17-18: Li River cruise

Cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Around every river bend, jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. The next day, spend the morning exploring paddy fields and dramatic karsts. This afternoon is at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling and rafting (at your own expense), or take a relaxing walk through the town. In the evening see the famous cormorant fishermen.

■ Day 19: Fly to Hangzhou

Drive back to Guilin, visit the Pearl Museum and the Reed Flute Cave where you can admire colourful stalactites and stalagmites. Fly to Hangzhou.

■ Days 20-21: Discover Hangzhou

Spend a morning wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and visit the former residence of Hu Xueyang before cruising on West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores. The next day transfer to Suzhou.

■ Day 22: Suzhou's gardens

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Cruise on the thousand-year-old Grand Canal.

■ Day 23: Travel to Shanghai

Travel to Shanghai. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, and Shanghai Museum. This evening dine on a delicious meal of Shanghai cuisine.

■ Day 24: Explore Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Museum. Later admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund before enjoying a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ Day 25: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 25.*

■ Day 26: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

17 Mar - 11 Apr	\$6,980	21 Apr - 16 May#	\$7,630	16 Jun - 11 Jul	\$7,430	01 Sep - 26 Sep	\$7,630	22 Sep - 17 Oct#	\$7,830
24 Mar - 18 Apr	\$7,430	05 May - 30 May	\$7,630	14 Jul - 08 Aug	\$6,980	04 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,630	06 Oct - 31 Oct#	\$7,630
07 Apr - 02 May#	\$7,430	12 May - 06 Jun	\$7,630	11 Aug - 05 Sep	\$6,980	08 Sep - 03 Oct#	\$7,830	13 Oct - 07 Nov	\$7,230
14 Apr - 09 May#	\$7,630	26 May - 20 Jun	\$7,630	25 Aug - 19 Sep	\$7,230	15 Sep - 10 Oct#	\$7,830	27 Oct - 21 Nov	\$6,980

2018 DATES

16 Mar - 10 Apr	\$7,080	06 Apr - 01 May#	\$7,530	20 Apr - 15 May#	\$7,730	11 May - 05 Jun	\$7,930	15 Jun - 10 Jul	\$7,530
30 Mar - 24 Apr	\$7,530	13 Apr - 08 May#	\$7,730	04 May - 29 May	\$7,930	25 May - 19 Jun	\$7,730		

Important note:

CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB1140 (AU\$238). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

SQ – Price on page 44 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB1140 (AU\$238). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China

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TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

This epic tour blends the charms of Vietnam with the fascinating history of China. Explore Saigon, cruise Halong Bay, view adorable Giant Pandas, see the Terracotta Warriors and walk the Great Wall on one memorable adventure.

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MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,587, airline fuel surcharge \$170 and tipping \$223 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ HALONG BAY

Price includes:



All meals (24 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 24 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 26 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,980 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,280 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,880 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$7,780 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$7,980 per person departing Cairns* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$1,280
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▲ HOI AN



▲ NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, SAIGON



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Cruise across Halong Bay
- Stand on the Great Wall

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city.

Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnels

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past and the War Remnants Museum.

Day 3: Mekong Delta cruise

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on delicious, typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

Days 4-5: Historic Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old

merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge and the market. The next day, head out to Tra Que Village. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy a rejuvenating herbal foot bath. Eat lunch at a local family home and watch a cooking demonstration.

Days 6-7: Imperial Hue

Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, float along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. Finally, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel where you can fully explore.

Day 8: Colonial Hanoi

Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets and watch a Water Puppet show.

Days 9-10: Halong Bay

Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring

beauty. Spend the night on board. Return to Hanoi the next day.

Day 11: Discover Hanoi

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, and visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature. The rest of the afternoon is free.

Days 12-13: Giant Pandas

Fly to Chengdu via Guangzhou. The next day, visit Chengdu's famous Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can see China's celebrated icons up close. Wander through People's Park to see the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner and visit a traditional tea house. This evening, you can sample the delicious Sichuan cuisine.

Day 14: Ronghu Lake

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake, visiting the Sun and Moon Pagodas.

Days 15-16: Li River cruise and Yangshuo

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. The next morning, explore this unique rural location before taking the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, see the famous cormorant fishermen.

Day 17: Reed Flute Cave

Travel to Guilin. Later, see the formations of the Reed Flute Cave. Spend some time exploring the South China Pearl Museum.

Day 18: Shui Jiao dumplings

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th-century ancient city wall. This evening indulge in traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

Day 19: Terracotta Warriors

The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks standing sentinel in their mysterious necropolis. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda.

■ **Day 20: Travel to Beijing**
Board a bullet train to Beijing. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 21: Imperial Beijing

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the lovely Temple of Heaven and wander through the adjacent park where you can watch, or participate in a session of Tai Chi.

Day 22: Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. Stroll along the Long Corridor, admire carefully cultivated gardens and wonder at the Marble Boat built under Empress Dowager Cixi. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.

Days 23-24: Explore Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai and explore this cosmopolitan city. Start with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River. The next day, visits include the Yu Garden, the old town, Shanghai Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund.

Day 25: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport for your overnight flight to Australia.

Day 26: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



PURE YANGTZE 4 NIGHTS FROM \$695pp

Relax over four nights cruising on the Yangtze. Explore the Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling, visit the colossal dam and enjoy daily shore excursions.

See page 104.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES											
25 Mar - 19 Apr	\$7,680	15 Apr - 10 May#	\$7,780	20 May - 14 Jun	\$7,280	02 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,980	16 Sep - 11 Oct#	\$7,580	14 Oct - 08 Nov	\$7,380
2018 DATES											
24 Mar - 18 Apr	\$7,840	14 Apr - 09 May#	\$7,940	19 May - 13 Jun	\$7,440	25 Aug - 19 Sep	\$7,260	08 Sep - 03 Oct#	\$7,680	13 Oct - 07 Nov	\$7,460

Important note:

VN – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$170 and tipping of US\$165 (AU\$223). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam and China.

SQ – Prices on page 46 include airline fuel surcharge of \$525 and tipping of US\$165 (AU\$223). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam and China.

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DISCOVERY TOURS

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EXPLORE AND GET ACTIVE



Hike on the Great Wall

The Great Wall is one of China's most iconic sights, and Jinshanling one of its most beautiful sections. It is also less frequented by tourists than many other parts of the wall. Take the time to acquaint yourself with China's oldest guardian, learn more about its fascinating history, and walk over the ancient brickwork as it snakes lazily over the mountain range.



Walk the Longji Rice Terraces

Winding and mist-wreathed, the rice terraces of Longji have long been playing across the mountainsides of North Guangxi, creating intricate patterns and breathtaking vistas. Depending on the season they will either be full of reflective water or brimming with lush plants but whenever you walk among them you'll be inviting epic view after epic view.



Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge

Suspended over a dramatic gorge filled with lush bamboo, the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge offers breathtaking views over forest and mountain, and an exhilarating experience. The bridge is reached by a walk through a mystical bamboo forest, all quiet but for the creak and swish of the breeze playing amongst the trees.



Pingle Ancient Town

Considered Chengdu's most charming town, Pingle also has a rich and colourful history as a stop on the ancient and fabled Tea Horse Road. Wander the old streets, admiring the old-style architecture and catch a glimpse of the past – don't forget to pop into a traditional teahouse to sample the age-old wares for yourself.



Cycle and raft in Yangshuo

What better way to see some of China's most beautiful countryside? Why not include an optional cycle through beautiful countryside? Or drift quietly down the Yulong River on a optional bamboo raft excursion through a sea of pastures and paddy fields, all watched over by the towering limestone peaks.



GET CLOSER TO NATURE

Dujiangyan Panda Reserve

Close to Chengdu, nestled near the foot of Mt Qingcheng, you will visit the charming and beautiful pandas of Dujiangyan. Smaller and less visited than neighbouring reserves, but still easily accessible, Dujiangyan provides a home very similar to the pandas' natural habitat – the perfect opportunity to get closer to these magnificent creatures.

EXPERIENCE LOCAL LIFE



Shanghai mornings

Spend a morning like the native Shanghainese by taking a walking tour through the city's colourful concession areas. Watch the bustle of the city rush past as you devour typical Shanghai breakfast treats such as savoury breakfast pancakes and fried bread sticks.

Tibetan Village in Zhongdian

Pay a visit to a local family in rural Zhongdian, a deeply Buddhist and Tibetan-style area of China. Here you will dine with your local hosts on savoury home cooked dishes and learn about their way of life.



Calligraphy on Mt Qingcheng

The birthplace of Taoism, Mt Qingcheng is dotted with ancient and highly decorative temples. Walk to the summit to take in the views from Old Master Pavilion, where you will be met by a Taoist priest who will exchange Taoist ideas and demonstrate the ancient art of calligraphy and painting.



Weibaoshan meditation

Find inner peace on the mystical slopes of Weibaoshan. Wander past ancient Taoist temples nestled in the trees, to Qinzia Temple where a Taoist priest will introduce you to traditional meditative practices.



Debating monks of Lhasa

The monks of Sera, one of Tibet's three great university monasteries, are renowned for their debating. Visit the monastery's debating courtyard to watch them discoursing on Buddhist doctrine, part of the learning process, driving their point home with the use of traditional gestures, including claps, pushing and even screaming!

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is the world's biggest festival and there is no better place to experience it than the great cities of China. Immerse yourself in Chinese culture and celebrate this special time of year like the locals do; with fireworks, family festivities and temple fairs.

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$5,980 TWIN SHARE



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE, PERTH & CAIRNS



COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,822 and tipping \$158 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



Most meals (8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 11 Days, Twin Share from \$5,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$900
- Land Only (Hong Kong to Beijing) 9 days from \$4,440 per person (includes tipping)



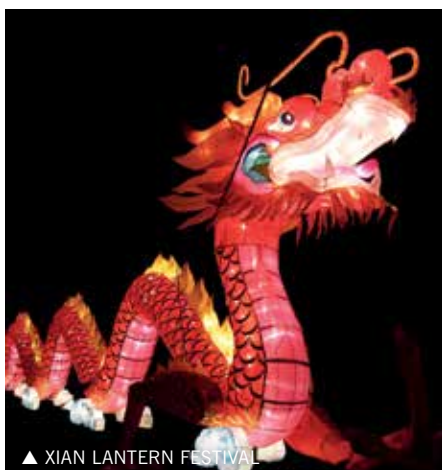
▲ VICTORIA HARBOUR FIREWORKS



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



▲ NEW YEAR PARADE



▲ XIAN LANTERN FESTIVAL



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Get festive at Hong Kong's New Year Parade
- Watch New Year fireworks
- Learn dumpling making
- Stroll Ditan Temple Fair
- Enjoy Longqing Ice Festival

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Hong Kong

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Hong Kong. After an early morning arrival, visit the famous flower markets and enjoy a New Year's Eve celebratory dinner. (D)

Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide passengers may depart on Day 2.

■ Day 3: Hong Kong Chinese New Year Parade

Hong Kong vibrates with excitement for the upcoming celebrations as you explore the colourful temples and streets of the city. In the evening take your reserved seats for the Tsim Sha Tsui Night Parade, to witness the truly astonishing variety of colourful floats, live music and dance performances as they pass. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Victoria Harbour fireworks

Visit bustling Stanley Market before ascending Victoria Peak for mesmerising views over skyscrapers, bays and islands. The afternoon is free to enjoy the New Year ambience, then gather on the harbour front to see one of the world's greatest fireworks displays whilst cruising on Victoria Harbour. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Lantern Festival

Fly to Xian, terminus of the Silk Road and the greatest of China's

ancient capitals. Dumpling making is considered an art form in China and you will learn the secret to making these intricate parcels as a master chef prepares them before your eyes. Head to the Tang Paradise Scenic Area to enjoy the riot of colours and lights that make up the dazzling Lantern Festival. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangers, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis. Gaze over the ranks of crossbowmen, infantry, horses and chariots, all drawn up in traditional battle order, as your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' unique stories. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition where replicas of the statues are created. Take a walking tour of the narrow twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter; and sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks whilst gaining an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Xian is surrounded by an imposing and enormously wide wall which would have once been patrolled by Ming Dynasty soldiers and is now used as a city thoroughfare. Head to this Ancient City Wall for a stroll along it. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Ditan Temple Fair

Fly to Beijing, a city drenched in history and at the heart of China's future. Join the locals with a stroll around a temple fair, sampling traditional lucky snacks and enjoying the entertainment. Later, enjoy a sumptuous Peking Duck dinner. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Champagne on the Great Wall and Longqing Ice Festival

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. The stark, yet magnificent landscape puts you in the shoes of those who guarded this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Stop for a glass of champagne and appreciate this magical moment. Later head to the valleys of Longqing for the Ice and Snow Festival, a colourful display of ice lanterns, ice carvings and snow sculptures. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Family festivities

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City for an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. In the evening meet up with a local family to learn more of what makes the Spring Festival so special as you create intricate paper decorations and paint elegant, traditional Chinese calligraphy. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Depart Beijing

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 10.

■ Day 11: Arrive Australia
Arrive home today.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



HARBIN SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL 3 NIGHTS FROM \$2,150PP

■ Day 10: Fly to Harbin

Depart China's capital for the capital of snow and ice, Harbin. (B)

■ Days 11-12: Snow and Ice Festival

Immerse yourself in a magical winter world at this unique festival. Hundreds of masterpieces carved into ice and snow line the banks of the Songhua River, all lit up in a kaleidoscope of colour. You'll have two days to explore this wonderland; and explore the Siberian, Jewish and Russian influences of this fascinating city. (B)

■ Day 13: Depart Harbin

Fly to Australia (via Beijing and Hong Kong), arriving home the same or following day. (B)

Price based on twin share.

Price includes return flights from Beijing to Harbin, 3 nights accommodation, transfers, Local Guide, entrance fees and breakfast daily.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATE	2018 DATE
26 Jan - 05 Feb	14 Feb - 24 Feb
\$5,980	\$6,180

Important note:

■ Above prices include tipping of RMB510 and HKD300 (AU\$158). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Hong Kong and China.

CHINA EXPLORER

Pairing China's classic sights with a Yangtze cruise, this itinerary brings you closer to the authentic charms of China. Revel in atmospheric ancient towns and hike along the incredible, undulating Great Wall.

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,180 TWIN SHARE

FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE, PERTH & CAIRNS*

INCLUDES 3 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,992 and tipping \$188 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

Price includes:

Most meals (13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 9 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$6,180 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$6,380 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers may require a stopover in Singapore and one night post-tour accommodation in Shanghai at an additional cost.*

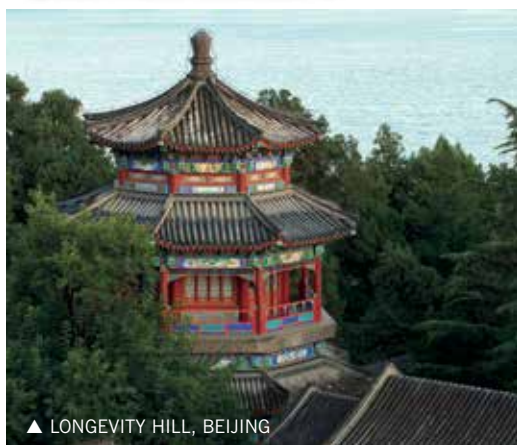
- Single Hotel Room Option from \$640
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai)
14 days from \$4,780 per person (includes tipping)

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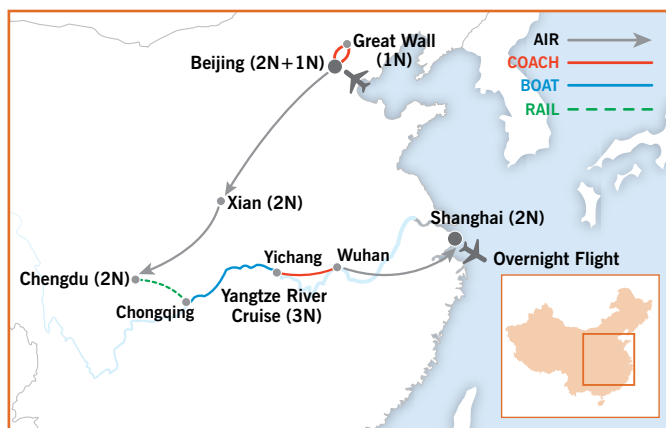
▲ LONGEVITY HILL, BEIJING



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALL, XIAN



▲ GIANT PANDA, DUJIANGYAN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the Great Wall
- Mingle with local people
- Bike Xian's city wall
- Visit Pandas in Dujiangyan
- Sip tea in old Pingle
- Three nights on the Yangtze

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historical capital. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Forbidden City & Summer Palace walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the idyllic Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Later, stop for photo opportunities at the Olympic Park. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Beijing's hutongs

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of

high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Simatai Great Wall. Sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to witness the sunset. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately five hours as the wall improbably courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. Buzzing Sunlitun or lakeside Houhai are a great choice for the evening. (B,L)

Day 5: Cycling in Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital surrounded by an imposing and enormously wide wall, which is used as a city thoroughfare. You'll enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the wall and past many smiling locals, giving you an unique perspective of Chinese urban life. Later, take in an optional fountain and light show (at your own expense) and

be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors & Muslim Quarter walking tour

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition then take a walking tour of the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks (at your own expense) and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L)

Day 7: Pingle Ancient Town

Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above from Jinji Rope Bridge. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Dujiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Ancient Ciqikou

Jump on the bullet train to Chongqing. Continue to the old town of Ciqikou and explore – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn

about its colourful history. Later board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

Days 10-11: Yangtze River cruise

During your Yangtze cruise, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Fly to Shanghai

Visit the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark your cruise, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. On arrival the evening is at leisure to begin exploring this neon city. (B,L)

Day 13: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between modern skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River, passing by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 14.*

Day 15: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

24 Apr - 08 May#	\$6,180	08 May - 22 May	\$6,530	04 Sep - 18 Sep	\$6,330	09 Oct - 23 Oct	\$6,180
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2018 DATES

09 Apr - 23 Apr	\$6,430	07 May - 21 May	\$6,630	21 May - 04 Jun	\$6,630	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$6,530	17 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,530	15 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,280
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Important note:

CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB900 (AU\$188). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

SQ – Price on page 54 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB900 (AU\$188). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

SICHUAN EXPLORER

Sichuan differs markedly from the rest of China, with varying attitudes, cuisine and spectacular landscapes of forest and mountain. Richly endowed with natural and cultural wonders, touring this magnificent province never fails to steal your breath away.

15 DAYS FROM

PER
PERSON

\$4,580 TWIN SHARE



FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE, PERTH & CAIRNS*



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$4,424 and tipping \$156 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Price includes:



Most meals (13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 11 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$4,580 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$5,080 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers may require a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$660
- Land Only (Chengdu to Chengdu) 14 days from \$3,460 per person (includes tipping)



▲ GIANT PANDA, DUJIANGYAN



▲ SHUZHENG VILLAGE



▲ MT EMEI

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at Leshan's Buddha
- Ascend Mt Emei
- Visit Pandas at Dujiangyan
- Spiritualise at Mt Qingcheng
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- Meet the Qiang people

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Chengdu

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, for a two-night stay. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Discover Chengdu

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha, the world's largest and UNESCO World Heritage-listed, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from the Leshan Buddha Park. A short boat trip will give an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Explore Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. You'll spend the evening at the foot of the mountain. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Mengdingshan

Travel to Mengdingshan. Explore amongst the vast stretch of tea bushes and take a tour of a plantation, where you'll be shown the whole process of producing tea, from plucking the leaves to brewing the perfect cup. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Pingle Ancient Town

Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take some time to walk through the maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Later, drive back to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Dujiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, an infrastructure constructed in 256BC and still in use today to irrigate 5,300 square kilometres of land. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Taoist Mt Qingcheng

Mt Qingcheng is the most important Taoist Holy mountain

in China, it is also a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded palaces. You'll be welcomed by a Taoist priest at the Old Master Pavilion on the summit of Mt Qingcheng. Take the opportunity to speak to him and learn about his religion. You'll also be shown the art of Chinese painting and handwriting. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Drive to Nine Villages Valley

Drive through to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park), where you'll spend the next three nights. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine typical Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. A trip up to the top of the valley to Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcase some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Shuzheng village

Visit Shuzheng village, the largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Red Lake – an excellent way to really relish the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill, many prayer wheels and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests

of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the cable car up to Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley to admire the excellent panoramic views (at your own expense), before you continue to the delightful Mao County by road. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Qiang Minority village

The Qiang people are an ethnic minority group in China with a population of about 326,500. Qiang is actually a Chinese word that translates in English as 'shepherds'. Their customs, architectural style, clothing and religious beliefs are far removed from the western world. You will visit a minority village where you'll be joined by a local elder, who will talk through the history and culture of his people. You'll then visit a local family. Later in the afternoon, drive to Chengdu. (B,L)

Day 13: Local Chengdu

Spend the day absorbing the culture of People's Park. People watching here is an endless pleasure, from the locals playing mah-jong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. Join them in an exciting square dancing session. Stop at a local teahouse and wander through the historical Wide and Narrow Alleys. In the evening enjoy a delicious Sichuan hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 14: Depart Chengdu

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 14.*

Day 15: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

17 Apr - 01 May#	\$4,580	08 May - 22 May	\$4,830	04 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,230	09 Oct - 23 Oct	\$5,030
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2018 DATES

16 Apr - 30 Apr	\$4,880	07 May - 21 May	\$4,880	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$5,330	08 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,230
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Important note:

CX – Above prices include tipping of RMB750 (AU\$156). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

SQ – Price on page 56 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB750 (AU\$156). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

A CHINA ADVENTURE

Spend more time hiking on the Great Wall and through the beautiful rice terraces of Longji on this active tour of China. Soak up the simple rural beauty of Yangshuo, the history of Xian, the majesty of Beijing and the fast pace of dazzling Shanghai.

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\$6,480 TWIN SHARE



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE* & PERTH



ACTIVE

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Price includes:



Most meals (14 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 8 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$6,480 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Adelaide passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.*

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$6,680 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$940
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▲ SHANGHAI



▲ YANGSHUO



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the Great Wall
- Mingle with local people
- Sip tea in old Pingle
- Visit Pandas in Dujiangyan
- Explore Longji's rice terraces
- See Shanghai like a local

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historical capital. *Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Forbidden City & Summer Palace walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Beijing's hutongs

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call

the hutongs home before driving to Gubei Watertown at Simatai Great Wall. Sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to witness the sunset. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

Take the short transfer to Gubeikou to begin the hike back to Jinshanling. One of the most wild and scenic section-to-section hikes of the Great Wall, your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, only going off-wall briefly to navigate around a Chinese military base. After approximately six hours of hiking, you'll return to Beijing where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 5: Xian by bullet train

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Ride the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and

horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Travel to Pingle

Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 8: Pingle Ancient Town

Enjoy a morning at leisure, perhaps taking the time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets. Later, see the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)

Day 9: Dujiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Journey to Ping An

Fly to Guilin before transferring to the scenic town of Ping An for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Rice terraces and ethnic villages hike

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike from Ping An to Dazhai will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 12: Yangshuo countryside

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Sanjie Liu' (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 13: Tai Chi session & afternoon at leisure

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River (at your own expense) – another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

Day 14: Fly to Shanghai

Drive back to Guilin and spend some time exploring the Reed Flute Caves before going from the serene to the supercharged as you fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

Day 15: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 16.*

Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

15 Apr - 01 May#	\$6,480	06 May - 22 May	\$6,730	16 Sep - 02 Oct#	\$6,630	07 Oct - 23 Oct#	\$6,630
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2018 DATES

14 Apr - 30 Apr	\$6,580	05 May - 21 May	\$6,830	19 May - 04 Jun	\$6,730	01 Sep - 17 Sep	\$6,580	15 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,730	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,580
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YUNNAN ADVENTURE

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FROM
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ACTIVE

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Price includes:



Most meals (14 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 8 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,480 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane*, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

**Brisbane and Adelaide passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

Cairns and Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet the Bai people
- Meditate on Weibaoshan
- Meet a Shaman master
- Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Find the past in Jianshui
- Hike Yuanyang's Terraces

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

■ Day 3: Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles, for dinner. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Travel to Dali

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse of bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Meditation on a mountain

Journey to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest

for a relaxing meditation session. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon continue to Lijiang and have some free time to explore the Old Quarter, a jumble of cobbled streets, precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Meet a Shaman Master

Take a chairlift to one of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain's gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas of this magnificent mountain massif. Continue to Baisha Naxi Village and meet a Dongba Shaman who will demonstrate how to write ancient Dongba written characters, before you attempt this quirky artform yourself. Sample traditional Naxi cuisine. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Visit the Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for

breathhtaking views. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Rural Shangri-La

Visit Songshanlin Monastery before enjoying an easy 2-3 hour hike to Napa Hai. Here, you'll be surrounded by towering mountains and among lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. From here, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. Return to Zhongdian. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Explore Shangri-La

Spend the morning wandering through the town, absorbing its fascinating mix of Tibetan and Han Chinese culture. Also visit Dafo Temple before a free afternoon. (B,L)

■ Day 11: Kunming

Fly to Kunming. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

■ Day 12: Travel to Jianshui

Travel to Tonghai and visit the unique Xingmeng Mongolian village on the way, where the residents wear traditional costumes and keep old traditions alive. After a stroll around Tonghai market, continue to the antiquated town of Jianshui for an overnight stay and visit the Confucian temple, one of the largest in China. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Yuanyang market

Visit the Zhang Garden before travelling further south to Yuanyang where you can explore the bustling market, full of fresh produce and locals in traditional, colourful costume. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Yuanyang rice terraces

Created by the Hani people over hundreds of years this wide, watery expanse is a spectacular sight to behold. Described as 'land sculpture' in China, the elements turn the terraces into pools of colour that reflect their mood, whether it's the reds and yellows of sunrise or the whites and greys of a mist settling over the valley. Hike through

the terraces visiting Hani ethnic villages such as Qingkou and Bada. (B,L,D)

■ Day 15: Lendun village market

Travel back to Kunming via Lendun Village Market. (B,L,D)

■ Day 16: Depart Kunming

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)

■ Day 17: Arrive Australia

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Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

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Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE*, ADL*, PER

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

08 Apr - 24 Apr \$5,480 06 May - 22 May \$5,730 02 Sep - 18 Sep \$5,930 07 Oct - 23 Oct# \$5,930 28 Oct - 13 Nov \$5,480

2018 DATES

07 Apr - 23 Apr \$5,830 05 May - 21 May \$5,830 08 Sep - 24 Sep \$6,030 06 Oct - 22 Oct# \$6,030 27 Oct - 12 Nov \$5,580

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,680 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns** with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

*Adelaide passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.

**Cairns passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,880 per person departing Darwin ^ with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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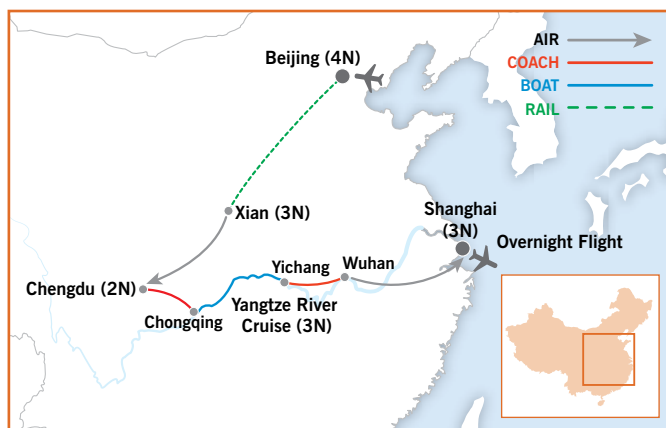
▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN



▲ SHANGHAI



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy your freedom and choose amazing optional experiences
- Explore Beijing's hutongs
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Visit Pandas in Chengdu
- See Shanghai like a local

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historic capital.

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

This particularly scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing market, or enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 4: Summer Palace

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming

Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Enjoy a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

Day 5: Temple of Heaven

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the bullet train to Xian. (B,L)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 7: Xian at leisure

Today is a day at leisure to explore the ancient town of Xian. There is the option to take a gentle cycle ride (at your own expense) that will take you the 14km around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall, past many smiling locals. (B)

Day 8: Chengdu like a local

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals



▲ KUNMING LAKE, BEIJING

dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. (B,L)

Day 9: Chengdu at leisure

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle (at your own expense). Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets, before seeing the forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

Day 10: Giant Pandas

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

Days 11-12: Yangtze cruise

As you cruise downstream the Yangtze nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges. A two-day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Fly to Shanghai

Visit the mammoth Three Gorges Dam and disembark your cruise vessel. Transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

Day 14: Shanghai at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai, beginning your

explorations of this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao (at your own expense), one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. (B)

Day 15: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Garden and the Old Town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,D)

Day 16: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 16.

Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

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• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES							
06 May - 22 May	\$5,680	02 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,680	14 Oct - 30 Oct	\$5,680		
2018 DATES							
07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,830	05 May - 21 May	\$5,830	08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$5,830	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,830

Important note:

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HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE – TIBET TO NEPAL

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From price includes: tour cost \$7,457, airline fuel surcharge \$620 and tipping \$203 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:

- All Meals (19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners)**
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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

21 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$8,280 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin* and Canberra* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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▲ BODHNATH STUPA, KATHMANDU



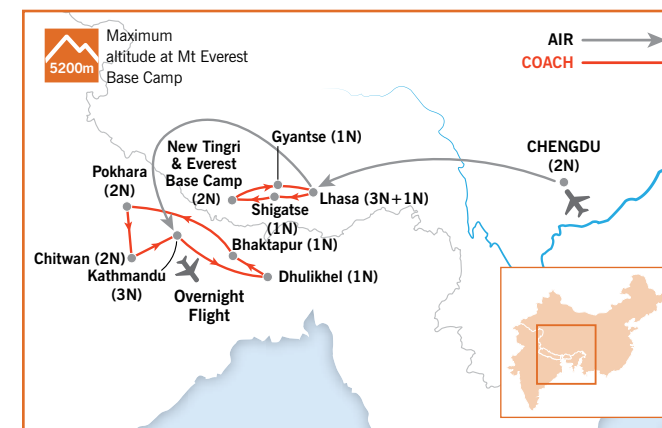
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▲ VIEWS OVER THE HIMALAYA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet Chengdu's pandas
- Explore mystical Lhasa
- Watch debating monks
- Gaze upon Mt Everest
- Spot rhinos in Chitwan
- Discover Kathmandu

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Chengdu
Fly with Singapore Airlines to Chengdu. (D)

Day 2: Giant Pandas
A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park, see Matchmaker's Corner, and visit a traditional tea house. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Fly to Lhasa
Fly to Lhasa and have some time at leisure to acclimatise to the high altitude. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Debating monks
Lhasa is a modern city but among the old streets, at its core, you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Venture inside Jokhang Temple where queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Wander around the Barkhor with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the famous debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Potala Palace
The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses

thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This evening enjoy a Tibetan dance performance during dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Shigatse
Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse, Tibet's second city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Tashilhunpo Monastery
Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here drive to New Tingri, admiring awe-inspiring Himalayan views. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Everest Base Camp
Rise early to make the journey across the Gue La Pass and Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. Visit the world's highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp (weather permitting), situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, from where the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed. (B,L,D)

Day 9: New Tingri to Gyantse
Drive to the pleasant town of Gyantse and visit the famous Kumbum Monastery. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Gyantse to Lhasa
Return back to Lhasa, stopping en route at Karuola Glacier and Yamdrok Lake. Stay one night in Lhasa. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Into Nepal
Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Bhaktapur
Take a visit to Changu Narayan Temple before hiking to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalaya scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and visit the Old Houses before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you'll stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square. (B,L,D)

Days 13-14: Pokhara
Travel to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. (B,L,D) The next day, explore Pokhara's traditional bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall. Spend the afternoon wandering the Mountain Museum. (B,L,D)

Days 15-16: Chitwan National Park
Admire the sunrise and enjoy the serenity of a Hindu temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. A jungle safari delivers you to the Terai. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, take an early morning nature walk, and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening take in the fun of a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Daman
Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu. (B,L,D)

Day 18: Lama blessing
Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan's Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Bodhnath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple. (B,L,D)

Day 19: Kathmandu
Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Explore Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Depart Kathmandu
The morning is at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 21: Arrive Australia
Arrive home today.

NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.

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The land border crossing from Tibet to Nepal is currently closed, resulting in passengers flying from Lhasa to Kathmandu. An alternative road option is scheduled to open in early 2017 and once operational, the itinerary may resume the overland route.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, DRW*, CBR* **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

2017 DATES									
19 Apr - 09 May#	\$8,580	10 May - 30 May	\$8,580	06 Sep - 26 Sep	\$8,280	04 Oct - 24 Oct#	\$8,580		
2018 DATES									
18 Apr - 08 May#	\$8,780	09 May - 29 May	\$8,780	05 Sep - 25 Sep	\$8,380	03 Oct - 23 Oct	\$8,780		

Important note:
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**INCLUDES 4 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**



ACTIVE

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▲ YANGSHUO

Price includes:



**Most meals (19 breakfasts,
18 lunches & 12 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$7,180 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$7,380 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$880
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
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▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



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▲ SHANGHAI

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the Great Wall
- Visit Pandas in Dujiangyan
- Bike Xian's city wall
- Explore Longji's rice terraces
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- See Shanghai like a local

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historic capital, for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Beijing's hutongs

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Gubei Watertown at Simatai Great Wall. Sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to witness the sunset. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Hike the Great Wall

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately five hours as the wall improbably courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. Buzzing

Sunliton or lakeside Houhai are a great choice for the evening. (B,L)

Day 4: Forbidden City and Summer Palace walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. The evening is at leisure - Defu Lane offers a vibrant atmosphere at night. (B,L)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall

The ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Travel to Yichang

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang. Later board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

Days 8-10: Yangtze cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. A three day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Ciqikou Ancient Town

Disembark your cruise vessel and enjoy an early lunch in the charming old town of Ciqikou - there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Take a bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Pingle Ancient Town

Drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Return to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Dujiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Sun and Moon Pagodas

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas - two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. (B,L)

Day 15: Rice terraces

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice

plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 16: Li River cruise

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Sanjie Liu' (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 17: Tai Chi session and afternoon at leisure

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River (at your own expense) - another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

Day 18: Fly to Shanghai

Drive back to Guilin and go from the serene to the supercharged as you fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

Day 19: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do - sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 20.*

Day 21: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES - per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES											
02 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,180	16 Apr - 06 May#	\$7,330	07 May - 27 May	\$7,530	03 Sep - 23 Sep	\$7,330	24 Sep - 14 Oct#	\$7,530	08 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,180
2018 DATES											
01 Apr - 21 Apr	\$7,280	06 May - 26 May	\$7,630	09 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,430	07 Oct - 27 Oct#	\$7,630				
15 Apr - 05 May#	\$7,430	20 May - 09 Jun	\$7,630	23 Sep - 13 Oct#	\$7,630	14 Oct - 03 Nov	\$7,280				

Important note:

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SQ - Price on page 66 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB1130 (AU\$235). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

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LAND OF THE DRAGON

Take a relaxed journey through the great sights of China, walking on the Great Wall, admiring the Terracotta Warriors and visiting with the Giant Pandas, while also having plenty of free time and optional excursions to make the holiday your very own.

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INCLUDES 3 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



FLEXIBLE

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▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN

Price includes:



Most meals (19 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 4 dinners)

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- Accommodation
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Price guide

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**Adelaide passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.*

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$6,480 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.*

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▲ CHENGDU



▲ YANGTZE RIVER



▲ LONGJI RICE TERRACES



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy your freedom and choose amazing optional experiences
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Admire the Longji Terraces
- Cruise the Li River
- Explore Beijing's hutongs

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historic capital.

■ Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

■ Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

This particularly scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing market, or enjoy an optional Peking Duck dinner (at own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 4: Summer Palace

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Enjoy a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

■ Day 5: Temple of Heaven

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of the city by night (at own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 7: Xian at leisure

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to take a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall, past many smiling locals (at own expense). (B)

■ Day 8: Fly to Guilin

Fly to Guilin. On arrival explore the magnificent formations of the Reed Flute Cave and browse the displays of the South China Pearl Museum. Later, take a late afternoon stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu

lakes, mingling with the local people as you go, then head to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street where you are free to enjoy dinner and drinks. (B)

■ Day 9: Guilin at leisure

Today there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji (at own expense). Walk past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

■ Day 10: Li River cruise

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. Later visit the magnificent Moon Hill. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River or cycle through the countryside for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo (at own expense). (B)

■ Day 12: Chengdu like a local

Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and Matchmaker's Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and 'face changing' show (at own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 13: Chengdu at leisure

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle (at own expense). Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before viewing the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

■ Day 14: Giant Pandas

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu

Panda Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel (B,D).

■ Days 15-16: Yangtze cruise

As you cruise downstream the Yangtze nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A two-day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

■ Day 17: Fly to Shanghai

Visit Three Gorges Dam. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

■ Day 18: Shanghai at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai, beginning your explorations of this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao (at own expense), one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. (B)

■ Day 19: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour. Stroll through the city's most fascinating districts and enjoy breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Garden and the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River. (B,D)

■ Day 20: Depart Shanghai

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2018 DATES					
10 Apr - 30 Apr	\$6,530	08 May - 28 May	\$6,630	11 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,630
				16 Oct - 05 Nov	\$6,380

Important note:

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SQ – Price on page 68 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB1070 (AU\$223). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

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DREAMS OF NATURE

Towering pinnacles swathed in mist, sky-skimming mountains and nature at its most verdant are just some of the wonders included on this scenic tour. Indulge your senses with China's most dramatic natural highlights.

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INCLUDES 4 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



ACTIVE

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Most meals (20 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 15 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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Price guide

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▲ ZHANGJIAJIE



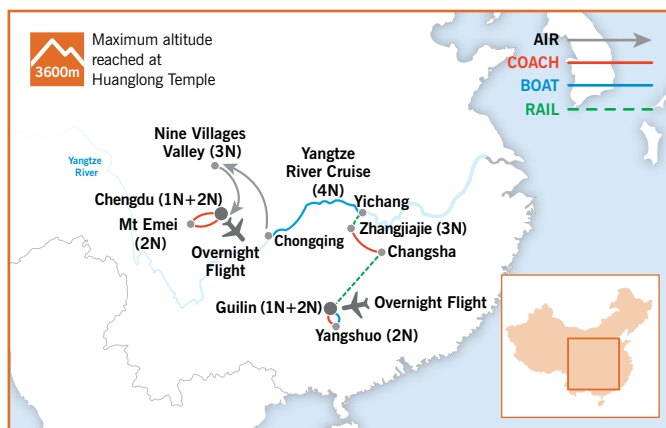
▲ NINE VILLAGES VALLEY



▲ RED PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ LONGJI RICE TERRACES



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise peacefully on the Li
- Lose yourself amongst the pinnacles of Zhangjiajie
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- Visit Pandas in Chengdu

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Guilin

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Guilin. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ Day 3: Yangshuo's landscapes

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Later, take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There's an option to take a short and steep hike to the top of Moon Hill for epic sunset views (at own expense). (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Tai Chi & bamboo rafting

Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is an option to go bamboo rafting on the Yulong River (at your own expense). Drift past verdant riverbanks and under ancient bridges as you paddle on the glass-like water, while this evening you have the option of enjoying the magical Sanjie Liu night show (at your own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 5: Reed Flute Cave

Drive back to Guilin and spend the afternoon exploring the Reed Flute Cave and learning about the

South China pearling industry at the Pearl Museum. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Longji rice terraces

Travel to the iconic Longji Rice Terraces and head out for a four hour walk through the traditional rural landscapes. There are several viewpoints boasting picture-postcard views of the extensive rice terraces that cover the hillside in intricate patterns. Drive back to Guilin, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Travel to Zhangjiajie

Catch the bullet train to Changsha, then enjoy the breathtaking drive to Zhangjiajie. (B,L,D)

■ Days 8-9: Zhangjiajie

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of tropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie's striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. During your time here you will enjoy some beautiful walks to Huanglong Cave and Huangshi Village, as well as a cruise on Lake Baofeng. You'll also see Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Travel to Yichang

Catch the train to Yichang, where you'll board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

■ Days 11-13: Yangtze River cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Fly to Jiuzhaigou

Disembark your cruise vessel and fly to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou). (B,D)

■ Day 15: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. A trip up to the top of the valley to the Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcases some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

■ Day 16: Shuzheng village

Visit Shuzheng village, the largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Red Lake – an excellent way to really relish the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

■ Day 17: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and is relatively undiscovered. There is an option to take the chair lift up to Huanglong Temple (at your own expense) at the head of the valley for excellent panoramic views, before you catch a flight to Chengdu. (B,L)

■ Day 18: Leshan Giant Buddha

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71 metre Buddha, the world's largest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

■ Day 19: Explore Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

■ Day 20: Pingel Ancient Town

Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingel was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

■ Day 21: Chengdu Panda Base

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People's Park. People watching here is an endless pleasure, from the locals playing mah-jong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening enjoy a delicious Sichuan hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show (at your own expense). (B,D)

■ Day 22: Depart Chengdu

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 22.

■ Day 23: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

07 Apr - 29 Apr \$6,980 05 May - 27 May \$7,330 08 Sep - 30 Sep \$7,330 06 Oct - 28 Oct# \$7,530

2018 DATES

05 Apr - 27 Apr \$7,180 03 May - 25 May# \$7,530 06 Sep - 28 Sep \$7,530 11 Oct - 02 Nov \$7,630

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Price guide

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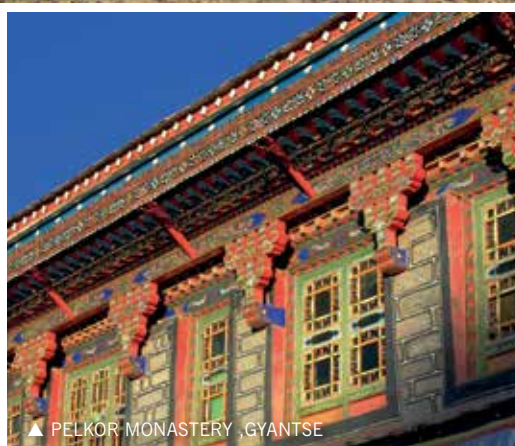
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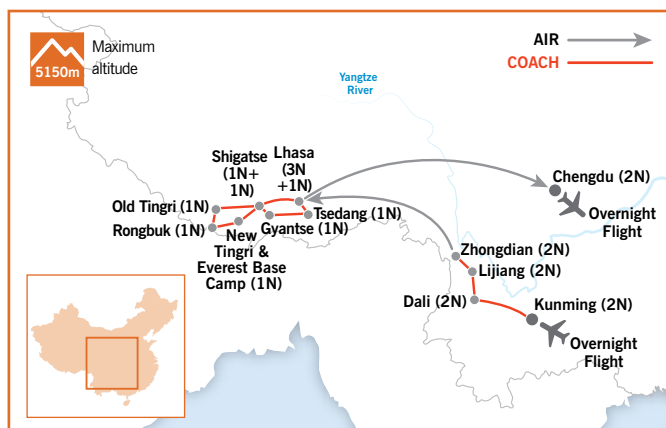
▲ PELKOR MONASTERY, GYANTSE



▲ TIBETAN MONKS



▲ POTALA PALACE, LHASA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Meditate on Mt Weibao
- Meet the Bai people
- Explore Tibet's temples
- Soak up the atmosphere in mystical Lhasa
- Gaze on Mt Everest

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the relaxed city of Kunming, 'the city of Eternal Spring'. Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

■ Day 3: Discover the Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. This afternoon view Dianchi Lake from the Western Hills. Returning to Kunming, tuck into local delicacy 'Across the Bridge' noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Travel to Dali

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse of bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Mountain meditation

Mt Weibao is one of the Taoist religion's most sacred mountains, and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples, stopping at Qingxia temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. This afternoon visit a tie-dyeing workshop. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the

fascinating minority peoples who reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain & Dongba Shaman

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500m. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a genuine Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Visit Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and take some free time to explore the old town. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Rural Shangri-La

Visit Songshanlin Monastery before enjoying an easy 2-3 hour hike to Napahai Grasslands. Here, surrounded by towering mountains and among lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the

villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Fly to Lhasa

Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (B,D)

■ Day 11: Jokhang Temple and Spiritual Barkhor

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, to witness the debating monks. (B,L)

■ Day 12: Potala Palace

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, before visiting a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner in the evening. (B,L,D)

■ Days 13-14: Shigatse

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort, Shigatse is Tibet's second largest city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. The rest of the day is spent exploring. (B,L,D) The next day continue by road to New Tingri admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as we go. (B,L,D)

■ Day 15: Everest Base Camp

Traverse some of the world's most incredible scenery as we make our way to base camp (weather permitting). Here, situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed. Visit Rongbuk Monastery, draped in colourful prayer flags, and stay overnight in the township. (B,L,D)

■ Day 16: Everest sunrise

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest before driving to Old Tingri. (B,L,D)

■ Days 17-18: Shigatse & Gyantse

Return to Shigatse and join the pilgrims on their evening 'Kora' (circumnavigation) of the monastery. (B,L,D) The next day visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, then continue to Gyantse to visit Pelkor Monastery and the Gyantse Kumbum. Visit a traditional folk house for some home brewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

■ Day 19: Tsedang

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang, called the 'cradle of Tibetan civilisation'. Visit Gangpo Ri. (B,L,D)

■ Day 20: Yumbulhakang Palace

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the Yumbulhakang Palace was the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue on to the Chang Chun Monastery and the King's Tombs en route to Lhasa. (B,L)

■ Day 21: Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

■ Day 22: Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can get up close to China's celebrated icons. Visit People's Park, Matchmaker's Corner, a tea house and the fascinating Shu Brocade Museum. Tonight, sample delicious Sichuan cuisine for dinner. (B,L,D)

■ Day 23: Depart Chengdu

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 23.

■ Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

06 May - 29 May	\$7,830	20 May - 12 Jun	\$7,830	03 Jun - 26 Jun	\$7,680	02 Sep - 25 Sep	\$7,680	16 Sep - 09 Oct#	\$7,830	07 Oct - 30 Oct#	\$7,680
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2018 DATES

05 May - 28 May	\$7,930	19 May - 11 Jun	\$7,930	02 Jun - 25 Jun	\$7,780	01 Sep - 24 Sep	\$7,930	15 Sep - 08 Oct#	\$7,930	06 Oct - 29 Oct#	\$7,930
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SILK ROAD EXPLORER

Follow in the footsteps of adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to reach the fascinating outpost of Kashgar and its famous Sunday market.

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Price guide

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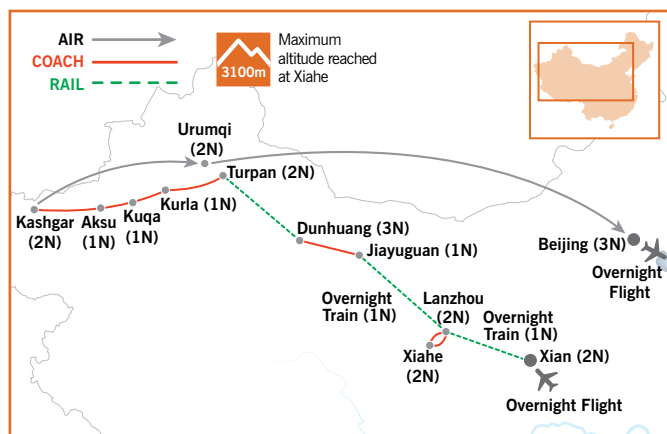
▲ JIAYU FORTRESS, JIAYUGUAN



▲ TIAN CHI LAKE



▲ CRESCENT LAKE, DUNHUANG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow the original Silk Road through China
- Find Tibet in Xiahe
- Explore Jiayu Fortress
- See the Flaming Mountains
- Discover colourful Kashgar

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Xian

Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital with China Southern Airlines. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

Day 3: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition. Later in the day, take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter. Sample delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Cycling in Xian

Pay an early visit to a local park to see Xian's residents taking part in Tai Chi and dancing. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the ancient City Wall and past many smiling locals. Visit the Xian Museum before boarding the overnight train to Lanzhou. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6: Explore Lanzhou

Enjoy a moment of tranquillity at the hilltop Baita Temple and tuck into some delicious Lanzhou style

noodles made with handstretched dough. Visit the Yellow River night markets. (B,L,D) The next day, head to Liujiaxia Lake to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Journey to Xiahe

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Labrang Monastery

Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos. (B,L,D)

Days 9-10: Great Wall at Jiayuguan

Return to Lanzhou and board an overnight train for Jiayuguan. Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. The next day, visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert. (B,L,D)

Day 11: City of Sands

Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of

the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market, where you can wander amongst the stalls, tasting local snacks (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 12: Mogao Grottoes

A system of temples and sanctuaries, the Mogao Grottoes exhibit examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Singing Sand Dunes

Visit Crescent Lake, nestled amongst rolling sand dunes, and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomena produced by the wind blowing through the grains. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Turpan

Catch the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Explore Turpan

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. (B,L,D) The next day, see elegant Emin Minaret before visiting a typical home in grape valley. Also learn about the fascinating Karez irrigation canals. (B,L,D)

Days 16-19: The Silk Road

Over the next four days travel along the original Silk Route through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sites largely unvisited by tourists. Travel to Kurla and visit the ruins of the Iron Fortress. The next day, see the ruins of Subashi, arriving in Kuqa to visit the old city wall. Also visit the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves before travelling to Aksu. Arrive in fabled Kashgar the following day and transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Explore Kashgar

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia, as it continues to be an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's visits include Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

Day 21: Kashgar Sunday Bazaar

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures and vivid colours, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Fly to Urumqi. (B,L,D)

Days 22-23: Discover Urumqi

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake) formed in a crater. Explore the East Poplar Valley where you will pay a visit to a Kazak minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day explore the collections of the Xinjiang Museum. Fly to Beijing. (B,L,D)

Day 24: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Jade has been long cherished by the Chinese – at a jade factory you can understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. In the afternoon savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. (B,L)

Day 25: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening dine on Peking Duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

Day 26: Depart Beijing

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 26.

Day 27: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, PER*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES											
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▲ DALI ANCIENT TOWN



▲ JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN



▲ LIJIANG OLD TOWN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy your freedom and choose amazing optional experiences
- Practise Tai Chi in Yangshuo
- Mingle with local people
- Ascend Jade Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historical capital. *Perth and Darwin passengers may depart one day earlier.*

Day 2: Forbidden City & hutongs

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next visit Yandaixiejie where there's time to wander the Hutongs. Later, there's free time to explore. (B,L)

Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall

This scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views. Visit a jade factory. Spend the evening at leisure exploring Wangfujing night market, or take an optional (at your own expense) Peking Duck dinner. (B,L)

Day 4: Imperial Summer Palace

Take a relaxed day exploring the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Walk and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around Kunming Lake and walk up Longevity Hill. (B,L)

Day 5: Overnight train to Xian

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to their fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, then take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and sample freshly cooked snacks. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 7: Cycling in Xian

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the wall. This afternoon visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L)

Day 8: Beautiful Guilin

Fly to Guilin. This afternoon is at leisure – you may wish to stroll around Zhengyang Street. (B)

Day 9: Guilin at leisure

Take an optional four hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji (at your own expense). Walk past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

Day 10: Yangshuo countryside

Cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an

insight into life here. There's an option to hike to the top of Moon Hill for views of the countryside (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip (at your own expense) along the Yu Long River for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo. (B)

Day 12: Kunming at leisure

Transfer to Guilin and visit the Reed Flute Cave and a Pearl Museum. Fly to Kunming. (B)

Day 13: Stone Forest

Meander through the UNESCO listed Stone Forest. Back in Kunming stroll through Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Day 14: Dali's Ancient Town

Drive to Dali and spend the rest of the day admiring the Three Pagodas and being immersed in the atmosphere of the fascinating old quarter and lively market. Stroll along Foreigners' Street and explore the many dining options here. (B,L)

Day 15: Dali at leisure

Take an optional visit to Weibaoshan. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session (at your own expense). Otherwise spend the day relaxing in Dali. (B)

Day 16: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority peoples that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

Day 17: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

A magnificent mountain massif, Jade Dragon incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which soars to 5,500m. Take a cable car to one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy amazing vistas. Visit the minority Baisha Naxi Village and admire the Baisha Frescoes. (B,L)

Day 18: Lijiang at leisure

Today's optional mini-trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge takes you through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself (at your own expense). If you don't join the trek, the day is at leisure in Lijiang. (B)

Day 19: Chengdu like a local

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. See the locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and Matchmaker's Corner. Visit Wide and Narrow Alleys. (B,L)

Day 20: Giant Pandas

Visit Chengdu's renowned panda base and see these adorably charming creatures up close. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and face changing show (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 21: Ancient Ciqikou

Board your train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

Days 22-23: Yangtze cruise

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 24: Three Gorges Dam

Visit Three Gorges Dam. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

Day 25: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour. Visit the Yu Gardens, the Old Town and the Silk Museum. Cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

Day 26: Shanghai at leisure

Join the optional day tour to Suzhou (at your own expense), or spend more time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 27: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 27.

Day 28: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES

03 Apr - 30 Apr	\$7,180	08 May - 04 Jun	\$7,330	04 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$7,330	18 Sep - 15 Oct#	\$7,330	09 Oct - 05 Nov	\$7,180
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2018 DATES

03 Apr - 30 Apr	\$7,380	17 Apr - 14 May#	\$7,630	08 May - 04 Jun	\$7,630	04 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$7,630	18 Sep - 15 Oct#	\$7,630	09 Oct - 05 Nov	\$7,380
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SQ – Price on page 76 includes airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB1250 (AU\$260). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

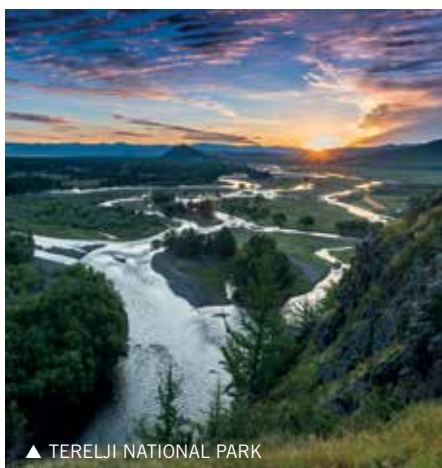
MONGOLIA

Mongolia is a country blessed with breathtaking scenery, from pristine lakes, to rugged mountains and the incredible Gobi Desert. Mongolia is bordered by Siberia in the north and China in the south and was first declared a Mongol Empire by Genghis Khan in 1206. Touring the Mongolian countryside is an unforgettable experience. You will meet friendly Mongolian people and see first-hand their nomadic lifestyle, customs and culture.

NAADAM FESTIVAL



The Naadam Festival is the biggest celebration of the year in Mongolia and dates back to the Genghis Khaan period of the 13th century. It is held each year from 10-13 July and the three sporting passions of Mongolians; horse racing, wrestling and archery, are played out over two days. This is the best time to see Mongolia's proud traditions and unique nomadic culture.



▲ TERELJI NATIONAL PARK



▲ MONGOLIAN STEPPES



▲ GER CAMPS



▲ NAADAM FESTIVAL



▲ GOBI DESERT

LAKE KHOVSGOL



Khovsgol is a scenic area known for its wild mountains and alpine lakes. Lake Khovsgol is the deepest lake in Mongolia, encircled by 2,000m-high mountains, and is named after the Turkish word meaning 'lake of the blue waters'.

ULAANBAATAR



Ulaanbaatar is the capital of Mongolia and is located on the Tuul River with a backdrop of the Khaikhan Mountains. This town is steadily developing into a modernised city, while managing to maintain its old world traditional hospitality.

GOBI DESERT



The Gobi Desert is home to many of Mongolia's renowned landscapes including the country's largest sand dunes at Khongoryn Els. Discover the scenery at Eagle Valley, which is covered in metre-thick ice for the greater part of the year.



KHARKHORIN



Kharkhorin is Mongolia's former capital and attracts many visitors with its intriguing history dating back to the 13th century. Once the imperial capital ruled by Genghis Khan, Kharkhorin is home to one of the most ancient and impressive Buddhist monasteries in Mongolia, the Erdene Zuu Monastery.



A NOMADIC EXPERIENCE

The ger is at the heart of Mongolian family life, with around half of the country's population still choosing to live in this traditional housing. When travelling through the Mongolian countryside outside of Ulaanbaatar, ger camps offer you the opportunity to experience this nomadic way of life. Comfortable and unique, they are made from a wooden frame and layers of felt and canvas erected on a wooden platform. The interior is filled with warm fabrics and furs, as well as ornate wooden furniture. Ger camps allow you to be immersed in the stunning natural scenery and relax in the peaceful wilderness.

NEW

MONGOLIA REVEALED

Delve into the rich culture and spectacular landscapes of Mongolia. Experience the Danshig Nadaam before traversing the stark beauty of the Gobi and the endless steppes and spending each night in the authentic surroundings of a ger camp.

19 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$8,980 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE*, PERTH & CAIRNS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$8,845 and tipping \$135 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ DANSHIG NAADAM FESTIVAL

Price includes:



All meals (16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

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Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 123.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,280
- Land Only (Ulaanbaatar to Ulaanbaatar) 17 days from \$7,140 per person (includes tipping)



▲ GOBI DESERT



▲ EREDENE-ZUU MONASTERY, KARAKORUM



▲ HUSTAIN NURUU NATIONAL PARK



▲ BAYANZAG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Danshig Naadam
- Explore Ulaanbaataar
- Discover the Gobi Desert
- Relax in hot springs
- Find the past at Karakorum
- Spot rare Przewalski horses

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ITINERARY

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Ulaanbaatar** Leave Ulaanbaatar and head into the wilds of Mongolia.

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways and Mongolian Airlines to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

■ **Days 3-4: Danshig Naadam**

Similar to the national Naadam Festival held earlier in the year, the Danshig Nadaam has a greater historical focus and symbolises the yearly meeting by seven Mongol princes. Held in Hui Doloon Hudag, just outside Ulaanbaatar, spend two days mingling with the local people and watching the archery, horse racing and wrestling competitions as well as Buddhist ceremonies. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 5: Explore Ulaanbaatar** camp. (B,L,D)

Spend the morning exploring Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. There are around 150 monks in residence. Ulaanbaatar is, perhaps surprisingly a lively and bustling modern city. Continue on to Ulaanbaataar's central square, Sukhbaatar, which covers the spot where Mongolia's independence was declared in 1921. Next, stroll through the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art to get a grip on Mongolia's history and culture. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 9: Khongoryn Els sand dunes**
Explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, Khongoryn Els, which are also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. Stay overnight in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 10: Bayanzag**
Continue to enjoy the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert travelling to Bayanzag. Made up of peaks

■ **Days 6-7: Gobi Desert**

Leave Ulaanbaatar and head into the wilds of Mongolia. The first stop is Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a unique rock formation, before exploring the ruins of ancient temples and generally admiring the scenery of the area. Spend an exciting night in a ger camp. The next day, visit the ancient ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple, then see Tsagaan Suvarga, a white limestone cliff that resembles a stupa. Stay overnight in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Yol Valley

Drive to the Three Beauties mountain range of the Gobi National Park and spend the day in the Yol Valley, hiking and soaking up the spectacular views. Prepare for this evening's sunset – it will be a magnificent one. Tonight is spent in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

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▲ DANSHIG NAADAM FESTIVAL

and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Visit a nomadic camel breeding family and experience the local hospitality; you can also take a short camel ride. (B,L,D)

■ Days 11-12: Kharkhorin

Visit the ruins of the once great monastery of Ongii and see the restored temple nearby as you take a walk around the area. The next day drive to Kharkhorin, the capital of the 13th century Mongol Empire. Explore Erdene-Zuu Monastery built on its foundation. (B,L,D)

■ **Days 13-14: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs**

Arrive at Tsenkher Jiguur and spend the day relaxing in the natural pools and walking through the surrounding forest, whilst the next day is at leisure. Spend two nights at the nearby ger camp. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 15: Lake Uggii**

Head to Lake Ugii, where you will spend the night in a ger camp on the shores of the lake. Just step out of the tent for exceptional views and bird spotting opportunities. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 16: Hustain Nuruu National Park**

Travel deep into the Hustain Nuruu National Park to search for Przewalski horses (takhi), an endangered species of wild horse that call Mongolia's steppes home. It was actually extinct in

the wild until it was reintroduced to this park and two others. Spend the night in a nearby ger camp. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 17: Travel to Ulaanbaatar**

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. This afternoon is free for you to relax or do some last minute shopping for souvenirs. This evening enjoy a colourful Mongolian folklore concert and sit down to a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 18: Depart Ulaanbaataar**

The morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Perth Passengers may arrive home on day 18.

■ Day 19: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.



▲ GANDAN MONASTERY ULAANBAATAR

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS **AIRFARES INCLUDED** 

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATE		2018 DATE					
03 Aug - 21 Aug	\$8,980	02 Aug - 20 Aug	\$9,180				

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MONGOLIA & THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

This tour is a journey of discovery through the land of Genghis Khan, traversing the endless plains to explore sites of immeasurable beauty. Meet the lovely people and get involved in local festivities.

24 DAYS FROM

PER
PERSON

\$11,280 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE*, PERTH & CAIRNS*



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$11,118 and tipping \$162 (Tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

▲ GOBI DESERT

Price includes:



All meals (21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,420
- Land Only (Ulaanbaatar to Ulaanbaatar) 22 days from \$9,540 per person (includes tipping)



▲ GANDAN MONASTERY, ULAANBAATAR



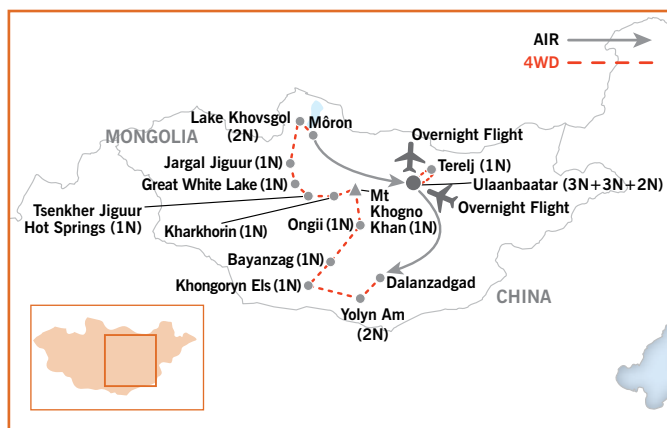
▲ NAADAM FESTIVAL



▲ GER CAMP



▲ NAADAM OPENING CEREMONY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience traditional Mongolia at the Naadam Festival
- Explore the Gobi Desert
- Gaze on Lake Khovsgol
- Soak up the beauty of Terelj National Park

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Ulaanbaatar

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Days 3-4: Explore Ulaanbaatar

Ulaanbaatar is, perhaps surprisingly a lively and bustling modern city. Explore Sukhbaatar Square, the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art. Also visit Gandan Monastery the largest and most important in Mongolia. The next day, discover Bogd King Palace Museum and the palaeontological museum. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6: Gobi Desert

Fly to Dalanzadgad which sits on the edge of the legendary and inhospitable Gobi Desert. Transfer to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan National Park for two nights. You'll spend two days immersed in natural beauty amongst jagged mountains and undulating sand dunes. Visit a local family to learn about their life in the desert. We also hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Khongoryn Els dunes

Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes,

also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Flaming Cliffs

Continue exploring the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert before travelling to Bayanzag. Made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Ongiin Khiid Monastery

Journey to the banks of the Ongii River and view the atmospheric ruins of two monasteries – Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid, comprising Ongiin Khiid, formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Mt Khogno Khan

Spend the day exploring around the foot of the imposing Mt Khogno Khan. Set in the beautiful surroundings of a Natural Reserve, discover the remains of 17th-century Uvgun Khiid Monastery whilst enjoying the resplendent nature and mountain vistas. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Kharkhorin City

Mongolia's former capital Kharkhorin is located in a spot picked by Genghis Khan in 1220. However, the city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now modern day Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khiid, Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery – which we will visit today. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs

Drive to Tsenkher Jiguur and lounge in the volcanic hot springs, surrounded by alpine scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Great White Lake

Enjoy the scenery of Great White Lake set amongst the extinct volcanoes of the Khangai mountain range. The extinct Khorgo Volcano sits watching over the lake – hike up to the crater for wonderful views, or walk along the lake shore. Later visit Zagaiin Monastery in the picturesque Tsetseling Town. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Jargal Jiguur

Spend a little more time lingering in the spectacular Great White Lake before driving to Jargal Jiguur ger camp. (B,L,D)

Days 15-16: Lake Khovsgol

The extraordinary Lake Khovsgol is known as the Blue Pearl of Mongolia, a vast body of water enveloped in dense pine forests and backed by soaring mountains. Spend two days surrounded by nature in this national park, enjoying the incredible scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Lake Khovsgol to Ulaanbaatar

Travel through more delightful scenery to the city of Mōron and fly to Ulaanbaatar. View the Mongol costumes on display in Central Square. (B,L,D)

Days 18-19: Naadam Festival

Spend two days enjoying the revelry of the traditional Naadam Festival. Dating from the times

of Genghis Khan the 'three manly games' have locals taking part in Mongolian wrestling, horse racing and archery. There's also a wealth of pageantry and ceremony in a festival of raucous fun that you'll see nowhere else in the world. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Terelj National Park

Soak up the beautiful alpine scenery of the Terelj National Park. Visit Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

Day 21: Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. (B,L,D)

Day 22: Folklore performance

Enjoy a leisurely day visiting Zaisan Memorial Hill, Buddha Park and a cashmere factory. This evening sit down to a traditional folklore performance. (B,L,D)

Day 23: Depart Ulaanbaatar

The morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Perth passengers may arrive home on day 23.

Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

STOPOVER



HONG KONG GLIMPSES 2 NIGHTS FROM \$440PP

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions.

See page 119.

Price based on Twin Share.

Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL*, PER, CNS*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES		2018 DATES	
08 Jul - 31 Jul ^	\$11,280	23 Jun - 16 Jul	\$11,780
		07 Jul - 30 Jul ^	\$11,780

Important note:

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^ Itinerary will operate in reverse direction to the itinerary shown.

CENTRAL ASIA

Central Asia is home to fabled cities, market bazaars and striking architecture. It conjures images of mystery and intrigue, and centuries-old traditions. Journey along the Silk Road, a trading route dating back to ancient civilisation.

Kyrgyzstan is tucked into the heart of Central Asia. You will pass traditional yurt homes, spectacular glaciers, and with 90% of Kyrgyzstan above 1,500 metres, the snow-capped Tian Shan (Heavenly Mountains) will appear around every corner. Uzbekistan in contrast, has a rugged and rocky landscape with deserts, mountains and valleys interspersed with pockets of fertile, green land.

Abundant ancient culture, intriguing relics, traditional Islamic architecture, friendly local people and stunning scenery; a journey through Central Asia will satisfy the most curious of travellers.



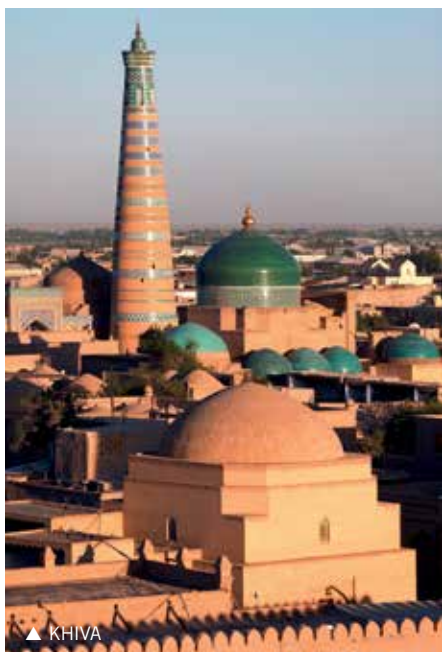
▲ SAMARKAND



▲ CARPET BAZAAR



▲ MOSQUE IN SAMARKAND



▲ KHIVA



▲ BURANA TOWER

TASHKENT



Tashkent is the capital city of Uzbekistan and has a history dating back to the 3rd century. The city's Silk Road heritage is retained in the museums and Chorsu Bazaar, while the modern city has interesting Soviet relics, statues and architecture.

BISHKEK



Located at the foot of the Alatau Mountains and part of the Tian Shan Range, Bishkek was originally established by Silk Road traders. Upon independence in 1991, it became the capital of Kyrgyzstan.

ISSYK KUL



Issyk Kul is a lake surrounded by amazing scenery. In the south it is possible to see trails of the ancient civilisations and caravanserais established along the Silk Road route, dating back to the 5th century when the route passed between China's Xinjiang Province and Bishkek.



BUKHARA



Central Asia's holiest city has a history dating back more than 1,000 years. It is considered to be the cultural centre with the Old Town, an architectural wonder, offering a glimpse of pre-Russian tradition with its many fortresses and medressahs.

SAMARKAND



The city of Samarkand is one of Central Asia's oldest settlements and has great significance to the Silk Road. Made famous by James Flecker's poem, 'The Golden Road to Samarkand', no other city is more reminiscent of the Silk Road's history.

GUESTHOUSES & HOME STAYS



Our Road to Samarkand tour includes accommodation in properties that include guesthouses and a traditional homestay with a local family. This is an opportunity to experience the lifestyle of the Kyrgyz and Uzbek people and a true highlight of this tour.

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

Journey through the heart of Central Asia crossing beautiful deserts and mountain landscapes. Discover ancient cities full of intricate Islamic architecture, thriving bazaars and a mystical old-world atmosphere, all linked with the legends of the Silk Road.

26 DAYS FROM

PER
PERSON

\$9,980 TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,
BRISBANE* & PERTH*



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$9,437, airline fuel surcharge \$340 and tipping \$203 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



All meals (23 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 23 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
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Price guide

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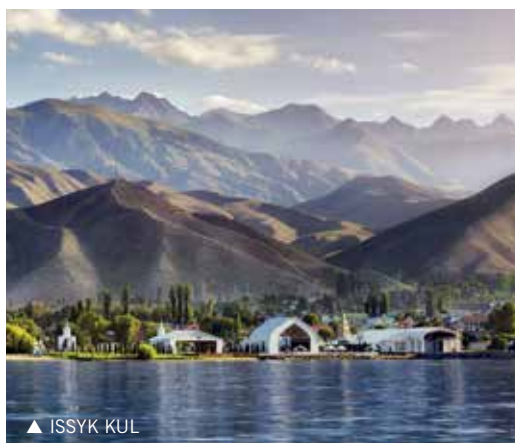
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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,740
- Land Only (Urumqi to Guangzhou) 24 days from \$9,080 per person (includes tipping)



▲ REGISTAN SQUARE, SAMARKAND



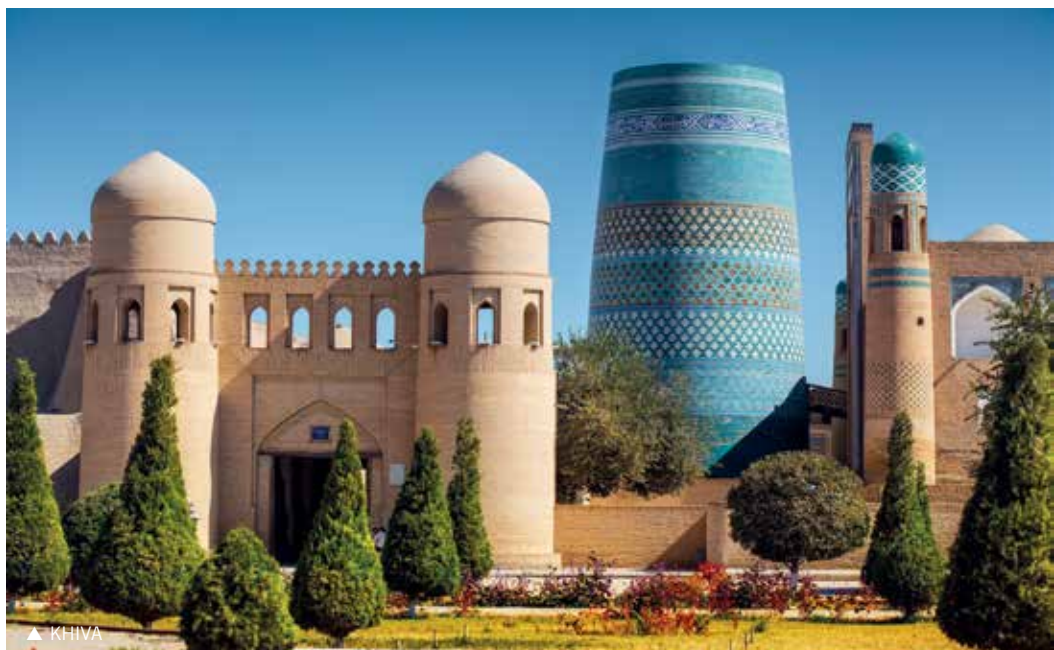
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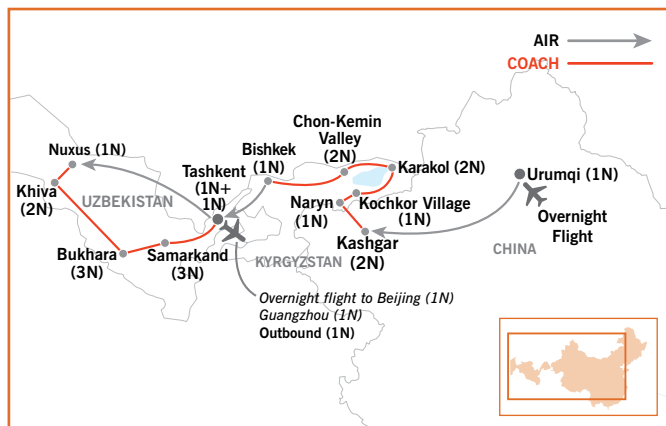
▲ EAGLE HUNTING



▲ BUKHARA



▲ KHIVA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax by Tian Chi Lake
- Explore Kashgar
- Discover ancient Khiva
- Uncover Samarkand's Silk Road history
- Browse colourful bazaars

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Urumqi

Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines to Urumqi. Depending on the time of your arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

■ Day 3: Tian Chi Heavenly Lake

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi Heavenly Lake. In the evening fly to the remote city of Kashgar, the heart of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Explore Kashgar

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from anywhere. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's streets have remained unchanged for millennia, as it remains as much of an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's visits include Akbah Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

■ Day 5: Tian Shan Mountains
Cross the border into Kyrgyzstan through the magnificent Tian Shan Heavenly Mountains. Making our way over the Torugart Pass to Naryn, stop en route at the 15th-century caravanserai at Tash Rabat. (B,L,D)

■ Days 6-7: Eagle hunting and Karakol

Drive to Kochkor Village and enjoy a traditional lunch at a ger camp. Watch a 'shyrdak' demonstration (making of Kyrgyz wool carpets).

The next day continue to Karakol via Bokonbayevo village on the shores of Issyk Kul, where the locals will demonstrate their skill at hunting with eagles. (B,L,D)

■ Days 8-9: Explore Karakol

Spend the morning soaking up the atmosphere of the bustling animal market before examining the region's diverse religious influences with visits to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral and the Chinese mosque. Take an afternoon stroll in Jety-Oguz and through the beautiful Valley of Flowers. (B,L,D)
The next day visit the Przhnevsky Museum and Semenov Gorge before driving to Cholpon-Ata. Explore animal petroglyphs etched into glacial stone before continuing to Ashu in the Chon-Kemin Valley. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Ethnic Ashu Village
Walk in the foothills of the mountains and take in the local way of life in Ashu Village. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Bishkek folk performance

Drive to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, a city of wide, leafy boulevards which contrast with the Soviet-era architecture. En route visit the 11th-century Burana Tower, an intricate minaret out in the countryside. This afternoon visit Ala Too Square and Oak Park. This evening enjoy a traditional folk performance. (B,L,D)

■ Day 12: Fly to Tashkent

This morning take a leisurely hike

in Ala Archa National Park. This evening fly to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Journey to Nuxus

Fly to Nuxus. Visit Svaitskiy and explore the Mizzdahkan, an Islamic complex in Hojeli Village. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Desert fortresses

Explore the desert fortresses of Chalpik Kala (Tower of Silence), Kizil Kala Fortress, Toprak Kala Fortress, Ayaz Kala and Kyrk-Kyz Kala. Arrive Khiva. (B,L,D)

■ Day 15: Kuhna Ark Fortress

The ancient city of Khiva has a long and turbulent history as part of the Silk Road and a slave trading post. This fascinating destination is lovely to explore – wander around the many medressahs, mosques and minarets within the ancient city walls, as well as the magnificent 17th-century Kuhna Ark Fortress. (B,L,D)

■ Days 16-18: Sacred Bukhara

After a day's drive across the Kyzyl Kum desert arrive at the holiest city in Central Asia, Bukhara. Bukhara has been built up over thousands of years, with an atmospheric old centre and some pre-Soviet era architecture. Spend two days seeing the sights, with visits to the Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque, Chor Minor, Kalon Minaret, Labi-Hauz Plaza and the summer residence of the last Bukharan Emirs. (B,L,D)

■ Days 19-21: Samarkand

Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets and a mystical presence. Drive to the city via Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the great historical leader, Tamerlane. Spend

two days exploring some of the many historical sites of Samarkand including the Registan, Sher Dor Medressa, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Shah-I-Zinda, Timur's Guri Amir Mausoleum and the Ulugh Beg Observatory. (B,L,D)

■ Day 22: Samarkand to colourful Tashkent

Begin the return journey to Tashkent, passing through the impressive Gates of Tamerlane. This afternoon will be spent exploring this eccentric city, visiting the 16th-century Kukeldash Medressa, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Khan Medressa and Khast Imom Complex. Also see the Chorsu Bazaar, a traditional market under a beautiful blue dome, the Crying Mother Monument. (B,L,D)

■ Day 23: Tashkent to Beijing

Explore Tashkent, including the Museum of Applied Arts, Independence Square, 1966 earthquake memorial, Amir Timur Maydoni, the Russian-style Alisher Navoi Theatre and Broadway Street. This evening fly overnight to Beijing. (B,L,D)

■ Day 24: Beijing to Guangzhou

Arrive early into Beijing and fly to Guangzhou, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

■ Day 25: Depart Guangzhou

Explore the Chen Family Temple, Six Banyan Tree Temple and neighbouring Shamian Island. Later transfer to Guangzhou airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B,L)

■ Day 26: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE*, PER*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES					2018 DATES		
21 May - 15 Jun	\$9,980	03 Sep - 28 Sep	\$9,980	08 Oct - 02 Nov	\$9,980	06 May - 31 May	\$10,480
						02 Sep - 27 Sep	\$10,480

Important note:

CZ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$340 and tipping of US\$150 (AU\$203). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.



DELUXE TOURS

Designed for the most discerning of travellers,
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Deluxe Tours include:

- International flights & taxes
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- Knowledgeable Local Guides
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- Specialist advice from our travel consultants
- Champagne moments & small group sizes
- Mid-tour laundry service
- Most meals as indicated



DELUXE TOUR EXPERIENCES

All of our Deluxe Tours include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into Chinese culture and history.

EXPERIENCE CULTURE



Chinese Calligraphy

Calligraphy has evolved throughout China's history to become a symbolic art form of the oriental world, the perfect example of the importance of balance and harmony in eastern cultures. A skill for the learned and elegant scholar, in this class you will use simple tools and techniques to enable you to create basic but beautiful characters.



Tai Chi with a Master

Every morning in the fresh dawn light you'll find gatherings of locals in parks and gardens across China performing the graceful, flowing movements of Tai Chi. You'll be joined by a Tai Chi master in the parkland of the Temple of Heaven where you'll learn about its traditional philosophies as you are guided through the correct principles of this ancient martial art.

EXPERIENCE CUISINE



Dumpling Demonstration

The dumpling is a Chinese institution, a traditional delicacy that is associated with wealth, family and happiness. In Xian the preparation of these bite-size morsels has been perfected into an art form with their delicate wrappers crafted to represent their filling. In your class you can watch an expert at work and create your very own dumplings.



Local Gastronomy

Cuisine has long been a cultural marker throughout the world – that's why we include local flavours, in establishments long associated with their particular dish, on each Deluxe Tour. Peking Duck has been prepared and consumed in Beijing since the 12th century, whilst Sichuan hotpot perfectly showcases Sichuan's regional produce and taste for fire.



Momo Making

A doughy delicacy extremely popular throughout the Himalayas, the momo is a simple but delicious steamed bun, similar to a Chinese dumpling. Learn to make the perfect momo, creating a filling that delicately balances spices and seasonings with minced meat (traditionally yak in Tibet) and crafting the dough into mouth-watering round or half-moon parcels. Then devour all with gusto!

EXPERIENCES WITH EXPERTS



Panda Expert

On your visit to the atmospheric Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, one of the resident panda experts will accompany you and explain more about the life of these charismatic creatures. You'll gain a deep insight into their feeding patterns, unusual habits and the challenges faced by the breeding programme.



Terracotta Army Expert and meet the Discoverer

Gain a deep insight into the recent and ancient history of the Terracotta Warriors as you are met by a warriors expert who'll be able to share unique insights and anecdotes. Also have the opportunity to learn about the moment of discovery by talking to one of the farmers who uncovered the warriors by chance in 1974. Imagine innocently digging and stumbling upon the greatest archaeological discovery of the 20th century!

EXPERIENCE INDULGENCE



Champagne on the Wall

Our Deluxe Tours feature a visit to the dramatic Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. Not only will you be able to see the fabled Great Wall with fewer people around, but your visit will be made even more unforgettable with a champagne toast – a decadent way to start your tour!



Shanghai Cocktails

In Shanghai, we have laid on a farewell cocktail experience as sophisticated and sleek as the city itself. Cloud 9 offers unparalleled views of sparkling Pudong at night from the Jin Mao Tower. Enjoy a stylish farewell drink in the bar and toast your new memories, experiences and friendships.

EXPERIENCE HISTORY



Forbidden City Treasure Hall

The Treasure Hall is the hidden gem of the Forbidden City and, as the name suggests, holds a magnificent collection of imperial artefacts. Wander through the intimate glittering galleries to admire the everyday trappings of royal life, from elaborate jewellery and robes to tea services and jade ornaments.



Hanyangling Mausoleum

The burial place of Emperor Jing, the mausoleum offers a vastly different archaeological experience to the famous Terracotta Warriors. Descend below ground to see the intricately crafted half-sized figures, surrounded by the artefacts of everyday life. Also visit the fascinating Restoration Laboratory.

DELUXE HOTELS

The hotels we use on our Deluxe Tours have been hand-picked to complement the high quality of experiences and touring, meaning you will be staying in true comfort throughout in the best locations.

OUR HOTELS



Regent Beijing Wangfujing

Within steps of the vibrant pedestrian zone of Wangfujing, the Regent Beijing offers a grand choice in sophisticated, centrally-located accommodation. With views over Beijing's imperial landmarks, this luxurious hotel provides meticulously designed rooms with a king-sized bed and 42 inch plasma screen TV. Don't forget to pay a visit to Serenity Spa.



Hilton Xian

The Hilton Xian is perfectly located in Xian's downtown, within the ancient city walls. Exuding a contemporary elegance, the modern feel is punctuated with traditional Tang Dynasty artworks. Spacious rooms are beautifully decorated – pamper yourself in the full marble bathroom and a signature Serenity bed.



Fairmont Peace, Shanghai

In Shanghai's golden era, the Peace Hotel was the place to be, a lavish art deco edifice with legendary jazz musicians and famous clientele. Although the debauchery of old may have ended, this five-star property is still perfectly placed right on the Bund and full of those effortless art deco flourishes. Facilities include six restaurants, swimming pool, spa and accommodation that exudes timeless glamour.



Shangri-La Lhasa

Nestled just a few minutes' walk from the Norbuligka Palace, the Shangri-La represents Tibetan-style luxury to perfection. The hotel exudes a peaceful ambience, making relaxation easy to come by, especially with incredible mountain views outside your window. Sip a drink in one of the stylish bars, indulge in the oxygen lounge and reflexology pavilion and feel at home in five-star urban chic.



Ritz-Carlton Chengdu

In the vibrant heart of the city, the Ritz-Carlton Chengdu blends the unique theme of the city's teahouse culture with thoroughly modern elegance. Rooms boast sumptuous decorations, spacious living areas, full marble bathrooms and exceptional views of downtown. Service is attentive, whilst excellent facilities include a luxurious spa, fitness centre and a range of restaurants, bars and lounges.



Shangri-La Guilin

Overlooking the Li River, the elegant five-star Shangri-La Guilin is perfectly located to take in the karst landscapes for which the area is famous. Rooms are cool, cosy and spacious and provide all the modern amenities plus full-size windows with which to enjoy the views. There are a great choice of restaurants, as well as a health club, complete with gym, indoor and outdoor pools and a luxurious spa.

DELUXE CRUISE SHIPS

A journey along the Yangtze River is an experience like no other in China – the destination being not a single place but a rolling ribbon of dramatic gorges, mesmerising countryside and man-made wonders.

Century Paragon and Century Legend

Running a deluxe, modern fleet, Century Cruises are known for being one of the best fleets on the Yangtze. Sister ships, the Paragon and the Legend both offer the incredible comfort, attentive service and spacious cabins it takes to truly enjoy your cruise.

Relax as your Century ship passes through the Yangtze's breathtaking gorges, best viewed from the sundeck, or the observation bar/lounge if you'd prefer to have a drink in hand. Venture off the ship on one of the many shore excursions, take part in cultural activities such as Tai Chi, calligraphy and cooking, and celebrate delicious local cuisine in either the fine dining panoramic restaurant or the elegant à la carte dining room. There is plenty of

evening entertainment too, though you can always retire to the library or your cabin for some quiet reflection. With a passenger to crew ratio of 2:1, you know that the service onboard both the Century Paragon and Century Legend is going to be attentive and conscientious.

You'll have an English-speaking guide to provide assistance throughout your cruise. Your spacious cabin will provide a peaceful sanctuary – with a private balcony and panoramic glass windows you are always able to admire the scenery that floats by. With a bathtub and shower, television and seating area, you will not find yourself short of amenities; Century ships are very much a floating hotel.



EXQUISITE CHINA

Indulge yourself with a Yangtze cruise and opulent hotels as this relaxed itinerary takes you from imperial treasures and Terracotta Warriors to vibrant cities, adorable pandas and delicious gastronomy.

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INCLUDES 3 NIGHT
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COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$7,536, airline fuel surcharge \$629 and tipping \$215 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



**Most meals (13 breakfasts,
10 lunches & 7 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$8,380 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,880
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▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



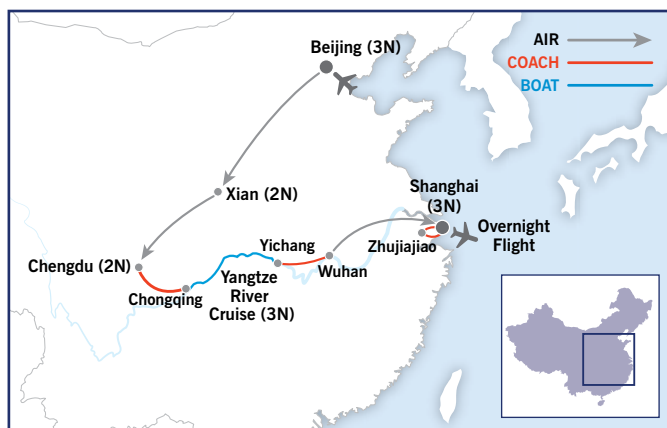
▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIOR, XIAN



▲ CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL, BEIJING



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dine on a delicious Peking Duck and Sichuan hot pot
- Meet the man who found the Terracotta Warriors
- Discuss Giant Pandas with a Panda expert
- Three nights on a deluxe Yangtze cruise

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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■ Day 2: Explore imperial Beijing

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City – a monument to a dynastic past, the palace served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes entrance to the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering gallery showcasing the everyday trappings of royal life. Dine on Peking Duck at the excellent Quanjude restaurant and enjoy a optional Chinese kung fu show (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

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■ Day 4: Ancient City Walls

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. This evening, watch an optional Tang Dynasty dance performance (at your own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 5: Terracotta Warriors

Fortuitously found by local farmers digging a well, the Terracotta Warriors are one of the world's most famous archaeological discoveries. View the enigmatic ranks in the company of an expert who works at the site and who will put their story into context. Next we have exclusively arranged for you to meet the man who discovered the Warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. On the way back to Xian, visit the workshop of the craftspeople who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Study with local dumpling chefs

to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies. In Xian the preparation of these bite-sized morsels has been perfected into an art form with their delicate wrappers crafted to represent their filling. Tonight there is an option (at your own expense) to take a city night tour which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Fly Chengdu

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Puzzle over a national secret at the optional Sichuan Opera – the facechanging art of Bian Lian (at your own expense). (B,L)

■ Day 7: Pandas with an expert

Visit Chengdu's Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where an expert will explain about the centre's work and talk about the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears in surrounds that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through the bustling People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner. Enjoy a traditional hot pot dinner. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Yangtze River cruise

Transfer to Chongqing and visit Ciqikou, a historic district full of traditional architecture – spend a free evening here exploring the ancient town before boarding the Century cruise ship. (B,D)

■ Day 9: Captain's welcome

The Yangtze has long played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – a cruise is the perfect way to gain insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hill-top pagoda beside the river. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception followed by a lavish dinner at the à la carte restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Dramatic Yangtze Gorges

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu

and Qutang gorges before cruising along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to further explore. Back of the boat, expand your knowledge of the dam project with a presentation by the river guide. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Three Gorges Dam Project

This massive feat of engineering saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. Disembark, travel to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. Dinner is as per your own arrangements and expense in Xintiandi. (B,L)

■ Day 12: Zhujiajiao water town

China's attractive water towns exude rustic charm. The 1,700 year old Zhujiajiao is a typical example, boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free for you to enjoy the facilities of your hotel, or enjoy a acrobatic show (at your own expense). (B)

■ Day 13: Stylish Shanghai

Walk in the Yu Gardens, visit the colonial Bund, the Silk Museum and the Old Town, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Meiyuancun and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

■ Day 15: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, DRW*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES									
08 Apr - 22 Apr	\$8,380	20 May - 03 Jun	\$8,680	02 Sep - 16 Sep	\$8,680	16 Sep - 30 Sep	\$8,680	07 Oct - 21 Oct#	\$8,680
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▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

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Price guide

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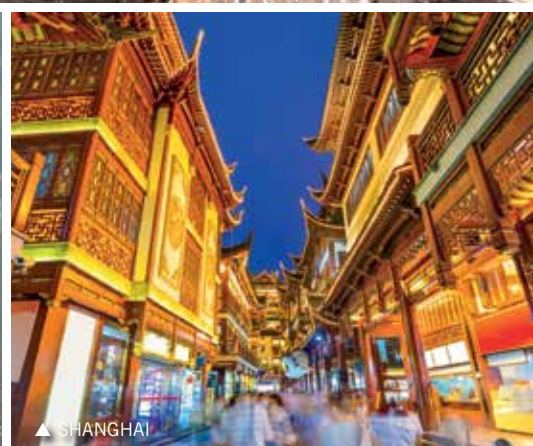
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▲ CORMORANT FISHERMAN, GUILIN



▲ SHANGHAI



▲ GUILIN

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■ Day 6: Beautiful Guilin

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from

the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin, a city set in the dramatic limestone karst landscapes of the Li River valley. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Cruise the Li river

Cruise the Li River to Yangshuo. The magnificence of the limestone karsts and serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. On arrival, enjoy dinner at a vegetarian restaurant before 'Impression Sanjie Liu', a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: At leisure in Yangshuo

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst studded countryside before taking the afternoon at leisure. (B)

■ Day 9: Cormorant fishermen

Drive to Guilin and learn about the South China pearling industry at the Pearl Museum. This evening watch the famous cormorant fishermen as they demonstrate their age-old technique. (B)

■ Day 10: Ancient Ciqikou

Fly to Chongqing and explore the Ming Dynasty district of Ciqikou. Meander along the narrow streets of lantern-clad houses before transferring to the wharf to board your Century cruise ship for the next three nights. (B,D)

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MODERATE

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▲ SERA MONASTERY, LHASA

Price includes:



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▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ TIBETAN ARTISAN



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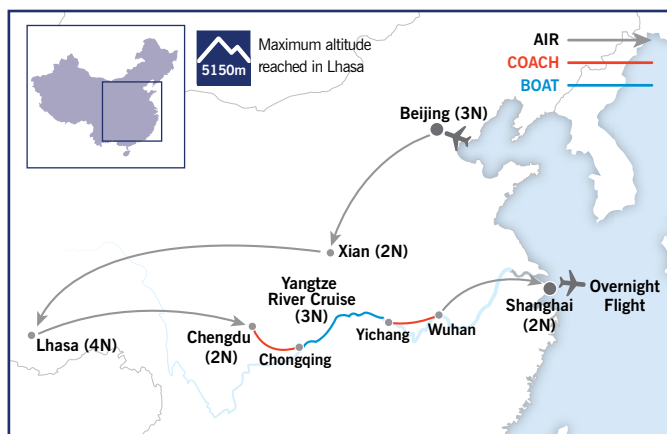
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▲ SHANGHAI



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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View the enigmatic ranks of the Terracotta Warriors in the company of an expert who works at the site. Next we have exclusively arranged for you to meet the discoverer of the warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition before returning to the city. Later study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies, before an option (at your own expense) to take a city night tour which includes a dazzling fountain display. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Into Tibet

Transfer to the airport and fly to Tibet's capital city, Lhasa. This mystical city still manages to feel a million miles from the modern world. Spend the rest of the day acclimatising to the higher altitude. (B)

■ Day 7: Lhasa's monasteries

Today visit one of Lhasa's 'great three' Gelukpa university monasteries, Sera Monastery. Sera is famous for its debating monks – witness them in action in the debating courtyard. Stop en route to admire the exquisite artistry of Tibetan 'thangkas' at a workshop. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Potala Palace

The Potala Palace was built as a palace for the Dalai Lama in 1645 – wander through the series of impressive chapels, stupas and prayer halls. Follow the Barkhor circuit around the ancient Jokhang Temple, Tibet's most sacred, before entering the yak butter candlelit interior. Later, learn how to create the traditional Tibetan delicacy 'momos' before dinner at the excellent Snowland. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Visit a local family

Head out of the city to Yamdrok Lake. One of three of Tibet's sacred lakes, the brilliant blue water reflects myriad snow-capped peaks – a breathtaking sight. On the return journey to Lhasa, pay a visit to a local family to learn more about the daily life, culture and heritage of the Tibetan people. This evening is at your leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 10: Fly to Chengdu

Transfer to the airport and fly to Chengdu. This afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 11: Pandas with an expert

Visit Chengdu's Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding and observe these peaceful bears whilst talking with an expert. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park and visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters, before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening enjoy a traditional hot pot dinner with the option to puzzle over the facechanging art of Bian Lian (at your own expense) at the Sichuan Opera. (B,L,D)

■ Day 12: Cruise the Yangtze River

Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of

Cikiqu, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for a leisurely lunch (at your own expense). Board your Century cruise ship. (B,D)

■ Day 13: Captain's welcome

The Yangtze has played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda beside the river. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Dramatic Yangtze Gorges

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sail through the Wu and Qutang gorges before cruising along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to further explore. (B,L,D)

■ Day 15: Three Gorges Dam Project

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark, drive to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

■ Day 16: Stylish Shanghai

Walk in the Yu Gardens, a classic example of traditional Chinese horticulture. Visit the colonial Bund, the Silk Museum and the Old Town, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Meiyuancun and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

■ Day 17: Depart Shanghai

This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

■ Day 18: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, DRW*

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •



2017 DATES					
12 May - 29 May	\$11,580	08 Sep - 25 Sep	\$11,580	13 Oct - 30 Oct	\$11,580
2018 DATES					
13 Apr - 30 Apr	\$11,780	11 May - 28 May	\$11,780	07 Sep - 24 Sep	\$11,780
				12 Oct - 29 Oct	\$11,680

Important note:

SQ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$629 and tipping of RMB1340 (AU\$279). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.



INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

If you are the type of person who enjoys the comfort and independence of travelling at your own pace, then our selection of independent packages are perfect for you.

Our Independent Travel Short Stays include:

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| ■ All transportation in country of travel | ■ Some transfers |
| ■ Accommodation in lead-in rooms | ■ Compulsory service levy for Yangtze River cruise (if in itinerary); paid when boarding cruise |
| ■ Expert Local English-speaking Guides | |
| ■ Comprehensive daily tours and entrance fees | |
| ■ Meals as listed (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) | |

NOTE: International flights and visas are not included, but can be added at an additional cost.

SELECT YOUR STYLE OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

In addition to the extensive group tours we have on offer, we also have a selection of independent travel options if a group tour is not the style of travel you're looking for. Our team are here to assist you in creating a tailor-made itinerary to turn your dream holiday into a reality!

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL MADE EASY

Travelling independently gives you the flexibility to travel wherever you want and when you want. You can pick your flights, level of accommodation and all other inclusions such as meals, guides and touring to meet your personal preferences.

Our dedicated tailor-made experts will help design a unique itinerary or tweak one of our group tours or short stay packages to ensure a holiday that fits all your wants and needs. We can arrange a fun-filled family holiday, organise a special group tour for your school or social club and add independent arrangements before or after an existing group tour.

1 PRIVATE TOURS

Do you like one of our group tour itineraries but wish to travel independently or on a different date?

We can arrange most of our Classic, Discovery and Deluxe itineraries as a Private Tour and in your preferred accommodation level. They are the perfect choice for couples who prefer to travel independently, families and customers with special requirements.

Also a great option for groups of friends wishing to travel on an exclusive tour.



2 TAILOR-MADE TOURS

We don't all like to stick to the trail, some people like ultimate flexibility when they travel. Others like to indulge their interests in a new, exciting way and with a tailor-made tour you can do just that. Use our range of group tours and independent packages as inspiration or let us help you create your own bespoke journey from scratch.





▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

4 FAMILY FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS

Introduce your children to a different world by travelling together to one of our exciting Asian destinations. We can provide you with detailed information relating to travelling with children, including inspiring educational family-friendly activities. Wendy Wu Tours can tailor-make an experience to suit your specific needs and requirements. Your family holiday can be as flexible as you like, featuring the very best each of our destinations has to offer.



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU

6 PRE AND POST-TOUR AND STOPOVER ARRANGEMENTS

Would you like some additional time to explore or simply relax before or after your group tour? Speak with our team to add in pre or post-tour accommodation and additional sightseeing. A stopover package is also a good way to break up your flight journey, giving you the opportunity to explore more of Asia's vibrant cities such as Singapore or Hong Kong.

3 SHORT STAYS

Our range of short stays can be combined to design your very own custom itinerary, or added to the beginning or end of your Wendy Wu group tour if you wish to extend your time in Asia. Perhaps you want to add a stopover on route to your travels to another part of the world. A selection of short stays appear on the following pages and we also have a wide range of additional options on our website at

wendywutours.com.au/independent-travel.



▲ VICTORIA PEAK, HONG KONG

5 SPECIAL GROUPS

Want to organise a group tour for your local club or society? We can create bespoke holidays around your special interest including sports themed tours, photography, gardening, art and history to name just a few. Perhaps you have a group of friends and family and want to create a specific itinerary, or travel on one of our existing tours as your own group. With more than 20 years' experience in organising group travel to Asia, we have the local knowledge and expertise to ensure the tour is precisely tailored to your needs.



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISING

The Yangtze River is the longest river in China and the third longest in the world, after the Nile in Africa and the Amazon in South America. The Yangtze is approximately 6,300km long, has its origins high up in the snow-covered mountain of Tanggula Shan in the southwestern Qinghai Tibet Plateau and runs into the East China Sea at Shanghai.

Take an amazing journey down China's Yangtze River, unquestionably one of the world's greatest waterways.

VICTORIA CRUISES



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

For over 15 years, American-owned Victoria Cruises has been a leader in Yangtze River cruising. With one of the largest fleets on the river, outstanding service and itineraries, Victoria Cruises is well placed to deliver an unrivalled Chinese river cruising experience.

UPGRADE TO EXECUTIVE AMENITIES PROGRAMME

Pure Yangtze (see below):

From \$180 per person (twin share)

From \$320 (sole traveller)

Receive the following benefits:

- Deck upgrade to a Superior Cabin on the Promenade Deck or higher
- Welcome fruit basket
- Complimentary morning coffee and tea service
- Complimentary wi-fi in the Executive Lounge and lobby
- Complimentary tea, coffee and soft drinks in the Executive Lounge
- Choose to dine in either of the two dining rooms; one which offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner or the a la carte restaurant which offers buffet breakfast and lunch, and an á la carte menu at dinner (choice to be made on embarkation)
- Complimentary 'Happy Hour' one hour before dinner in the Executive Lounge (including house wine, beer and soft drinks)
- Complimentary house wine and beer during dinner

PURE YANGTZE

5 DAYS

On this classic itinerary you'll glide through the Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling, visit the colossal dam and enjoy shore excursions that will help you see China from a new perspective.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Upstream	\$695	\$1,180
Downstream ^	\$780	\$1,315

* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation in Superior Twin cabin on Main Deck
- Private transfers as specified
- Shore excursions & entrance fees
- Meals as listed
- Local English-speaking guides
- Victoria Cruises Compulsory service charge (paid locally)



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

UPSTREAM ITINERARY

Day 1: Yichang – Yangtze River Cruise

Upon arrival in Yichang, you will be met and transferred to Yichang wharf where you will board your Victoria Cruises vessel for the next four nights (embarkation is prior to 2100hrs).

Day 2: Three Gorges Dam

Enjoy a visit to the Three Gorges Dam. This afternoon you will pass through Xiling Gorge, before continuing along the Yangtze River. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Goddess Stream

Cruise through Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty and forest covered mountains. Continue through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic gorge. Explore the surrounding ravines and take a shore excursion along the picturesque Goddess or Shennong Steam. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Shibaozhai

Explore Shibaozhai, an ancient 12-storey pavilion. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Disembark in Chongqing

Disembark at Chongqing wharf this morning (approximately 0900hrs) where you will be met and transferred to Chongqing airport/railway station where your arrangements end. (B)

WHY NOT?

Following your relaxing cruise along the Yangtze River, why not stay in Chongqing for a few days to explore this bustling and historic city?

See page 105 for our Chongqing Short Stay. Additional fees and taxes may apply.

NOTE: ^ Downstream itinerary 4D/3N (Chongqing to Yichang) also available.

NOTE: The itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions. A daily schedule for the following day will be placed in your cabin every evening.

Contact our reservations department for cruise departure dates as cruises may not operate every day.

TIPPING: Price includes Victoria Cruises compulsory service charge of RMB150 (AUD35) per person which is to be paid immediately upon boarding your cruise, not to Wendy Wu Tours.

CHONGQING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Chongqing is one of the starting and finishing points for cruises along the Yangtze River. There are many wonderful historical and natural sites to explore, including Erlin Park for panoramic views of the city, museums and ancient villages.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$795	\$1,280
Superior	\$825	\$1,390
Deluxe	\$935	\$1,620

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ PEOPLE'S HALL, CHONGQING

Day 1: Arrive Chongqing

Make your own way to your Chongqing hotel. This afternoon wander through Erlin Park.

Day 2: Chongqing

Visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo and tour the General Stilwell Museum, the former residence of General Joseph Stilwell, a US Commander who made a significant contribution to China and its people during the Second World War. Later, visit the People's Hall which was modelled on the imperial palaces of the Ming and Qing dynasties. (B,L)

Day 3: Chongqing

Enjoy a full-day of touring. Visit Ciqikou Old Town, famous for porcelain production and Huguang Guild Hall. Explore Tongyuanmen City Wall Ruins Park, the only remaining section of the ancient city wall which has been demolished to make way for new roads and rail. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Chongqing

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

DAZU & CHONGQING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Chongqing attracts visitors interested in its cultural heritage, Yangtze River cruising and the Dazu rock carvings – valuable works of art carved during the Tang and Song dynasties.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,350	\$2,330
Superior	\$1,390	\$2,495
Deluxe	\$1,445	\$2,625

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ BAODING STONE CARVINGS, DAZU

Day 1: Chengdu to Dazu

You will be met at your Chengdu hotel and transferred to Dazu for an overnight stay. This afternoon enjoy a half-day tour visiting the Beishan Frescoes. (L)

Day 2: Dazu to Chongqing

Visit the Baoding Stone Carvings before travelling to Chongqing. In the afternoon visit Erlin Park and tour the General Stilwell Museum and People's Hall. (B,L)

Day 3: Chongqing

Enjoy a full-day of touring to Ciqikou Old Town, Huguang Guild Hall, the largest architectural complex of guild halls south of the Yangtze River, and Three Gorges Museum, dedicated to preserving the history and culture of the Three Gorges area. This evening enjoy a sumptuous dinner of Chongqing cuisine. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Depart Chongqing

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Beijing is China's political, economic and cultural hub with a millenia-long history that has bequeathed the city with countless significant sights, from the imperial elegance of the Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven, to the stark grandeur of the Great Wall.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$490	\$820
Superior	\$550	\$940
Deluxe	\$790	\$1,395

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING

Day 1: Arrive Beijing

Make your own way to your Beijing hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Beijing

Visit China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall. It is more than 5,000 kilometres long, stretching from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. This afternoon visit a jade factory and the Summer Palace, a royal garden and summer retreat for the emperors and their families. (B,L)

Day 3: Beijing

Start your sightseeing in Tiananmen Square, followed by the treasure-filled Forbidden City where you will pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao as you enter through the main gate. After lunch you will visit the 15th-century Temple of Heaven, one of the most perfect examples of Ming architecture. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Beijing

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

BEYOND THE GREAT WALL

2 DAYS

The Great Wall of China is one of the greatest wonders of the world and was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987. The Wall winds over 5,000 kilometres across the deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus from east to west China.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$485	\$815

* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

NOTE: Hikers should be in good physical condition. Valid for travel from April to October only.

Price includes:

- 1 night basic guesthouse accommodation
- Private transfers & touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

Day 1: Beijing to the Great Wall

You will be met at your Beijing hotel and transferred to your basic guesthouse accommodation close to the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall. Construction began on the Jinshanling section during the rule of the Ming Dynasty. This part of the Great Wall is 11 kilometres long, 7-8 metres high and 5-6 metres wide and is made from brick and

stone. Later this afternoon, enjoy a half-day walk along the Great Wall. (L)

Day 2: The Great Wall to Beijing

Rise early this morning and enjoy another half-day walk along the Great Wall, taking in the view of the surrounding landscape. Later you will be transferred to your Beijing hotel or Beijing airport where your arrangements end. (B)

XIAN SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

Xian served as the capital for China's greatest Emperor, Qin Shi Huang (221BC), and the word 'China' is derived from his name. It was also the starting point for the world's most famous trade route – the Silk Road.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$340	\$515
Superior	\$390	\$615
Deluxe	\$465	\$870

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN

Day 1: Arrive Xian

Make your own way to your Xian hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 2: Xian

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Terracotta Warriors and Horses, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. Emperor Qin Shi Huang is acclaimed by Chinese historians to have 'unified' the rival lands of China into a single empire. Thousands of people

worked for more than a decade to create the life-sized army to defend the emperor's tomb and protect him in the afterlife. Later, head back to Xian and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition and walk along the ancient City Wall, one of the best preserved in all of China. (B,L)

Day 3: Depart Xian

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

BEIJING & XIAN SHORT STAY

7 DAYS

An itinerary that includes the current capital city and one of the four Great Ancient Capitals of China. Beijing and Xian not only give an excellent overview of Chinese history, but are home to two of China's most awe-inspiring sights.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,285	\$1,890
Superior	\$1,420	\$2,160
Deluxe	\$1,790	\$2,820

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 6 nights accommodation
- Economy-class flight from Beijing to Xian
- Private transfers & touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ TEMPLE OF HEAVEN, BEIJING

Day 1: Arrive Beijing

Make your own way to your Beijing hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Beijing

Visit Tiananmen Square, the expansive Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven. In the evening sample the local specialty, Peking Duck. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Beijing

Enjoy a walk along the Great Wall taking in the panoramic views. Tour the underground Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way. Of the 16 Ming Dynasty emperors, 13 are buried in this area. Later visit a jade factory. (B,L)

Day 4: Beijing

Visit the Lama Temple, China's most renowned Buddhist temple outside of Tibet,

and later visit the picturesque Summer Palace. (B,L)

Day 5: Beijing to Xian

Transfer to Beijing airport and fly to Xian. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (B)

Day 6: Xian

Tour the Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Later, visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition and walk along the ancient City Wall and through the Muslim Quarter. This evening enjoy a performance of traditional Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L)

Day 7: Depart Xian

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

CHENGDU SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Chengdu, the buzzing capital of Sichuan Province, is rich with culture, fiery but delicious cuisine and is the gateway to a wealth of beautiful scenery. However, the city is best known for one thing, the incredible Giant Panda.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$830	\$1,440
Superior	\$850	\$1,465
Deluxe	\$1,145	\$2,110

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU

Day 1: Arrive Chengdu

Make your own way to your Chengdu hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Chengdu

Enjoy a tour of the Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see these beloved animals in an environment similar to their natural habitat. Later, visit the Shu Brocade Museum and the Dujiangyan Irrigation Project. (B,L)

Day 3: Chengdu – Leshan

Travel to Leshan where you can marvel at the Grand Buddha. Carved into the side of the Lingyun Mountain, the Buddha is 71 metres tall and wide enough for more than 100 people to sit between its feet. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Chengdu

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

4 DAYS

Jiuzhaigou Valley takes its name from the nine Tibetan villages scattered throughout it. A place of natural wonders you'll find yourself awestruck among thick forests, glittering turquoise lakes, springs, waterfalls and streams.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$2,015	\$2,920
Deluxe	\$2,290	\$3,520

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Return economy-class flight from Chengdu to Jiuzhaigou
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals and transfers as listed



▲ NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Day 1: Arrive Chengdu

Make your own way to your Chengdu hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Chengdu to Nine Villages Valley

Fly to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou). Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the Nine Villages Valley Scenic Area. Take a half-day tour of Huanglong Valley where hundreds of sparkling ponds with beautiful colours intertwine, with water cascading from one pool to another. Pristine forest surrounds the spot, providing truly spectacular mountain views. (B,D)

Day 3: Nine Villages Valley

Explore the Nine Villages Valley, a botanical gallery that is heavily forested and home to many protected species. Entering the valley is like being transported into a different world, where crystal clear lakes gather at the foot of every waterfall. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Nine Villages Valley to Chengdu

You will be transferred to Jiuzhaigou airport for your flight to Chengdu. Your arrangements end upon arrival in Chengdu. (B)

NOTE: Recommended for travel between May and October.

MT HUANG SHORT STAY

5 DAYS

The source of inspiration to China's writers and painters for centuries, Mt Huang is a granite mountain range of jagged peaks and ancient trees. A visit to this World Heritage Site is unforgettable.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,295	\$1,820

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation
- 1 night on board soft sleeper train in a shared 4-berth compartment from Tunxi to Shanghai
- Economy class flight from Shanghai to Tunxi
- Private transfers & touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ MT HUANG

Day 1: Shanghai to Tunxi

You will be met at your Shanghai hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Tunxi, at the foot of Mt Huang.

Day 2: Tunxi to Mt Huang

Take a cable car to the summit of Mt Huang where you will stay overnight. Enjoy the spectacular views of the oddly shaped peaks, rock formations, thousand-year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist, all of which have inspired local artists and poets for centuries. (B,L)

Day 3: Mt Huang to Tunxi

Take the cable car down to the base of the mountain and explore the ancient town of Tunxi where you will stay overnight. (B,L)

Day 4: Tunxi to Shanghai

Enjoy a half-day tour visiting nearby villages and experience the local lifestyle. Most of the housing in this area dates back to the Ming and Qing dynasties. Later, transfer to Tunxi railway station and board your overnight soft sleeper train back to Shanghai. (B,L)

Day 5: Arrive Shanghai

Upon arrival at Shanghai railway station early this morning your arrangements end.

GUILIN, YANGSHUO & LONGJI

5 DAYS

The Li River flows languidly through a landscape of karst towers and tranquil rural scenes. Both the city of Guilin and town of Yangshuo nestle amongst this glorious scenery whilst the iconic Longji rice terraces are just a short trip away.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$790	\$1,220
Superior	\$840	\$1,320
Deluxe	\$1,025	\$1,790

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ LI RIVER

Day 1: Arrive Guilin

Make your own way to your Guilin hotel. This afternoon you will be taken on a half-day tour of the Reed Flute Cave and a Pearl Museum.

Day 2: Guilin – Longji

Travel to Longji, also known as Longsheng or the 'Dragon's Backbone'. Explore the dramatic rice terraces that have a history dating back over 500 years. To fully appreciate the beauty of this area, you will need to hike for approximately two to three hours, climbing many steps and across uneven ground and steep

inclines to reach the most impressive vantage points. It is well worth the effort! (B,L)

Day 3: Guilin to Yangshuo

Relax on the Li River as you cruise to the town of Yangshuo for a two-night stay. The evening is at your leisure. (B,L)

Day 4: Yangshuo

This morning explore the beautiful rural countryside around Yangshuo and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Depart Yangshuo

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

Shanghai grew in importance in the 19th century due to its favourable port location at the mouth of the Yangtze River. Today it presents a blend of cultures – the modern and the traditional – along with the European and oriental.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$415	\$660
Superior	\$430	\$690
Deluxe	\$545	\$1,035

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ SHANGHAI

Day 1: Arrive Shanghai

Make your own way to your Shanghai hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Shanghai

Visit the famous historical riverfront area known as the Bund and view the Pudong area, including the iconic Oriental Pearl Tower, across the river. See the superb antiques and fine arts at the Shanghai Museum and visit a silk museum. Head to the Old Town where cobblestone streets are lined with traditional shops. Enjoy a relaxing walk through the Yu Gardens, the inspiration for willow pattern china. (B,L)

Day 3: Depart Shanghai

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

WHY NOT?

Shanghai is the starting point for travel to some of China's most beautiful destinations. Why not visit breathtaking Mt Huang or the gardens of Suzhou and Hangzhou?

See wendywutours.com.au for details. Additional fees and taxes may apply.

CHINA EXPRESS

6 DAYS

Enjoy the modern vibrancy and bright lights of Shanghai before delving into the rich history of Beijing at the Great Wall and Forbidden City on a whistle-stop itinerary that perfectly highlights China's incredible contrast of old and new.

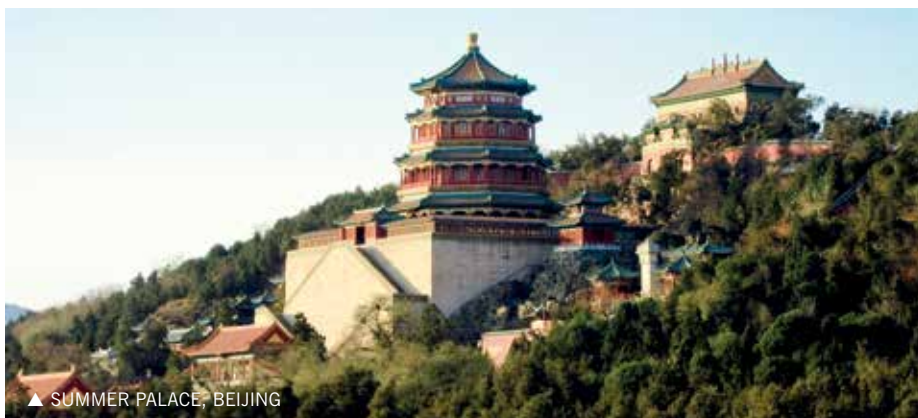
Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,470	\$2,120
Superior	\$1,530	\$2,180
Deluxe	\$2,060	\$3,780

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Soft seat bullet train from Shanghai to Beijing
- Private transfers & touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ SUMMER PALACE, BEIJING

Day 1: Arrive Shanghai

Make your own way to your Shanghai hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Shanghai

Start your touring with a relaxing walk through moon gates and latticed pavilions of the Yu Gardens. Explore the Old Town where cobblestone streets are lined with shops selling herbal medicines, handicrafts, Chinese tea and snacks. Stroll along the famous Bund and Nanjing Road. Explore the Jade Buddha Temple. This evening cruise along the Huangpu River. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Shanghai to Beijing

Head up Jin Mao Tower for amazing views of the city and view the antiques and fine arts at the Shanghai Museum. Transfer to

Shanghai railway station to board your bullet train to Beijing. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. (B,L)

Day 4: Beijing

Stroll through Tiananmen Square, passing Chairman Mao's Mausoleum. Later, visit the treasure-filled Forbidden City and the 15th-century Temple of Heaven. (B,L)

Day 5: Beijing

Take an exciting walk along the Juyongguan Pass of the Great Wall and wander through the Summer Palace, admiring its landscaped beauty. This evening enjoy an acrobatics performance and sample the local delicacy, Peking Duck. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Depart Beijing

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

TIBETAN SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

The mysterious Buddhist kingdom of Tibet, locked away high in the Himalayas, offers magnificent monasteries and stunning views.

Travellers to Tibet should be in good physical condition due to the high altitude.

 Tour at High Altitude (see page 9)

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,350	\$4,440

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Tibet permit
- Meals as listed



▲ POTALA PALACE, LHASA

Day 1: Arrive Lhasa

You will be met at Lhasa airport and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. This afternoon enjoy a half-day tour visiting the Barkhor Circuit, where you will see many pilgrims and market stalls.

Day 2: Lhasa

Enjoy a tour of the Potala Palace, an architectural wonder towering over the entire city. You will also visit Jokhang Temple, the most sacred and active temple in Tibet. (B,L)

Day 3: Lhasa to Gyantse

Travel to Gyantse and visit the Pelkor Monastery and the ruins of the Old Fort. (B,L)

Day 4: Gyantse to Shigatse

Leave Gyantse and travel to Shigatse. Visit the

Tashilhunpo Monastery, the official residence of the 11th Panchen Lama, who ranks second to the Dalai Lama. (B,L)

Day 5: Shigatse to Lhasa

Travel back to Lhasa, visiting Yamdrok-Tso Lake en route. (B)

Day 6: Depart Lhasa

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Lhasa airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Passenger must enter Tibet via China only. The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.

ZHANGJIAJIE SCENIC WONDER

5 DAYS

Zhangjiajie is famous worldwide for its natural scenery, unique sandstone pillars, pristine waters and a wide variety of species of flora and fauna.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,260	\$2,090
Deluxe	\$1,440	\$2,520

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Soft seat train from Changsha to Zhangjiajie
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ ZHANGJIAJIE

Day 1: Changsha to Shaoshan

This morning you will be met at your Changsha hotel and transferred to Shaoshan, the birthplace of the legendary Mao Zedong.

Day 2: Shaoshan to Changsha

Enjoy a tour of Shaoshan, visiting Chairman Mao's childhood family residence and his museum, as well as Dripping Water Cave, where he lived for 11 days during the Cultural Revolution. Return to Changsha visiting the Tianxin Pavilion en route. (B,L)

Days 3-4: Changsha to Zhangjiajie

Board your train to the Zhangjiajie scenic area. Over the next two days enjoy breathtaking scenery, which offers a mix of spectacular limestone formations, sub-tropical forests, waterfalls, mountain ranges and majestic valleys. (B)

Day 5: Depart Zhangjiajie

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

ULAANBAATAR CITY STAY

4 DAYS

Situated in the rolling foothills of Bogd Mountain, Ulaanbaatar possesses a long and unique history.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$955	\$1,520
Superior	\$1,230	\$1,880
Deluxe	\$1,895	\$3,015

* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Day 1: Arrive Ulaanbaatar

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar you will be met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon visit Sukhbaatar Square and Government House to see the nine state banners and Zaisan Hill War Memorial for panoramic views of the city. This evening partake in a traditional Mongolian dinner. (L,D)

Day 2: Ulaanbaatar

Visit the Bogd Khaan Palace Museum and the Winter Palace, which consists of a complex of temples and a European-style home. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B,L)

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar

Explore the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Art. In the afternoon visit the 19th-century built Gandan Monastery, the largest and most significant monastery in Mongolia, followed by a visit to the local markets. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Ulaanbaatar

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to the airport or railway station where your arrangements end. (B)

NAADAM FESTIVAL

4 DAYS

The colourful festival of Naadam revolves around the 'three games of men' – wrestling, horse riding and archery. Taking place in mid-July, join the Mongolian people in cheering on their athletes.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,730	\$2,495
Superior	\$2,140	\$3,045
Deluxe	\$3,120	\$4,415

* Surcharges may apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ NAADAM FESTIVAL

Day 1: Arrive Ulaanbaatar

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Days 2-3: The Naadam Festival

Witness the Naadam Festival, where featured events include archery, wrestling and horse racing. Sometimes there are more than 700 people competing in the arena, where there are no judges, no age limits or weight divisions! Cheer on the athletes and enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere. You will also head out of town to see the horse races held on the grassland plains outside the city. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Depart Ulaanbaatar

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to the airport where your arrangements end. (B)

WHY NOT?

After enjoying the Naadam Festival, why not explore Mongolia's national parks? See page 113 for our Terelj National Park and Classic Gobi Short Stay packages. Additional fees and taxes may apply.

NOTE: Valid for travel from 10 to 13 July only. Accommodation can be extremely limited in Ulaanbaatar during the Naadam Festival so please book early to avoid disappointment.

TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

2 DAYS

Terelj National Park's forest-covered mountains are a contrast to the Gobi's desert landscape. The park is home to nomadic Mongolians, offering you a chance to interact and learn the lifestyle of the locals.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Ger Camp	\$520	\$820

* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 1 night accommodation in Ger camp
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ TURTLE ROCK, TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Day 1: Ulaanbaatar to Terelj National Park

You will be met at your Ulaanbaatar hotel and transferred to Terelj National Park. Explore Turtle Rock and enjoy lunch at the Ger camp where you will stay overnight. Hike to Aryabal Monastery and visit a local nomadic family. Optional activities such as horse riding, mountain biking and a Mongolian BBQ class can be organised at your Ger camp at your own expense. (L,D)

Day 2: Terelj National Park to Ulaanbaatar

Spend time with the local family and learn about their lifestyle, including the preparation of dairy products. Later, return to Ulaanbaatar where upon arrival at your hotel your arrangements end. (B,L)

NOTE: Valid for travel from 15 May to 30 Sep only.

CLASSIC GOBI SHORT STAY

7 DAYS

A vast expanse of barren rock and sand, the Gobi is both harsh and magnificent. Explore sand dunes and canyons and admire spectacular rock formations and age-old dinosaur fossils in a place unlike anywhere else on earth.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Ger Camp	\$2,960	\$4,980

* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 6 nights accommodation in Ger camps
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- 4WD transportation
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ GOBI DESERT

Day 1: Ulaanbaatar to Middle Gobi

You will be met at your Ulaanbaatar hotel and transferred to Middle Gobi. Along the way visit Baga Gazriin Chuluu Lake and the ruins of the 10th-century Sum Khukh Burd Temple. (L,D)

Day 2: Middle Gobi to Bayanzag

Continue on to South Gobi Desert. Visit the Sangiin Dalai Temple before arriving at the Ger camp at Bayanzag. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Bayanzag to Yolyn Am

Visit the famous Flaming Cliffs at Bayanzag, the site of numerous fossil discoveries. Continue to the Yolyn Am National Park and hike to the gorge and glacier. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Yolyn Am to Khongoryn Els

Drive to Khongoryn Els. Visit the Seruun Bulag Spring and walk on the famous Singing Sand Dunes. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6: Khongoryn Els to Karakorum

Travel to Ongiin Khiid and visit the ruins of a monastery. (B,L,D) The next day, travel to the ancient city of Karakorum. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Karakorum to Ulaanbaatar

Visit Erdene Zuu, once one of Mongolia's largest monasteries. Visit the ruins of Karakorum, the 13th-century imperial capital of the Mongol Empire. Return to your Ulaanbaatar hotel where your arrangements end on arrival. (B,L)

NOTE: Valid for travel from 15 May to 30 Sep only.

HEART OF UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan's spectacular countryside and classic Islamic architecture make this nation a visual delight. The city of Bukhara has a history dating back over 1,000 years, and its architectural wonders offer a glimpse of pre-Russian traditions.

8 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$2,675

LAND CONTENT ONLY

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,675	\$4,115

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 7 nights accommodation (5 nights hotel, 1 night guesthouse, 1 night yurt camp)
- 2nd class train ticket Tashkent to Samarkand
- Economy-class flight from Bukhara to Tashkent
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ YURT CAMP



▲ POI KALON MINARET



▲ SHAH-I ZINDA NECROPOLIS, SAMARKAND

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Colourful Tashkent
- Medrassahs of Samarkand
- Ethnic Sentab Village
- Aydarkul Lake Yurt Camp

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Tashkent

Upon arrival at Tashkent airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay.

Day 2: Tashkent

Embark on a full-day of sightseeing around Tashkent. Enjoy a morning visit to the old town to explore Barak Khana Seminary and Tillya Sheikh Mosque. Continue to Chorsu Bazaar, the heart of the Tashkent community. You will find fresh and dried fruits, toasted bread (lepeska) and handicrafts. Visit the Kukeldash Madrasah, built in 1570 when it served as a town square and fortress. In the afternoon visit the Museum of Applied Arts, Mustakillik (Independence) Square and the Tashkent Metro, decorated with local marble and granite like an underground palace. End the day at Amir Timur Square. (B)

Day 3: Tashkent to Samarkand

Take the early morning 'Afrosiab' train to Samarkand. Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history, Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets. Visit Registan Square, the heart of Samarkand. Wander through the three beautiful madrasahs; Ulug-Bek, Tillya-Kori, and Sher-Dor. Visit Gur Emir, the mausoleum of Tamerlane. This afternoon explore the Bibi-Khanum, the Silk Road Bazaar and Shah-i-Zinda necropolis. Dinner this evening will be at the local Samarkand house of Ilkhom. (B,D)

Day 4: Samarkand to Sentab Village

Travel to Nuratau Nature Reserve and stay overnight in Sentab Village. Your hosts are ethnic Tajiks, and this is a unique opportunity to learn about their traditional lifestyle. This afternoon take a short trek through the mountains to see the local mosque, the ruins of an ancient fortress, and petroglyphs of the Bronze Age. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Sentab Village to Aydarkul Lake

Travel to Aydarkul Lake, a geographical miracle that formed in the waterless desert. There are huge numbers of flora and fauna here and you will be surrounded by pristine wilderness at your desert yurt camp. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Aydarkul Lake – Nurata to Bukhara

After breakfast at the yurt camp, travel to the town of Nurata and visit the Chashma Complex, a compound of religious buildings including a holy spring and ruins of an ancient citadel. Continue to Bukhara for an overnight stay. This is Central Asia's holiest city and has a history dating back more than 1,000 years. (B)

Day 7: Bukhara to Tashkent

Enjoy a full-day of sightseeing in Bukhara. Visit the Lyabi-Khauz, the Madrasah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Khanaga, Mogaki Attari mosque, Poi Kalon minaret and mosque. Later see the Aziz Khan Madrasah and Ulugbek Madrasah. Enjoy a traditional lunch with a local family. In the afternoon explore the Ark Fortress, Balakhauz mosque and the mausoleums of Ismail Samanid and Chashma Ayub. This evening, take a late flight to Tashkent. (B,L)

Day 8: Depart Tashkent

After check-out this morning transfer to Tashkent airport where your arrangements end. (B)

ANCIENT TURKMENISTAN

5 DAYS

Spirituality, tradition and natural beauty are the notable features of this little-known Central Asian country. Turkmenistan has forged a new identity, characterised by its beautiful mosques, ancient archaeological sites and warm, hospitable people.

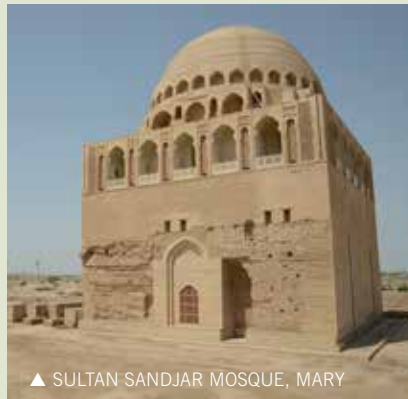
Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,195	\$3,150

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Return economy-class flight from Ashgabat to Mary
- Private touring and transfers as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Daily breakfast



▲ SULTAN SANDJAR MOSQUE, MARY

Day 1: Arrive Ashgabat

Upon arrival at Ashgabat airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a four-night stay. Ashgabat means 'city of love' in Arabic.

Day 2: Ashgabat

Explore the ruins of Nisa Fortress, the capital of ancient Parthia and a former imperial residence. The fortress was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007. Visit the Independence Monument, one of the city's most popular attractions. It stands 118 metres high with the top crowned with a crescent moon and five stars. Continue to Ertugrul Gazi Mosque, one of the most beautiful mosques in Turkmenistan. In the afternoon, wander through the National

Museum of History and Ethnography (closed on Tuesdays) and the colourful Russian Bazaar. (B)

Day 3: Ashgabat – Mary & Merv

Early this morning, transfer to the airport for your 40-minute flight to Mary. Upon arrival, head east towards Bayram-Ali, one of the major ancient archaeological sites in Central Asia and home to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Merv. This location played an important role in the development of the Silk Road. After exploring several key locations, you will return to Mary and visit the local History Museum. In the late afternoon, fly back to Ashgabat. (B)

Day 4: Ashgabat

After breakfast, travel to Arkadash Stud Farm near Geok Depe, passing a former Tekke stronghold from the late 19th century. During your time at the farm, you will have the chance to meet the 'winged' Akhal-Teke horses. This remarkable breed is one of the oldest in existence and well-known for its athleticism, stamina and outstanding movement. Return to Ashgabat, with a stop en route at Kipchak to see the largest mosque in Turkmenistan and the family mausoleum of the first president of the country. In the afternoon, visit a carpet museum. (B)

Day 5: Depart Ashgabat

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Ashgabat airport where your arrangements end. (B)

KAZAKHSTAN UNVEILED

6 DAYS

This oil-rich nation is the largest of the 'Stans' and is full of contrasts. Futuristic cities provide unexpected punctuation for sprawling green valleys, meandering mountains and canyons.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,295	\$6,860

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Economy class flight from Astana to Almaty
- Private touring and transfers as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Daily breakfast



▲ CHARYN GRAND CANYON

Day 1: Arrive Astana

Upon arrival at Astana airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay. This afternoon take a tour of the city including a visit to the Museum of First President, the Baiterek monument and the Temple of Peace and Accord. Explore a unique outdoor museum, the Ak Bulak area and Duman, an entertainment precinct where the local people meet up. (B)

Day 2: Astana and Alzhir to Almaty

Travel to Alzhir to visit the internment camp, memorial and museum dating back to the harsh Stalin regime of the 1930s. Return to Astana and take a boat excursion along the Ishim River. Visit Khan Shatyr, a huge futuristic architectural 'tent' that contains a

shopping centre, entertainment venues and an indoor beach. This evening, transfer to the airport for your flight to Almaty where you will be transferred to your hotel for a four-night stay upon arrival. (B)

Day 3: Almaty

Wander through the Central State Museum, Republic Square, Abai Opera and Ballet Theatre, Central Mosque and the Green market. You will pass the President's residence and visit the Museum of National Musical Instruments and Zenkov Cathedral. (B)

Day 4: Almaty

Take an excursion to Medeo, a picturesque valley with the world's largest speed skating rink. Continue to Kok-tobe, where you will journey up the meandering mountain road. See the highest TV tower in the world and take in the stunning views of the city. Return to Almaty where the afternoon is at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Almaty – Charyn

Drive along a picturesque road via villages and steppes to reach Charyn Grand Canyon for a light hike. Return to Almaty, stopping to visit Nura village en route to meet a family who have been breeding golden eagles for generations. (B)

Day 6: Depart Almaty

After check out this morning you will be transferred to Almaty airport where your arrangements end. (B)



STOPOVERS

Extend your tour with a stopover in Asia. Take the time to relax, or explore some of the world's most dynamic and effortlessly stylish cities.

Stopovers include:

- Accommodation in three, four or five-star accommodation
 - Return airport transfers
 - Touring and sightseeing
 - Daily breakfast
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HONG KONG STOPOVER

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. Hong Kong is known for being safe and easy to navigate. It offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions, teamed with numerous attractions, unrivalled shopping and a vast array of food choices.



▲ VICTORIA HARBOUR, HONG KONG



METROPARK HOTEL KOWLOON ★★ ★

Situated in Kowloon's heart, this hotel offers a free shuttle bus service to Mongkok and Tsim Sha Tsui. It also has two restaurants and a swimming pool.



HARBOUR PLAZA 8 DEGREES ★★ ★ ★

This award-winning hotel is located within walking distance of Kowloon City Ferry Pier and offers spacious and modern guest rooms.



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★ ★ ★ ★

This property is well-located with six restaurants, a swimming pool, fitness centre, spa and beauty services.



EATON, HONG KONG ★★ ★ ★ ★

Located close to Temple Street and the Jade Market, guests can enjoy a drink by the rooftop pool or in one of the seven bars and restaurants.



KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA, HONG KONG ★★ ★ ★ ★

Overlooking Victoria Harbour, this deluxe property has a modern style and outstanding service. Rooms offer city or harbour views from their huge windows.



REGAL HONG KONG HOTEL ★★ ★ ★ ★

Situated in the heart of Causeway Bay, this deluxe hotel offers elegant guest rooms, together with four dining establishments and a rooftop swimming pool.



THE KOWLOON HOTEL ★★ ★ ★ ★

Conveniently located along Nathan Road's Golden Mile shopping district, the MTR and Star Ferry are within walking distance.



CORDIS, HONG KONG ★★ ★ ★ ★

Enjoy luxury accommodation in a vibrant and central location within walking distance to night markets and the MTR. Guest rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG ★★ ★ ★ ★

Located steps away from Victoria Harbour, this property is within walking distance of MTR stations. Guest rooms have a modern-classic décor.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive Hong Kong

Upon arrival at Hong Kong airport you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Hong Kong

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Hong Kong Island visiting Stanley Market, Victoria Peak and Aberdeen Fishing

Village, where you may wish to take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense) to get a closer look at the fishing boats. (B)

Day 3: Depart Hong Kong

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ HONG KONG HARBOUR

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees	\$440	\$630
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$480	\$715
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$595	\$915

* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive Hong Kong

Upon arrival at Hong Kong airport you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Hong Kong

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Hong Kong Island visiting Stanley Market, Victoria Peak and Aberdeen Fishing Village, where you may wish to take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). (B)

Day 3: Hong Kong

Discover Lantau Island during a full-day seat-in-coach tour. Visit Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O Fishing Village, Po Lin Monastery and the Big Buddha. Enjoy a vegetarian lunch and ride the Ngong Ping Cable Car. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Hong Kong

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of five participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ BIG BUDDHA, LANTAU ISLAND

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$815	\$1,155
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$975	\$1,455
Kowloon Shangri La, Hong Kong	\$1,415	\$2,250

* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

4 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive Hong Kong

Upon arrival at Hong Kong airport you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Days 2-3: Hong Kong Disneyland Park

Make your own way to Hong Kong Disneyland Park over the next two days (the Disney-themed train is an ideal way to start your adventure). Step into seven themed lands to

be transported to a world of fantasy and fun. Enjoy the thrill and excitement of high quality rides, meet your favourite Disney characters and watch amazing Broadway-style shows. You won't want to leave! (B)

Day 4: Depart Hong Kong

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. 2-Day General Admission Ticket is not valid for Disney's Designated Days.



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Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	CHILD#
Disney's Hollywood Hotel	\$1,115	\$1,780	\$340
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$740	\$1,115	\$645
Regal Hong Kong Hotel	\$870	\$1,335	\$665

* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Child prices are based on one child aged 3-11 years, sharing a room with two adults and using existing bedding.

Price includes:

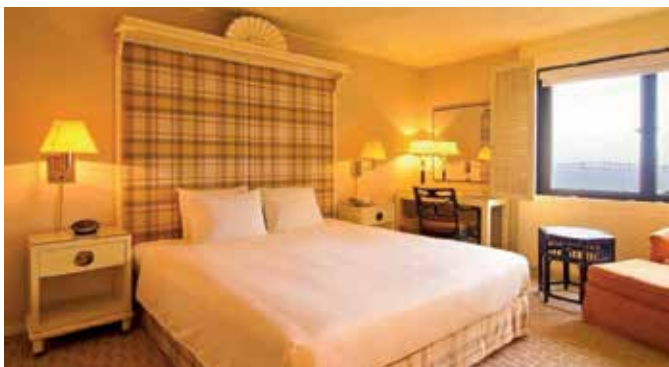
- 3 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Meals as listed
- 2-Day General Admission Ticket to Hong Kong Disneyland Park

MACAU STOPOVER

Macau is located 60 kilometres south-west of Hong Kong and consists of the Macau Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane. The name 'Macau' honours the Goddess of Seafarers, as it has long been a place of shipping and trade. With baroque-style churches, traditional Chinese buildings, gardens and temples, there is much more to Macau than just glitzy casinos.



MACAU HOTELS



REGENCY HOTEL MACAU ★★ ★

Just 10 minutes from the city centre, nestled in three acres of Taipa's greenery, this property offers total comfort. There is an outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, fitness centre and restaurant.



HOTEL LISBOA ★★ ★ ★

Located in the heart of the Macau Peninsula, this hotel is within 15-minutes walk of Senado Square and Ruins of St. Paul's. Within the property are five restaurants, a casino, and an indoor swimming pool.



HOLIDAY INN MACAU ★★ ★ ★

Located in the heart of the Macau Peninsula, this hotel features a health club, restaurant and swimming pool. All guest rooms are equipped with floor-to-ceiling windows.



SOFITEL MACAU AT PONTE 16 ★★ ★ ★ ★

Sofitel Macau offers five-star waterfront accommodation in Macau's historic quarter. Aside from complimentary wi-fi, it also has a casino and outdoor swimming pools.

TASTE OF MACAU

3 DAYS


Day 1: Arrive Macau

From the Macau Ferry Terminal, board your hotel shuttle bus to transfer to your Macau hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Macau

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for your half-day seat-in-coach city tour of Macau. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage

listed Ruins of St. Paul's, Nacha Temple, St. Dominic's Church, Cathedral of Macau, Avenida Da Praia Grande, the Leal Senado Building, Senado Square, General Post Office Building and A-Ma Temple. Visit Macau Tower (ground floor only – if you wish to visit the observation levels this is at your own expense). Make your own way back to your hotel. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B)

Day 3: Depart Macau

After check-out this morning take the hotel shuttle bus to the Macau Ferry Terminal where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Ferry tickets between Hong Kong city/airport and Macau are not included, but can be added at an additional cost. Please contact our reservations department for pricing and information.



▲ MACAU TOWER

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Regency Hotel Macau	\$300	\$515
Holiday Inn Macau	\$350	\$560
Hotel Lisboa	\$450	\$725
Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$510	\$845

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Local English-speaking guide
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Entrance fees
- Touring as specified
- Meals as listed

MACAU IN FOCUS

4 DAYS


Day 1: Arrive Macau

From the Macau Ferry Terminal board your hotel shuttle bus to transfer to your Macau hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Macau

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for your half-day seat-in-coach city tour of Macau. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ruins of St. Paul's, Nacha Temple, St. Dominic's Church, Cathedral of Macau, Avenida Da Praia Grande, the Leal Senado Building, Senado Square, General Post

Office Building and A-Ma Temple. Visit Macau Tower (ground floor only – if you wish to visit the observation levels this is at your own expense). Make your own way back to your hotel. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B)

Day 3: Macau

Enjoy the day at your leisure to further explore Macau. Try one of the self-guided walking tours in the Old Quarter of Macau or explore Cotai's impressive resort complexes, their attractions and shows (at your own expense). (B)

Day 4: Depart Macau

After check-out this morning take the hotel shuttle bus to the Macau Ferry Terminal where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Ferry tickets between Hong Kong city/airport and Macau are not included, but can be added at an additional cost. Please contact our reservations department for pricing and information.



▲ SENADO SQUARE

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Regency Hotel Macau	\$415	\$725
Holiday Inn Macau	\$480	\$795
Hotel Lisboa	\$630	\$1,045
Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$720	\$1,230

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Local English-speaking guide
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Entrance fees
- Touring as specified
- Meals as listed

SINGAPORE STOPOVER

Located at the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsula, Singapore is a perfect blend of the east and the west. With a unique tapestry of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, visitors can sample a variety of cuisines in the local neighbourhoods of Little India and Chinatown. Experience world-class shopping along Orchard Road. Escape the hustle and bustle to the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay. Meet a family of orang-utans during breakfast at Singapore Zoo.

▲ MERLION PARK, SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive Singapore

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Singapore

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian

Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

Day 3: Depart Singapore

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ NATIONAL ORCHID GARDEN

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Hotel Royal@Queens	\$355	\$665
Orchard Hotel Singapore	\$460	\$875
Grand Park Orchard	\$495	\$945

* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

GARDENS BY THE BAY

3 DAYS

Day 1: Arrive Singapore

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Singapore

This morning you'll be transferred to Gardens by the Bay. It offers breath-taking waterfront views and spans 101 hectares and houses

more than 500,000 plants. Spend the day wandering through the two cooled conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

Day 3: Depart Singapore

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ GARDENS BY THE BAY

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Hotel Royal@Queens	\$355	\$665
York Hotel	\$435	\$820
Grand Park Orchard	\$495	\$945

* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to two conservatories
- Meals as listed

AIRLINES

Your flights are an important part of your Wendy Wu Tours experience. We only work with airlines with the best reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. We use reputable domestic airlines for internal routes.

We include return international economy-class flights as part of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours.

PREFERRED AIRLINES

Wendy Wu Tours works closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination conveniently and in comfort. We choose to fly with Cathay Pacific Airways, China Southern Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Vietnam Airlines to the destinations outlined in this brochure. Connecting flights are with codeshare partners such as SilkAir and Dragonair.



Founded in 1946, Cathay Pacific Airways is one of the world's leading airlines, recognised for its outstanding service, friendly personnel, modern fleet and exceptional safety record. Cathay Pacific Airways offers a choice of over 70 flights a week from Australia to Hong Kong, providing excellent connections from the airline's Hong Kong hub to its worldwide network of over 170 destinations, including over 20 cities in China, served by Cathay Pacific's sister airline Dragonair. On board Cathay Pacific Airways, passengers will experience superior comfort, service and entertainment.



China Southern Airlines operates the largest fleet, has the most developed route network and largest passenger capacity of any airline in China and is a proud member of the SkyTeam alliance. China Southern Airlines flies from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to Guangzhou. China Southern operates a fleet of more than 500 modern aircraft and forms an extensive network of domestic flights within China via its Guangzhou hub. China Southern Airlines is a convenient option for all travellers to China.



Travellers who wish to fly to China with Singapore Airlines can contact our reservations team for pricing and information. Stopovers in Singapore are also available on request.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

On tours flying with China Southern Airlines, travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour. Limited flight schedules out of Darwin, Canberra and Cairns mean that on some tours, these passengers will need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour. Due to constantly changing airline schedules some travellers may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, an overnight stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Although Wendy Wu Tours makes every effort to use the airlines noted on each tour page, an alternative airline may be used due to flight schedule changes or lack of availability. Normally, frequent flyer miles are not accrued on our packaged group fares and this is at the discretion of each airline.

HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.

Beijing



▲ Holiday Inn Beijing Temple of Heaven

Located a 20-minute stroll from the Temple of Heaven, with easy access to the rest of Beijing's landmarks.



▲ Jiangxi Grand Hotel

Can be found in the Fengtai district, outside the 3rd Ring Rd.

Grand GongDa JianGuo Hotel

A stylish property close to China's World Trade Centre and the campus of the Beijing University of Technology.

Zhongle Six Star Hotel

Located a 20-minute drive from Tiananmen Square and 4km from Beijing South Railway Station.

Xian



▲ Golden Flower

Positioned 6km from the Bell Tower in downtown Xian and 3km from Xian Railway Station.



▲ Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel

In the centre of Xian, you will be located just a short walk from the old City Wall and the Muslim Quarter.



▲ Yulong International Hotel

This hotel is located in the Weiyang District area of Xian, close to the City Wall.

Shanghai



▲ Jin Jiang Hua Ting Hotel and Towers

Located right on a subway station, this hotel, with elegant rooms and great views, is just 1km from Hengshan Road.

Mingde Grand Hotel

Located in the Zhabei district, two subway stops from the People's Square.

Jiulong Hotel

Just a 20-minute walk from the famous Bund, this hotel is well located amongst Shanghainese neighbourhoods.



▲ Regal Shanghai East Asia Hotel

Located in the Shanghai Stadium complex. Wi-fi is complimentary for guests.

Chengdu



▲ Jin-Tone Hotel

Centrally located near Tianfu Square in the business district of Huapafang.



▲ Mercure Chengdu North Hotel

Close to the Chengdu North Railway Station and a short distance from the panda base.



▲ Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine

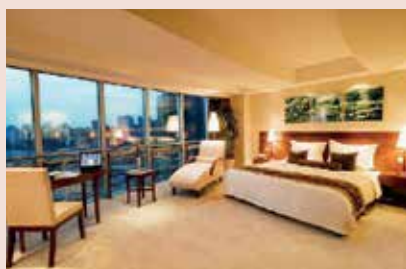
The Tianfu Sunshine is just a 10-minute walk from Chunxi Road, Chengdu's city centre.

Guilin



▲ Lijiang Waterfall Hotel

Located close to the Li River, this property is conveniently situated in Guilin.



▲ Jin-Tone Hotel

Situated 800m from the city centre on the banks of Guihu Lake.

Universal Hotel

Positioned in the city centre, next to the Li River and within walking distance to the night markets.

Yangshuo



▲ Elite Garden Hotel

Just a 5-minute walk to the Li River, located near West Street and surrounded by retail options.



▲ New Century Hotel

Located in downtown Yangshuo, close to the bustling markets and cobblestone lanes of West Street.

Lijiang

Andage Hotel

This well-located hotel is an easy walk to many of Lijiang sights and set in the peaceful business area of the city.

Dali



▲ Landscape Hotel

Centrally located, the lively Foreigners' Street and Jiang Gong Ci are an easy walk from this traditional-style hotel.

Kunming



▲ Jin Jiang Hotel

Located in the centre of Kunming's business district, close to the railway station.

Suzhou

Holiday Inn Youlian Suzhou

Set in a quiet spot between two economic zones, this Holiday Inn is an easy drive from Suzhou's gardens.



▲ Garden Hotel

Occupying an historic walled garden compound, within close proximity to the Master of Nets Garden.

Hangzhou



▲ Best Western Premier Richful Green

Positioned in the heart of Hangzhou, ideally located steps away from the West Lake.



▲ Culture Plaza Hotel Zhejiang

This hotel is located in a residential district within easy reach of Hangzhou's city centre.

Nine Villages Valley

Poly New Jiuzhai Hotel

Located in Zhanglong Town, well-located for the Jiuzhaigou Scenic Area.

Zhongdian

Zhaxidele Hotel

Located only 1 kilometre from the heart of the city, this hotel is perfectly located for your explorations of the area.

Lhasa, Tibet



▲ Tibet Hotel

With traditional Tibetan architecture, this hotel is a convenient base to explore Lhasa.

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia and China.

Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

THE BOOKING PROCESS

Q. When will my booking be confirmed?

A. Once we receive your deposit, your place on tour will be confirmed. We will also confirm any additional arrangements such as pre and post-tour accommodation. This usually takes 3-5 days and can vary depending on the destination and if there are any holiday periods.

We will then send you an updated invoice showing your deposit payment along with a Visa Application Form and Medical Information Form to be completed (if appropriate). These forms can also be accessed via our website. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking.

Q. Where do I find more details about my tour?

A. You can access detailed information about your tour and travel destinations on our website at www.wendywutours.com.au/pre-departure-info. It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier prior to booking. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in the tour dossier. If you cannot access our website, please phone us and we will send the information to you.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. We will do our best to accommodate your special request. Please advise us of any medical requirements, special meal requests, special needs, or mobility impairment at time of booking.

Q. What do I need to know about your NEW group tours?

A. Wendy Wu Tours is proud to present several new tour options in 2017. While we have carefully researched the itineraries, this is the first time these tours have operated and it should be remembered that unforeseen changes or surprises may occur. Although these unexpected occurrences may add to the enjoyment of the tour, if this is a concern for you, we suggest waiting until a later departure before travelling with us on your selected tour.

Q. When will I receive my tour documentation?

A. Two weeks before you travel you will receive your final documentation, including a detailed day-by-day itinerary, hotel list, travel guide and phrasebook, as well as a suggested packing list. You will also receive your passport back, complete with the relevant visas.

Q. When should I arrange travel insurance?

A. It is strongly recommended that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. For advice from the Australian Government regarding travel insurance, please visit <http://smartraveller.gov.au/guide/all-travellers/insurance>. We can arrange a policy for you or you can choose your own. Please phone us or contact your travel agent for further information.

Q. Which hotels are used by Wendy Wu Tours?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documentation. Note that these may be subject to change. Accommodation is generally 3-4 star standard. In some remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure they will meet your needs. See pages 124-125 for examples of hotels we usually use.

Q. Do I need a visa?

A. Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery and Deluxe Group Tours:

Visas are required for most of Wendy Wu Tours' destinations. Visa fees are included in your tour price for our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours for Australian passport holders. Additional fees may apply for non-Australian passport holders. All passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the

duration of your tour. Please send your passport and visa application form to your booking agent, along with your visa application form, at least 60 days prior to departure. Some visas take longer to process (Central Asia takes 90 days) and we will notify you of this at time of booking. We will submit your passport and visa application to the relevant consulate on your behalf for processing. Your passport will be returned to you with your final documentation approximately two weeks prior to departure. For Land Only bookings, visas are not included but can be arranged for an additional fee – please ask at time of booking.

Independent travel:

If you are travelling on one of our Independent Private Tours, visa fees are not included in your tour cost and it is your responsibility to arrange all necessary visas. Please note that visa and Tibet permit regulations can change at any time. Please contact our dedicated visa team if you have further questions.

HEALTH & TOUR GRADINGS

Q. Are there any health precautions or vaccinations that I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your Tour Dossier with you.

To make the most of your trip it may also be helpful to contact a travel and vaccination clinic such as:

www.smartraveller.gov.au
Tel: 1300 555 135

www.traveldoctor.com.au
Tel: 1300 658 844

www.travelvax.com.au
Tel: 1300 360 164

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. We want you to have the best tour experience possible, so you should be in reasonably good health and be able to participate in all activities unaided. Some of our itineraries include difficult conditions which can make physical activities challenging. Each group tour is graded to reflect the level of fitness required to assist you in making the best choice. You can also find detailed information in each Tour Dossier, available on our website.



Comfortable

Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and average mobility. These tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.



Moderate

Not strenuous, but these tours require a higher level of fitness and may include climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats as well as longer periods of sightseeing on foot/driving. Easy walking, areas of high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.



Active

Require a good level of fitness, as these tours are physically more demanding. In addition to activities featured in the comfortable and moderate tours, they may also involve hiking, and some travel to remote, high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.



Tour at high altitude

Tours visiting areas of high altitude feature a mountain icon on the tour map showing the level of altitude reached. Further information including specific locations is available in the relevant Tour Dossier. It is important to discuss the potential effects of high altitude and AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness) with your doctor when considering one of these tours, particularly if you have an existing medical condition.

If you are unsure about the suitability of a particular itinerary, please contact us for advice. Our range of private tours and independent travel are more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Please contact us for further details.

TRANSPORTATION

Q. What sort of transport do you use?

The modes of transport included in our tours have been chosen with variety, comfort and enjoyment in mind. On tour, you may travel by coach, boat, train, plane and even rickshaw, all of which will give you a unique Asia travel experience.



International flights: All of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery and Deluxe Group Tours include international flights. Due to varied flight schedules, some tours may include overnight flights, and some passengers may arrive or depart on different days of the tour.

Domestic flights: Internal flights on tour are based on economy class with reputable airlines. Please note that flight schedules, delays and stopovers are outside of the control of Wendy Wu Tours, however we will do our best to ensure the smooth running of your tour in case of any delays.



Road: All coach travel is in comfortable, air conditioned vehicles. Generally there are no toilets on board the coaches; however we take regular comfort stops when possible.



Boats: Some tours include a cruise as part of the sightseeing. Depending on the location, the type and size of the boat used will vary. On Yangtze River cruise vessels we use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies.



Rail: All overnight train journeys use four berth, soft-sleeper cabins. Due to booking regulations in China, sole use of overnight sleeper compartments is not available. We will always endeavour to keep group members together in the same compartment; however, there may be times when this is not possible. In these circumstances, you may find yourself sharing with other travellers. Shared cabins may combine male and female travellers. Facilities on board are basic with both western and Asian-style toilets. A 2nd-class soft seat is booked for daytime journeys by train, including bullet trains and high speed trains. There is limited space for storing luggage. While our guides are there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the train. Day trains only stop for several minutes at each stop, so you must be ready to leave the train when your guide instructs.

ON TOUR

Q. Will I have a guide?

A. Group Tours: Every group tour that has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from the moment you exit the airport, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, a different National Escort is used in each country. Extensions and stopovers are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted.

Independent Travel: Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Please see pages 10-11 for further information on our guides.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. All tours are guaranteed at the listed price operating with a National Escort, providing a minimum of 10 travellers are booked to travel on that departure.

Q. Who will be in my group?

A. Your group will be made up of travellers from diverse backgrounds and will be varied in age. Our groups generally mix well due to a shared interest in travel and eagerness to explore all that Asia has to offer.

Q. I am a solo traveller – do I have to pay a single supplement?

A. At Wendy Wu Tours we understand that some solo travellers would happily share a room on tour to avoid paying an additional supplement. If you are a solo traveller who is willing to share and you book outside of 75 days prior to departure, Wendy Wu Tours will match you up with another solo traveller of the same gender on your tour and neither of you will pay the Single Hotel Room Option. If we are unable to find another solo traveller who is willing to share, we will waive the Single Hotel Room Option. If you are a solo traveller and prefer to have a private room during your group tour, you can pay a Single Hotel Room Option. This covers hotel nights only. Separate supplements apply on cruise nights. Please contact us for further details.

****Yangtze River Cruise:** If you are a solo traveller and your tour includes a Yangtze River cruise, an additional Single Cruise Cabin Option applies and we highly recommend this option to secure your own single cabin. However, if you do opt to share a cabin, you may be matched up with any other passenger on board, possibly of the opposite gender.

****Deluxe Tours:** Please note willing to share is not available on our Deluxe Tours and a Single Supplement applies for all solo travellers.

Q. When is the best time to visit China?

A. China is a year-round destination. Spring (March to May) and autumn (September to

November) are the most popular months to visit. June and August, at either end of summer are also good travel periods. Mid-summer (July) is hot and humid, however our coaches are air conditioned and areas at higher altitude can be quite pleasant. Winter (December to February) can be very cold and many parts of the country will see snow. See page 129 for detailed climate information.

Q. When are Chinese public holidays?

A. Chinese New Year is on 28th January 2017 and 16 February 2018. Golden Week public holidays fall annually between 1-3 May and 1-7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time some businesses will be closed and coach, air and train travel may be affected. Tourist attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

Q. What should I expect when travelling in Asia with Wendy Wu?

A. We plan our tours to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Overseas travel brings new experiences and varied environments and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guide.

ON TOUR

Q. Are there ever closures to attractions/sites outlined in tours?

A. Certain attractions may be closed by the Chinese government authorities at any given time, often without reasonable notice. Such closures may impact the ability to visit such attractions during your tour. Wendy Wu Tours will do their utmost to provide advance notice in these circumstances, however such closures are out of our control. Alternative touring will be arranged should this occur.

The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.

Q. Is Tipping Compulsory?

A. Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry in Asia. Due to pricing regulations in Australia, a nominated tipping amount is included in all group tour pricing, however it is not collected in your final payment received by Wendy Wu Tours. This is so that it can be paid directly to your National Escort who will then distribute the tips among your main service providers – guides and drivers – on your behalf. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants, hotel porters or river guides is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for requested additional services. For tours which include a Yangtze River cruise, tipping will need to be paid in Chinese Yuan (RMB). For the Cities of the Orient tour, which travels to Hong Kong, tipping is paid in Chinese Yuan and Hong Kong Dollars. The final tipping amounts in each currency will be outlined in your final documentation.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours and welcome children aged 8 years and over on our In Pursuit of Pandas tour on pages 16-17. For families travelling with children, our Private Tours or Independent Travel packages offer greater flexibility and are suitable for any age group.

Q. What is the daily tour schedule?

A. Timings vary from group to group and are dependent on local conditions. Your guide will provide you with daily updates.

Q. Are meals included?

A. On our Fully Inclusive Classic Group Tours, all meals (excluding beverages) are included unless specifically stated otherwise. Discovering new cuisine is a highlight of travel to Asia and your Local Guide will give you tips on local specialties to try. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants. In remote areas, some meals may be basic or repetitive. On Independent Private Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours, some meals are included however we have also included several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Please check your day-by-day tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?

A. From time to time your National Escort or Local Guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on time available and local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from RMB100 to 400 per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion. See your tour dossier for further details.

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on tour?

A. China has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain; from hand-carved jade to local silk

products or pearls from the South China Sea. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

Q. How close can I get to the Giant Pandas?

A. If your tour includes a visit to see Giant Pandas, you will usually get close enough for a good photo opportunity.

**We Care**

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. We are determined to ensure your experience is hassle free and our 'We Care' programme strives to ensure just that. We are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. These audits are carried out by staff members, ground partners and our health and safety consultants to ensure that high standards are maintained.

Global Support

Our tours would not be as successful as they are without our solid working relationship with our local partners in Tibet, Mongolia, Central Asia, Vietnam, Nepal, Hong Kong and Singapore, as well as the professionalism of our own offices in Sydney, China, London and New York. With years of experience operating tours throughout their respective areas, you can be assured that their local knowledge in operations, touring, guides and transport means our tours operate efficiently and smoothly. In addition, they ensure that Wendy Wu tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. Our local partners have an experienced team dedicated to the provision of personal service to all Wendy Wu customers throughout their network of local offices.



CHINA FOR ALL SEASONS

Our tours cover the length and breadth of China. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country.

BEIJING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-9	2	3
Feb	-6	5	5
Mar	0	12	8
Apr	8	20	21
May	14	26	34
Jun	19	30	78
Jul	22	31	185
Aug	21	30	160
Sep	15	26	46
Oct	8	19	22
Nov	0	10	7
Dec	-6	4	3

SHANGHAI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	1	8	76
Feb	2	8	44
Mar	5	13	118
Apr	11	19	63
May	16	24	85
Jun	20	27	212
Jul	25	32	142
Aug	25	32	230
Sep	21	27	76
Oct	15	22	64
Nov	9	17	43
Dec	2	11	34

Beijing

Beijing's climate, like the city itself, is ever changing. Winter is cold, but with crisp blue skies and fewer visitors, this makes it an ideal time to travel. Spring and autumn are warmer, with cloudier skies.

Shanghai

Shanghai's weather can be split into four distinct seasons – a warm spring, a hot and rainy summer, cooler weather in autumn and a cold winter. Being next to the sea, Shanghai experiences more rain than the rest of China.

XIAN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-4	5	7
Feb	-1	8	10
Mar	4	14	29
Apr	10	21	43
May	14	26	60
Jun	19	31	54
Jul	22	32	99
Aug	21	31	71
Sep	16	25	92
Oct	10	20	60
Nov	3	12	24
Dec	-3	6	6

CHENGDU			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	3	9	8
Feb	5	11	12
Mar	8	16	20
Apr	13	22	44
May	17	26	79
Jun	21	28	107
Jul	22	30	225
Aug	22	30	201
Sep	19	26	119
Oct	15	21	35
Nov	10	16	16
Dec	5	11	5

Xian

Xian experiences a hot and rainy summer, a cold, clear and dry winter, and short rain showers throughout spring and autumn. Xian's weather is generally pleasant year round.

Chengdu

Chengdu's weather is characteristically foggy and humid, with a long and warm spring; a short and hot summer, a cool autumn and a cold winter. July and August are the rainiest months.

GUILIN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	5	12	63
Feb	7	13	97
Mar	10	16	137
Apr	16	23	247
May	20	27	352
Jun	23	30	347
Jul	25	33	231
Aug	25	33	173
Sep	22	30	82
Oct	17	27	86
Nov	12	20	64
Dec	7	15	43

KUNMING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	2	15	16
Feb	4	17	16
Mar	6	21	20
Apr	10	24	24
May	14	24	97
Jun	17	24	181
Jul	17	24	202
Aug	16	24	204
Sep	15	23	119
Oct	12	20	79
Nov	7	17	42
Dec	3	15	12

Guilin

Guilin's southern location blesses it with mild weather on average. Spring is hot, while summer is rainy, humid and foggy. Autumn is cool and pleasant, and winter can be breezy with occasional drizzle.

Kunming

Kunming justly lives up to its name as the 'Spring City' of China – with weather like spring most of the year, it rarely experiences cold winters or the extreme heat of summer.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong's subtropical location means it experiences pleasant temperatures year round. Spring is warm and humid, summer is hot and rainy, autumn is sunny and clear, and winter is cooler and dry.

Lhasa, Tibet

Generally Lhasa has two seasons – the dry season and wet season. Most of the annual rainfall occurs between June and September. From April to October, the climate becomes mild, so this is the best time to visit.

HONG KONG			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	14	19	23
Feb	14	19	48
Mar	17	21	67
Apr	20	25	162
May	24	29	317
Jun	27	30	376
Jul	27	32	324
Aug	26	31	301
Sep	26	30	300
Oct	23	28	145
Nov	19	24	35
Dec	15	21	27

LHASA			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-10	7	0.5
Feb	-7	9	0.7
Mar	-3	12	2
Apr	1	15	5
May	5	19	27
Jun	9	23	72
Jul	10	22	119
Aug	9	21	123
Sep	7	20	58
Oct	1	16	10
Nov	-5	11	2
Dec	-9	8	1

BOOKING YOUR TOUR

Planning your holiday should be simple, straightforward and most importantly, exciting! Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you every step of the way; from initial planning to booking, right through until your return home.

BOOKING MADE EASY

1. Choose your experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- **Fully Inclusive Classic Group Tours**
- **Discovery Tours**
- **Deluxe Tours**
- **Flexible Private Tours**
- **Bespoke Tailor-Made Holidays**

Still not sure? Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your booking arrangements are confirmed, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the Booking Conditions at the back of the brochure.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 75 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

Regional flights and upgrades

We work with a network of preferred partner airlines between Australia and Asia providing the best connecting routes for ease and comfort.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and more legroom, you can choose to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class. Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip. Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to discuss upgrade options.

Stopovers & Extensions

Why not take the opportunity to enhance your travel experience by adding in a stopover? World class destinations such as Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore are all stopover options between Australia and mainland China. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip or for convenience we have already pre-packaged the best of these stopover cities. For inspiration for these cities see pages 116-122.

If you wish to stay longer in Shanghai, Beijing or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



Thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.



■ Loyalty discount

After completing your tour, we hope that you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family and a loyal customer, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Deluxe and Discovery group tours and are not applicable for tailor-made itineraries, independent travel or special groups.

■ Refer a friend

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please refer to our website for further details.

■ Subscribe

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■ Keep in touch

As a loyal customer, you will enjoy other benefits including a subscription to our quarterly magazine, Chinese Whispers, notification of specials and updates on new tours. Keep in touch with Wendy Wu Tours by 'liking' our Facebook page, and by following us on Twitter and Instagram.

Conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT Prices are subject to airline availability at the time of booking. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket re-issue fees.

Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

- All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
- All persons travelling on a Fully Independent Tour are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen itinerary.
- All parties acknowledge the physical demands and hazards involved in the tour they will be undertaking and have chosen to participate at their own risk.
- All parties understand that any medical or dietary information provided to Wendy Wu Tours does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if a particular condition exacerbates while on tour or affects their ability to participate in any portion of the tour.

BALANCE OF PAYMENT The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than \$30 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (eg: airfare portion) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

LATE BOOKINGS Bookings made less than 75 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of no less than \$30 per booking which is payable along with the final payment. Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Bookings made less than 40 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of \$50 per booking and must be paid along with the final payment at the time of booking. These bookings may also incur additional fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

FEES AND CHARGES All Fully Inclusive Classic Tour, Discovery Tour and Deluxe Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs plus a Breakaway Fee of \$100 per person. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost and are not covered by the Breakaway Fee.

AIRLINE FUEL LEVY SURCHARGE Since 2004 all airlines servicing flights to Asia have been charging a fuel levy surcharge, on top of the normal airline ticket price, in order to cover the increased cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount the airlines charge for this levy. At time of pricing Cathay Pacific Airways fuel surcharge is included in the cost of the fare, however this is subject to change. This amount is detailed against every tour featured in this brochure where applicable and will also be advised to you at the time of your booking and is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES The following fees will apply: Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased - \$25 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee).

Amendments within 30 days of departure – \$50 per change.

Transferring between tours (outside 75 days) – \$100 per person plus any additional amendment costs that may be applicable. Transfer fees must be paid at the time of change.

Transferring between tours (within 75 days) – See 'Cancellation by Customer' for applicable fees and details.

Reissue of airline tickets – From \$100 per person (other fees may apply).

Bookings of only 3 nights accommodation or less – \$30 per booking.

Rail tickets and passes only – \$50 per booking.

Once a booking is confirmed name transfers are not permitted as this will be regarded as a cancellation.

CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline tickets are issued, 100% of the airfare.
2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees.
3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
5. 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
6. Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees including visa, transfer fees, fuel surcharge and any other airline cancellation fees and any applicable amendment fees. Regrettably cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas

company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost. If a tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS & PICTURES Hotel descriptions featured in this brochure are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers and contractual agreements. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. All customers are given a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with their quote or deposit documents. All customers will also receive a link to the Pre-Registration Form once a deposit has been received on file. Customers must specify any medical/dietary conditions that fit the criteria set out on the Pre-Registration Form and submit this to our office. All customers should visit their doctor for these aforementioned purposes and/or to confirm that they are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Should any ailments either exist at the time of booking, or arise before their departure from Australia, the customer must inform Wendy Wu Tours in writing.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours. Non-Australian passport holders will incur additional fees. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure, the customer will be required to pay a late processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately two weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. If you choose to process your own visa, you are responsible for the accuracy and timely processing of the visa. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for errors or delays in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability.

CONSULAR ADVICE We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135, or by visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 75 days prior to departure, single travellers on Fully Inclusive Classic Tours and Discovery Tours may avoid paying the Single Hotel Room Option by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match a single traveller with another single traveller of the same gender. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at all hotel accommodation and waive the Single Hotel Room Option. Single Cruise Cabin Option fees are applicable for any cruise component and cannot be waived. Due to rail booking regulations, sole use of overnight soft sleeper compartments on rail journeys is no longer available on group tours in China. The 'willing to share' option is not available on Deluxe Tours.

TIPPING Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry today and China is no exception. The nominated tipping amount is to be given to your National Escort/Local Guide at the beginning of your group tour upon arrival at your destination and they will do all necessary tipping on your behalf throughout your tour. Participation in the tipping scheme is a necessary component of travelling on our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours. The amount payable for each group tour is shown in the tour price based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling. Wendy Wu Tours will advise the exact amount required per person in each currency in your final documentation. Tipping amounts will

range from RMB320 to RMB1340 per person based on the tour itinerary and length and are subject to change at any time. Victoria Cruises, Century Cruises and President Cruises have a compulsory service levy which is paid in Chinese Yuan (RMB) immediately upon boarding the cruise. The amount payable is included in the package price for group tours and independent itineraries which include a cruise. Tipping for independent travel is not compulsory and is at the customers' own discretion. However, independent guides and drivers do expect a tip where good service has been provided and as such we will provide you with appropriate estimates based on the duration of your arrangements.

SHOPPING Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion.

RESPONSIBILITY Wendy Wu Tours (hereafter called the Company) acts as a co-ordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodation. The Company does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided. The Company acts only as an agent for the owners, contractors and suppliers of transportation and/or other related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to baggage or property or for any injury, illness or death or for any damages or claims whatsoever caused arising directly or indirectly from accidents, loss, theft or damage to person or property, delays, transport failure, strikes, wars and uprisings or acts of God etc. over which the Company has no control. We strongly urge all customers to undertake a high level of personal responsibility in order to ensure that possessions, equipment and personal documents are closely monitored and protected at all times.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in the destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising for injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS

At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@wendywu.com.au) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim.

Our complaints handling policy is available on our website wendywu.com.au or upon request.

AIRLINES Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. For details, contact our office. Due to scheduling, airlines can downgrade at any given time. It is at the discretion of the airline to what compensation will be offered. Please retain your boarding pass and forward through to Wendy Wu Tours on your return to enable us to approach the airline on your behalf for any compensation. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information which may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy which can be viewed at wendywu.com.au.

BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 14 July 2016. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tipping, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond their control.

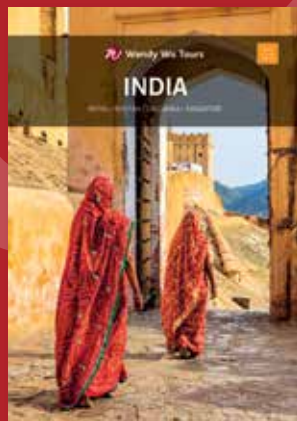
AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other clauses in these Booking Conditions.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in operator land costs, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of particular group tours. For these reasons, it is essential that the agent/customer reconfirms all arrangements at the time of booking and prior to paying the final payment.

WHY BOOK WITH WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 21 years' operating tours to Asia
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours, Deluxe Tours, private and tailor-made holidays
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Exciting epic journeys and unique, rarely visited destinations
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