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A curated collection of Escorted Tours and Tailor-Made Holidays

Welcome to our China and beyond brochure for 2020-2021!

It is once again packed with pioneering tours exploring the many wonders of China and its neighbouring regions, to ensure we provide our customers with a wide range of touring options. We have created itineraries that will inspire you, connect you and most of all fulfil your travel dreams into reality. We are proud to introduce a range of new tours and experiences that showcase all the iconic sights but also highlight the heart and depth of each region; explore South Korea, Taiwan and Russia like never before!

In addition, our new Flexible Tours provide you with the perfect combination of scheduled 'must see' sites and flexible 'free time' allowing you to truly travel your way. By travelling with us you are safe in the knowledge that, over the past 25 years, we've mastered the art of creating tours that balances sightseeing with local experiences, providing you with the perfect overview of your destination. Throw in the exceptional value of our inclusions, the expertise of our team and the host of fantastic guides we have waiting to show you their homeland, and you've got an extraordinary adventure!

We look forward to welcoming you on tour soon and delighting you across our China and beyond programs, the Wendy Wu way.

Happy Travels!



Wendy Wu
Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

Vibrant Beijing

Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the full experience. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in-depth and see sights not often witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows you to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience.

FLEXIBLE

Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more.

SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide as you discover the sights, enjoy cultural experiences and partake in group activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants and 'money can't buy' experiences. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you.

TAILOR-MADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility of when to travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

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Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

China is a colossal nation of unrivalled history, incredible sights and fascinating culture. We have the expertise to cover every inch of this extraordinary land; here are some of our favourite destinations.

WENDY'S TOP 8 CHINA SIGHTS

1 BEIJING

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



2 XIAN

Xian is best known for the Terracotta Warriors. With its illustrious past and rich history, it's a must-see and is on most of our China tours.



3 SHANGHAI

Once known as 'Paris of the East', Shanghai is China's great metropolis where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples.



4 CHENGDU

The gateway to Sichuan province and the home of the cuddly giant panda. As we all love a giant panda, Chengdu appears on a number of our tours.



5 YANGTZE RIVER

China's vital waterway brings together a plethora of unmissable sights. A Yangtze River cruise is included on a number of our tours.



6 GUILIN

Cruise through the breathtaking landscapes of the Li River to vibrant Yangshuo. Both Guilin and Yangshuo are featured on a number of our tours.



7 LIJIANG

Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on some of our tours.



8 LHASA

Tibet's magical capital, a city on the roof of the world, Lhasa features on our Ultimate China, China & Tibet Discovery, Himalayan Adventure and Tibetan Wonders tours.





The Great Wall of China, Beijing

THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as Australia's leading Asia specialists, a reputation we've been building since 1994. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are founts of knowledge on all things Asia.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, transport and expert guides are all included.

COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether you're looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something off the beaten track, we've got a tour or Tailor-Made Holiday for you.

VISAS

Hassle-free visa process with expert guidance throughout and costs for Australian passport holders included in the tour price.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the past 25 years, building our local expertise and finding less-visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' on each of our tour pages.

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED GUIDES

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides, known as your 'National Escort', will make sure you don't miss a thing.

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit by introducing you to local specialties and delicacies at meal times.

SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS-accredited members of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents and have a wide network of local agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

PRIVATE GROUP SPECIALISTS

Do you have a unique interest you'd like to indulge with a group of fellow hobbyists? No problem, we can plan a host of exciting itineraries that will fulfill your groups wants and needs.

TIPPING MADE EASY

We will advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of it on your behalf.



Morning tai chi class, Shanghai

YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

It is our wish that every customer has an extraordinary experience on our programs; a place where memories of a lifetime are created. You can find your perfect holiday by selecting the various style of tour (page 2) as detailed for each itinerary and assessing the physical rating. We have also selected accommodation that suits and compliments, as well as providing flexibility to customise your trip for maximum enjoyment.

TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories. Take a look at our Go Beyond tours if you are looking for a holiday with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit your tour and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic and Solo group tours feature comfortable, locally rated three-star to four-star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On our Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more characterful or rustic accommodation, to suit the adventurous spirit of these tours. Our Exclusive Collection tours enjoy high-quality accommodation while, on a Tailor-Made Holiday, any style of accommodation is available; simply choose your perfect stay.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

Interested in exploring your destination further, stopping off en route or adding on some relaxation time? All you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 112) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our fantastic team of experts can help you create your very own extension, to any tour in this brochure!

PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Itinerary' available to download on the tour page of our website.

A reasonable level of fitness is required, but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

A Level 2 tour will involve a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

A Level 4 tour will feature similar physical activities but these may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



George Pu, National Escort

"My husband and I did the two week 'Glories of China' trip recently, and our National Escort was exceptional. George was with us for the whole two weeks, and he helped to make it the trip of a lifetime for us. By the end of our holiday George really felt more like a friend than a guide."

Catherine Prior

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

One of the unique features of our group tours is the inclusion of our National Escorts accompanying you throughout your tour.

Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will put you at ease and make you feel part of a family, navigating the joys and eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✓ Embody the Wendy Wu Tours philosophies of travel
- ✓ Are industry professionals with over 5 years' experience
- ✓ Are born and raised locally and are fluent in English
- ✓ Undertake holistic and ongoing comprehensive training
- ✓ Are at your service 24 hours a day



Have an opportunity to mix with locals in Lijiang, Yunnan province

All the must-see attractions

As Australia's leading touring experts, we're always thinking of new ways to create unique travel experiences that our customers will remember for life.

Our team works tirelessly to ensure our tours are designed to include the must-see sights – we're innovative, brave and will always strive to be extraordinary.

Simply put, we do the hard work, so you don't have to!



Forbidden City, Beijing

A SELECTION OF POPULAR CHINA TOURS

TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	GREAT WALL & FORBIDDEN CITY	TERRACOTTA WARRIORS	PANDAS	YANGTZE RIVER	SHANGHAI	GUILIN	YUNNAN
In Pursuit of Pandas	9	20	✓	✓	✓				
A China Experience	10	22	✓	✓			✓		
Glories of China	14	24	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Majestic Yangtze	14	26	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Captivating China (Solo)	14	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Wonders of China	16	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Cities of the Orient	16	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
China & Tibet Discovery	16	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Yunnan & Sichuan	17	36			✓				✓
Ancient China	18	38	✓	✓			✓		
Classic China	21	42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magnificent China	22	44	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dreams of Nature	23	64			✓	✓		✓	✓
Grand Tour of China	26	48	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
China: The Big One	28	94	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination, we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to.

TAI CHI

Many locals begin their days with an invigorating session of tai chi, and you can join them or learn some basic steps from a tai chi master.



BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI

Join the locals on their morning commute and stop to sample local breakfast delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.



HUTONGS TOUR

Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs by venturing down the old alleyways to reach one of the traditional houses, where you will be welcomed by a family into their home.

ERA SHOW

The ERA Show in Shanghai tells the story of China from humble beginnings to world power, with breathtaking special effects and incredible martial arts in one acrobatic extravaganza!

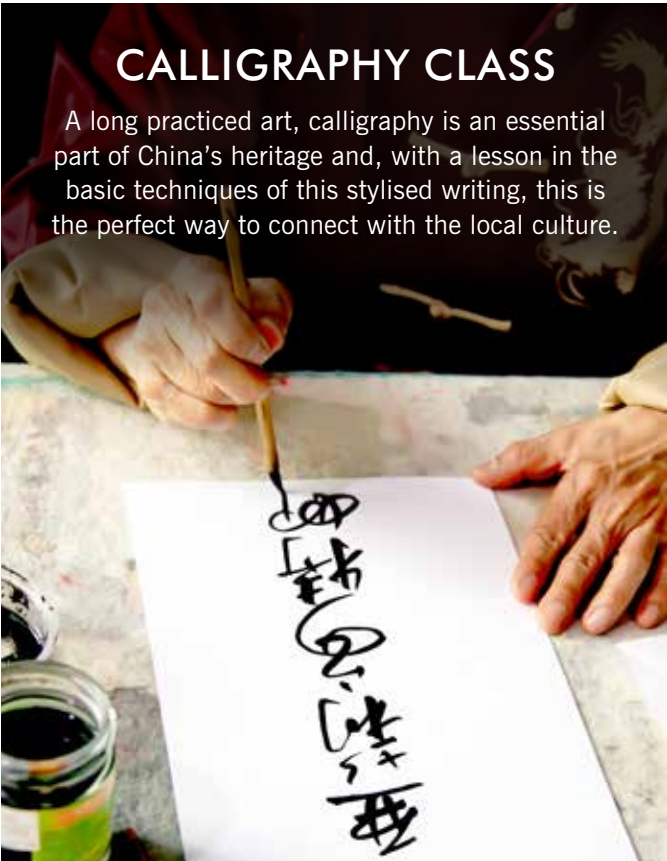


NAADAM FESTIVAL

Mingle with the locals and cheer on the competitors as you experience the colourful Naadam, Mongolia's annual festival featuring the 'Three Manly Skills' - archery, horse riding and wrestling.

CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

A long practiced art, calligraphy is an essential part of China's heritage and, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this stylised writing, this is the perfect way to connect with the local culture.



MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

Found in People's Parks across the country, Matchmaker's Corner is the place where parents search for love for their children – it's fascinatingly unique!


Our new and improved itineraries...

Here at Wendy Wu Tours, we are passionate about our destinations and as such, we are always striving to enhance, create and discover new and unexplored regions. It is at the heart of what we do and a fundamental reason behind our success over the last 25 years of touring. This year we've taken inspiration from the furthest regions of Asia and into Europe, setting our sights on the Caucasus (Eurasia), the Trans-Siberian Railway and into Russia. We hope you will be inspired by the charm of the people, their culture, history and diverse scenic beauty. As always, we have embedded the Wendy Wu style of touring across these new offerings.

We have also improved on our existing Central Asia ('The Stans') and Mongolia tours, regions we have been traversing for well over a decade...let us introduce you to:

THE 'STANS' (CENTRAL ASIA)

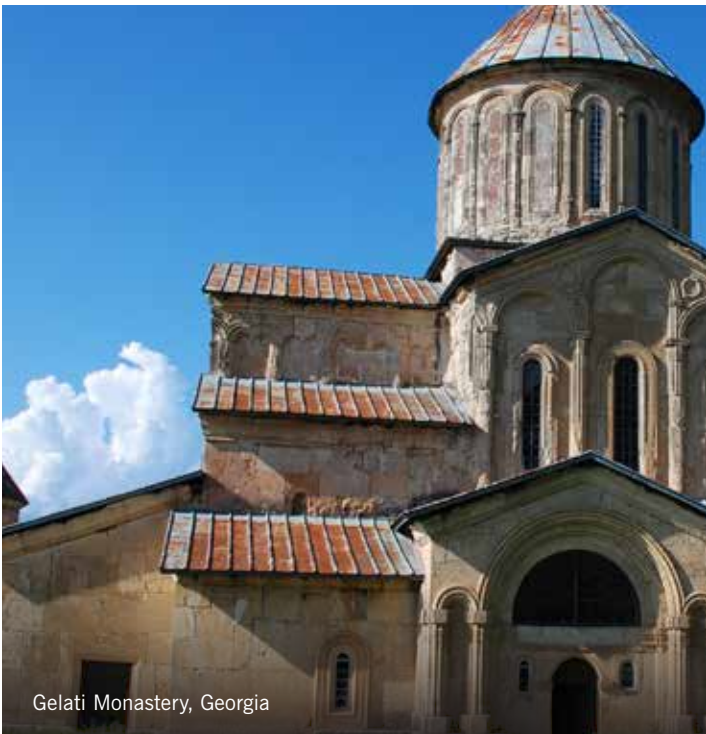
Nestled between Russia and China, the Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan make up an area known as 'The Stans'. Entwined with legends of the Silk Road, the ancient trading route on which goods, ideas, philosophies and religions moved between the east and the west, this is a land where mountains, deserts and steppe grassland dominate the landscapes. Here, beautiful blue domes and towering minarets watch over ancient cities and legendary names litter a rich history – Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, to name just a few. Venture here to experience the romance of a golden past, to explore ancient cities that have earned a place not only in history but in legends, and experience a beautiful, uncomplicated way of life unchanged for centuries. Explore them on our Journey Through Central Asia tour on page 78.



Samarkand, Uzbekistan

THE CAUCASUS (EURASIA)

Sandwiched between the shores of the Black and Caspian seas, the charming countries that encompass the Caucasus Mountains – Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan – have long been the focal point of powerful ancient empires. As the point where Europe and Asia meet, these lands have a varied and rich heritage amongst their spectacular mountains, lake and forest landscapes, best seen in the old stone watchtowers, ancient monasteries and vibrant cities that reside there. Considered the last unexplored wilderness on the edge of Europe, these three nations remain bastions of the old world, where life is uncomplicated and the welcome always warm, and are just begging to be explored! See them for yourself on our Eurasia Explorer tour on page 74.



Gelati Monastery, Georgia

RUSSIA

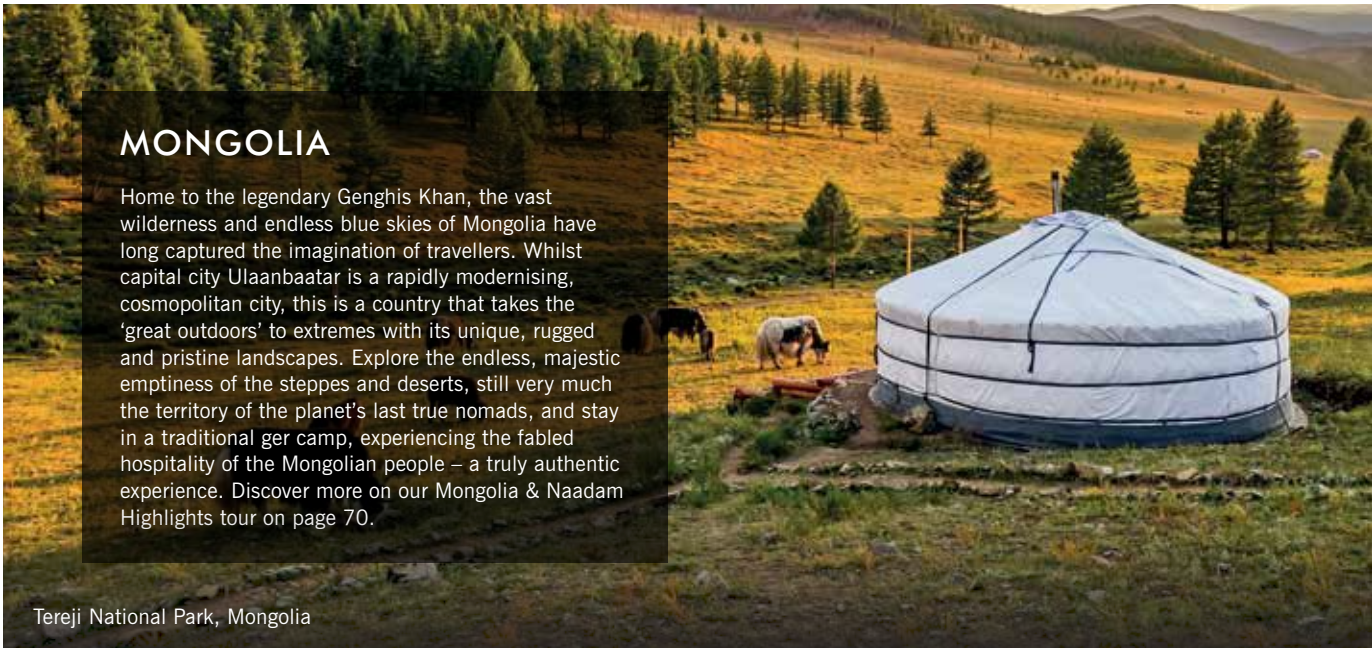
Russia, to many, is an enigma. Outside the opulent grandeur of Moscow and St Petersburg, where the fairytale palaces of the Tsars starkly contrast with the stone simplicity of the Soviet-era, it is easy to forget about the patchwork of people, religions and cultures that call it home. Here, the present fades to the background and old traditions and rural beauty shine through, giving a completely different vision. Tolstoy's weighty tomes may not appeal to everyone, but they say you should never judge a book by its cover. Explore it on our Classic Russia tour on page 54.



St Basils Cathedral & Red Square, Moscow

MONGOLIA

Home to the legendary Genghis Khan, the vast wilderness and endless blue skies of Mongolia have long captured the imagination of travellers. Whilst capital city Ulaanbaatar is a rapidly modernising, cosmopolitan city, this is a country that takes the 'great outdoors' to extremes with its unique, rugged and pristine landscapes. Explore the endless, majestic emptiness of the steppes and deserts, still very much the territory of the planet's last true nomads, and stay in a traditional ger camp, experiencing the fabled hospitality of the Mongolian people – a truly authentic experience. Discover more on our Mongolia & Naadam Highlights tour on page 70.



Tereji National Park, Mongolia

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

It's the ultimate journey of a lifetime for many, travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway harkens back to a golden age when travel was slow and rewarding. Crossing seven time zones and around one third of the earth's surface, the train winds its way from the rich history of Beijing, through the vast Mongolian steppe, where the nomadic lifestyle still reigns supreme, and into Russia where the endless horizon of Siberia awaits. After weeks in the wilderness, the bustle and extravagance of Moscow and St Petersburg bring the epic adventure to a cultural conclusion! Find out more about our Trans-Siberian Railway tour on page 76.



Lake Baikal, Russia

Discover Central Asia, Eurasia & Russia with Wendy Wu Tours

Central Asia's dramatic landscapes are entwined with the legend of the Silk Road; the cross-roads for the movement of people, goods and ideas between Asia and Europe. Its culture, people and landscapes a hybrid of these historical influences. Russia; a land of incredibly rich culture, boasting literary, artistic and musical greats, not to mention world-class sights. Its no wonder these incredible destinations are a beacon for travellers looking for a new adventure. We trust that you will discover yours across our new programs.

WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA, RUSSIA & EUROASIA'S SIGHTS

1 ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL

The famous onion-domed, candy-coloured cathedral, an icon of Moscow, looks like it belongs in a story book. Step into the fairy tale yourself on our Classic Russia tour (page 54).



2 THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

The beautifully ornate heart of exotic Samarkand, explore the Registan, this legendary city's central square. See this majestic gem on the Road to Samarkand tour (page 72).



3 PETERHOF GARDENS

Grand and opulent, Peterhof Palace and Gardens reflect the exquisite tastes of Peter the Great. Enjoy walking amongst the marvellous sculptures, fountains and flowers on our Classic Russia tour (page 54).



4 FERGANA VALLEY MARKET

Chat with the locals at this traditional bazaar as you peruse the many colourful wares, from silk to ceramics to local breads as part of our Road to Samarkand tour (page 72).



5 GOLDEN EAGLES

Watch a demonstration of golden eagle hunting, an age-old tradition from the endless steppes of Kyrgyzstan, on our Journey Through Central Asia tour (page 78).



6 MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular alpine-like scenery on our Eurasia Explorer tour (page 74).



7 DARVAZA GAS CRATER

A magical sight, the gas crater is known as the 'Gates of Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey Through Central Asia tour (page 78).



8 TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

A journey of epic proportions, the longest railway in the world stretches across continents. Undertake this once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Beijing to St Petersburg on our Trans-Siberian Railway tour (page 76).



CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy
airfares & taxes



3*plus – 4*
accommodation



All
meals



Flights, guides,
transportation &
sightseeing



Visa for Australian
passport holders

These meticulously designed journeys are perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully inclusive tour that are fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of, you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

On a Classic tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals and, if you need them, your visas too! Travelling with a maximum group size of 28 travellers, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy.

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include

a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole, delicious range of the destination's best eats.

EXPERT GUIDES

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic to truly unforgettable.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, you will see less-visited places, giving you a more authentic experience of the culture and the chance to meet the friendly locals. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of the cultural encounters on offer.

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$3,280 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Feast on Peking duck
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel on the bullet train
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play



See the pandas of Dujiangyan Panda Base, Chengdu

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy down-time in a Beijing park

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven in Beijing to soak up the beautiful surroundings and mingle with the local people who gather here daily to exercise, socialise, play cards and relax – you can even take part in a group dance session!
- Enjoy one of Beijing's must-see shows, a Chinese acrobatic spectacular featuring many forms of dramatic arts such as contortionism, juggling and plate spinning and full of edge-of-your-seat action.
- At the heart of Sichuan province, the native land of the giant panda, visit the excellent Dujiangyan Panda Base where you'll learn all about China's iconic bear, the conservation projects in action to increase their numbers and, of course, see these beautiful animals for yourself.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

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, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into 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 and mingle with the locals. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before deciding on an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles 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 and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. Also included is a visit to a jade factory. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 4: XIAN CITY WALLS

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. Tonight, enjoy 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 and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and perhaps buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province.

DAY 6: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

This morning visit Dujiangyan Panda Base for your first panda encounter! Located 1.5 hours outside of Chengdu, this centre is dedicated to the study of disease control and the rescue of wild pandas – the perfect place to gain insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of these endangered species. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.



Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing



Walk the Great Wall, Beijing

DAY 7: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Your second panda experience will take place at Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, located right in the city. An education centre and breeding facility, where you'll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of bamboo, sleep and play and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Back in Chengdu, enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

DAYS 8- 9: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Gaze at the Terracotta Army in Xian

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the imperial treasures of historical Beijing, then journey through atmospheric Xian with its Terracotta Warriors to reach the charming city of Chengdu, where you will see the captivating giant pandas, not once, but twice!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

02 Mar - 10 Mar	\$3,280	10 Aug - 18 Aug	\$3,380
16 Mar - 24 Mar	\$3,980	31 Aug - 08 Sep	\$3,680
06 Apr - 14 Apr	\$3,980	07 Sep - 15 Sep	\$3,680
20 Apr - 28 Apr	\$3,980	21 Sep - 29 Sep	\$4,180
04 May - 12 May	\$3,980	05 Oct - 13 Oct	\$4,180
11 May - 19 May	\$3,980	19 Oct - 27 Oct	\$3,980
18 May - 26 May	\$3,980	16 Nov - 24 Nov	\$3,280
13 Jul - 21 Jul	\$3,980	24 Dec - 03 Jan*	\$4,480

2021 DATES

22 Feb - 02 Mar	\$3,480	09 Aug - 17 Aug	\$4,180
08 Mar - 16 Mar	\$3,480	06 Sep - 14 Sep	\$3,580
15 Mar - 23 Mar	\$3,480	13 Sep - 21 Sep	\$3,880
05 Apr - 13 Apr	\$4,180	20 Sep - 28 Sep	\$3,880
12 Apr - 20 Apr	\$4,180	18 Oct - 26 Oct	\$4,380
19 Apr - 27 Apr	\$4,180	25 Oct - 02 Nov	\$4,380
10 May - 18 May	\$4,180	08 Nov - 16 Nov	\$4,180
17 May - 25 May	\$4,180	15 Nov - 23 Nov	\$3,880
14 Jun - 22 Jun	\$4,180	24 Dec - 03 Jan*	\$4,680
12 Jul - 20 Jul	\$4,180		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Chengdu) 8 days from \$2,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$465

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 2 September 2019, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

*Special Christmas departure (11 day itinerary)

Please note optional activities are at your own expense and payable in country.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 320pp (AU\$67pp) is paid locally in China.

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

- 10 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$3,460 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Find the past in Zhujiajiao
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore hutongs in Beijing
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Learn about jade, the sacred stone

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Jade has long been a sacred stone to the Chinese people, bringing fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a jade factory where you can learn more about its origins, its importance and how it is crafted.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dancing.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.



Chinese lanterns, Beijing

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: 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 Garden, the Silk Factory and a stop in the old town. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner tonight will be traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 3: 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 visit the Shanghai Museum and explore People's Square. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 4: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This afternoon take a visit to the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda and spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

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 horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Then, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda, Xian



Nanjing Road shopping street, Shanghai



See the famous Terracotta Army, Xian

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historic capital city. After dinner, there is an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

DAY 7: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square 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. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they spend their afternoon practising tai chi, dancing and playing cards. Enjoy a walk through the traditional hutongs, where the narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of old Beijing. Meet a local family and learn first-hand about hutong life.

DAY 8: THE 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. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through 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 most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

DAYS 9-10: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This introductory tour offers a glimpse of China's glorious past, fascinating present and bright future. Visit the contrasting cities of Xian, Beijing and Shanghai. The pace is full on, but well worth it.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
02 Feb - 11 Feb	\$3,460	21 Jun - 30 Jun	\$4,180
01 Mar - 10 Mar	\$3,460	12 Jul - 21 Jul	\$4,180
15 Mar - 24 Mar	\$4,080	09 Aug - 18 Aug	\$4,180
22 Mar - 31 Mar	\$4,080	23 Aug - 01 Sep	\$3,980
29 Mar - 07 Apr	\$4,080	06 Sep - 15 Sep	\$3,980
05 Apr - 14 Apr	\$4,380	13 Sep - 22 Sep	\$4,180
12 Apr - 21 Apr	\$4,380	20 Sep - 29 Sep	\$4,180
26 Apr - 05 May	\$4,380	04 Oct - 13 Oct	\$4,180
03 May - 12 May	\$4,380	11 Oct - 20 Oct	\$4,180
10 May - 19 May	\$4,380	18 Oct - 27 Oct	\$3,980
17 May - 26 May	\$4,380	15 Nov - 24 Nov	\$3,980
24 May - 02 Jun	\$4,380	22 Nov - 01 Dec	\$3,460
31 May - 09 Jun	\$4,180		
2021 DATES			
21 Feb - 02 Mar	\$3,660	30 May - 08 Jun	\$4,380
28 Feb - 09 Mar	\$3,660	06 Jun - 15 Jun	\$4,380
07 Mar - 16 Mar	\$3,660	20 Jun - 29 Jun	\$4,380
14 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,280	11 Jul - 20 Jul	\$4,380
21 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,280	08 Aug - 17 Aug	\$4,480
28 Mar - 06 Apr	\$4,280	05 Sep - 14 Sep	\$4,180
04 Apr - 13 Apr	\$4,580	12 Sep - 21 Sep	\$4,380
11 Apr - 20 Apr	\$4,580	19 Sep - 28 Sep	\$4,380
18 Apr - 27 Apr	\$4,580	26 Sep - 05 Oct	\$4,380
25 Apr - 04 May	\$4,580	10 Oct - 19 Oct	\$4,380
09 May - 18 May	\$4,580	17 Oct - 26 Oct	\$4,180
16 May - 25 May	\$4,580	14 Nov - 23 Nov	\$4,180
23 May - 01 Jun	\$4,580	21 Nov - 30 Nov	\$3,660

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai - Beijing) 9 days from \$2,330 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$505

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 400pp (AU\$83pp) is paid locally in China.

GLORIES OF CHINA

- 14 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$4,480 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cruise the tranquil Li River
- ✓ Explore friendly Yangshuo
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover the Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See Terracotta Army replicas being made

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- In Xian, visit a busy workshop where craftsmen create replicas of the famous Terracotta Army and watch them going about their age-old craft with astonishing speed and dexterity.
- Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of tai chi – do the same in a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.



See Shanghai's futuristic skyline

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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 the classical Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit a silk factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns and explore its many charms. Return to Shanghai to see the antiquities of the Shanghai Museum before admiring magnificent architecture with a stroll along the Bund.

DAY 4: GUILIN

Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. Enjoy a stroll through the Seven Star Park and explore the spectacular formations of the Seven Star Cave.

DAY 5: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town 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. This evening there is an option to watch the spectacular Impression Liu Sanjie music and light show.

DAY 6: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking.

DAY 7: CORMORANT FISHERMAN

Return to Guilin. En route, stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. Visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer.

DAY 8: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively 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, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.



Stop for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman, Yangshuo

DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

DAY 11: THE 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 the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.



Visit the Forbidden City, Beijing

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 and mingle with the locals. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll 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, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from \$525pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$400pp twin share

Visit page 112 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

GLORIES OF CHINA

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the extraordinary karst landscapes of the Li River and Guilin as well as enjoying the highlights of China, including the urban splendour of Shanghai, Beijing and Xian on this popular tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

23 Feb - 07 Mar	\$4,480	23 Aug - 05 Sep	\$5,080
08 Mar - 21 Mar	\$4,480	04 Sep - 17 Sep	\$5,080
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$5,080	06 Sep - 19 Sep	\$5,080
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$5,080	11 Sep - 24 Sep	\$5,080
12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$5,480	13 Sep - 26 Sep	\$5,580
26 Apr - 09 May	\$5,480	18 Sep - 01 Oct	\$5,580
03 May - 16 May	\$5,580	20 Sep - 03 Oct	\$5,580
10 May - 23 May	\$5,580	04 Oct - 17 Oct	\$5,580
17 May - 30 May	\$5,580	09 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,580
24 May - 06 Jun	\$5,580	11 Oct - 24 Oct	\$5,080
21 Jun - 04 Jul	\$5,580	18 Oct - 31 Oct	\$4,580
19 Jul - 01 Aug	\$5,080	25 Oct - 07 Nov	\$4,580
09 Aug - 22 Aug	\$5,080	15 Nov - 28 Nov	\$4,580

2021 DATES

28 Feb - 13 Mar	\$4,780	18 Jul - 31 Jul	\$5,380
07 Mar - 20 Mar	\$4,870	15 Aug - 28 Aug	\$5,380
21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$5,380	05 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,380
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$5,380	12 Sep - 25 Sep	\$5,380
11 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,780	19 Sep - 02 Oct	\$5,880
18 Apr - 01 May	\$5,780	26 Sep - 09 Oct	\$5,880
25 Apr - 08 May	\$5,780	10 Oct - 23 Oct	\$5,380
09 May - 22 May	\$5,880	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,880
16 May - 29 May	\$5,880	24 Oct - 06 Nov	\$4,880
23 May - 05 Jun	\$5,880	07 Nov - 20 Nov	\$4,880
20 Jun - 03 Jul	\$5,880		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai - Beijing) 13 days from \$3,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$650

Important note

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Please note optional activities are at your own expense and payable in country.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 450pp (AU\$94pp) is paid locally in China.

MAJESTIC YANGTZE

- 14 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$4,580 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Four night Yangtze cruise
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Discover ancient Ciqikou

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Savour the local cuisine

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Tuck into a delicious feast of Beijing's best known dish, Peking duck, a food that offers a true taste of imperial China and a long-time favourite of locals and visitors alike!
- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dance.



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: 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 classical Yu Garden, a stop in the old town and learning about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold, Shanghai is unlike any other city in the world. Tonight, sample some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 3: MODERN PUDONG

Take the morning to see the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area of the city with its sci-fi skyscrapers. Later, fly to Wuhan and travel by coach to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 4-6: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 7: HISTORICAL CIQIKOU

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, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

DAY 8: PANDAS

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which 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. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

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 and horses. Then visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and even buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then join the optional tour to see Xian lit up at night.



Explore the delights of Shanghai

DAY 10: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Today, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city.

DAY 11: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, 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 end the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

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DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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Walk on the Great Wall, Beijing

MAJESTIC YANGTZE

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PHYSICAL RATING



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One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing and as well as the unforgettable giant pandas of Chengdu.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

06 Mar - 19 Mar	\$5,180	21 May - 03 Jun	\$5,280	10 Sep - 23 Sep	\$5,480
17 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,180	26 May - 08 Jun	\$5,280	15 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,580
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$5,180	02 Jun - 15 Jun	\$5,480	17 Sep - 30 Sep	\$5,580
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$5,480	16 Jun - 29 Jun	\$5,480	22 Sep - 05 Oct	\$5,780
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30 Apr - 13 May	\$5,480	18 Aug - 31 Aug	\$5,180	13 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,480
05 May - 18 May	\$5,280	25 Aug - 07 Sep	\$5,180	15 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,280
07 May - 20 May	\$5,280	27 Aug - 09 Sep	\$4,580	20 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,280
12 May - 25 May	\$5,280	01 Sep - 14 Sep	\$5,180	22 Oct - 04 Nov	\$4,580
14 May - 27 May	\$5,280	03 Sep - 16 Sep	\$5,180	27 Oct - 09 Nov	\$4,580
19 May - 01 Jun	\$5,280	08 Sep - 21 Sep	\$5,480	03 Nov - 16 Nov	\$4,580

2021 DATES

09 Mar - 22 Mar	\$5,480	18 May - 31 May	\$5,580	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$5,880
16 Mar - 29 Mar	\$5,480	20 May - 02 Jun	\$5,580	16 Sep - 29 Sep	\$5,880
23 Mar - 05 Apr	\$5,480	25 May - 07 Jun	\$5,580	21 Sep - 04 Oct	\$6,080
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06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$5,780	22 Jun - 05 Jul	\$5,780	05 Oct - 18 Oct	\$6,080
13 Apr - 26 Apr	\$5,980	13 Jul - 26 Jul	\$5,780	07 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,780
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22 Apr - 05 May	\$5,780	10 Aug - 23 Aug	\$5,480	14 Oct - 27 Oct	\$5,580
29 Apr - 12 May	\$5,780	17 Aug - 30 Aug	\$5,480	19 Oct - 01 Nov	\$5,580
04 May - 17 May	\$5,580	24 Aug - 06 Sep	\$5,480	21 Oct - 03 Nov	\$4,880
06 May - 19 May	\$5,580	02 Sep - 15 Sep	\$5,480	26 Oct - 08 Nov	\$4,880
11 May - 24 May	\$5,580	07 Sep - 20 Sep	\$5,780	02 Nov - 15 Nov	\$4,880
13 May - 26 May	\$5,580	09 Sep - 22 Sep	\$5,780	04 Nov - 17 Nov	\$4,880

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai - Beijing) 13 days from \$3,470 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$985

Important note

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CHINA SPLENDOUR

- 14 DAYS FROM
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- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Admire the Leshan Buddha
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Discover modern Shanghai



Explore the streets of Chengdu

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- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy dumplings in Xian

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Wander the atmospheric alleyways of Xian's old Muslim Quarter, an area that perfectly showcases the city's illustrious history as a terminus of the ancient Silk Road.
- Tuck into a delicious feast of local speciality Shui Jiao dumplings before stepping back into Xian's golden age, during the Tang Dynasty, with a music and dance performance.
- Discover the magnificent nature of the Three Natural Bridges National Park in Wulong, walking through lush valleys and gorges to admire the spectacular geological wonder of the three bridges themselves.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

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. Visit Yu Garden, stop in the old town and admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Later, learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory, 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 Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 3: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Later this evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 4: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. An evening of Chinese acrobatics rounds off the day.

DAY 5: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. There is no better way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it than by taking a fascinating walk along it. Later, visit a jade factory, then relax in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you explore traditional Chinese landscapes and view the exquisite architecture. This evening, you may wish to join an optional kung fu show.

DAY 6: ANCIENT XIAN

Fly to Xian, the historic former capital, and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city wall. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before watching 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 and horses. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and soak up the atmosphere in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter.

DAY 8: WULONG

Fly to Chongqing and transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park is relatively unspoilt. It comes as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage Site!



See the Grand Buddha of Leshan

DAY 9: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK

Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Heilong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river.

DAY 10: CHENGDU

Return by road to Chongqing and then take the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 11: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre 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. Continue to People's Park and

spend time in Matchmaker's Corner. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese cuisine. There is an optional performance of Sichuan Opera.

DAY 12: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Take a day trip to Leshan to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. 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 taking a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective from below.

DAYS 13-14: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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Vibrant lanterns in China

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combine the cities of Beijing, Shanghai and ancient Xian, with the beauty of Wulong National Park, a magnificent and undiscovered example of China's nature. A good level of fitness is required in Wulong National Park.



See pandas play in Chengdu

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
07 May - 20 May	\$5,280	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$5,280
10 Sep - 23 Sep	\$4,780		
2021 DATES			
06 May - 19 May	\$5,580	07 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,580
09 Sep - 22 Sep	\$5,080		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai - Chengdu) 13 days from \$3,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$915

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 2 September 2019, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

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WONDERS OF CHINA

- 16 DAYS FROM
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four night Yangtze cruise
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy a Yangtze River cruise

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.
- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in the utmost comfort.



Enjoy magnificent views between the turrets of the Great Wall

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll 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 the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

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. You will then have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you can buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture. This evening, enjoy an optional kung fu show.

DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a 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 and horses. Then visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

DAYS 7-9: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 10: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo. Later, board the bullet train to Guilin.



Explore the amazing landscape of Yangshuo

DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town 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 12: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-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 Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman.

DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas and then fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 14: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Visit the charming Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory and admire the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, enjoy some tasty traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAYS 15-16: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This hugely popular tour journeys through some of China's most iconic sights from Beijing's Great Wall, Xian's warriors, and picturesque Guilin to the mighty Yangtze River. Expect a busy but fun-filled tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

03 Mar - 18 Mar	\$5,380	09 May - 24 May	\$6,680	05 Sep - 20 Sep	\$6,480
10 Mar - 25 Mar	\$5,380	11 May - 26 May	\$6,680	07 Sep - 22 Sep	\$6,480
16 Mar - 31 Mar	\$5,780	16 May - 31 May	\$6,680	12 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,480
23 Mar - 07 Apr	\$5,780	18 May - 02 Jun	\$6,680	14 Sep - 29 Sep	\$6,480
30 Mar - 14 Apr	\$6,180	25 May - 09 Jun	\$6,280	19 Sep - 04 Oct	\$6,480
06 Apr - 21 Apr	\$6,180	08 Jun - 23 Jun	\$6,180	21 Sep - 06 Oct	\$6,480
11 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,580	22 Jun - 07 Jul	\$6,180	05 Oct - 20 Oct	\$6,480
13 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,580	06 Jul - 21 Jul	\$6,180	10 Oct - 25 Oct	\$6,480
20 Apr - 05 May	\$6,580	03 Aug - 18 Aug	\$5,380	12 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,280
27 Apr - 12 May	\$6,580	17 Aug - 01 Sep	\$5,380	19 Oct - 03 Nov	\$6,280
02 May - 17 May	\$6,680	24 Aug - 08 Sep	\$5,380	26 Oct - 10 Nov	\$6,280
04 May - 19 May	\$6,480	29 Aug - 13 Sep	\$5,380	02 Nov - 17 Nov	\$5,380

2021 DATES

08 Mar - 23 Mar	\$5,680	15 May - 30 May	\$6,980	04 Sep - 19 Sep	\$6,780
15 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,680	17 May - 01 Jun	\$6,980	06 Sep - 21 Sep	\$6,780
22 Mar - 06 Apr	\$6,080	22 May - 06 Jun	\$6,580	11 Sep - 26 Sep	\$6,780
29 Mar - 13 Apr	\$6,480	24 May - 08 Jun	\$6,580	13 Sep - 28 Sep	\$6,780
05 Apr - 20 Apr	\$6,480	29 May - 13 Jun	\$6,580	18 Sep - 03 Oct	\$6,780
10 Apr - 25 Apr	\$6,880	07 Jun - 22 Jun	\$6,480	20 Sep - 05 Oct	\$6,780
12 Apr - 27 Apr	\$6,880	21 Jun - 06 Jul	\$6,480	09 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6,780
19 Apr - 04 May	\$6,880	05 Jul - 20 Jul	\$6,480	11 Oct - 26 Oct	\$6,580
26 Apr - 11 May	\$6,880	02 Aug - 17 Aug	\$5,680	18 Oct - 02 Nov	\$6,580
08 May - 23 May	\$6,980	16 Aug - 31 Aug	\$5,680	25 Oct - 09 Nov	\$6,580
10 May - 25 May	\$6,980	23 Aug - 07 Sep	\$5,680	08 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,880

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 15 days from \$4,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,040

Important note

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Great Wall of China, Beijing

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- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
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Admire Hong Kong's magnificent city skyline

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See the giant Buddha in Hong Kong

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Soar over the spectacular landscapes of Hong Kong's Lantau Island on the Ngong Ping 360 cable car, flying ever closer to the giant Buddha perched serenely on his hilltop.
- Explore the quirks of local culture in Chengdu at the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner, a place where parents search for potential suitors for their children.
- Discover the bustling harbour of Aberdeen fishing village from a different perspective, watching the coming and goings of the local fleet from your seat onboard one of the many traditional sampans that ply the waters.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll 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 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 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 wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising tai chi, dancing and playing cards. 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 horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Then visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th Century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 7: GIANT PANDAS

A visit this morning to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children.

DAY 8: OLD CIQIKOU

Drive from Chengdu to Chongqing and spend some time wandering the picturesque old alleyways of Ciqikou. Later, board your Yangtze cruise vessel and set sail for the next three days on the Yangtze River.



See the Yangtze River



Explore the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, Beijing

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery. 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 various shore excursions. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

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. Begin today with a visit to Yu Garden and the old town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 13: FLY TO HONG KONG

Fly to Hong Kong. No other city in Asia encapsulates the concept of east-meets-west quite like Hong Kong. Known for its spectacular harbour and jaw-dropping skyline, Hong Kong is a city that never sleeps! Upon arrival, embark on an island tour, starting with a visit to Stanley Market and Aberdeen fishing village, where you take to the water and enjoy a sampan ride.

DAY 14: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend the day at Lantau Island. Start by taking a ride on the cable car which offers stunning views of the island's breathtaking coastline to Ngong Ping Plateau, where the Giant Buddha sits majestically close to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Enjoy a farewell dinner atop Victoria Peak.

DAYS 15-16: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Today is at leisure until your flight home. With over 260 outlying islands, choose to tour the New Territories, explore Kowloon or take a short hike on Lamma Island. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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19 May - 03 Jun	\$6,780		

Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Beijing - Hong Kong) 15 days from \$5,660 per person, twin share
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- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- ✓ Explore the Potala Palace
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze

Admire the impressive Potala Palace, Lhasa

PRICE INCLUDES

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Stroll along Xian's city walls

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take a relaxed walk above Xian's old town, strolling on the magnificent city walls that encircle it and taking in the views as you go.
- Wander the Barkhor Circuit, the pilgrimage route that surrounds the sacred Jokhang temple, pausing to browse the plentiful market stalls and watch the traditionally-dressed pilgrims, who have come from all over Tibet.
- Spend an evening revelling in the traditions of Tibet, dining on delicious local food and watching a performance of native dance and music.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Take the bullet train to Xian. Explore the streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy 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 horses. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th Century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: MYSTICAL LHASA

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.



See adorable pandas, Chengdu



See Tibetan monks, Lhasa



Spin traditional prayer wheels in Jokhang Temple, Lhasa

DAY 7: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a contemporary, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old streets at its heart, you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit 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

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The former 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 former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. Later, 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. This evening, there will be a delicious Sichuanese meal to savour.

DAY 10: PANDAS

Begin today with a visit to Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Watch them play and chomp on bamboo before travelling to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise ship.

DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

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 your cruise vessel and travel to Wuhan to board your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

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. Sightseeing today includes a visit to the traditional Yu Garden, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historic waterfront, the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghaiese meal.

DAYS 15-16: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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Journey to the roof of the world to the incredible city of Lhasa whilst enjoying the very best cultural, historical and natural treasures that China has to offer – from the Great Wall and Terracotta Army to the Yangtze River.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
11 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,780	12 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,780
09 May - 24 May	\$6,780	10 Oct - 25 Oct	\$6,780
29 Aug - 13 Sep	\$5,980		
2021 DATES			
10 Apr - 25 Apr	\$7,080	11 Sep - 26 Sep	\$7,080
08 May - 23 May	\$7,080	09 Oct - 24 Oct	\$7,080
28 Aug - 12 Sep	\$6,280		

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$1,195

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YUNNAN & SICHUAN

- 17 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$5,780 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Find peace at Mount Emei
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Discover delightful Dali

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Stop at markets in Xizhou

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Visit the village of Xizhou where, as well as browsing the laden stalls of the bustling, local market, you'll be able to see members of the Naxi minority community in their colourful, traditional dress.
- A speciality dish of Yunnan Province, tuck into a delicious bowl of Across the Bridge Noodles in provincial capital Kunming, a famous and flavourful noodle soup with a touching story behind it.
- Visit the 3,000-metre deep Tiger Leaping Gorge and take in the breathtaking views of one of China's most extraordinary sights.



Be dazzled in Dali

ITINERARY

DAY 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING

Fly 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.

DAY 3: STONE FOREST

Spend the morning meandering 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 and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles. Tonight there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan's performing arts.

DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI

Travel to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at the China of times-gone-by. Begin your tour by exploring the fascinating old quarter and lively market to soak up the local atmosphere. 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. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to further explore the area.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG

This morning, explore Xizhou Village, where you can mingle with traditionally-dressed Naxi women, and browse its lively local market. Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains.

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises of several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty followed by a visit to the embroidery school.

DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

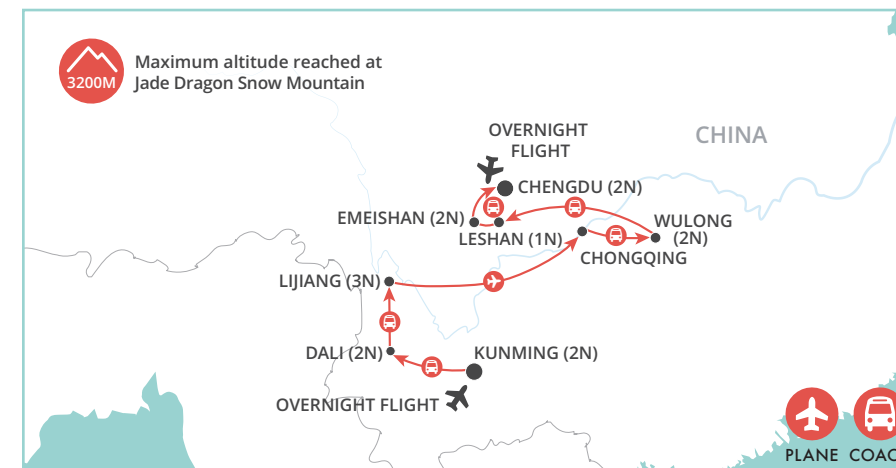
Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights with spectacular and breathtaking views. Return to Lijiang and explore the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

DAY 9: WULONG

Fly to Chongqing and transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park is relatively unspoilt. It will come as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK & LONGSHUIXIA

Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Heilong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river.



Spend time in Wulong National Park

DAY 11: LESHAN

Take a scenic drive to Leshan and upon arrival, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA

Take a day trip to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. 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 below on a short boat trip, which will give you a great perspective of the impressive rock carving. Later, continue to Emeishan.

DAY 13: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st Century. Take a cable car to the summit and admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and surrounding landscape. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring.



See the old town gates in Dali

DAY 14: CHENGDU

Travel to Chengdu and take a walk through the famous snack street – Jinli. Tonight there is an option to see a performance of the Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face changing'.

DAY 15: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre 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. Later, stroll through People's Park, visit a traditional teahouse and see Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. This evening, dine on mouthwatering Sichuanese cuisine.

DAYS 16-17: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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Admire beautiful and sacred Mount Emei

YUNNAN & SICHUAN

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

As two of the most fascinating, diverse and colourful provinces in China, Yunnan and Sichuan are incredibly diverse and unique. A good level of fitness is required for walking in Wulong National Park.



Naxi women in traditional dress, Xizhou

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

04 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,780	05 Sep - 21 Sep	\$5,980
02 May - 18 May	\$5,980	10 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,980

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,080	04 Sep - 20 Sep	\$6,280
08 May - 24 May	\$6,280		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kunming - Chengdu) 15 days from \$4,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$810

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ANCIENT CHINA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,880 TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

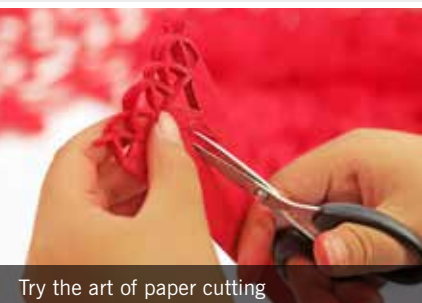
ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Marvel at the Hanging Temple
- ✓ Feel at peace in Wutaishan
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Witness Shaolin kung fu
- ✓ Stroll Pingyao's old streets

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Try the art of paper cutting

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- In Pingyao, discover the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting, an intricate and beautiful craft that's been practiced since the 6th Century. After a demonstration of the techniques, try your hand at creating your own paper cutting.
- Visit the 1,400 year old, gravity defying Hanging Temple that seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge.
- As part of a visit to Dengfeng's Shaolin Temple, with its long and famous history of martial arts, watch an action-packed kung fu show by the monks and their trainees, who will demonstrate their astonishing skills.



See Pingyao's historic architecture

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing, China's fascinating capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Explore the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. In the evening, sit down to enjoy the local delicacy, Peking duck.

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 sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China and is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing 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 mingle with the locals as they practice tai chi, dance or play cards. Later, browse your way through Panjiayuan, Beijing's most extensive arts, crafts and antiques market.

DAY 5: HISTORICAL DATONG

Travel by train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Datong is known for its abundant historical relics and natural beauty. Arrive in time for a local dinner in this fascinating city.

DAY 6: THE HANGING TEMPLE

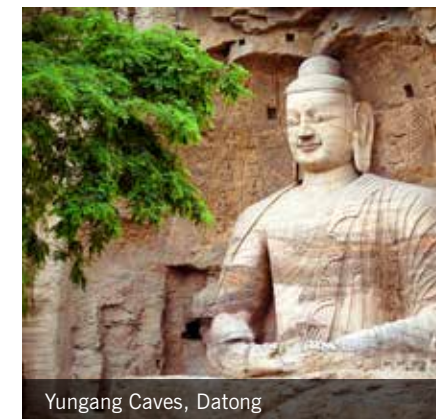
Today you will explore some of China's UNESCO World Heritage sites. Grottoes carved from sandstone cliffs in the 5th and 6th centuries, Yungang Caves are replete with intricate Buddhist imagery. Visit the 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple that seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge. Travel on to Wutaishan.

DAY 7: WUTAISHAN

One of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains, Wutaishan (Five Terraced Mountain) is a place of scenic magnificence. In Wutaishan's shadow, an alpine valley shelters many important monasteries, temples and sculptures, some dating back over 1,000 years. Here, visit the Bodhisattva Summit Temple and Xiantong Buddhist Temple. Continue to Taiyuan, the capital and largest city in Shanxi Province and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, constructed during the Ming Dynasty.

DAY 8: TAIYUAN & PINGYAO

Enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Jinci Temple before travelling to the old town of Pingyao. Pingyao is a living museum and home to China's best-preserved ancient city walls. Here, take part in a traditional Chinese paper cutting experience, an art dating back to the 6th Century.



Yungang Caves, Datong



Visit Shaolin Temple and witness the monks practising kung fu, Dengfeng

DAY 9: EXPLORE PINGYAO

Explore the characterful old town of Pingyao, strolling 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 government building during 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-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 11: DISCOVER XIAN

Admire the relics at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and watching 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 houses 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 Dengfeng and visit 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 the Qing dynasties. Later, witness a kung fu demonstration by the famous Shaolin Monks. Continue to Zhengzhou.

DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. In the evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a scenic cruise.

DAY 15: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, east and west collide on streets lined with skyscrapers and old temples. Visit the classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, take your seats to see the fascinating ERA acrobatic show.

DAY 16: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Wander through the Xintiandi area to admire the 1920s architectural style, view the artefacts at the Shanghai Museum and explore the Silk Factory. Taste delicious, traditional Shanghainese cuisine for dinner.

DAYS 17-18: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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ANCIENT CHINA

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With thousands of years of diverse history, China is one of the world's oldest civilizations. Encounter millennia old culture, traditions and religion with visits to some of China's greatest and most intriguing sights.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

07 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,280	15 Sep - 02 Oct	\$4,880
05 May - 22 May	\$4,880	06 Oct - 23 Oct	\$5,280

2021 DATES

06 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,580	14 Sep - 01 Oct	\$5,180
04 May - 21 May	\$5,180	12 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,580

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 17 days from \$3,770 per person, twin share
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CHINA DELIGHTS

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- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake
- ✓ Discover old gardens in Suzhou
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall

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Start the day with a tai chi class

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of tai chi - do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- Visit a tea plantation near Hangzhou and learn all about the process of cultivating, plucking, processing and producing that wonderful beverage, tea! There will also be a tasting, to keep you refreshed.
- Cruise on the historic Grand Canal, built over 1,000 years ago to transport goods around the kingdom, through the picturesque old town of Suzhou.



Cruise the waterways of Suzhou's Grand Canal

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the classical Yu Garden and a stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round off the day with a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 3: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI

Explore ultra-modern Pudong followed by a visit to a silk factory and the Shanghai Museum to see the collection of fine arts and antiquities. 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 traditional gardens, visit 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. Later, continue to the garden city of Hangzhou.

DAY 6: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Later, enjoy a cruise on Hangzhou's West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

DAY 7: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS

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 decide which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Later, fly to the beautiful city of Guilin and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

Begin today with a relaxing cruise along the Li River to the charming town 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 and grazing buffalo. Wander through the cobbled streets and visit the local market, then stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman.

DAY 9: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy some time at leisure. Later, travel through the countryside as you return by road to Guilin.



Visit a tea plantation near Hangzhou

DAY 10: CHENGDU

Visit Reed Flute Cave to admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Continue to the pearl factory, then fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, enjoy an optional performance of Sichuan opera for the actors' famous 'face-changing'.

DAY 11: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

Travel to Leshan to visit the UNESCO-listed 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 a short boat trip will give excellent views from the river. Return to Chengdu and in the evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.

DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous giant panda reserve to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

DAY 13: 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 horses. Then visit the workshop of the craftsmen to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, sit down to a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 14: BEIJING

Visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, fly to Beijing, the capital of China.

DAY 15: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Next, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 16: 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 sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory before spending the afternoon enjoying the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture. In the evening, enjoy a traditional dinner of Peking duck followed by an optional kung fu show.

DAYS 17-18: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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CHINA DELIGHTS

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy the classical gardens of Suzhou and explore the lakes, temples and tea plantations of Hangzhou on a tour that also encompasses China's myriad delights - the Great Wall, Terracotta Army, pandas and Shanghai.



Explore rural Yangshuo

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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CLASSIC CHINA

- 21 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$6,580 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Explore friendly Yangshuo
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Discover the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Explore Tiger Leaping Gorge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Baisha Village near Lijiang

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the peaceful village of Baisha, home to the Naxi, one of China's many minority peoples. Whilst here you can meet the friendly locals, delve into their rich culture and get a glimpse of their day-to-day lives.
- ▶ Sail high above the breathtaking landscapes of Yunnan into the majestic heights of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car, reaching an observation point at 4,500 metres and exploring a beautiful high-altitude meadow.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dancing.



Black Dragon Pool in Lijiang

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 6: FLY TO Guilin

Fly to Guilin and visit the Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

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. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 8: YANGSHUO

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and visit the pearl factory before flying to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



Magnificent Temple of Heaven, Beijing



Walk in the Stone Forest, Kunming

DAY 10: THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Discover the old quarter, the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. Continue to the Black Dragon Pool Park, where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain itself.

DAY 12: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Later, return to Lijiang.

DAY 13: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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DAY 14: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight dine on some fantastic local cuisine followed by an option to watch a traditional Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 15: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

DAYS 16-18: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight 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 Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAYS 20-21: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Cruise along the Yangtze and Li rivers and let the spectacular landscapes take your breath away. Explore the cobbled streets of old Lijiang, gaze on the magnificent Tiger Leaping Gorge and visit the giant pandas in Chengdu.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

06 Apr - 26 Apr	\$7,380	14 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,080
04 May - 24 May	\$7,080	21 Sep - 11 Oct	\$7,080
11 May - 31 May	\$7,080	05 Oct - 25 Oct	\$7,080
07 Sep - 27 Sep	\$7,080	12 Oct - 01 Nov	\$6,580

2021 DATES

05 Apr - 25 Apr	\$7,380	13 Sep - 03 Oct	\$7,380
10 May - 30 May	\$7,380	20 Sep - 10 Oct	\$7,380
17 May - 06 Jun	\$7,380	11 Oct - 31 Oct	\$6,880
06 Sep - 26 Sep	\$7,380	18 Oct - 07 Nov	\$6,880

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 20 days from \$5,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,435

Important note

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Please note optional activities are at your own expense and payable in country.

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MAGNIFICENT CHINA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,180 TWIN SHARE

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Stroll ancient gardens in Suzhou



Discover imperial riches at the Forbidden City, Beijing

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit a traditional tea house in Chengdu

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- At the heart of a huge tea-producing region and once a stop on the Tea Horse Road, drinking tea is an essential element of life in Chengdu. Visit a traditional tea house to experience the history, customs and the perfect brew.
- Visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven to soak up the beautiful surroundings and mingle with the local people who gather here daily to exercise, socialise, play cards and relax – you can even take part in a group dance session!
- Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at the Shanghai Circus World.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to discover a complex full of imperial riches. Take a stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

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 sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and mingle with the locals as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

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 horses. Then visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated. Tonight feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 6: ANCIENT CITY WALL

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Later this afternoon, explore the narrow streets of the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, where you will stay for the next four nights.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

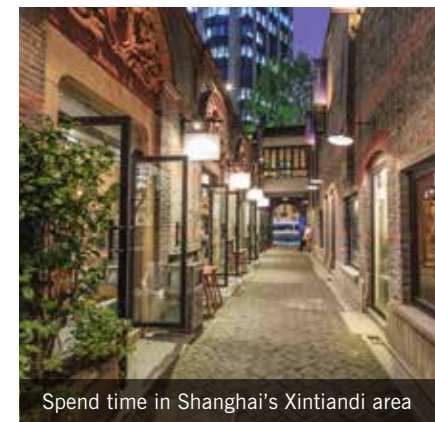
The Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

DAY 11: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU

Disembark in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'.



Enjoy a trip down the Li River, Yangshuo



Spend time in Shanghai's Xintiandi area

DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre 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. Later, stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Then stop at a traditional tea house and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. Tonight dine on delicious Sichuanese food.

DAY 13: FLY TO GUILIN

Stop by the Taiguli area, the centre of Chengdu, before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 14: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town 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 an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. This afternoon is at leisure where you can choose from the many optional activities available including cycling, bamboo rafting and hiking.

DAY 16: DISCOVER GUILIN

Travel back to Guilin and enjoy a walk around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and continue to the South China Pearl Factory to see the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling in the South China Sea with displays and demonstrations.

DAY 17: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. 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 for a dinner of Shanghainese cuisine.

DAYS 19-20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit the Shanghai Museum, People's Square and admire the architecture on the Bund. Later, view the city from the Huangpu River on a cruise. The next day visit a silk factory, the classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before exploring futuristic Pudong. Tonight enjoy the ERA acrobatic show.

DAYS 21-22: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

MAGNIFICENT CHINA

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the Great Wall and Terracotta Army, to cruising on the Yangtze and the breathtaking Li River, this tour encompasses China's most magnificent sights as well as spending a little extra time in China's most exciting cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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16 May - 06 Jun	\$7,180	10 Oct - 31 Oct	\$6,880
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30 May - 20 Jun	\$6,680	24 Oct - 14 Nov	\$6,180
13 Jun - 04 Jul	\$6,680	31 Oct - 21 Nov	\$6,180
2021 DATES			
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12 Jun - 03 Jul	\$6,980	30 Oct - 20 Nov	\$6,480

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CHINA ENCOUNTERS

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Admire Chengde's architecture
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Zhongdian

PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience life in a Baisha village

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Sit down to a delicious meal of home-cooked food, prepared for you by members of the Tibetan community in a charming, rural Yunnan village.
- Walk on the magnificent Great Wall, discovering the lesser-visited Jinshanling, a section fully restored to its Ming Dynasty glory and which passes through magnificent surroundings.
- Learn about the history of Yunnan Province and its many minority peoples in a spectacular show of traditional music, dancing and performance, called Dynamic Yunnan.



Tibetan Prayer Flags in Zhongdian

ITINERARY

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DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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DAY 3: SUMMER PALACE

In the morning, enjoy the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace before visiting a jade factory, then travel to Chengde by road.

DAY 4: EXPLORE CHENGDE

The summer retreat of Manchu emperors, Chengde is home to a wealth of imperial architecture. Visit the magnificent Mountain Resort and sacred temples, including Puning and Putuo.

DAY 5: THE GREAT WALL

Make the return journey back to Beijing. This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall, namely the Jinshanling section. 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 surrounds it.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Take a bullet train to Xian and enjoy some time at leisure. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by 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-sized warriors and horses. Then visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated. Later this afternoon, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Also explore the narrow and winding streets of the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture.

DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO WUHAN

Take the bullet train to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, home for the next four nights.

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as you 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 various shore excursions.



Tiger Leaping Gorge, Lijiang



Discover the mesmerising beauty of Songzanlin Monastery in Zhongdian

DAY 12: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU

Disembark your ship in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 13: PANDA CONSERVATION CENTRE

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close 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, and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys.

DAY 14: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 15: SONGZANLIN MONASTERY

Spend the morning exploring the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery. Afterwards, make your way to a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life and taste home-cooked dishes. End the day with a tour of the old town and Dafo Temple.

DAY 16: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views. Travel to Lijiang and discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

DAY 17: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Visit Baisha Old Town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the early Ming Dynasty and take a tour of the embroidery school.

DAY 18: BLACK DRAGON POOL

This morning, visit Black Dragon Pool Park where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Later, travel to Dali and explore the lively Foreigners' Street.

DAYS 19-20: ENCHANTING DALI

The area surrounding Dali is extremely scenic. Explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market. See the Yan family home and watch a tie-dyeing demonstration. Wander through Dali's ancient quarter and relax with a cruise on Erhai Lake. The next day, visit the Three Pagodas and take the bullet train to Kunming. This evening, dine on the local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.

DAY 21: STONE FOREST

Explore the magnificent formations of the picturesque Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland, before taking your seats to see the impressive 'Dynamic Yunnan' show.

DAYS 22-23: FLY KUNMING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day

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CHINA ENCOUNTERS

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Embark on an epic cross-country journey, encountering China's most magnificent sights; from the imperial mountain resort of Chengde past the iconic Wall and enigmatic Warriors, to the stunning vistas of Yunnan Province.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

02 May - 24 May \$6,890 05 Sep - 27 Sep \$6,890

2021 DATES

08 May - 30 May \$7,290 09 Oct - 31 Oct \$7,780
04 Sep - 26 Sep \$7,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Kunming) 22 days from \$5,790 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,570

Important note

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Discover old China in Dali
- ✓ Stroll the gardens in Suzhou



Admire Shanghai's futuristic skyline

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit the traditional hutongs of Beijing

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Discover the China of yesteryear in Dali as you see the Yan Family House, cruise on beautiful Erhai Lake and visit the Three Pagoda's.
- Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of tai chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- Cruise on the waters on the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of The Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAYS 2-3: BEIJING & 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 traditional Peking duck. The next day, spend the morning taking a walk on the Great Wall and in the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

In the morning, 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 mingle with the locals and watch or participate in tai chi or play cards. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

DAYS 5-6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Visit 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. Later, stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls.

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel 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 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 various 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 Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, fly to the charming city of Dali.

DAYS 13-14: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. Over the next two days, travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, explore Dali's ancient quarter. The next morning, visit the Three Pagodas and then transfer to Kunming.

DAY 15: STONE FOREST

Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck into



See the Three Pagodas in Dali

local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight.

DAY 16: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 17: LI RIVER

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 and grazing buffalo.

DAY 18: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available.

DAY 19: GUILIN

Return to Guilin and visit a pearl factory and Reed Flute Cave. Later, stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture.

DAYS 20-21: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Fly to Hangzhou and visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the tea plantations of Meijiawu. The next day, enjoy a cruise on West Lake and visit Xihutiandi before continuing to Suzhou.

DAY 22: SUZHOU

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the

Humble Administrator's Garden – typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Later, cruise on the Grand Canal.

DAY 23: SHANGHAI

Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Visit the Shanghai Museum and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghaiese 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. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. End the evening with the ERA acrobatic show.

DAYS 25-26: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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Experience the Yangtze River

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This wide-ranging tour has China's top destinations covered. 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.



Enjoy charming Suzhou

PRICES & DEPARTURES			
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- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Enjoy tea tasting in Boseong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Take a ride on a cable car
- ✓ Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- ✓ Spend time in Gyeongju, 'the museum without walls'



Enjoy the majesty of Anapji Pond, Gyeongju National Park

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- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Bridge of Freedom at the DMZ

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Embark on an informative and unusual adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration.
- As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
- First performed on the Edinburgh Fringe in 1997, the NANTA is a showcase of Korean culture and performance art, presented as a non-verbal show, instead using music and motion and integrating a traditional Korean Samulnori rhythm.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

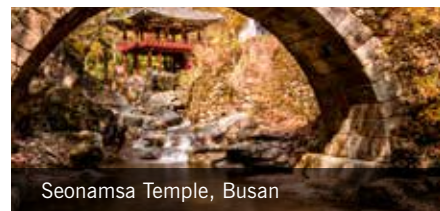
Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of this dynamic, 24-hour city there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from bustling teahouses to magnificent palaces. Start your explorations at the immense Gyeongbok Palace, which will include the changing of the guard ceremony, before exploring the National Folk Museum. Learn to cook delicious Korean classic 'bibimbap' in a cookery class – you'll get to eat it for lunch – before strolling Insadong Antique Alley and visiting UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine. End the day with panoramic views over this sprawling city at the N Seoul Tower.

DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN

Travel out of Seoul to the city of Damyang where you'll discover the beauty of Soswaewon. This private garden was built in the 16th Century in the traditional style and features



Seonamsa Temple, Busan

essential elements to bring harmony, such as flowing water, trees and grasses. Wander the bamboo forest of Juknokwon before continuing to Gwangju, where you'll spend some time discovering this artistic hub full of fascinating history.

DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE

Head to Boseong, considered the best place in Korea to grow tea, and visit a green tea plantation, learning all about its production and enjoying a tasting. Continue to Suncheon for a stop at the 6th century Seonamsa Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple grounds are also home to a beautiful arched stone bridge. Later visit Naganeupseong Fortress Village for a glimpse at a more traditional Korean lifestyle and a chance to take part in a handkerchief dyeing experience.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BUSAN

Head to Yeosu and ride the cable car over beautiful scenery and open water to Dolsan Island. Continue to Odongdo Island for more spectacular landscapes and take some time to appreciate the array of wildflowers that flourish here before travelling to the port city of Busan.

DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

Contrary to bustling Seoul, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Start the day with a city overview from the top of Seonamsa Temple, before browsing the wares at Kukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Drive to Gyeongju.



Experience the bustle of South Korea's capital city, Seoul

DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for more than 1,000 years the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs and Anapji Pond, then head just out of the city to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto.

DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

Travel to Sokcho stopping en route to explore the 1,300-year history of the Naksansa Temple, a seven-storey stone building overlooking the East Sea.

DAY 10: EXPLORE MT SEORAK

Mt Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Enjoy a short, easy hike along a beautiful valley and see the mountaintop Gwongeumseong Fortress by cable car.

DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL

Transfer to Gangneung and board a high-speed train bound for Seoul. On arrival, after lunch, there will be free time before a non-verbal performance of 'Nanta', an award-winning show which incorporates the traditional Samulnori rhythm.

DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel. Return to Seoul to stroll through the huge Gwangjang Market. A farewell dinner tonight is the perfect time to reflect on your adventures!

Special conditions apply to this day, please refer to your tour dossier for more information.

DAYS 13-14: FLY SEOUL TO AUSTRALIA
Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL*

During the month of March and April, we may include a stop at the delightful Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival on Day 6. This annual event is Korea's biggest spring festival and gives you the chance to wander amongst the spectacular pink blossom, where there are 340,000 cherry trees!

*Please note: cherry blossoms are weather dependant and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your visit.

SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With its complex history, soaring skyscrapers and centuries-old temples, this tour has something for everyone – from bustling cities and stunning countryside to UNESCO World Heritage-listed national forests. It is a tour full of contrasts.



Juknokwon Bamboo Forest, Damyang

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

23 Mar - 05 Apr ✨ \$9,190 19 Oct - 01 Nov \$8,990

2021 DATES

22 Mar - 04 Apr ✨ \$9,490 18 Oct - 31 Oct \$9,350

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Seoul - Seoul) 12 days from \$7,550 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$910

Important note

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore bustling Taipei
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Visit the Fo Guang Shan Monastery
- ✓ Relax on the beach at Kenting
- ✓ Discover the Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail



Admire Ci En Pagoda overlooking Sun Moon Lake

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Relax in Taitung's hot springs in Chihpen

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take some time to relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – you'll have time to make the most of them at your hotel which has hot spring pools for you to enjoy.
- Visit the unique spectacle of Fo Guang Shan, Taiwan's largest monastery and explore the Buddha Museum, the fascinating 'Buddha Land' with its 36-metre Buddha and enjoy a delicious vegetarian lunch in the monastery's dining room.
- Make a stop at the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, one of Taiwan's most famous, where you can learn all about the process of creating Taiwanese whisky.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

Fly overnight to Taipei, Taiwan's largest city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, meet with your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: A DAY IN TAIPEI

Nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains, Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Begin your explorations at the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts, and the Martyrs' Shrine. This afternoon, visit CKS Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple and make a photo stop at the world-famous Taipei 101.

DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey towards the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot, Sun Moon Lake. Visit the Wen Wu Temple before embarking on a motorboat cruise around the lake for picture-perfect views of the area's beautiful landscapes. You'll also visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Ci En Pagoda and the aboriginal village of Tehua.

DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION

Begin today with a visit to a famous tea farm to discover all about the process of tea growth and production before taking the cable car to Formosan Cultural Village. There will also be some time at leisure, with the option of biking on trails around Sun Moon Lake, listed as one of the 10 most beautiful places to cycle in the world.



Discover the Taipei skyline



Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge



Fo Guang Shan's Buddha Museum, Kaohsiung

DAY 6: DISCOVER TAINAN

Depart Sun Moon Lake and travel to Tainan, Taiwan's oldest city and capital until 1887 when Taipei took over. Tainan was originally established as a trading port by the Dutch East India Company and is renowned for its preservation of traditions and rich folk culture. You'll start your explorations at the Chihkan Tower and Confucius Temple. In the afternoon, wander the old streets of the Anping district and view the sunset from Anping Harbour.

DAY 7: EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG

Head south to the port city of Kaohsiung where you'll admire the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas and the Spring and Autumn Pavilions before paying a visit to Taiwan's largest monastery, Fo Guang Shan. Enjoy a vegetarian feast here, before you stroll over to the main shrine, the Buddhist Museum and Great Buddha Land, where you'll find a 36-metre Buddha watching over a garden of many smaller Buddhas. Finally, see the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan.

DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

Travel over to the beach resort of Kenting, gateway to the beautiful Kenting National Park. Boasting a balmy tropical climate and a varied landscape of low mountains, rolling hills, cliffs and deserts, all fringed by excellent beaches. Kenting is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna.

DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

Spend the morning amongst the rock formations and lush greenery of Shedding Nature Park with a pause to take in the ocean views at Oluanpi Lighthouse. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO TAITUNG

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views. Continue to Chihpen, famous for its hot springs. On arrival, your afternoon will be free to relax and bathe in the thermal waters at your hotel. Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by a performance of traditional music and dance.

DAY 11: HEAD TO TAROKO

Travel northwards to Hualien, the gateway to the magnificent Taroko National Park. En route, there will be a series of stops including Donghe, where you may spot wild monkeys, and the scenic Chishingtan Lake, where you can head out on an optional bike ride on the lakeshore.

DAY 12: TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing sea cliffs, soaring peaks and a famously picturesque gorge, Taroko National Park is home to a diverse range of natural features and plant and animal species. Today your visits will include the Gorge Gateway, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto which you will explore via a leisurely walk.

DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Qingshui Cliff for beautiful views and visit the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, where a few tastings will be in order. Return to Taipei via Luodong by high-speed rail and then enjoy a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow passengers.

TREASURES OF TAIWAN

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TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This tour explores Taipei and Tainan, where ancient and modern sit side by side in the natural beauty of Sun Moon Lake and Taroko National Park. The magical island of Taiwan has so much to offer!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 25 Apr	\$6,880	10 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6,880
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2021 DATES

10 Apr - 24 Apr	\$6,890	09 Oct - 23 Oct	\$6,890
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Taipei - Taipei) 13 days from \$5,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,850

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DAYS 14-15: FLY TAIPEI TO AUSTRALIA

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the grandeur of St Petersburg
- ✓ Visit the fairytale town of Suzdal
- ✓ View the treasures of the State Hermitage Museum
- ✓ See Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral
- ✓ Discover a more authentic side of Russia



Admire the elegance of the Grand Cascade in Peterhof, St Petersburg

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Try your hand at painting a Russian doll

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Try your hand at some of the simple techniques needed to paint the famous Russian Matryoshka (Babushka) doll, with a master class in this intricate skill. You will be allowed to keep your handiwork as a souvenir.
- Sip on a sundowner in a local bar as you gaze over the glittering golden domes of Moscow's Christ the Saviour Cathedral and watch the comings and goings of the Moskva River.
- Visit Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm, a research and breeding centre for the beautiful European elk and meet, with the help of a bag of carrots, some of the calm and gentle residents.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO MOSCOW
Fly to Moscow, Russia's majestic capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: MOSCOW CITY TOUR
Venture out on a walking tour, starting at the famous Red Square. Here you'll see the spectacular St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, which includes a visit to the Armoury and Diamond Fund as well as the Monument to Karl Marx and the Bolshoi Theatre, home of Russian ballet. Continue to the Lubyanka Building; once a notorious prison and former home of the KGB headquarters, and Revolution Square before admiring the Hotel Metropol, one of the finest Art Nouveau buildings in Moscow. Dinner tonight is at a traditional restaurant.

DAY 4: EXPLORE MOSCOW
Continue exploring this great city with visits to Moscow State University, Novodevichy Convent, Stalin's Seven Sisters, Eliseyevskiy Delicatessen, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Red October Arts District. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and some sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Moskva River.

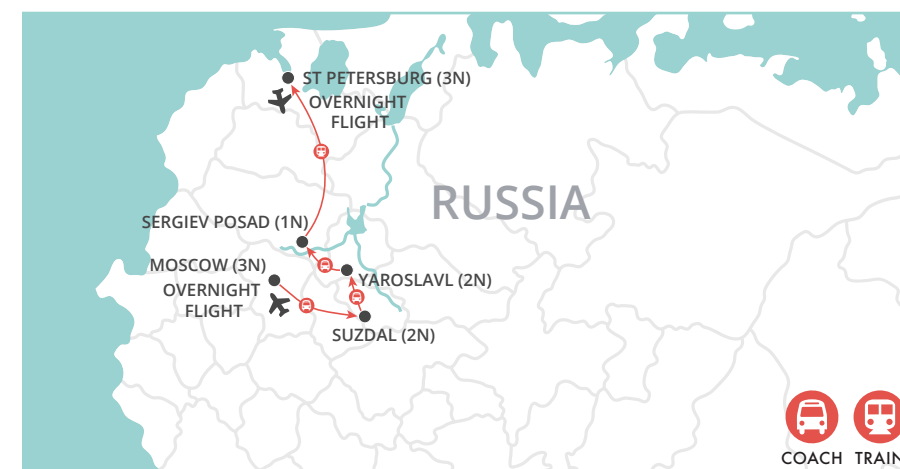
DAY 5: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE
Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of the city's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. Board an early afternoon express train to Vladimir

and tour the town, visiting the Assumption Cathedral, the Vladimir Museum and the Cathedral of St Dmitry. Travel onto Suzdal.

DAY 6: EXPLORE SUZDAL
A highlight of the Golden Ring, the quaint town of Suzdal gives a glimpse of Russia in times gone by. Once a royal capital, a monastic centre and commercial hub, Suzdal's historic centre managed to avoid Soviet development and retain its delightful, fairytale character. Tour its medieval monuments and soak up the charming atmosphere.

DAY 7: SUMAROKOVSKAYA ELK FARM
This morning visit Plyos, exploring the town by visiting Resurrection Hill, the Church of St Barbara and Torgovaya Square before enjoying a home-cooked, traditional lunch on the picturesque river embankment. This afternoon, visit the Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm where your guided tour includes a bag of carrots for you to feed the beautiful residents. Arrive in Yaroslavl. In the late afternoon and check into your hotel.

DAY 8: YAROSLAVL CITY TOUR
Start the day with a walking tour of the town, visiting the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, the eclectic Music & Time museum, John the Baptist Church before participating in a masterclass on painting the iconic Matryoshka Russia dolls. Enjoy lunch and a free afternoon where you can relax in the vibrant main square or in your hotel before dinner in a traditional restaurant.



St Basil's Cathedral, Moscow

DAY 9: LAKESIDE PERESLAVL-ZALESSKY
Drive to Sergiev Posad visiting the lakeside town of Pereslavl-Zalesky en route. This town is a popular dacha (summer country house) getaway for Muscovites with a range of attractions, such as the 14th Century hilltop Goritsky Monastery and the Assumption Cathedral. Arrive in Sergiev Posad. Tour the town and admire the striking blues and golds of the city's monastery.

DAY 10: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG
Catch a fast train to St Petersburg arriving in the afternoon. Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, having long been considered Russia's cultural hub. There will be time to tour some of the sights in the late afternoon and dine beside one of the city's famous canals.

DAY 11: PETERHOF GARDENS
This morning, travel out of St Petersburg to the majestic Peterhof, a former Tsar's Palace often compared to the Palace of Versailles and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River, seeing some of St Petersburg's main sights.

DAY 12: THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM
This morning immerse yourself in St Petersburg's extensive variety of culture at the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and oldest museums. Within the complex are a vast collection of art, antiquities and jewellery and many interesting exhibitions. Later, visit the Peter & Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city and St Isaac's Cathedral.

DAY 13: EXPLORE ST PETERSBURG
Another day to explore the wonders of St Petersburg. Head to St Nicholas Naval Cathedral, the Mariinsky Theatre, Smolny Cathedral, and the Monument to Heroic Defenders of Leningrad on Victory Square. Stroll through the Summer Garden, see the Field of Mars, visit the Bronze Horseman, the General Staff Building and Palace Square. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAYS 14-15: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO AUSTRALIA
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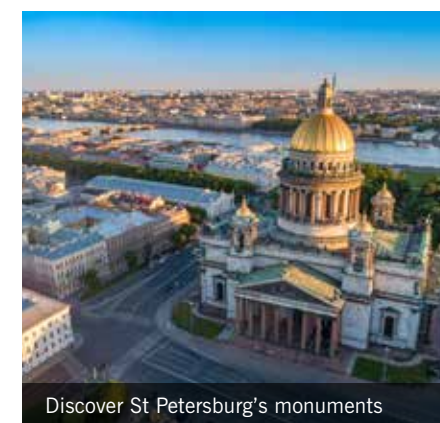
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Discover St Petersburg's monuments

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

20 Jun - 4 Jul **\$11,900** 12 Sep - 26 Sep **\$11,900**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Moscow - St Petersburg) 12 days from \$9,290 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,800

Important note

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover historic Beijing
- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo



Walk along the Great Wall, Beijing

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders (China)



Gaze at the Terracotta Army, Xian

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Explore the narrow, atmospheric alleyways of Beijing's old hutongs. Visit a family in their home, a traditional courtyard residence, to get a better idea of the culture and history of these neighbourhoods.
- In Okayama, wander through the delightful Bikan Historical Quarter, stretched along Kurashiki's Edo Period canals, taking in the picturesque scenes of weeping willows, old stone bridges and lovely, traditional architecture.
- Ascend to the observation deck of the new Orizuru Tower. Rising high above Hiroshima, it offers beautiful views over the Peace Memorial Park, the A-Bomb Dome and the city as a whole.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to China's historic capital, Beijing. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: WALK ON 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 the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking duck dinner.

DAY 3: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Next, walk through a hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance 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, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: FLY TO GUILIN

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and then fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 7: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local markets.

DAY 8: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin. En route, see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 9: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Begin today with a stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 10: 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 the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit a Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



The majestic landscape of Guilin



Visit the manicured gardens of Korakuen, Okayama

DAY 11: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan! Fly to the vibrant city of Osaka.

DAY 12: OSAKA CASTLE

Explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through vibrant Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

DAY 13: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the three great gardens of Japan. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses).

DAY 14: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. After lunch, return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bombing. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto, Japan's imperial capital for 1,000 years. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 16: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates and then head to Nishiki Market, also known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen' with its lively open-air market specialising in all things food. Also, visit a restored wooden Japanese townhouse to experience the rituals of a tea ceremony and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

DAY 17: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway where the views of the surrounding landscape and Mt Fuji are breathtaking, but weather dependent of course! Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's capital city.

DAY 18: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay.

DAYS 19-20: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

24 Mar - 12 Apr	\$11,880	15 Sep - 04 Oct	\$11,220
19 May - 07 Jun	\$11,220	13 Oct - 01 Nov	\$11,880

2021 DATES

23 Mar - 11 Apr	\$12,180	14 Sep - 03 Oct	\$11,520
18 May - 06 Jun	\$11,520	12 Oct - 31 Oct	\$12,180

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Tokyo) 18 days from \$9,920 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,715

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Please note optional activities are at your own expense and payable in country.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 410pp (AU\$85pp) is paid locally in China.

Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Gaze at the Warriors
- ✓ Visit the Stone Forest
- ✓ Explore Dali & Zhongdian
- ✓ See giant pandas
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River



Chinese incense sticks

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Meet Tibetan locals

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 and 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.
- Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cangshan Mountains and passing its many famous islands, many of them complete with colourful temples.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

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 spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening, there is an option to see kung fu masters in action.

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by 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 horses. Visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts.

After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: FLY TO GUILIN

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Next, fly to Guilin and visit a pearl factory.

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. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 8: YANGSHUO

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Next, fly to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

DAY 10: THE 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. This evening, dine on the local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



Discover the beauty of Guilin



Explore the sacred Jokhang Temple, Lhasa

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO DALI

Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China and discover the magnificent Three Pagodas.

DAY 12: ENCHANTING DALI

Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dyeing demonstration and wander through Dali's ancient quarter. Later, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Erhai Lake.

DAY 13: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit Shaxi village.

DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

DAY 15: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 16: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life. Later, visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

DAY 17: MYSTICAL LHASA

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 18: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 19: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former 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 former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

DAY 20: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Tonight, dine on local Sichuan cuisine.

DAY 21: PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This really is the ultimate tour for those who want to experience China in depth! From modern cities and ancient history to rural villages and spectacular landscapes, this is the tour for those wanting to see all of China's highlights in just one visit.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

08 May - 03 Jun	\$8,990	09 Oct - 04 Nov	\$8,990
11 Sep - 07 Oct	\$8,990		

2021 DATES

07 May - 02 Jun	\$9,290	10 Sep - 06 Oct	\$9,290
21 May - 16 Jun	\$9,290	08 Oct - 03 Nov	\$9,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 25 days from \$7,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,760

Important note

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DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAYS 26-27: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International
economy airfares
& taxes



3* plus – 4*
accommodation
(unless stated)



Most
meals



Flights, guides,
transportation
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian
passport holders



Small groups:
from 18-24
people

Featuring lesser-known destinations and unique experiences that are tantalisingly off the tourist trail, Go Beyond tours are all about helping you to see and experience places that may not have made it on to other travellers' radars. On these tours, you may find yourself away from the comforts of home, but you'll be rewarded with unique culture, interactions with local people and unforgettable sights.

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We're proud of the fact that we really know our destinations, allowing us to offer tours that feature excursions to hidden gems and secret corners. If you're looking for a holiday that features places you thought were too hard to reach, or maybe haven't even heard of, these are the tours for you!

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Grand Buddha of Leshan, China

HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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- ✓ Discover mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Everest
- ✓ Explore Kathmandu
- ✓ Spot wildlife in Chitwan

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See monks debating at Sera Monastery

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Visit the debating courtyard of Sera near Lhasa, one of Tibet's most prolific monasteries, to watch the monks discussing Buddhist doctrine and philosophies.
- Amongst the lush landscapes of Nepal's Terai lowlands, enjoy a performance of a traditional stick dance of the Tharu people, native to this area, an energetic ritual used to wake the goddess Durga.
- At Kathmandu's magnificent Boudhanath Stupa, meet a resident Lama who will conduct a special blessing ceremony over you and give you a khada, a traditional silk scarf symbolising purity and compassion, for you to keep.



Experience the tranquility of Phewa Lake in Pokhara, Nepal

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: GIANT PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's most famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents come to look for suitors for their children and visit a traditional teahouse.

DAY 3: LHASA

Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 4: DEBATING MONKS

Lhasa is a contemporary city but among the old streets at its core, you will 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 where the streets are lined with stalls selling trinkets and religious relics, and where traditionally-dressed locals and pilgrims are plentiful. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner.

DAY 5: THE POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Tibetan dance performance.

DAY 6: YAMDROK LAKE

Travel to Gyantse, once an integral stop on the historic trade route between India and Tibet. Enroute, make a stop to admire the colossal Karuola Glacier, stretching down the side of Mount Simila towards the road. Also stop to admire the breathtaking turquoise-blue waters of the sacred Yamdrok Lake, backed by the snowy peaks of the Himalayas.

DAY 7: GYANTSE TO SHIGATSE

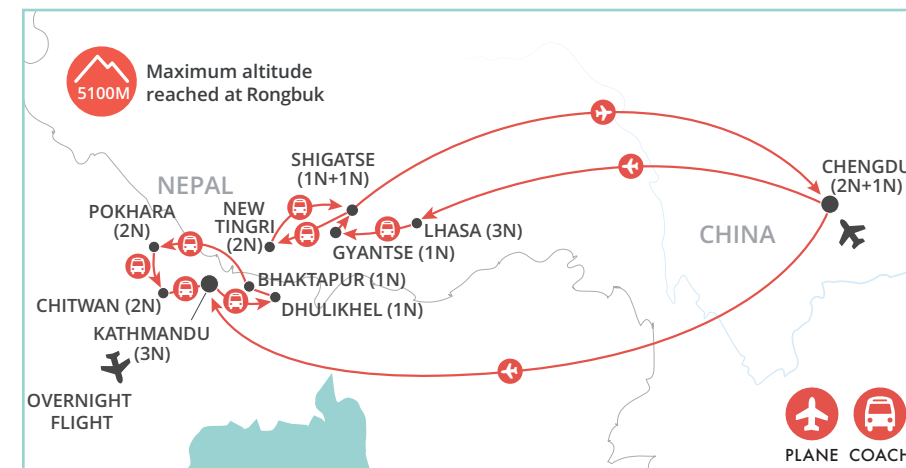
Located inside the Pelkor Monastery, visit the Gyantse Kumbum which is home to the largest chörten in Tibet and houses exquisite sculptures and paintings that rise 35 metres over four floors. Next, travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama.

DAY 8: NEW TINGRI

Begin the day with a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale. From here, drive to New Tingri, also known as Shegar. When crossing the Gyatso-la Pass, admire small Tibetan villages and ruins of ancient dzongs along the way.

DAY 9: MOUNT EVEREST

Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue-La Pass to Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. With Mount Everest dominating the horizon, stop at the world's highest post office, then make the short walk (30 mins) to Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under



Enjoy views of Mount Everest



Explore the cobbled streets of Bhaktapur, Nepal

the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting).

DAY 10: SHIGATSE

Return to Shigatse and stay overnight.

DAY 11: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 12: ARRIVE INTO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The tiny Kingdom of Nepal sits atop the Himalayas wedged between India, Tibet and China. Upon arrival, meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market.

DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR

Visit Changu Narayan Temple before taking a hike to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and see the old houses and meet a local Newari family before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon, wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you will stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows.

DAYS 14-15: POKHARA

Rise early and drive 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. The next day, visit the Old Bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall before looking around the International Mountain Museum.

DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Rise early to visit a Hindu temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. The next day, take an early morning nature walk and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene boat trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu stick dance performed by local farmers.

DAY 18: DAMAN

Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu.

DAY 19: 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 Boudhanath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple.

DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH

Explore Kathmandu, a city of many layers. A modern-day assault on the senses, it is a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today's visits include Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market.

DAYS 21-22: FLY KATHMANDU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

GO BEYOND CHINA, TIBET & NEPAL

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey of extremes, traversing the starkly beautiful and dramatic landscapes of Tibet and Nepal. Some days are spent at altitude with long periods of driving. A good level of fitness is required for this tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2020 DATES

05 May - 26 May **\$8,980** 06 Oct - 27 Oct **\$8,980**

2021 DATES

12 May - 01 Jun **\$9,280** 06 Oct - 26 Oct **\$9,280**

Flight and supplement information

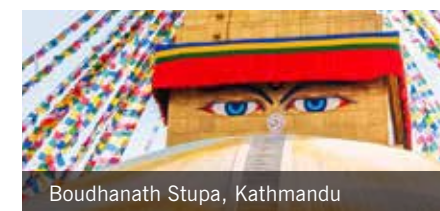
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Boudhanath Stupa, Kathmandu

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Discover Buddhist Emeishan
- ✓ See pandas in Chengdu

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 15 dinners (D)
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Practise the art of tai chi

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take in the picture-postcard views and traditional landscapes as you walk through the traditional Longji Rice Terraces.
- Explore the otherworldly expanse of sandstone karst pillars, peaks and pinnacles that make up the magical Zhangjiajie National Forest Park with a series of beautiful walks and visits to geological wonders.
- Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on Jinji's breathtaking suspended rope bridge near Pingle.



Longji Rice Terraces near Guilin

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO GUILIN

Fly overnight 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 rewarding hike to Moon Hill for beautiful views. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TAI CHI & BAMBOO RAFTING

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

DAY 5: REED FLUTE CAVE

Drive back to Guilin and spend the afternoon exploring Reed Flute Cave and learning about the South China pearling industry at a pearl factory. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Travel to the iconic Longji Rice Terraces and head out for a three-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. (B,L)

DAY 7: ZHANGJIAJIE

Take the bullet train to Changsha and then travel by road to picturesque Zhangjiajie, located in Hunan province. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical 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. Over the next two days, enjoy some beautiful walks, take a cruise on Lake Baofeng and spend some time exploring Huanglong Cave, also known as 'Yellow Dragon Cave'. Trek to Jinbian Stream and explore the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will also see the famous Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: YICHANG

Catch the train to Yichang and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (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 you cruise upstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. Over the next three days, take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)



Explore the scenic area of Zhangjiajie

DAY 14: HEISHAN VALLEY

Disembark in Chongqing and transfer to Wulong. Stop en route at Heishan (Black Mountain) Valley, a scenic area enveloped by a mysterious fog that is home to deep valleys, lush green forests, majestic waterfalls, rivers and streams, caves and wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK & LONGSHUIXIA

Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Heilong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: WULONG NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wulong National Park – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park remains relatively unspoilt. Later, return to Chongqing. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: CHONGQING

Visit the charming town of Ciqikou and spend some time strolling the streets, admiring the traditional architecture. Continue by road to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. 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 below on a short boat trip. Later, continue to Emeishan. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built 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: 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 the Jinji Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

Spend the morning visiting the giant pandas. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People's Park. People-watching here is an endless pleasure, from the lively locals playing mahjong to the singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese dinner and an optional 'face-changing' show. (B,D)

DAYS 22-23: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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DREAMS OF NATURE

GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Towering pinnacles swathed in mist, majestic mountains and verdant nature are just some of the wonders included on this scenic journey. Due to the hiking on this tour a good level of fitness is required.



Discover beautiful Wulong

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2020 DATES

02 Apr - 24 Apr	\$6,280	08 Oct - 30 Oct	\$6,580
03 Sep - 25 Sep	\$6,580		

2021 DATES

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Learn about the Dongba Pictograms

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Spend time with a Shaman, who will teach you some of a forgotten language, Dongba Pictograms - by the end of the lesson you'll know all about its history and be able to write a few basic characters.
- Watch the sun's rays spread over the rugged, snowy peak of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, in what must surely be considered one of the most dramatic and spectacular places to watch the sun rise.
- Visit Tashilhunpo, the seat of the eminent Panchen Lama, and make a 'kora' (pilgrimage circuit) of this 15th-century monastery with the pilgrims who have travelled from all over Tibet to visit this sacred edifice.



Discover Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING
Fly overnight to the relaxed city of Kunming, also known as the 'city of Eternal Spring'.

DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST
This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Visit Dianchi Lake and the Western Hills. Return to Kunming and 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 peek into bygone China. Wander the ancient quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION
Weibaoshan 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 and meet with a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. (B,L)

DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to Shaxi ancient town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people who live in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang and spend the evening wandering the old town. (B,L)

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN & DONGBA SHAMAN
A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the stunning 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 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 Park for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Continue to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and spend some free time exploring the old town. (B,L)

DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA
Visit Songzanlin Monastery before hiking 2-3 hours to Napa Hai. Here you are surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Next, 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: 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 CIRCUIT
Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you will feel a million miles from the stresses and strains of the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is



Marvel at Mount Everest



Visit Songzanlin Temple in rural Shangri-La

palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, one of the three great monasteries of Tibet, to witness the debating monks. Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan dinner and dance. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: POTALA PALACE
The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder, towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. Next, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SHIGATSE
Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Enjoy some free time to explore the local markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: NEW TINGRI
Continue by road to New Tingri, admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as you go. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST
Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue-La Pass to Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. With Mount Everest dominating the horizon, stop by the world's highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). A total of 1-2 hours will be spent on foot today. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE
Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest before returning to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE & GYANTSE
Return to Shigatse. The next day, visit Tashilhunpo Monastery and join the pilgrims on their evening 'kora' of the monastery. Continue to the pleasant town of Gyantse to visit the Gyantse Kumbum located inside the Pelkor Monastery. Visit a traditional folk house for some home-brewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: TSEDANG
Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri, the 'birthplace of the Tibetan people'. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE
Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, legend says that the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace was the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue to the Chang Chun Monastery and the King's Tombs before returning to Lhasa. (B,L)

DAY 21: CHENGDU
Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

DAY 22: PANDAS
Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, stroll around People's Park, see Matchmaker's Corner and stop by a traditional teahouse. In the evening, enjoy Sichuanese cuisine followed by an option to see a 'face-changing' show. (B,L,D)

DAY 23: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA
Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

TIBETAN WONDERS

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the diverse landscapes of Yunnan Province up to 'the roof of the world'. Admire ancient monasteries and Himalayan vistas before taking in the ultimate view of Everest. Expect long days of driving on this tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
02 May - 25 May	\$7,580	12 Sep - 05 Oct	\$7,580
16 May - 08 Jun	\$7,380	03 Oct - 26 Oct	\$7,580
2021 DATES			
01 May - 24 May	\$7,880	11 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,880
15 May - 07 Jun	\$7,680		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kunming - Chengdu) 22 days from \$6,330 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,240

Important note

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Kashgar Sunday Bazaar
- ✓ Admire Jiayu Fortress
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Xiahe
- ✓ See the Rainbow Mountains
- ✓ Discover Mogao Grottoes
- ✓ Experience the Taklamakan Desert

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
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Try momo dumplings

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Sample Tibetan foods and flavours with a traditional Tibetan lunch, featuring 'momos', the tasty steamed and stuffed dumpling whose popularity has spread from the Tibetan Plateau throughout Asia.
- Wander amongst the packed stalls of the atmospheric Shazhou Night Market in the Silk Road frontier city of Dunhuang, browsing delicious foods, fascinating local wares and a wealth of souvenirs.
- Visit a traditional, nomadic home of a family of the Kazakh minority community, and spend some time with them, learning about their culture, and get a glimpse of life living in a yurt.



Discover Crescent Moon Spring, Dunhuang

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the ancient city wall and take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner and take an optional 'Xian by night' tour.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the day with a visit to Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Begin today with a leisurely walk along the Yellow River and then head to the hilltop Baita Temple for a moment of tranquillity. Along the river and in Baita Park you can see locals practising tai chi. Later, tuck into some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand-stretched dough. The next day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liujiaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Later, visit the statue of Maitreya.

DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe and spend time acclimatising to the altitude.

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.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

Return to Lanzhou and take the speedy bullet train to Zhangye, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road.

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

Rise early this morning to witness the sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and visit the Giant Buddha Temple before boarding your bullet train to Jiayuguan.

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for panoramic views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert.

DAY 12: 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.

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES

A system of temples and sanctuaries, visit the Mogao Grottoes that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.



Prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery, Xiahe



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains, Zhangye

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

Visit Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst rolling dunes and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomenon produced by the wind blowing through grains of sand.

DAY 15: TURPAN

Take 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.

DAYS 16-17: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. Later, see the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. The next day, learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Karez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD

Over the next three days travel along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Start with a visit to see the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, and on to the fabled city of Kashgar.

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China – in fact, it feels a million miles from anywhere! Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and a stroll around the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square.

DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Later, fly to Urumqi.

DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazakh minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Tonight, enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China's historic capital.

DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. This evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAYS 27-28: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow in the footsteps of intrepid 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 Kashgar.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
12 Apr - 09 May	\$8,280	06 Sep - 03 Oct	\$7,880
03 May - 30 May	\$8,280	20 Sep - 17 Oct	\$7,680
17 May - 13 Jun	\$8,280	04 Oct - 31 Oct	\$8,280

2021 DATES			
11 Apr - 08 May	\$8,580	05 Sep - 02 Oct	\$8,180
02 May - 29 May	\$8,580	19 Sep - 16 Oct	\$8,180
16 May - 12 Jun	\$8,580	10 Oct - 06 Nov	\$8,580

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Xian - Beijing) 25 days from \$6,580 per person, twin share
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MONGOLIA & NAADAM HIGHLIGHTS

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience traditional Mongolia at The Naadam Festival
- ✓ Explore at the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Discover Terelj National Park
- ✓ Venture to the Singing Sand Dunes
- ✓ See Erdene Zuu Monastery
- ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands



The Naadam Festival

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation & ger camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills'

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness the pageantry of the Naadam Festival, cheering on the participants alongside the crowds of locals, as they compete in the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' – wrestling, archery and horsemanship.
- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a Mongolian family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.
- ▶ Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly to Mongolia's chaotic and cosmopolitan capital, Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to the 19th century Gandan Monastery, Mongolia's largest and most important Monastery, before exploring the National Museum of Mongolia, Genghis Khan Square and the Zaisan Hill Memorial. Tonight, enjoy a Mongolian barbeque accompanied by a cultural performance that includes traditional throat and 'long song' singers.

DAY 3: MONGOLIAN WRESTLING

Travel to a training camp to learn all about an essential element of Mongolian culture and one of the 'Three Manly Skills' (the skills Genghis Khan believed essential for any Mongol warrior) – wrestling. Watch the athletes practicing and pick up some of the various tricks and techniques! Continue to an archery training camp, the second of the 'Three Manly Skills' and observe the archers hard at work with their bows and arrows. This evening, learn the art of cooking a Mongolian barbeque, sitting down to dine on the results with local wrestlers before spending the night in a ger, a traditional nomadic tent.

DAY 4: GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Head to Terelj National Park and soak up the beautiful alpine scenery, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. Explore Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal

Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Also visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle.

DAY 5: HORSE RIDING CAMP

As the preparations for the Naadam Festival reach their climax, visit Hui Doloon Khudag (horse racing field) for a glimpse at the third of the 'Three Manly Skills', horsemanship. Return to Ulaanbaatar where, in Central Square, you can view the colourful Naadam costumes that are on display. In the afternoon explore the Winter Palace of the Bogd Khan and enjoy some free time to do some shopping for local handicrafts.

DAY 6: NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY

Mix with the locals and nomads alike to witness the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival. Watch the procession of the athletes, officials and monks in their extravagant costumes, all accompanied by traditional music and dancing. This is a festival like no other and no doubt, one of the main highlights of the trip! Cheer on the competitors in the first rounds on the wrestling and archery this afternoon, before an evening at the Naadam Traditional Folk Gala Show.

DAY 7: NAADAM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

Travel to Khustain National Park for a thrilling morning of cross-country horseracing. Watch the events alongside the locals and revel in the carnival-like atmosphere. In the early afternoon head to the exciting wrestling events where over 1,000 wrestlers meet in a single-elimination tournament that lasts nine or ten rounds. Travel to Khustain National Park.



Relax in a Mongolian ger



Explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes

DAY 8: WILDLIFE SPOTTING

Head off in a 4WD vehicles at dawn for a wildlife-spotting expedition, keeping an eye out for Mongolia's famous wild horses as well as deer, gazelles and birds. Return to the ger camp for breakfast before travelling onto Kharkhorin. Mongolia's former capital is situated on the Orkhon River, a spot handpicked by Genghis Khan in 1220. The city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now 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 Monastery – which we visit today. The area around tonight's ger camp is known for its scenic valley surrounds and horse-trekking.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ONGII

Travel through wild, grassy steppe to Ongii Khiid and explore the atmospheric ruins of Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid. Your guides will set up your ger camp close to the peaceful Ongii River whilst you visit a nearby Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle and taste the delicious products made from their livestock's milk.

DAY 10: 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, which will be well worth it! There's also the chance to ride a two-humped

camel through the dunes – a true Mongolian desert experience.

DAY 11: FLAMING CLIFFS

Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Gurvan Saikhan National Park. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of jagged mountains, undulating sand dunes and a valley that is snow-capped for most of the year and hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge. Continue by 4WD to Bayanzag, more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs', an area made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone.

DAY 12: DINOSAUR CEMETERY

This morning, visit the dinosaur cemetery, a small part of an area of palaeontological importance thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found here – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Hike a little further into the spectacular landscapes before travelling on to Baga Gazriin, a series of granite formations in the Middle Gobi region.

DAY 13: TSORJIIN KHUREENII KHIID

Travel back to Ulaanbaatar, stopping off to discover the atmospheric ruins of Tsorjiin Khureenii in its magnificent setting. This evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance and a farewell dinner.

MONGOLIA AND NAADAM HIGHLIGHTS

GO BEYOND
MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing endless plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long drives.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

06 Jul-20 Jul

\$8,900

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar) 14 days from \$7,400 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$850

Important note

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DAYS 14-15: FLY ULAANBAATAR TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the next day.

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ROAD TO SAMARKAND

- 23 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$10,600 TWIN SHARE
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- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover the mysteries of Samarkand
- ✓ Learn about ancient silk production
- ✓ Discover holy Bukhara
- ✓ Meet nomads in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Lose yourself in vibrant bazaars
- ✓ Watch eagle hunting

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus yurt camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visas not required for Australian passport holders



▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Issyk Kul, the world's second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
- ▶ In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage and keeping old traditions alive.
- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz practice – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.



Majestic Samarkand

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY VIA DUBAI TO BISHKEK

Fly via Dubai to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a city tour to see Ala-Too Square, the White House and Oak Park.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek for a free afternoon.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th Century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful Lake Issyk Kul, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

DAYS 5-6: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and explore the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese mosque. On day 6, rise early to immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market which rivals Kashgar's famous animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of Flowers and Jety-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone. Here you can enjoy horseback riding and visit Irdyk village. This

evening enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family.

DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Depart Karakol early and travel to the village of Kyzyl-Suu to see the process of constructing a yurt, continuing to explore Barskoon Gorge and Skazka Canyon. Arrive at the village of Bokonbaevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practiced with majestic golden eagles.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

Enjoy a free morning to stroll around Bokonbaevo or walk on the shores of beautiful Lake Issyk Kul. Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravanserai that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. In a peaceful valley, it is set alongside a series of seasonal yurt-camps, where you will spend the night.

DAY 9: KOCHKOR

Take a walk around Tash Rabat to enjoy the scenery before transferring to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional 'shyrdak' (wool carpet) workshop and a local co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts.

DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning exploring Kochkor at your own pace before heading out to the sculpted valleys of Chong Kemin National Park. Take in bustling village life in Ashu and cheer on the competitors of the horseback games, a fun demonstration of old nomadic traditions.



Chong Kemin National Park, Kyrgyzstan



Vendors at Margilon market

DAY 11: INTO UZBEKISTAN

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly to Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

DAY 12: THE FERGANA VALLEY

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khan and Kukeldash madrassahs and the Tila Shaikh mosque and archives before browsing the wares of Chorsu Bazaar. Later, travel to the city of Fergana located in the heart of the rich Fergana Valley.

DAY 13: MARGILON SUNDAY BAZAAR

Rise early and travel to Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar in the town of Margilon, where you will immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of Central Asia's most vibrant market. Arrive in Kokand and visit Khan's Palace and Jami Mosque Museum then drop by a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets. Visit a silk factory and return to Fergana.

DAY 14: TASHKENT

After a relaxed morning travel back to Tashkent by road. On arrival, the afternoon is free to explore more of the city.

DAY 15: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

Travel by train to the legendary city of Samarkand. Upon arrival, wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of the city's most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the majestic mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and Central Asia's most spectacular architectural ensemble, Registan Square. Wander through a local market and visit the Shah-I-Zinda mausoleum.

DAY 16: SAMARKAND

This morning, you have free time to relax or explore more of the city. This afternoon, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th Century and considered as one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world. Later, visit a papermaking workshop and the Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 17: EXPLORE BUKHARA

Travel to the holy city of Bukhara, a place of astounding history. Explore the legendary Kalon Minaret, the Ark of Bukhara, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Medrassah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid.

DAY 18: BUKHARA

This morning visit Sitara-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th Century confection of a building! Drive out to the pottery town of Gijduvan where you'll explore the town and visit a ceramics centre. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 19: KHIWA

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to Khiva. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

GO BEYOND KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow the famous Silk Road through Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan! This tour will take you off-the-beaten-track to mingle with nomads in traditional yurt camps, to stroll through vibrant bazaars and discover timeless, ornately-decorated cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

05 May-27 May	\$10,600	01 Sep-23 Sep	\$10,600
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Land only (Bishkek - Tashkent) 21 days from \$7,900 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,100

Important note

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DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kukhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrassah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomic, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th Century Tash Hauili Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Today you will have free time to wander Khiva's old town before transferring to Urgench to fly to Tashkent, arriving in the evening.

DAYS 22-23: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home on day 23 of the tour.

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EURASIA EXPLORER

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ALL MEALS

- TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
- ✓ Sample Georgian cuisine
 - ✓ Discover ancient Silk Road caravanserais
 - ✓ Learn about the world’s first Christian nation
 - ✓ Tour the Zoroastrian Ateshgah Fire Temple
 - ✓ Marvel at the scenery of Mount Kazbegi

- PRICE INCLUDES
- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches, 21 dinners
 - International flights and current taxes
 - Domestic transportation
 - 3-4 star accommodation
 - Touring with guides and entrance fees
 - Visa fees for Australian passport holders



▶ EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a rural home in the Caucasus Mountains of Azerbaijan where, as well as getting a glimpse of the day to day life of the people here, you can try your hand at making yoghurt, the essential component of national dish ‘dovga’.
- ▶ In the remote village of Lakhiri in the mountainous Sveneti region, learn to make one of Georgia’s most popular snacks, khachapuri, a delicious cheese-filled leavened bread.
- ▶ In the ancient city of Mtskheta, home to Georgia’s most beautiful frescoes, join a master craftsmen to discover more about the art of icon painting, and the secrets of the traditional craft of ‘teka’ (felt) making.



Experience the Caucasus mountains

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO AZERBAIJAN
Fly overnight to Baku, Azerbaijan’s laidback capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Stroll down Martyrs’ Lane to the seafront before heading into Icheri Sheher, the atmospheric old city for a delicious local dinner.

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR
Explore the city, visiting the treasures of Icheri Sheher - Shirvanshah’s Palace, a caravanserai and the Maiden Tower. Later, visit the Carpet Museum and the main market square, with its numerous art studios and souvenir stalls.

DAY 4: VISIT YANAR DAG
Visit Yanar Dag, meaning ‘Burning Mountain’, a fire fed by natural gas seeping through the sandstone and Ateshgah, the UNESCO-listed Fire Temple of Baku. Explore the medieval fortress of Mardakan and, after lunch, drive to Gobustan National Park to visit the Petroglyph Museum and view rock carvings dating back to 10,000 BC.

DAY 5: CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS
Head north through the spectacular landscapes of the Caucasus Mountains. Stop in the ancient city of Shamakhi, visiting the 8th-century Juma Mosque and pop into a local home to try your hand at traditional yoghurt making. Continue to the city of Gabala.

DAY 6: EXPLORE SHEKI
Discover the ruins of the ancient walled city Chukhur Gabala and visit the Gabala Historical Ethnography Museum. Visit Nidj village to meet the native Udin people before arriving in Sheki. Browse the wares of the colourful bazaar, visit Sheki Palace and the village of Kis.

DAY 7: GEORGIA WINE TOUR
Cross over the border into Georgia. Explore a traditional market and visit a local family. Lunch on homemade food, wine and Georgian ‘chacha’ before travelling through picturesque landscapes of vineyards and wine villages, to the magnificent wine cave at Kvareli and the Chavchavadze Estate. Continue to Akhasheni Wine Resort which, as well as being your overnight accommodation, will host you for a wine tour and tasting.

DAY 8: DISCOVER SIGHNAGHI
Travel to the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi. Continue to Bodbe Convent, the burial place – so legend tells – of St Nino, who converted Georgia to Christianity in the 4th century. Arrive in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and have dinner in the atmospheric old town.

DAY 9: EXPLORE TBILISI
Explore the sights of Tbilisi. Visit the 13th Century Metekhi church, the monument to Vakhtang Gorgasali and Narikala Fortress. Stroll through the Sharden area, where narrow streets are lined with cosy cafés, wine bars and souvenir shops.

DAY 10: DISCOVER ANCIENT MTSKHETA
This morning visit the 3,000-year-old ancient capital – Mtskheta. Spend time visiting the city’s historical sights including the UNESCO-listed Svetitskhoveli Cathedral where, preserved in the crypt, it is said the robe of Christ resides. Later, travel to Gudauri to visit a local painter to learn about Georgian icon painting and ‘teka’ (felt) making.

DAY 11: UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN
Travel back along the scenic Tergi River to Gori,



Enjoy a Baki city tour



Explore Tbilisi’s narrow streets

the hometown of Joseph Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the tiny house where he was born. Continue to the abandoned cave town of Uplistsikhe, a fascinating complex of ancient dwelling quarters and a three-nave basilica church, all hewn from rock. Continue to Kutaisi.

DAY 12: VISIT OKATSE CANYON
Visit the local Kutaisi farmers’ market and then travel to Okatse Canyon, for panoramic views. Travel on to Svaneti – a region that is home to high mountains, glaciers and ancient traditions. Arrive in Mestia and explore the famous watchtowers that look out over the distant mountains.

DAY 13: LAKHIRI VILLAGE HIKE
This morning you will visit Lakhiri village and take a short hike through a valley to view the Chalati Glacier. Back in Lakhiri enjoy a baking class where you’ll make khachapuri, a famous cheese-filled bread.

DAY 14: EXPLORE USHGULI
Drive to Mulakhi, one of many villages dotted with twenty-metre-high stone watchtowers, built during the Middle Ages to defend against invaders. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ushguli to visit the 12th Century Lamaria Church, Queen Tamar’s Tower and the Ushguli Museum.

DAY 15: AROUND KUTAISI
Pay a visit to the beautiful hillside Gelati Monastery before exploring the Prometheus Grotto, one of Georgia’s natural wonders. Return to Kutaisi to explore the cobbled streets of the town as you make your way up to the ruins of Bagrati Palace and citadel.

DAY 16: VISIT BORJOMI SPA
Drive to Borjomi Spa, famous for its mineral springs, and taste the waters for yourself. Continue to Akhaltsikhe, where you will visit the multi-cultural complex of Rabath. Wander the Rabat Fortress (Old Town) with its rare examples of darbazebi (traditional houses), castles, mosques and synagogues.

DAY 17: INTO ARMENIA
Visit Vardzia, a magnificent 12th Century cave town, before crossing the border into Armenia. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Haghat Monastery and continue to the medieval kingdom of Dzoraget. Travel to Dilijan, a town that boasts an old district filled with craftsmans workshops, galleries and a museum.

DAY 18: DILIJAN MONASTERIES
Discover Haghartsin Monastery, a beautiful example of medieval Armenian architecture nestled in lush woodland. Enjoy lunch with a local family before driving on to Lake Sevan, known as the ‘Emerald of Armenia’. Visit Sevanavank, a beautiful monastery on its shores. Return to Dilijan.

DAY 19: JOURNEY TO GORIS
Start the day at the ‘Forest of Khachkars’, a fascinating medieval cemetery before travelling by road to the southern town of Goris via Selim Caravanserai. Visit the mysterious Karahunge Observatory, where the scenery and mountain setting provide a spectacular backdrop.

DAY 20: WINE AND CHEESE MAKING
Travel to the 10th Century Tatev Monastery, before a wine tasting at Areni Winery. Lunch today is in a local home, where you will have the opportunity to see how to distil vodka,

GO BEYOND AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA & ARMENIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
An adventure through the Caucasus, this tour highlights a real contrast of cultures. See beautiful mountain scenery, enjoy delicious food and wine, and marvel at ancient fortresses, cathedrals, mosques and temples.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
26 May-18 Jun	\$10,400	02 Aug-25 Aug	\$10,400

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Baku - Yerevan) 22 days from \$8,200 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,380

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enjoy homemade wine, and learn how to make Armenian cheese. Finally, visit Noravank Monastery – a great religious and cultural centre located in the midst of impressive red cliffs. Continue to the capital city of Yerevan.

DAY 21: EXPLORE YEREVAN
Established in 782 BC, Yerevan is a thriving city with all the hustle and bustle of a modern capital. Start your explorations in Republic Square, continuing to the Opera House and the Cafesjian Centre for the Arts. Travel to Echmiadzin, a spiritual centre and the seat of the Armenian Catholics and stop at the ruins of 7th Century Zvartnots.

DAY 22: GARNI VILLAGE
Visit Garni Village to see its 1st Century temple and have lunch at a local family home where you will learn flatbread making techniques. After lunch, visit Geghard Monastery and the Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. Sit down to a farewell dinner tonight.

DAYS 23- 24: FLY YEREVAN TO AUSTRALIA
Fly to Australia, arriving on day 24 of the tour.

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- ✓ Visit a Siberian village
- ✓ Enjoy the world's most exciting rail journey
- ✓ Marvel at the Kremlin complex
- ✓ Tour Moscow and St Petersburg



Trans-Siberian Railway train, Lake Baikal

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See Mongolian performing arts

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show in capital Ulaanbaatar, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- Discover the wild beauty of Siberia's Lake Baikal as you cruise its crystal-clear waters on a boat trip, passing beautiful sandy bays, rocky capes and long, uninhabited shores.
- In the early 90s, the streets of Yekaterinburg were the scene of gang wars between rival Mafiosi – learn all about the turbulent history and visit the elaborate cemeteries of the gangs involved on a fascinating mafia tour.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: GREAT WALL OF CHINA

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Visit a jade museum, before a stroll through Tiananmen Square and the exquisite Summer Palace. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

DAY 3: TRANS MONGOLIAN RAILWAY

Depart Beijing on the 'Trans-Mongolian' railway, heading west out of the city to pass through the mountains and out onto the arid plains of Inner Mongolia.

DAY 4: ULAANBAATAR

Cross into Mongolia, passing through the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert and into the open grasslands of the steppe. Disembark in Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar and tour the city. Tonight, enjoy a Mongolian barbeque and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional throat and 'long song' singers.

DAY 5: GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Visit a ger district, where you can share a cup of traditional Mongolian tea with some of the residents. Travel to Gorkhi-Terelj, a national park of picturesque alpine scenery. Take an easy hike to Turtle Rock, visit a nomad family and experience the warm hospitality of the Mongolian people.

DAY 6: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE

Return to Ulaanbaatar, stopping to admire the iconic Genghis Khan statue and to visit Gandan, one of Mongolia's most important monasteries.

DAY 7: GER BUILDING

Travel out to a rural village to learn all about the art of ger building and take a short walk past beautiful granite rock formations to the Aglag Buteeliin Buddhist Temple. Return to Ulaanbaatar.

DAY 8: ULAANBAATAR

Take a morning to relax or explore the city further. Board the train and continue your Trans-Mongolian adventure into Russia.

DAY 9: OLD BELIEVERS' VILLAGE

Arrive in Ulan Ude in Russia. Tour the city before spending the afternoon at the Old Believers' village of Tarbagatay. Learn about the community's way of life and dine in the village hall, enjoying sumptuous local food, vodka and wine whilst being entertained with local dancing and folk singing.

DAY 10: TRAIN JOURNEY TO LISTVYANKA

Board the train, travelling on what is now the Trans-Siberian Railway, along the spectacular shores of Lake Baikal to Irkutsk from where you'll transfer to pretty Listvyanka.

DAY 11: LAKE BAIKAL

Explore the beautiful nature around Lake Baikal on foot and by boat. Back in Listvyanka, grab some local delicacies, such as smoked omul and shashlik, at the waterside market and picnic on the pebble beach with weekenders Russians. Wash it down with some local Siberian lager and vodka.



Discover Yekaterinburg's fascinating history

DAY 12: IRKUTSK CITY TOUR

This morning travel back to Irkutsk for a tour of the city. View the 19th Century wooden architecture and the Trans-Siberian Railway Angara Icebreaker Museum. Enjoy lunch in 130 Kvartal – a neighbourhood of typical Siberian timber buildings – before you board the afternoon train bound for Yekaterinburg.

DAY 13: TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Spend a full day on the train, travelling across the endless landscapes of Siberia. Throughout the day you'll pass through bustling metropolises, timeless villages and spectacular panoramas.

DAY 14: YEKATERINBURG

Arrive into Yekaterinburg this afternoon. The gem rush, the Romanovs, Boris Yeltsin, and gangster feuds – Yekaterinburg has a fascinating history. Discover more, and visit the moving monuments to Russia's imperial family, the Romanovs at the Church of All Saints on Spilled Blood.

DAY 15: EXPLORE YEKATERINBURG

Today, take part in a fascinating Mafia Gangster Tour to learn about the legendary feuds of the 1990s. Re-board the train this evening to travel to Kazan.

DAY 16: DISCOVER KAZAN

Arrive in Kazan, the capital of the Tatarstan Republic - the land of the Volga Tatars. Walk along Baumann Street and on to the Kazan Kremlin, Chak-Chak Museum, Kul Sharif Mosque, an old Tatar Settlement and the Soviet Lifestyle Museum.

DAY 17: VOLGA RIVERBOAT TRIP

This morning visit the Temple of All Religions and the Virgin Monastery of Raifa, before voyaging along the scenic Volga River. Return to the city centre for dinner at a Tatar restaurant and board the train to Moscow.

DAY 18: VISIT THE KREMLIN

Arrive in Moscow. Take a walking tour, visiting St Basil's Cathedral, Red Square and the Kremlin. Continue to the Lubyanka Building - the former KGB headquarters, Revolution Square and Hotel Metropol, a magnificent Art Nouveau building. Dinner tonight is at a traditional restaurant.

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOSCOW

Continue exploring this great city. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sip sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Moskva River.

DAY 20: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE

Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of Moscow's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets.

DAY 21: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG

Take a fast train to Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great. St Petersburg is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history and has long been considered Russia's cultural hub. Tour the State Hermitage Building, the Winter Palace, the Kazan Cathedral and the Church of the Savior of the Spilled Blood.

TRANS SIBERIAN RAILWAY

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CHINA, MONGOLIA & RUSSIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Beijing to St Petersburg is a journey that spans continents. Ride on the iconic Trans-Siberian railway and discover the changing landscapes and cultures along the way.



Visit St Basil's Cathedral

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

5 Jul - 29 Jul \$14,900 16 Aug - 9 Sep \$14,900

Flight and supplement information

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DAY 22: ST PETERSBURG TOUR

This morning travel out to the majestic Peterhof and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River.

DAY 23: CONTINUE EXPLORING ST PETERSBURG

Enjoy another day exploring the wonders of St Petersburg. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAYS 24-25: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home on day 25 of the tour.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover the history of the Silk Road
- ✓ Experience Karakol's famous animal market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Visit fascinating Kazakhstan
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand



Darvaza Gas Craters, Turkmenistan

PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches, 24 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus tents and yurts
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Learn about the Akhal Teke horses

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes. A native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- Stroll through Bukhara's Lyab-i Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city's last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd's camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

ITINERARY

DAY 1-2: FLY TO TURKMENISTAN

Fly via Dubai to the city of Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. The rest of the morning is free to relax before a welcome lunch and a visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

Today explore both ancient and modern Ashgabat visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Rukhnama book. Lunch at Gulistan Bazaar then learn about Ashgabat's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

Journey to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv. En route, learn about the Turkmenistan cotton and gas industry and stop at ancient Abivard.

DAY 5: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Drive through the Karakum Desert to the Darvaza Gas Crater and walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames.

DAY 6: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

Drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezm Empire in the 12th-13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled al Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Cross into Uzbekistan.

DAY 7: KHIVA'S WALLED CITY

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO BUKHARA

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert, to holy Bukhara, a city with an astounding history spanning 2,500 years. This evening take a walking tour through the markets and shop for traditional Uzbek crafts.

DAY 9: BUKHARA SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Bolo Hauz Mosque before wandering through a beautiful oasis to the peaceful 16th Century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis. Later this afternoon, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 10: GOLDEN SAMARKAND

Arrive in the legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for the first glimpse of some of the city's most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAMARKAND

This morning, return to Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum and Registan Square for a more in-depth look at the timeless architecture. Later, wander through a local market, visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 12: DISCOVER ULUGH BEG

Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, exploring sites such as the remnants of Ak-Sarai Palace. Back in Samarkand, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the



Admire Bukhara's architecture



Figurines in Bukhara, Uzbekistan

15th Century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world.

DAY 13: TASHKENT OLD TOWN

Visit a traditional papermaking workshop in Konigil village before travelling to Tashkent. Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shaikh mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently-decorated Tashkent Metro.

DAY 14: LOCAL VILLAGE CRAFTS

Journey through the scenic mountains along the Uzbek/Kyrgyz border stopping to enjoy a guided tour of the town of Kokand. Travel on to Ok Yer village to visit a local Kyrgyz family who manufactures traditional woollen carpets and visit the Rishton Ceramics Museum. Arrive in Fergana.

DAY 15: MARGILON SUNDAY MARKET

Rise early and travel to the Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar in Margilon and immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of Central Asia's most impressive market. Continue onto the nearby Yodgorlik Silk Factory for a tour.

DAY 16: INTO TAJIKISTAN

Cross the border into Tajikistan, arriving in the city of Khujand. Stroll through the vibrant Panchshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th Century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square.

DAY 17: LAKE ISKANDER KUL

Travel to Istaravshan, in the northern foothills of the Tajik Mountains, and on to Lake Iskander Kul, taking time in both to take in breathtaking views. Arrive in Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

DAY 18: EXPLORE DUSHANBE

Take a full-day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoil Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz a cultural palace which showcases traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the Fortress of Hissor.

DAY 19: INTO KAZAKHSTAN

Fly to Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan. Enjoy an orientation walk visiting Republic Square, Abai Opera Theatre, the Central Mosque, the Green Market and Zenkov Cathedral.

DAY 20: ALMATY LAKE

This morning drive to the Big Almaty Lake and the Tien Shan Astronomical Observatory. Return to Almaty for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 21: CHARYN CANYON

Drive through breathtaking scenery to visit the magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles. Continue to the border and cross into Kyrgyzstan and on to Karakol.

DAY 22: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET

Rise early for the bustling Karakol Sunday Animal Market, which rivals Kashgar's animal market. Return to the city and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Oguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone.

DAY 23: EAGLE HUNTING

Leave early to explore the beautiful gorges and waterfalls of the highlands before stopping at the village of Bokonbaevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Retrace legendary journeys on this unforgettable Central Asian adventure through the 'Five Stans' visiting the Silk Road gems, charming villages and remote landscapes while soaking up the mystical old-world atmosphere.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

10 May - 5 Jun **\$13,900** 6 Sep - 2 Oct **\$13,900**

Flight and supplement information

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tradition. Spend the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 24: KOCHKOR'S HANDICRAFTS

Enjoy an early morning walk around the lake before transferring to Kochkor to visit a workshop of traditional wool carpets, called 'shyrdak'. Head to the capital city of Bishkek, visiting the Burana Tower en route.

DAY 25: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning's city tour will visit Ala-Too Square, Oak Park and the newly restored Museum of History. Drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through the picturesque scenery before returning to Bishkek for a farewell dinner.

DAY 26-27: FLY BISHKEK TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home on day 27 of the tour.

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ACTIVE TOURS

Get to know these destinations through energetic pursuits.

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max 18 people

Our Active tours involve more physical elements than our Classic tours do, such as day walks and easy cycle rides. These more energetic pursuits enable you to get away from the tourist trail and enjoy pristine scenery and more immersive cultural experiences. With all the main highlights included, these tours offer a wide variety of adventures that will have you doing something different every day!

ACTIVE ENCOUNTERS

The satisfaction of exploring under your own steam is something that cannot be underrated, and when it also allows you to explore hidden, harder to reach places, it's even better! Be it on foot, or on wheels, the physical elements of these tours are active enough to feel challenging but are also relaxed, fun and imbued with a sense of adventure.

PACKED WITH VARIETY

Our Active tours are designed to give you the opportunity to explore your destination in a variety of different ways and to see the big sights from an alternative perspective. Escaping the crowds and seeing places a little bit off-the-beaten-track are just two of the reasons to explore in this alternative way.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

As well as physical pursuits, our Active tours are designed to immerse you more deeply in the culture and heritage of your destination. To do just that each tour includes experiences that are authentically local or traditional in nature, leaving you with unforgettable memories of actually taking part in your destinations culture, rather than just seeing it from afar.

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- ✓ Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge
- ✓ Cycle Xian's city wall
- ✓ Visit pandas in Dujiangyan
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze



Stay overnight in Gubei Watertown, near Beijing

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 9 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus basic guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover Xian on two wheels

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy a bike ride along the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town and admire the plethora of historic sights as you go.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking Jinji suspended rope bridge.
- ▶ Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world's most spectacular locations.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin today in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial treasures which offer an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN & BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Arrive early and soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they start their day practising tai chi, dancing and playing cards. Next, visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander around the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch at the hutongs before driving to the Simatai section of the Great Wall, staying overnight in Gubei Watertown. Ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see 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 structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: EXPLORE XIAN

Fly to Xian, the former ancient capital and enjoy a walking tour of the narrow and winding 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. Enjoy the evening at leisure or watch an optional fountain and light show and be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

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 in the afterlife. Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Also, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)



Explore sacred Mount Qingcheng, Chengdu



Trek the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall

DAY 7: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Jump on the bullet train to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Walk through the maze of teahouse-lined streets before walking through Jinji's dense bamboo forest, then see the forest and gorge from above by crossing Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Drive to Dujiangyan and visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres. Here, the pandas are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mount Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful area with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake then return to Chengdu. (L,D)

DAY 9: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Drive to Chongqing and visit the charming old town of Ciqikou – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later, board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 10-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, 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. Enjoy various shore excursions as well as a side trip to Goddess or Shennong Stream. This is a chance to get a glimpse of life on the river banks. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM

Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. Travel to Wuhan then fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 13: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried breadsticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking a stroll along the Bund and enjoying a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. In the evening, enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14-15: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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Visit the hutongs of Beijing

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience the classic sights of China in an active and immersive way. Hike on the Great Wall at Jinshanling, discover ancient towns and meet the pandas in Dujiangyan. There's also time for a relaxing Yangtze cruise.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
06 Apr - 20 Apr	\$6,180	14 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,580
04 May - 18 May	\$5,580	05 Oct - 19 Oct	\$6,180
07 Sep - 21 Sep	\$5,580		

2021 DATES			
05 Apr - 19 Apr	\$6,480	13 Sep - 27 Sep	\$5,880
03 May - 17 May	\$5,880	11 Oct - 25 Oct	\$6,480
06 Sep - 20 Sep	\$5,880		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 14 days from \$4,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,155

Important note

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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stay in Pingle Ancient Town
- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- ✓ Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge



Walk the Great Wall from Gubeikou to Jinshanling, near Beijing

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L) & 8 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus basic guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Views from Mount Qingcheng, Chengdu

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Soar up to the heights of sacred Mount Qingcheng by cable car to wander amongst the peaceful temples of this ancient Taoist sanctuary.
- Hike between two of the Great Wall's most wild and spectacular sections, Gubeikou and Jinshanling. Taking approximately six hours at an easy pace, there is no better way to experience its majesty and the rugged landscapes that it crosses.
- Hike amongst the unique beauty of the Longji rice terraces, where you'll not only get to marvel at the intricately-carved landscapes but experience the rural life and meet some of China's minority hilltribe communities.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY AND SUMMER PALACE WALK

Stroll across Tiananmen Square 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. 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, visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander around the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs before driving to the Simatai section of the Great Wall, staying overnight in Gubei Watertown. Ride up to the apex of the wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

Take a short transfer to Gubeikou to begin your full-day hike to Jinshanling. Lasting approximately six hours, this is one of the

wildest and most scenic section-to-section hikes of the Great Wall. Your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, going 'off-wall' for some time to navigate around a Chinese military base. Later, return to Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls 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 & 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. Visit a workshop where craftsmen recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts before continuing to the ancient city wall for a cycle ride along the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and take an optional tour of the city at night. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO PINGLE

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and then drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. (B,L)

DAY 8: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Enjoy a morning at leisure - you may wish to take a walk through Pingle's maze of teahouse-lined streets. Later, see Sichuan's expansive bamboo forest from above on Jinji Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)



Practise the art of tai chi, Yangshuo



Hike the Longji Rice Terraces, near Guilin

DAY 9: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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

DAY 10: JOURNEY TO PING'AN

Fly to beautiful Guilin before transferring to Ping'an for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: RICE TERRACES HIKE

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike 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 through Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic and imposing 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 'Liu Sanjie', a dramatic water-based show set on the Li River. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING

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

DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Return by road to Guilin and spend some time exploring the colourful stalactites and stalagmites at Reed Flute Cave and visit the Pearl Factory before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 15: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do - sample pancakes, fried breadsticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAYS 16-17: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Trek across two sections of the Great Wall, hike through rice terraces to discover remote villages and explore the beautiful Yangshuo countryside. You will need a good level of fitness for this active and scenic tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 27 Apr \$6,080 12 Sep - 28 Sep \$6,080

2021 DATES

22 May - 07 Jun \$6,740 04 Sep - 20 Sep \$6,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Single supplement from \$965

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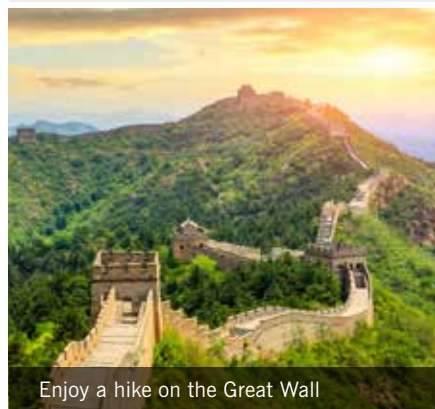
MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Visit pandas in rural Dujiangyan
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ See Shanghai like a local

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 12 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy a hike on the Great Wall

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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Xian City Wall

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DAY 5: EXPLORE XIAN

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DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE CRUISE

Over the next few days, be prepared for one breathtaking scene after another. Visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream as well as various shore excursion. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Disembark your cruise vessel and take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)



Cross the Jinji Rope Bridge, Pingle

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)

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DAY 14: FLY TO GUILIN

Take an early morning flight to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 15: RICE TERRACES HIKE

Travel to the misty stepped hills of Longji. Today's four-hour 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. Later, return to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 16: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town 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. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie'. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING

Start the day with an invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining a bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River before driving back to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 18: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Enjoy a stroll around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese – Buddhist architecture. Visit the pearl factory, then fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 19: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the most fascinating districts before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried breadsticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAYS 20-21: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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A wonderful mix of classic sights and countryside delights. From the back of a bike or on a hike, discover many favourites of this fascinating country. A good level of fitness is required for this tour, but it's well worth it.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

12 Apr - 02 May	\$7,280	06 Sep - 26 Sep	\$6,980
03 May - 23 May	\$7,280	04 Oct - 24 Oct	\$7,280
17 May - 06 Jun	\$7,280		

2021 DATES

11 Apr - 01 May	\$7,580	12 Sep - 02 Oct	\$7,380
16 May - 05 Jun	\$7,580	10 Oct - 30 Oct	\$7,740

Flight and supplement information

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max 18 people

Everyone likes to travel differently, even friends, partners and family who travel together, so our Flexible tours are designed to give you the flexibility to create the perfect holiday for each of you. While a Flexible itinerary includes the big, unmissable sights, there is also plenty of free time.

FLEXIBILITY

For the free-spirited, use this free time to explore on your own; for those wanting relaxation, the free time is for just that; and for the more adventurous, each block there are optional excursions, usually more culturally immersive or active in nature, to join. You and your travel companions can be flexible and just pick and choose as you wish!

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Most of your meals are included on a Flexible tour so you'll be dining in well-regarded local restaurants, tasting the many delicious flavours of the region. For the remaining meals, you are free to embark on culinary

explorations of your own – you can always ask your National Escort for some tips on the best places to try local delicacies!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Each block of free time on a Flexible tour has a corresponding optional excursion, which helps you delve deeper into the area that you are exploring. This could be a physical activity, such as cycling, or an authentic local experience, such as learning a local handicraft or meeting a local community.

EXPERT GUIDES

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

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- 15 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
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Try local snacks in Xian

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- From hand-stretched noodles to barbecued meat on skewers, Xian's Muslim Quarter is a street food heaven! As you explore these atmospheric streets and soak up the history, why not grab a delicious snack or two, to keep your energy up?
- Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at Shanghai's Circus World.
- At the heart of a huge tea-producing region and once a stop on the Tea Horse Road, drinking tea is an essential element of life in Chengdu. Visit a traditional tea house to experience the history, customs and the perfect brew.



Walk the scenic Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall, Beijing

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin today in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you will 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. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs and then spend the evening at leisure exploring the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING

This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (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 along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Later, stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they begin their day practising tai chi, dancing or playing cards. Later, fly to the former capital city, ancient 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 life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. Enjoy the evening at leisure with a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night. (B,L)

DAY 7: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall for a fantastic overview of the city. This evening, enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty show. (B)

DAY 8: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practising tai chi, visit a local teahouse, and most interesting of all spend time in Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children. This evening, enjoy an optional Sichuan hot pot dinner and a 'Changing Faces' show. (B,L)



See the Terracotta Army, Xian



Visit Chengdu Panda Base

DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to relax in Chengdu or take the option of visiting the old town of Pingle. 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 the Jinji Rope Bridge. (B)

DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS

Spend the morning visiting the famous pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre. 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, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. Over the next two days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. Travel to Wuhan, then fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 14: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried breadsticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 15: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to 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. Tonight, enjoy the ERA show and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,D)

DAYS 16-17: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Slow down the pace and enjoy China with several leisure days and a gentle cruise on the Yangtze. See the classic sights and take time to relax. But if you want to keep busy, there are optional activities available.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
04 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,240	05 Sep - 21 Sep	\$5,240
02 May - 18 May	\$5,240	12 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,240
16 May - 01 Jun	\$5,080	17 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,240
2021 DATES			
03 Apr - 19 Apr	\$5,540	04 Sep - 20 Sep	\$5,540
24 Apr - 10 May	\$5,540	11 Sep - 27 Sep	\$5,540
01 May - 17 May	\$5,540	09 Oct - 25 Oct	\$5,680
15 May - 31 May	\$5,380		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 16 days from \$3,980 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,280

Important note

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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Cruise the Li River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore bustling Shanghai



Explore Beijing's impressive Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See the amazing Moon Hill rock formation

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Ascend to the summit of Moon Hill, one of the Li River valley's unique karst rock formations, from where you'll get spectacular views over the lush paddy fields and limestone towers for which the Guilin area is famous.
- Circle Xian's beautiful old town by bike along the magnificent city walls, admiring views over its plethora of historic sights as you go.
- Take a morning stroll through Shanghai's old concessions, stopping where the locals stop to sample delicious local breakfast delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie and enjoy 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. This evening, spend free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

Visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street and in the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (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 the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Make 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 practising tai chi, dancing and playing cards. Later, take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since its discovery in the 1970s. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses. Next, soak up the lively atmosphere in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter. Enjoy the evening at leisure or take an optional tour of the city by night. (B,L)

DAY 7: CYCLE XIAN'S CITY WALL (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take a gentle nine-mile cycle ride on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B)

DAY 8: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to Guilin and explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave, then browse the displays of the South China Pearl Factory. Later, stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes, before heading to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B)

DAY 9: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional four-hour hike in the rice terraces of Longji. Walk over the fields and enjoy picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. (B)

DAY 10: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush green scenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Upon arrival, climb up Moon Hill. (B,L)



See the Sun & Moon Pagodas, Guilin

DAY 11: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. The afternoon is at leisure where you can choose from the many optional activities available, including cycling and bamboo rafting. (B)

DAY 12: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People's Park, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, visit Matchmaker's Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and see a 'face-changing' show. (B,L)

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DAY 14: GIANT PANDAS

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DAYS 15-16: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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DAY 17: FLY TO SHANGHAI

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. Visit this mammoth dam before travelling to Wuhan and flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 18: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried breadsticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Bund and a silk factory before a cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 19: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

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DAYS 20-21: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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Try the famous Chongqing hot pot.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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08 Sep - 28 Sep	\$6,380		
2021 DATES			
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07 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,680		

Flight and supplement information

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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ See Dali & Shaxi ancient towns
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Tiger Leaping Gorge



Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Lijiang

PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts (B), 17 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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The Great Wall at Huanghuacheng

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Surrounded by tranquil lakes and most picturesquely reached by boat, explore the Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall and marvel at the spectacular views over the surrounding countryside.
- At Weibaoshan, meet with a Taoist priest to learn about the principles of this native philosophy and take part in a guided meditation session amongst these peaceful surroundings.
- Shaxi ancient town is not only a charming place to explore but, as the heart of an area that is home to a number of China's minority people, is the perfect place to delve into a timeless, rich culture and meet the friendly communities for yourself.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY & HUTONGS

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street where there's time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer a glimpse of old Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

Visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall. Reached by boat it boasts particularly spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing Street. In the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 4: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

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

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: CYCLING IN XIAN

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you nine miles around the city wall that encloses Xian's old town. Also, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and Xian Museum. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 8: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Fly to Guilin. Walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure – you may wish to stroll down Zhengyang Street. (B)

DAY 9: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. 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 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 epic views. (B,L)

DAY 11: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with an invigorating session of tai chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. (B)

DAY 12: KUNMING AT LEISURE

Transfer to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave before flying to Kunming. (B)

DAY 13: STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)



Explore beautiful Yangshuo

DAY 14: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Dali and visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Later, stroll along Foreigner's Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 15: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional visit 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 hillside to see a handful of intricately decorated temples and meet a Taoist priest for a meditation session. (B)

DAY 16: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to the ancient town of Shaxi, 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 spend the evening in the historic old town. (B,L)

DAY 17: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy the vistas. Visit the minority Naxi village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty. (B,L)

DAY 18: TIGER LEAPING GORGE (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge, through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. (B)

DAY 19: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. Visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. (B,L)

DAY 20: GIANT PANDAS

Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming bears up close. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'face-changing' show. (B,L)

DAY 21: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Take the bullet train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the charming old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE CRUISE

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next few days, visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy various side trips and shore excursions. Disembark your cruise vessel, travel to Wuhan and then fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 26: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy the ERA show and a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAYS 27-28: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This flexible, slower-paced tour has time set aside for independent exploration. As well as vibrant cities, discover the charms of beautiful Yangshuo, delightful Dali and quaint Lijiang. Please note – there is some altitude on this tour.



See Dali's Three Pagodas & ancient town

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

07 Apr - 04 May	\$7,080	22 Sep - 19 Oct	\$7,480
05 May - 01 Jun	\$7,480	06 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,180
08 Sep - 05 Oct	\$7,480		

2021 DATES

13 Apr - 10 May	\$7,980	07 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,780
11 May - 07 Jun	\$7,780	12 Oct - 08 Nov	\$7,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
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- Single supplement from \$1,830

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover the Forbidden City
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore friendly Yangshuo
- ✓ Cruise the tranquil Li River
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights



Admire the beautiful Guilin scenery

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy the ERA show, Shanghai

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at the Shanghai Circus World.
- Take a relaxed stroll on Xian's magnificent city walls, which encircle the old town, taking in the views as you go.
- Find yourself amongst some of China's most spectacular scenery as you cruise peacefully down the Li River, the perfect showcase for the spectacular karst peaks and lush, pastoral scenes that surround its gentle waters.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to China's historic capital, Beijing. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL

Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day exploring China! We start with the iconic Great Wall, where we will take a walk on this incredible structure to truly appreciate its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it, followed by a visit to a jade factory. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Tonight, the group will dine on local delicacy Peking duck. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, where we can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Together, we will take a ride through a traditional hutong neighbourhood on rickshaws, popping in to visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. We then head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches. (B,L)

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. On arrival, we will check in to the hotel and freshen up before heading out for a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show. (B,L,D)

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. We spend the morning admiring the enigmatic ranks of warriors and horses, before stopping by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, the group will stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO GUILIN

Fly to the city of Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and see the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. We will also take a walk down Guilin's pedestrian street that is lined with shops and restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 7: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River. Around every river bend is a view to take our breath away, as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Arriving in the charming town of Yangshuo, we will have a look around the local markets and stroll along West Street together to get our bearings. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORE YANGSHUO

The day begins with a shared tai chi experience before heading out into Yangshuo's breathtaking surroundings, exploring the landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or enjoy one of the many optional activities available, such as cycling, walking or bamboo rafting. (B)



Charming Yu Garden, Shanghai



See the Temple of Heaven, Beijing

DAY 9: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

We head back to Guilin by road, stopping en route on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Also visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Take a short flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. This evening, we will get an alternative view of Shanghai with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu, the river that flows through the heart of the city. (B,D)

DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

This morning, the group will visit the traditional Yu Garden, pass through the charming old town and visit the Silk Factory. After lunch together, the afternoon is at leisure

to relax or further explore this bustling city. This evening, we will all head to Shanghai Circus World to see the spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

DAY 12: SHANGHAI FREE TIME

Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to explore this city further with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, the group will meet for a final dinner together, where we can reflect on the adventure we've shared. (B,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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Local villager in Yangshuo

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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Try traditional 'guohua' painting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Try the traditional craft of 'guohua', the art of painting with black ink. After a bit of practice and some expert guidance, we'll each decorate our own quintessential Chinese accessory, a fan!
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family where we'll enjoy lunch and get a glimpse of their daily life.
- Visit the serene Temple of Heaven park for an afternoon with the locals who congregate there for a game of cards, to practice tai chi or simply for a chat – we will be more than welcome to join in the activities!



See the adorable pandas in Chengdu

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to China's historic capital, Beijing. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY

Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day exploring China! We start in Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches. Together, we will then take a ride through a traditional hutong neighbourhood on rickshaws, popping in to visit a family at home for lunch and to learn about life living in the hutongs. This afternoon, soak up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, where we can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise tai chi, dance or play cards. Tonight, the group will dine on local delicacy Peking duck. (B,L,D)

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 its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture. (B,L)

DAY 4: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. We start at the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda, where we can try 'Guohua', traditional Chinese painting with black ink, to decorate a fan. Next, we

will stroll through the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, browsing the food stalls and learning about the significant importance of this city as the start of the Silk Road. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

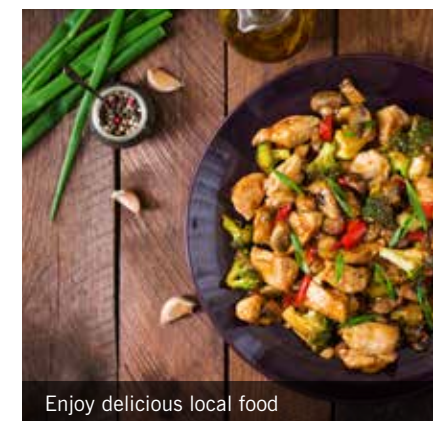
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. We spend the morning admiring the enigmatic ranks of the life-size warriors and horses, before stopping by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, we will enjoy a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B,L)

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

As a group, we will take the bullet train to the city of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. On arrival, we will take a walk through People's Park and visit the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: PANDAS

A visit this morning to Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre allows us to learn about China's famous bears and we also get a chance to see them up close as they munch through piles of bamboo and play. We then continue to Chongqing where we will board our Yangtze River cruise vessel. (B,L,D)



Enjoy delicious local food



See Shanghai's bright lights

DAYS 8-9: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days as we cruise downstream, we will pass through some of China's most celebrated scenery – be prepared for one breathtaking panorama after another. Join side trips and shore excursions, ending with the Three Gorges Dam, a massive and impressive feat of engineering. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Disembark the cruise vessel in Yichang and transfer to Wuhan; from here we fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

This morning, the group will visit the traditional Yu Garden, old town, silk factory and stroll along the Bund. After lunch together, the afternoon is at your leisure. This evening, we will all head to see the

spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

DAY 12: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to further explore this city on your own or with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascending the Jin Mao Tower. This evening the group will meet for a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River before a final dinner together where we can reflect on the adventure we've shared. (B,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

CAPTIVATING CHINA

SOLO CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combine the history of Beijing with the pandas in Chengdu, the warriors in Xian, the bustle of Shanghai and a three-night Yangtze River cruise and you have the very best China has to offer on this tour exclusively for solo travellers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person

2020 DATES

12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$6,030	13 Sep - 26 Sep	\$5,830
03 May - 16 May	\$6,030	11 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6,030

2021 DATES

04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$6,330	12 Sep - 25 Sep	\$6,130
02 May - 15 May	\$6,330	10 Oct - 23 Oct	\$6,330
01 Aug - 14 Aug	\$6,130		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Shanghai) 13 days from \$4,730 per person

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 2 September 2019, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Please note optional activities are at your own expense and payable in country.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 600pp (AU\$125pp) is paid locally in China.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

For those looking for a 5 star experience

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International
economy
airfares & taxes



5 star
accommodation
& potrage



Most meals,
including special
dining experiences



Flights, guides,
transportation
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian
passport holders



Champagne
moments &
exclusive extras



Small groups:
max 18
people

Our Exclusive Collection tours combine 5 star accommodation and deluxe cultural activities. Created with the more discerning traveller in mind, these hand-crafted tours feature high-end restaurants, exclusive experiences and those unique touches that will make your holiday extra special.

LUXURY HOTELS

Our hotels are chosen to compliment the high quality of the experiences so you can be safe in the knowledge that you'll be staying in 5 star luxury throughout.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

On an Exclusive Collection tour, we aim to truly immerse you in your chosen destination, so we've selected a series of special experiences to help you do just that. These include a luxury dinner cruise in Saigon,

a champagne sunset at Angkor, spa treatments and cocktails in exclusive local bars.

SUMPTUOUS DINING

As well as including free evenings to allow you to dine out as you please, our Exclusive Collection itineraries feature iconic restaurants to give you a taste of the best of local cuisine.

THOSE LITTLE EXTRAS

Your holiday will get started in style with chauffeur transfers from your front door to the airport (within 60km); your luggage will be whisked from the coach straight to your room and a laundry service is provided on tour, giving you one less thing to worry about.

EXQUISITE CHINA

- 15 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$8,980 TWIN SHARE
- INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

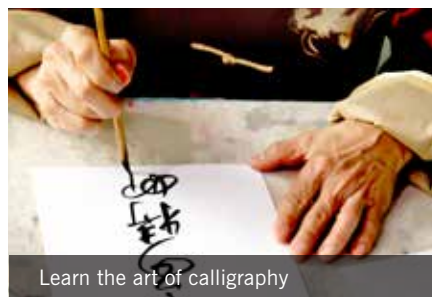
- ✓ Three nights deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ Meet the discoverer of the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Talk about pandas with an expert
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit the water town of Zhujiajiao



Explore the Forbidden City, Beijing

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 7 dinners (D)
- Chauffeur transfers from home to airport and vice versa (within 60km)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5-star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Learn the art of calligraphy

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Try your hand at the long-practised art of calligraphy, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – the perfect way to connect with local culture.
- Your visit to the exceptional Terracotta Warriors is made all the more unforgettable by a meeting with one of the farmers who discovered this archaeological wonder in 1974.
- In the tranquil surroundings of the Temple of Heaven Park, a tai chi master will give a private tuition of the basic steps of this graceful martial art, an essential element of Chinese wellbeing practice.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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DAY 3: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

Ride the cable car up the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping at an ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via a jade factory, then take a stroll through the traditional hutongs where you will stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th Century walls for an excellent overview of the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

DAY 5: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in

1974. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and perhaps buy a souvenir to take home. With the evening at leisure, you may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu, where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)

DAY 7: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park, one of the city's social hubs. Visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuanese dining experience – hot pot. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of Ciqiyou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your five star Century Legend cruise ship. (B,D)



Enjoy a voyage down the Yangtze River



Savour the views of Shanghai's skyline whilst enjoying an evening cocktail

DAY 9: 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. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: 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. It is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark and travel to Wuhan, then fly to Shanghai. (B,L)



City wall, Xian

DAY 12: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Travel to the 1,700-year-old water town of Zhujiajiao which boasts old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 13: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Visit the old town, Yu Garden, colonial Bund, a silk factory and Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner then end the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14-15: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. On arrival, you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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EXQUISITE CHINA

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy a relaxed paced tour and many special experiences as you journey through China indulging in a deluxe Yangtze cruise, staying in handpicked 5 star hotels and sampling delicious cuisine along the way.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
11 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,280	12 Sep - 26 Sep	\$8,980
16 May - 30 May	\$8,980	10 Oct - 24 Oct	\$9,280
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24 Apr - 08 May	\$9,580	11 Sep - 25 Sep	\$9,280
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Single supplement from \$3,350

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LEGENDS OF CHINA

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Savour steamed dumplings in Xian

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Be transported to culinary heaven with a demonstration of how to prepare and cook Xian's famous steamed dumplings, before feasting on these delicious delicacies for dinner.
- Ascend to the heights of the less-visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall by cable car where you can sip a glass of champagne and contemplate the wall's undulating progress over the dramatic scenery of the area.
- See Guilin's magnificent scenery in a new light at the 'Impression Liu Sanjie', a light spectacular staged on the Li River. From your VIP seats, the views will be even more magical.



Meet one of the farmers who discovered the Terracotta Warriors, Xian

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story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop before returning to the city. Later, study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies and enjoy them for dinner. You may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

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DAY 7: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxing cruise on the Li River to Yangshuo. Later, enjoy a delicious dinner before taking your VIP seats for 'Impression Liu Sanjie', 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 and stop for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River and meet a cormorant fisherman. Spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoy an optional activity including cycling or rafting. (B)

DAY 9: SUN & MOON PAGODAS

Return to Guilin by road. Take a walking tour to see the Sun and Moon pagodas and stroll around Roghu and Shanhu lakes before visiting the South China Pearl Factory to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. (B)



Drink champagne on the Great Wall



Relax on a cruise along the Li River, Guilin

DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS

Take the bullet train to Chongqing, where you will see China's celebrated bear at Chongqing's dedicated Panda House. Later, board your five-star Century ship for your Yangtze River cruise. (B,L,D)

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DAY 15: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Sightseeing today begins with a visit to Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Also take a stroll along the Bund to see the colonial architecture, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before toasting the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAYS 16-17: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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Sip cocktails at Jin Mao Tower, Shanghai

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Experience natural grandeur and imperial treasures, witness man-made marvels and ultra-modern miracles, as you make your way from Beijing to Shanghai in style. Also included is a deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES

09 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,780	03 Sep - 19 Sep	\$9,480
07 May - 23 May	\$9,780	08 Oct - 24 Oct	\$9,780

2021 DATES

22 Apr - 08 May	\$10,080	09 Sep - 25 Sep	\$9,780
13 May - 29 May	\$10,080	14 Oct - 30 Oct	\$10,080

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TAILOR-MADE CHINA

The very best of China, exactly the way you want it.

WHAT IS A TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply just want to do things their own way.

WHY TRAVEL TAILOR-MADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you too!

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

WHY GO TAILOR-MADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

Li River, Guilin

How does it work?

STEP 1

Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you'd like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer, but the exciting and unusual experiences too!

STEP 2

Give us a call or fill in a quote request form on our website and we'll call you. Together we'll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations and giving advice. Also, don't forget to mention if you have any special interests – you can't live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds for example. These are the little details we can use to make your holiday extra special.



Explore ethnic communities in Yunnan



Local delicacies in Xian

STEP 3

Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We'll create you an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote in no time.

STEP 4

Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make all the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you're after. You can do this as many times as you like and take as much time as you need – we are extremely flexible and always happy to help.



The Forbidden City, Beijing

STEP 5

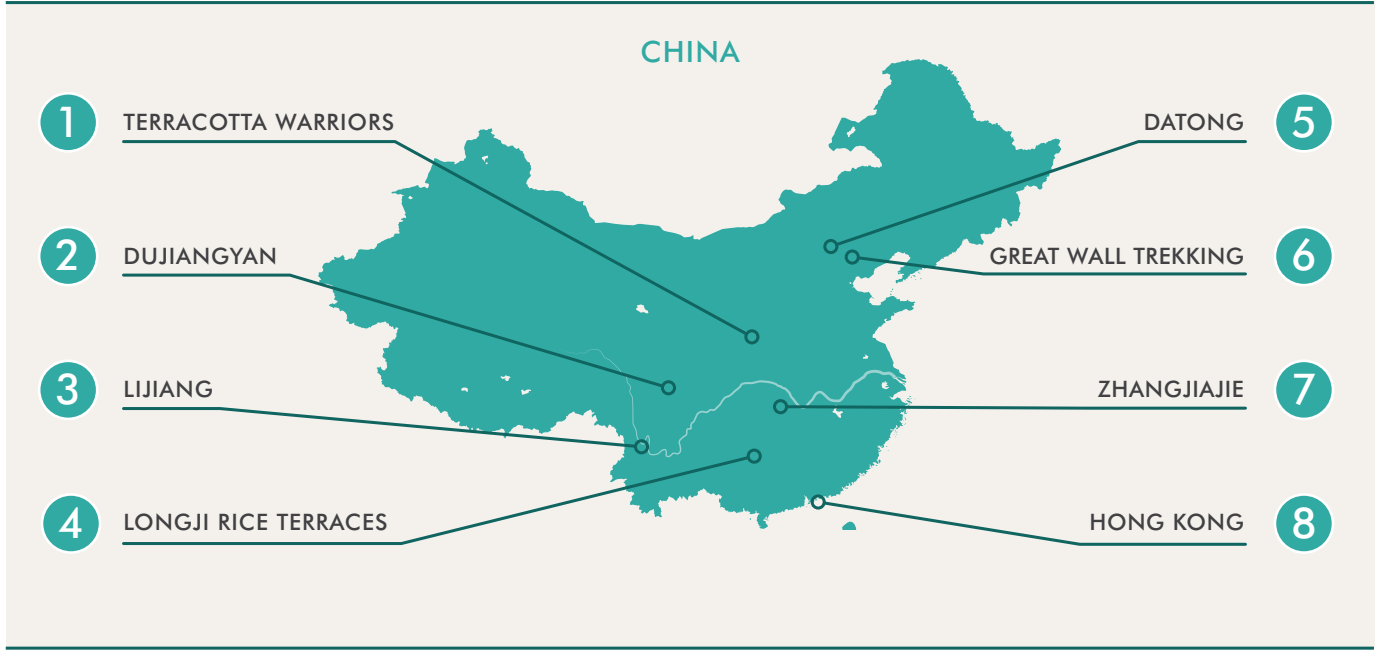
When your adventure has reached that ultimate level of perfection and includes everything that you want and need, it's time to book. Call your personal travel specialist, say the word and they will do the rest. Other than a visa form or two, all there is left to do is think about what to pack and get excited!



Chinese performer

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Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in China.



1

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Experience one of the world's greatest discoveries with an expert, who is working onsite and will be able to answer all the questions you can think of.

2

DUJIANGYAN

Easily accessible from Chengdu, Dujiangyan is home to another famous panda reserve in Sichuan province for those who cannot get enough of these adorable creatures. Dujiangyan also offers a Panda volunteer programme – let us know if you'd like more information.

3

LIJIANG

Nestled amongst the fields and forests at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Lijiang also boasts a rich heritage from its past as capital of the Naxi Kingdom, which is best glimpsed in the labyrinthine, UNESCO-listed old town.

4

LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Meet ethnic communities, stay in hillside villages and gaze at the spectacular scenery – hiking here is whatever you make it, from several hours to several days!

5

DATONG

Known for its abundance of historical relics and natural beauty, Datong is most famous for its 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple.

6

GREAT WALL TREKKING

The best way to experience an incredible feat of ancient engineering, you can walk the wall for a few hours or several days, staying at little guesthouses along the way.



7

ZHANGJIAJIE

This spectacular national park is home to the world's highest and longest glass bridge as well as the Glass Skywalk and Cliff-Hanging Walkway...not for the faint-hearted.

8

HONG KONG

Dim sum, washed down with fragrant tea, is a Hong Kong must-try. Many places offer this culinary institution in the city, from budget to high end – just let us know which you'd prefer.



Gardens by the Bay, Singapore

EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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	Guilin, Yangshuo & Longji
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	Discover Yunnan
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	Chongqing, Dazu & Wulong
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127	Essential Dubai
	Dubai & the Desert

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

9 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cosmopolitan Shanghai
- ✓ Zhujiajiao Watertown
- ✓ Qin Shi Huang's Terracotta Army
- ✓ The Great Wall

Want to add a restaurant you'd like to try, or to swap one of these destination stops? That's what Tailor-Made Holidays are all about. Our travel consultants can make this itinerary perfect for you.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,280	\$3,650
Superior	\$3,480	\$3,780
Deluxe	\$3,990	\$5,540

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 8 nights accommodation (3 nights Shanghai, 2 nights Xian, 3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation in China including internal flights
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Ancient City Wall in Xian



Temple of Heaven in Beijing

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Upon arrival at Shanghai airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a three night stay.

DAY 2: SHANGHAI – ZHUJIAJIAO

Travel to Zhujiajiao, a picturesque town with an intricate system of canals, ancient pavilions and overhead bridges. Enjoy time to explore the town at a leisurely pace, before returning to Shanghai. (B)

DAY 3: SHANGHAI EXPLORATIONS

Wander through the Yu Gardens and the bustling old town. Stroll along the Bund to see its collection of neoclassical buildings and visit a silk factory. This evening enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 4: SHANGHAI TO XIAN

Fly to Xian. This evening feast on a traditional Shui Jiao Dumpling banquet, while enjoying a performance of music and dance dating back to the Tang Dynasty. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Explore one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th Century, the life-sized Terracotta Warriors and Horses. You will visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition and walk along the ancient City Wall (B,L).

DAY 6: XIAN TO BEIJING

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before strolling through the Muslim Quarter and exploring the Islamic food markets. In the afternoon, fly to Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 7: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Stroll through Tiananmen Square, passing Chairman Mao's Mausoleum. Visit the Forbidden City and the 15th-century Temple of Heaven. This afternoon watch an exciting acrobatics performance. (B,L)

DAY 8: GREAT WALL

It is often said in Beijing that 'you have not been to China until you have climbed the Great Wall'. It is more than 5,000km long, stretching from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Walk along the wall and take in the panoramic views. Visit a jade factory and later this afternoon you will wander through the Summer Palace, admiring the landscaped beauty. This evening sample the local delicacy, Peking Duck. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DEPART BEIJING

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Beijing airport where your arrangements end. (B)

GLORIES OF CHINA

13 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See historic Beijing's Forbidden City
- ✓ Cruise the Li River
- ✓ Walk The Great Wall

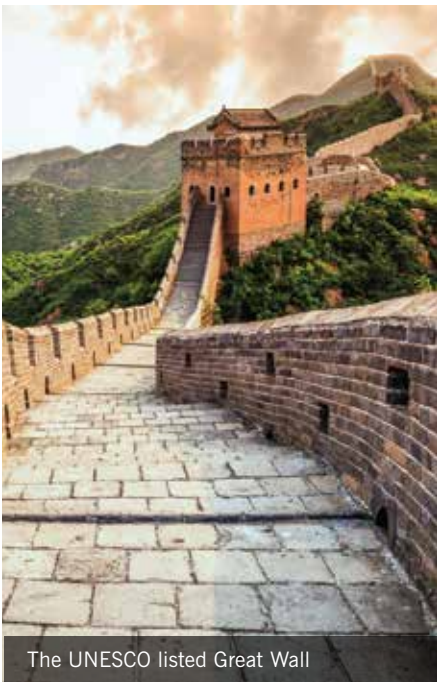
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CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$4,680	\$5,630
Superior	\$4,780	\$5,730
Deluxe	\$5,380	\$7,980

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Shanghai, 4 nights Guilin, 2 nights Xian, 3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation in China including internal flights
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



The UNESCO listed Great Wall



Life on the Li River, Yangshuo

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Upon arrival at Shanghai airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: ZHUJIAJIAO

Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns and explore this charming place. Return to Shanghai and visit the Shanghai Museum before admiring magnificent architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Start with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SEVEN STAR PARK

Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. Enjoy a stroll through Seven Star Park and explore spectacular formations of Seven Star Cave. (B,L)

DAY 5: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away. (B,L)

DAY 6: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: GUILIN

Return to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas. (B,L)

DAY 8: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors. Later, stroll on the preserved 14th Century walls. (B,L)

DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, the capital of China. Enjoy a fascinating walk through the warren-like hutongs. (B,L)

DAY 11: THE GREAT WALL

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: FORBIDDEN CITY

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13: DEPART BEIJING

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Beijing airport where your arrangements end. (B)

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk the Jinshanling and Simatai sections of the Great Wall
- ✓ See stunning rural scenery
- ✓ Stay in Gubei Watertown

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$975	\$1,725

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Beijing & 1 night Gubei Watertown)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: Tour runs in reverse when booked after a group tour



Hike on the impressive Great Wall

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, a stretch much less frequented by tourists than others. From here, start your hike towards Jinshanling; you will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10 kilometres. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and will

therefore take a detour off the wall around the base, stopping at a farmhouse for lunch. After finishing your hike, transfer to Gubei Watertown for an overnight stay. After dinner you can explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night, enjoying wonderful views. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

Spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown. Built in the style of a Chinese ancient town, Gubei is nestled beside the Simatai section of the Great Wall and encompasses the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)

BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Visit the Temple of Heaven

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$560	\$1,020
Superior	\$615	\$1,125
Deluxe	\$870	\$1,630

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Stroll around the Temple of Heaven, Beijing

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: BEIJING

Visit China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall, which stretches over 5,000km from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. There is no better way to appreciate the magnificence of this incredible structure than walking along it. After lunch, visit a jade factory before discovering the exquisite Summer Palace, a royal garden and summer retreat for China's emperors and their families. (B,L)

DAY 3: BEIJING

Start your sightseeing at Beijing's symbolic heart, 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. This afternoon, soak up the harmonious ambience at the 15th Century Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they practise tai chi or play cards. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk along the Bund
- ✓ See 'Old Shanghai'
- ✓ Wander through the Yu Gardens

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$485	\$795
Superior	\$510	\$825
Deluxe	\$675	\$1,180

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Shanghai)
- Meals as stated (B,L)
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees



Shanghai

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Make your own way to your Shanghai hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 3: DEPART SHANGHAI

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

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 factory. 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)

CHENGDU SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas at play
- ✓ See the Leshan Grand Buddha
- ✓ Visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation Project

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$885	\$1,490
Superior	\$905	\$1,530
Deluxe	\$1,220	\$2,240

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Chengdu)
- Meals as stated (B,L)
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees



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 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)

XIAN SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Walk the ancient City Wall
- ✓ Explore buzzing Xian

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$360	\$535
Superior	\$415	\$650
Deluxe	\$495	\$925

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Xian)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees



The Xian City Wall

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Walk the ancient City Wall
- ✓ Taste Peking Duck

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,390	\$2,050
Superior	\$1,495	\$2,280
Deluxe	\$1,870	\$2,980

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Beijing, 2 nights Xian)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Economy-class flight from Beijing to Xian
- Private transfers & touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees



Terracotta Warriors, Xian

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)

ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Gaze on Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Admire peaceful Lake Baofeng
- ✓ Explore Mount Tianmen

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$950	\$1,550
Deluxe	\$1,210	\$2,025

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Zhangjiajie)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore Zhangjiajie National Park

DAY 1: ARRIVE ZHANGJIAJIE

Arrive in Zhangjiajie and make your own way to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE

Today, enjoy a full day of exploring Zhangjiajie National Park. Begin at the Yuanjianie Scenic Area and make your way around the karst scenery. Ride the Bailong glass elevator up to Mihun Stage and enjoy amazing views of the majestic peaks, including the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain to visit Helong Park. Take a cable car down and head to Jinbian Stream and Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will be walking for around 4-5 hours in the park. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE

Enjoy a sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a peaceful expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery. Later, explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave, stretching over 120 acres in area. (B,L)

DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN

Take a cable car to the beautiful Mount Tianmen and walk on the thrilling glass skywalk. Visit Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door' and Jun Sheng Sandstone painting gallery. Later, make your own way to the airport for your onward flight. (B,L)

GUILIN, YANGSHUO & LONGJI

5 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the Longji Rice Terraces
- ✓ Cruise the Li River
- ✓ See Yangshuo

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$765	\$1,180
Superior	\$810	\$1,275
Deluxe	\$1,145	\$2,055

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Guilin, 2 nights Yangshuo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees



Longji Rice Terraces

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 factory.

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)

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISING

The Yangtze River is the longest river in China and the third-longest in the world. It 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.

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Yangtze River

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PURE YANGTZE

5 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit the Three Gorges Dam
- ✓ Cruise Qutang Gorge
- ✓ Explore Ancient Shibozhai

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

SEASON	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Upstream	\$730	\$1,260
Downstream ^	\$730	\$1,260

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation in Superior Twin cabin on Main Deck on a Victoria Cruises Ship
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Private transfers as specified
- Shore excursions & entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides



Yangtze River

UPSTREAM ITINERARY

DAY 1: YICHANG – YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Upon arrival in Yichang, you will be met and transferred to Maoping Pier 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: SHENNONG 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. Take a shore excursion along the Shennong Stream. (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)

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: Victoria Cruises service charge of RMB150 (\$30AUD) per person is to be paid upon boarding your cruise, not to Wendy Wu Tours.

TIBETAN SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit majestic Lhasa
- ✓ Tour the Potala Palace
- ✓ Explore Shigatse

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,310	\$4,365

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Lhasa, 1 night Gyantse, 1 night Shigatse)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Tibet permit



Tour at High Altitude



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. (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:

Passengers 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.

DISCOVER YUNNAN

10 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Tour the Stone Forest
- ✓ Visit the Three Pagodas
- ✓ See Tiger Leaping Gorge

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$3,235	\$4,785
Deluxe	\$5,160	\$8,660

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Kunming, 2 night Dali, 2 nights Lijiang, 3 nights Zhongdian)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Economy-class flights from Kunming to Dali and Zhongdian to Kunming
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees



Black Dragon Pool, Lijiang

DAY 1: ARRIVE KUNMING

You will be met at Kunming airport and will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAYS 2-3: KUNMING TO DALI

Enjoy a tour to the picturesque Stone Forest. (B,L) Tomorrow you will fly to Dali. Visit the Three Pagodas and cruise on Erhai Lake. In the evening stroll down Foreigner's Street. (B,L)

DAYS 4-5: DALI TO LIJIANG

Visit Xizhou Village, the Ancient Quarter and the local market before travelling to the 'living museum' town of Lijiang and visit Black Dragon Pool. (B,L)

Tomorrow explore Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit the Baisha Frescoes and the Old Town. (B,L)

DAYS 6-7: LIJIANG TO ZHONGDIAN

Travel to Zhongdian, visiting Tiger Leaping Gorge en route. (B,L) The next day, enjoy a visit to the Baishui Terrace. (B,L)

DAYS 8-9: ZHONGDIAN TO KUNMING

Visit the Songzanlin Monastery and Old Town. (B,L) The following day, fly back to Kunming. (B,L)

DAY 10: DEPART KUNMING

Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

TOKYO, MOUNT FUJI & BULLET TRAIN

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Beautiful Kodaiji Temple
- ✓ Kyoto’s famous Geisha district
- ✓ Impressive Heian Shrine



Admire majestic Mt Fuji

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,920	\$3,235
Superior	\$2,060	\$3,535

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Kyoto)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Arrive in Tokyo where you will meet your guide and transfer by shuttle bus and taxi to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

Spend a full day exploring Tokyo with a guide, making use of Tokyo's comprehensive public transport system. Start with a visit to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city. Continue to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. Head across town to Asakusa and visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple. Take a cruise down the Sumida River before wandering around the classical Hamarikyu Garden. Stop for a cup of matcha and Japanese sweets in a teahouse on a small island in the park's lake. (B)

DAY 3: MT FUJI

Meet your guide and head to Tokyo station to board the bullet train. Change trains twice, the second time to a small mountain train where you can enjoy spectacular scenery en route. Take a cable car before enjoying beautiful views over Hakone as you fly high on the Hakone Ropeway. Take a ropeway to Togendai and relax while a majestic replica pirate ship takes you across Lake Ashi. Throughout the day you will have the chance to get a glimpse of Mt Fuji (weather dependent). Return to Tokyo by local bus and train. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to make your own way to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

CHONGQING, DAZU & WULONG

5 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Admire Dazu’s magnificent rock art
- ✓ Soak in relaxing natural hot springs



Marvel at Dazu's rock carvings

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,435	\$2,625
Deluxe	\$1,620	\$2,970

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Chongqing, 1 night Wulong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CHONGQING

Arrive in the city of Chongqing and transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DAZU

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you'll find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. Made between the 9th and 13th Centuries, they are some of the best preserved in China. Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing. (B,L)

DAY 3: DISCOVER WULONG

Transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the day wandering Wulong National Park. Wander amongst the

dramatic karst landscapes, that include three naturally-formed stone bridges, narrow gorges, caves and limestone formations. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO CHONGQING

Drive back to Chongqing. This afternoon enjoy a soak in some of the region's hot springs. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING

Transfer to Chongqing airport for your onward flight. (B)

SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover bustling Seoul
- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Visit the National Folk Museum
- ✓ Explore Namdaemun Market



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$810	\$1,360
Superior	\$990	\$1,670
Deluxe	\$1,620	\$2,780

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Imagine your **Korea**

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition – you'll find yourself stumbling upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies – the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Visit the

National Folk Museum of Korea, the 14th Century Jogyesa Temple which is the centre of Korean Buddhism, Namsangol Hanok Village with its restored traditional houses, and the observation deck at N Seoul Tower, which offers panoramic views over the city. Finish the day at Namdaemun Market before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: SEOUL

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore sub-tropical Hallim Park
- ✓ See Seongsan Sunrise Peak
- ✓ Manjanggul Lava Cave



Enjoy the tranquillity of Jeju Island, South Korea

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$830	\$1,340
Superior	\$1,150	\$1,770
Deluxe	\$1,760	\$2,930

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Jeju Island)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Private transfers with driver only
- Seat-in-coach (join-in basis) touring with Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Two bus tickets as specified for Days 2 & 3
- Entrance fees

NOTE: Seat-in-coach tours noted on Days 2 and 3 are not available on Sundays.

DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Upon arrival at Jeju Island airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: JEJU ISLAND

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour, visiting Hallim Park's gardens and lava caves, Hyeopjae Beach, O'Sulloc Green Tea Field, and an hour's cruise to see Mt Sanbangsan and the Dragon Head Coast. After lunch, visit Spirited Garden and either Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or the Teddy Bear Museum. Your tour will finish in the downtown area; make your own way back to your hotel using the supplied bus ticket. (B,L)

DAY 3: JEJU ISLAND

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour to volcanic Seongsan 'Sunrise Peak'. You will also explore Manjanggul Lava Cave, the Seongeup Folk Village and experience Jeju horse riding. See the famous Haenyeo divers working in the sea, and finish in the downtown area, from where you will make your own way back to your hotel using the supplied bus ticket. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Jeju Island airport where your arrangements end. (B)

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See the waterfront Merlion Park
- ✓ See 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng
- ✓ Visit the National Orchid Garden

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)



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$400	\$700
Peninsula Excelsior Hotel	\$435	\$780
Grand Park Orchard	\$500	\$945

Price includes	
• Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Daily breakfast	
• Transportation as stated	

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See Singapore's many sights
- ✓ Stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome
- ✓ Marvel at the Supertrees

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: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander

through the two cooled conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$440	\$745
Orchard Hotel	\$490	\$890
Grand Park Orchard	\$540	\$990

Price includes	
• Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Daily breakfast	
• Transportation as stated	

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Take the tram to Victoria Peak
- ✓ Explore Aberdeen Fishing Village
- ✓ Shop in amazing Stanley Markets

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a visit to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and

the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$525	\$760
Eaton Hotel	\$590	\$890
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$630	\$940

Price includes	
• Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Daily breakfast	
• Transportation as stated	

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Enjoy a tour around Hong Kong Island
- ✓ Discover Lantau Island
- ✓ Ride in a Ngong Ping Cable Car

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a visit to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$890	\$1,245
Eaton Hotel	\$990	\$1,440
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$1,050	\$1,520

Price includes	
• Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Meals as stated (B,L)	
• Transportation as stated	

TASTE OF MACAU

3 DAYS

From the historical to the modern and from the religious to the glitzy, Macau's rich portfolio of sights and attractions makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures – a journey through Macau is like crossing two distinct countries.

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAU

Transfer independently by shuttle bus to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macau Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th-century Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macau Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (L)

DAY 2: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps check out the 17th Century Portuguese Guia Fortress, learn about Macau Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or try your luck in one of the many casinos on Cotai Strip. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAU

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Holiday Inn Macau	\$560	\$790
Hotel Lisboa	\$700	\$1,055
Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$925	\$1,450

Price includes	
• Accommodation (2 nights Macau)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Meals as stated (B,L,D)	
• Transportation as stated	

HONG KONG & MACAU

5 DAYS

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan island of Hong Kong to uncover its best bits before heading to vibrant Macau to explore its history and laidback culture. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights, sounds and flavours.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour starting with a panoramic ride up the Peak Tram to Victoria Peak where you'll have fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and take an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAU

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival, take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macau Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th Century Ruins of St Paul's, Macau Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macau Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAU

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



St Dominic's Church on Senado Square

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Eaton Hotel Hong Kong & Holiday Inn Macau	\$1,150	\$1,680
Cityview Hotel Hong Kong & Hotel Lisboa Macau	\$1,225	\$1,815
Harbour Grand Kowloon & Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$1,555	\$2,390

Price includes	
• Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong, 2 nights Macau)	• Transportation as stated
• Meals as stated (B,L,D)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step

back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares here have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Zabeel House Al Seef	\$410	\$580
Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	\$490	\$820
Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	\$580	\$950

Price includes	
• Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Meals as stated (B,L,D)	
• Transportation as stated	

DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Zabeel House Al Seef	\$760	\$1,060
Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	\$960	\$1,450
Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	\$1,050	\$1,670

Price includes	
• Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)	• Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
• Meals as stated (B,L,D)	
• Transportation as stated	

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- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

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Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?
A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?
A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.com.au, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. 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 these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook with your final documents.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?
A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more 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 that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

Q. How do I get my visa?
A. The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (for Australian passport holders). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure, along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation 2 weeks prior to departure. If you require your passport back

earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa and Tibet Permit regulations can change at any time.



Q. Do I need travel insurance?
A. We strongly recommend 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.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?
A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights and trains.

Q. What size are your tour groups?
A. The group size on our Classic tours is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. Our Active, Flexible, Exclusive and Solo tours have a maximum group size of 18 passengers. The maximum size for our Go Beyond tours varies between 18-24 passengers depending on the itinerary. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?
A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?
A. You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our China tours if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive

WHILE ON TOUR

Collection tours. our Ancient Empires of China & Japan tour and on tours that are within 75 days of departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys). Sole use of the room is included on our Solo tours.

Q. What vaccinations do 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 itinerary with you.

Q. What currency should I take?
A. We recommend you take the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in RMB for China tours and in US dollars for other countries.

Q. When is the best time to visit China?
A. China is a year-round destination. While spring and autumn are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists.

Q. When are Chinese public holidays?
A. Chinese New Year is on 25 January 2020 and 12 February 2021. Their 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. Tour attractions will be open but may be crowded.

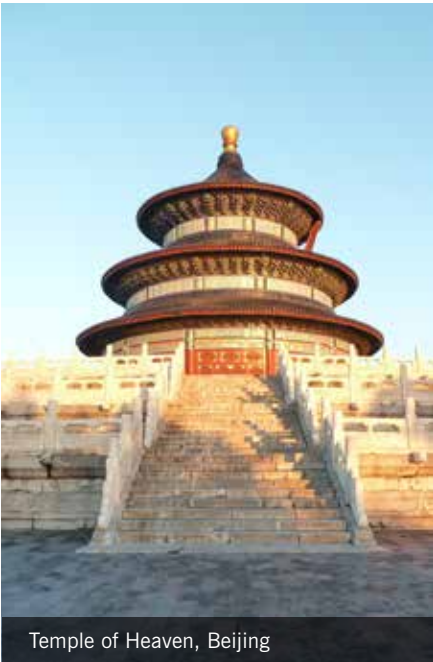
Q. How fit do I need to be?
A. Our Group Tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

Q. What does escorted touring mean?
A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. Our optional extensions 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. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?
Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.
Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.
River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from large ships on the Yangtze River to smaller boats on the Li River, Grand Canal and West Lake. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.
Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however, you cannot expect western standards. Where bullet trains are used you may have to carry and store your own luggage – the National Escort will assist where possible.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?
A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?
A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included on our Classic group tours except where stated. Meals start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Not all meals are included on our Active, Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive and Solo tours and therefore offer flexibility for those passengers who wish to explore local restaurants. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.



Q. Is tap water safe to drink?
A. We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

Q. Is portage included?
A. Portage is included on our Group Tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.

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 local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from approximately \$10-\$100 per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.



Forbidden City, Beijing

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

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. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What is the flying time to China?

A. Approx. 11-12 hours to Beijing (if flying direct).

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic and Go Beyond Group Tours and welcome children aged 8 years and over on our In Pursuit of Pandas tour on page 20. The minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and New Zealand clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

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.

Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River Cruise vessels?

A. We use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies. Please see our website for an overview of our Yangtze River Cruises.

Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with Australia?

A. We will do our best 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. Travelling overseas involves new places and new experiences 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.

Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



Summer Palace, Beijing

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in China. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

If you are taking a tour without a Yangtze Cruise, tipping will be collected by your National Escort on arrival and distributed throughout the tour on your behalf.

If you are taking a tour which includes a Yangtze Cruise, the total amount listed on the tour pages will be collected in two parts:

- 1) An amount paid to your National Escort on arrival, as above.
- 2) A separate service levy in to be paid upon boarding the Cruise vessel.

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts. **The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.**

Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit of \$300pp to secure your booking. A second payment will be required to secure your flights. 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.



Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Go Beyond, Solo and Exclusive Collection group tours and are not applicable for Tailor-Made Holidays 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 visit our website for further details.

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WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, Level 6, 20 Hunter St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the terms outlined in this document as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour programme and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in Australia and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline and specific economy airfare class. Prices may differ once airfare is sold out. 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. A progress payment of \$1,000 per person is payable within three weeks of initial deposit to hold flights. Once deposit and progress payment are made, airline tickets will be issued, and bookings are not transferrable. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. Depending on airline terms and conditions or Wendy Wu Tours' booking terms, an extra deposit amount or earlier payment may be required. This will be advised at the time of quotation. A requote will be required if payments are not received by Wendy Wu Tours on or before the due date. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking, as well as a valid passport copy. If you have booked a land only option, you will be required to email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket reissue 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.

JOINING YOUR TOUR – FLIGHTS Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a 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. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services.

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 Private or Tailor-Made 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 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 (e.g. airfare portion) if airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Deposits and payments by credit cards will incur a 1.2% surcharge.

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 on our website 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 due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The 'tour pace' of each tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents. If you or any member of your party has any health conditions, which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. In the best interests of yourself and of your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a health condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoyment or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used if you are prevented from participating on a tour due to a health condition. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any health condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity upon return to Australia 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, Go Beyond Tours, Solo Tours and Exclusive Collection tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees, and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), the customer will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately two to three 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, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure 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. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

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 Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'willing to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room in all accommodation and waive the Single Supplements. Our solo traveller tours are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'willing to share' option. 'Willing to share' is not available on Exclusive Collection tours and Solo Traveller tours.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 60 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

TIPPING Tipping expectations vary greatly from one country to another. Wendy Wu Tours works with our Ground Partners to ensure that tipping principles are applied to adequately meet the requirements of each region. Tipping is not customary in Japan; hence no set recommendations are provided. In the other regions featured within this brochure we recommend appropriate tipping amounts for convenience. This is done by passengers contributing to a kitty, paid locally to the National Escort in RMB or USD, who then distributes it daily to service providers on your behalf. This avoids the need to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. Shown on each tour page is the estimated amount for each tour and this is confirmed in your final documentation. Wendy Wu Tours can suggest appropriate amounts for Extensions, Private Tours, Tailor-Made Holidays and Stopovers.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES 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. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

RESPONSIBILITY Wendy Wu Tours (herewith 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.

FORCE MAJEURE Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man-made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

EXCURSIONS We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

SPECIAL REQUESTS If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all 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 howsoever arising from 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.

REFER A FRIEND To be eligible for the 'refer a friend' offer you must have a current or previously deposited Wendy Wu Tours booking. One hamper per new booking will be distributed. The referee must quote your full name, booking number and address at the time of their booking. Your hamper will be distributed upon receipt of their deposit. Your friend must be a new customer who has not previously booked with Wendy Wu Tours. Hampers will be delivered at the start of the calendar month. We regret we cannot apply this offer retrospectively.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should

BOOKING CONDITIONS

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@wendywutours.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 at wendywutours.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. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation is permitted by the airline, additional fees incurred at the time of seat allocation is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. 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 that 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 <https://www.wendywutours.com.au/about-us/privacy-policy/>.

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 2 September 2019. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, 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. It is also the agents responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit.

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

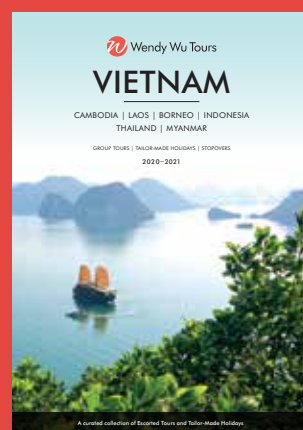
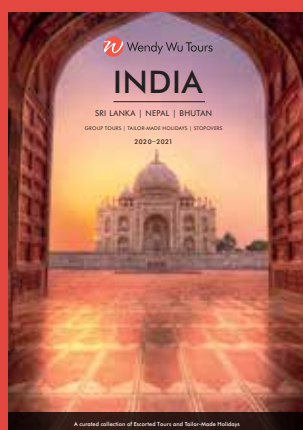
YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION We are a member of the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) Travel Accreditation Scheme (ATAS) (ATAS number A10517). If your holiday does not include flights, AFTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to Australia (other than flights) you are returned to Australia in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency.

AFTA and AFTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by AFTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ATAS, please refer to their website <https://www.atas.com.au/>

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Comprehensive range of Classic Tours, Go Beyond Tours, Solo Tours, Exclusive Collection Tours and Tailor-Made Holidays
- Exciting journeys to must-see destinations
- Quality hotels and comfortable transportation



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