

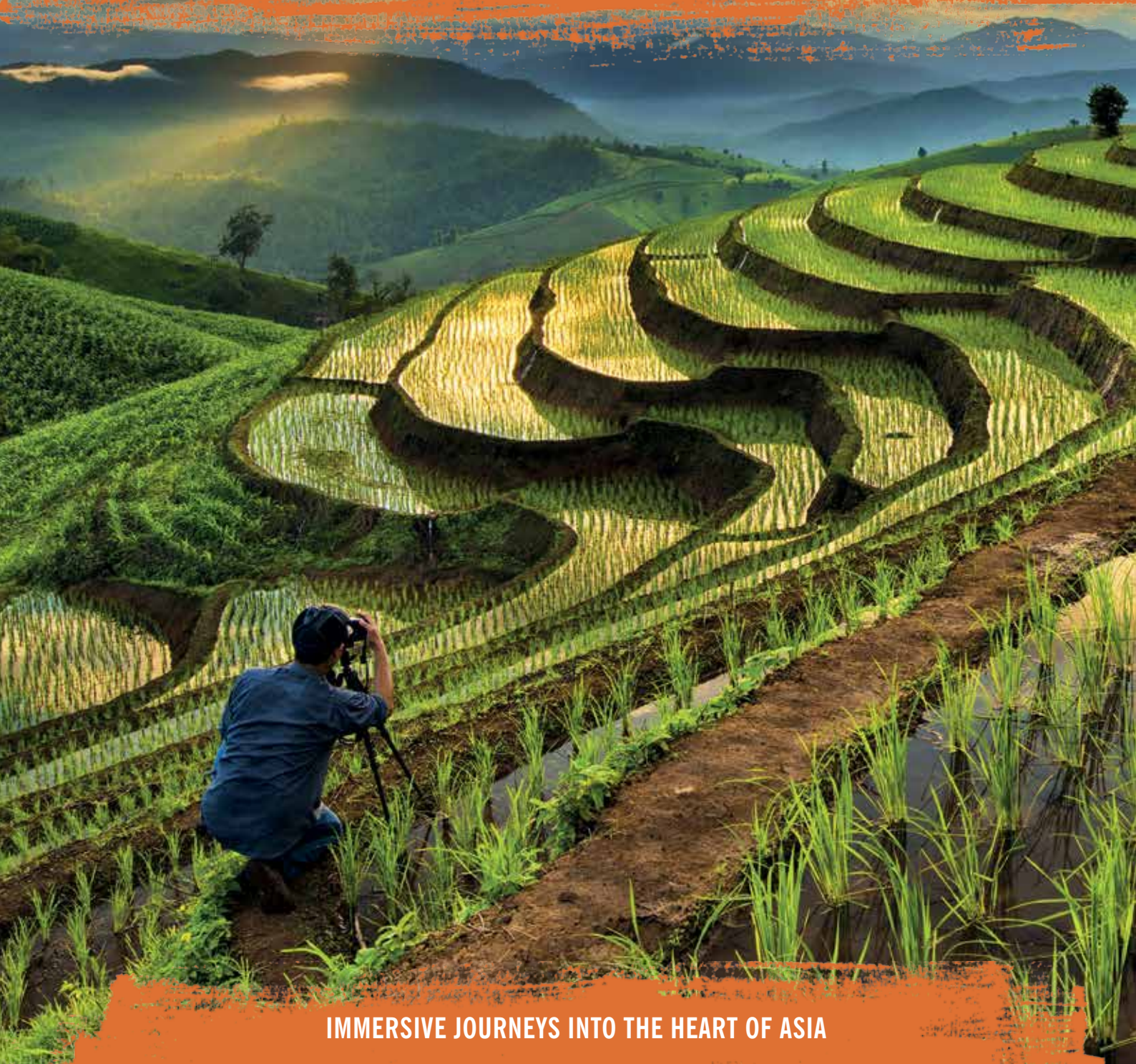


Wendy Wu Tours®

DISCOVERY TOURS

CHINA ■ TIBET ■ VIETNAM ■ CAMBODIA ■ LAOS ■ JAPAN ■ INDIA ■ SRI LANKA ■ NEPAL
BHUTAN ■ CENTRAL ASIA ■ MONGOLIA

2017-2018



IMMERSIVE JOURNEYS INTO THE HEART OF ASIA

SEE ASIA DIFFERENTLY

For over 21 years Wendy Wu Tours have been blazing trails into Asia, pushing boundaries and opening up unseen regions of this fascinating continent for the thousands of travellers that book with us each year. We passionately believe that Asia is a place of adventure, full of diverse cultures, rich in heritage and grand nature, and all of our enthusiasm and insider knowledge brings this to life on our Discovery Tours.

Our Discovery Tours are designed to give you a deeper and more in-depth understanding of the region. Visit both iconic and lesser visited locations and get closer to local

culture – on foot, by bicycle, over land and water. This is your invitation to see diverse, quirky and beautiful Asia from a different perspective with Wendy Wu Tours.



Wendy Wu

Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

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THE WENDY WU DIFFERENCE

12 reasons why you should choose a Discovery Tour.

1 NO ONE KNOWS ASIA LIKE WE DO

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



2 A TALE WORTH TELLING

Seeing a country is just scratching the surface; the Discovery Tours have been developed to help you *experience* it, with hand-picked activities that do just that. Whether it is hiking along the Great Wall, giving you the opportunity to grasp the true magnitude of its scale and purpose, to visiting the Robot Restaurant in Tokyo, for a taste of the truly befuddling culture of Japan, we've made sure that you go home with many tales worth telling.



4 SELECTED ACCOMMODATION

Our Discovery Tours use a range of accommodation, carefully chosen to enhance your holiday experience. We use good quality 'medium range' properties, in locations well suited for your touring, that reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. On some itineraries, you may find yourself staying in more basic and interesting accommodation – be it a family-run guesthouse, a hilltribe homestay, or a traditional-style Ger Camp.



3 DEDICATED NATIONAL ESCORTS

At the heart of Wendy Wu Tours is our team of experienced and dedicated National Escorts and Local Guides. The most common feedback we receive from returning passengers is praise for the caring, efficient and passionate nature of our guides who provide valuable insight into the local history, daily life, customs and culture. Knowledgeable and passionate, our National Escorts and Local Guides make these adventures exceptional. All our group tours (of 10 people or more) are accompanied by a National Escort.



5 WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

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

6 PREFERRED AIRLINES

Return international economy flights are included as part of our Discovery Tours. The airlines offered have the finest reputations for service and reliability on their international and domestic routes. Wendy Wu Tours works closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination conveniently and in comfort. We also offer stopovers and upgrade options.

8 EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN TERMS

Having the freedom to explore on your own is all part of the Discovery Tours concept. We've included free time on many of our itineraries that allows you to head out and make your own discoveries too; free evenings, particularly, mean you can go out and taste a whole range of local flavours. Tours that we have graded 'Flexible' take this one step further by making many of the more active elements of the tour optional, so you are able to choose whether you want to take part, or would prefer to use the free time to pursue your own interests.

9 TIPPING MADE EASY

We handle tipping so you don't have to. Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry in Asia. In the interest of transparent pricing, we've included the nominated tipping amount (converted into AUD) in all of our group tour prices. This makes it easier for you to plan your total travel budget. Tipping is not collected in your final payment received by Wendy Wu Tours; it is due to be paid to the National Escort at the start of your tour. They will then distribute it to your local guides and drivers on behalf of your whole group.



10 DISCOVER TOGETHER

Nearly all of our Discovery Tours operate with a maximum of just 18 travellers. This gives you the chance to discover your destination with like-minded adventurers whilst also getting a more intimate and involved travel experience.

7 TRAVELLING IS ALL PART OF THE ADVENTURE

The transport selected as part of our tour is intended to combine convenience with an enjoyable authentic experience. You could be riding a bicycle or old steam locomotive, speeding along by bullet train or floating languidly downriver by boat. Whether it is on an air-conditioned coach or open-air ox cart, we will make sure you are as comfortable as you possibly can be.



12 OUR GREAT VALUE DISCOVERY TOURS

- ☒ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ☒ All accommodation
- ☒ Meals as indicated
- ☒ English-speaking National Escort and Local Guides
- ☒ Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- ☒ Tipping (paid locally)
- ☒ Unique cultural experiences
- ☒ Small group sizes
- ☒ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ☒ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides

The only things you may have to pay for include items of personal nature, e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, arrival and departure transfers if not travelling on group flights and early check-in or late check-out (subject to availability).

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

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

ARE THESE TOURS FOR ME?

Want to see Asia from a different perspective and take part in unique, cultural and active experiences? Then our Discovery Tours are for you!



EXPERIENCE ASIA DIFFERENTLY

Immerse yourself further in the authentic charm of Asia. Trek through the hill tribe villages of Northern Vietnam, cycle through Yangshuo's beautiful landscapes or embrace the carnival atmosphere at Mongolia's Naadam Festival. Our Discovery Tours feature unique cultural and active experiences to make your journey extraordinary.



DON'T MISS THE CLASSICS

Our Discovery Tours promise to take you to some of the more remote parts of Asia. We also know that you won't want to miss the iconic highlights. That's why our itineraries still include the classic sights, from the Great Wall to the Taj Mahal.

MEET THE LOCALS

Get more than just a glimpse of daily life. Take the opportunity to meet the locals and gain insight into their unique culture and fascinating traditions.



TEMPT YOUR TASTEBUDS

We've designed our Discovery Tours to include free time for your own personal exploration of local restaurants and to sample traditional cuisine. Head to the local markets and street stalls to eat like a local.



JOINING YOUR TOUR

Limited flight schedules out of Adelaide, Darwin, Canberra and Cairns mean that on some tours, travellers will need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour. Due to constantly changing airline schedules, some travellers may require pre or post tour accommodation, an overnight stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Although Wendy Wu Tours makes every effort to use the airlines noted on each tour page, an alternative airline may be used due to flight schedule changes or lack of availability. Usually, frequent flyer miles are not accrued on our packaged group fares and this is at the discretion of each airline.

ARE THESE TOURS FOR ME?

TOUR KEY

To help you decide which tour is for you, refer to the icons and descriptions below.

TOUR GRADING



Active

These tours feature more physically demanding activities which require a good level of fitness. Challenging yet rewarding hikes appear on most of our active itineraries. These tours may also include cycling, visits to remote locations and areas of high altitude.



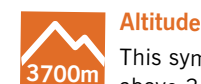
Moderate

These journeys, though less physical in nature than our active tours, still feature some walking and longer periods of sightseeing. They are still packed with unique elements but these will be easier and will not travel to such remote locations.



Flexible

By making the more physically demanding features of our active tours optional, these tours are exactly how they are described; flexible. You can pick and mix activities and free time meaning more opportunity for independent exploration.



Altitude

This symbol indicates that areas above 3,000m are visited on tour.

Tour Dossiers

It is essential that you read the full details in the Tour Dossier before booking to ensure you're comfortable with all elements of the tour. Information regarding locations of altitude, acute mountain sickness, and detailed descriptions of activities can be found here.

If you have an existing medical condition, we recommend checking with your doctor before travelling. Tour Dossiers can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our reservations team.

DISCOVER CHINA



OUR TOP TEN CHINA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

1 HIKE ON THE GREAT WALL

Take a spectacular hike over a quieter and more rugged section of this iconic edifice as it snakes over forested hills, taking time to absorb the centuries-old history it represents.

2 WALK THE LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Resembling a winding staircase, the rice terraces will take your breath away. A challenging but rewarding hike takes you past minority villages and spectacular views.



3 CYCLE OR RAFT IN YANGSHUO

Cycle through the serene sea of pastures and paddy fields, or drift quietly down the Yulong River on a bamboo raft; both watched over by the towering limestone peaks for which the area is so famous.



4 DUJIANGYAN PANDA RESERVE

Close to Chengdu and at the foot of Mt Qingcheng, you can visit the charming and beautiful pandas of Dujiangyan. Smaller and less visited than neighbouring reserves, but still easily accessible, Dujiangyan provides a home very similar to the pandas' natural habitat.



5 WEIBAOSHAN MEDITATION

Wander past ancient Taoist temples nestled in the trees, to Qinzia Temple where a Taoist priest will introduce you to some traditional meditative practices.



6 PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Considered Sichuan's most charming town, Pingle also has a rich and colourful history as a stop on the ancient and fabled Tea Horse Road.



9 CYCLE XIAN'S CITY WALLS

Xian's ancient city walls are 12 metres high, 15 metres wide and 14 kilometres long and one of the best preserved in China. Hopping on a bike and pedalling around them is a great way to admire this great fortification and to see Xian from above.



7 SHANGHAI MORNINGS

Spend a morning like the native Shanghaiese by taking a walking tour through the city's colourful concessions.



8 TIBETAN VILLAGE IN ZHONGDIAN

Pay a visit to a local family in rural Zhongdian, where you will dine with your local hosts and learn about their way of life.



10 BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Explore one of the oldest hutongs in Beijing, Yandaixiejie; wander through the hutong soaking up the ambience before being welcomed into the home of a family where you can sit down to lunch and have a chat.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

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

▲ HONG KONG HARBOUR

▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

▲ NEW YEAR PARADE

KEEP EXPLORING

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

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

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

11 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$6,060**



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



8 BREAKFASTS, 7 LUNCHES, 6 DINNERS



COMFORTABLE

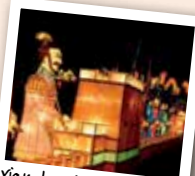
From price includes: tour cost \$5,822, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$158 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Hong Kong New Year

See a dazzling parade of costumes and colour, and watch thrilling fireworks over Victoria Harbour from a cruise boat on the water.



Xian Lantern Festival

Visit the City Walls encircling Xian to see the colourful and intricately designed winter lantern display; an unforgettable photo opportunity!



Ice Festival

Venture to the dramatic, snow covered Longqing Gorge to see intricately carved ice sculptures and revel in New Year festivities.



■ Days 1-2: Fly to Hong Kong

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Hong Kong. After an early morning arrival, visit the famous flower markets and enjoy a New Year's Eve celebratory dinner. (D)
Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide passengers may depart on Day 2.

■ Day 3: Hong Kong Chinese New Year Parade

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

■ Day 4: Victoria Harbour fireworks

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

■ Day 5: Lantern Festival

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

■ Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

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

■ Day 7: Ditan Temple Fair

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

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

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. The stark,

yet magnificent landscape puts you in the shoes of those who guarded this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Stop for a glass of champagne and appreciate this magical moment. Later head to the valleys of Longqing for the Ice and Snow Festival, a colourful display of ice lanterns, ice carvings and snow sculptures. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Family festivities

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

■ Day 10: Depart Beijing

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 10.

■ Day 11: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES

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

2017 DATE	
26 Jan - 05 Feb	\$6,060

2018 DATE	
14 Feb - 24 Feb	\$6,260

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 11 Days, Twin Share from \$6,060 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns with Cathay Pacific (CX)

Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

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

Important note:

CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of RMB510 and HKD300 (AU\$158). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.

CHINA EXPLORER

Explore the very best of China; voyage on the Yangtze, hike along the Great Wall and venture to atmospheric ancient towns on an active itinerary specially designed to bring you closer to the many authentic charms of this fascinating part of the world.

▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

15 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$6,260**

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

13 BREAKFASTS, 11 LUNCHESES, 9 DINNERS

ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,992, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$188 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Great Wall hike

Hike along the back of rugged Jinshanling as the Great Wall drapes lazily over the mountains, stopping to appreciate astounding views and fascinating history.



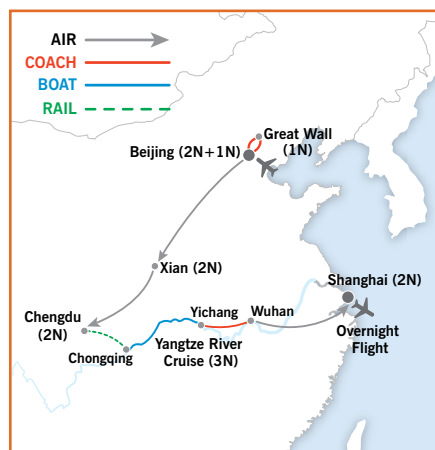
Jinji Rope Bridge

Suspended over a dramatic gorge filled with lush bamboo, the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge offers breathtaking views and an exhilarating experience.



Dujiangyan Pandas

Smaller than Chengdu but benefitting from a leafier, more remote location, Dujiangyan is the perfect place to meet China's cuddliest icon.



Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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

Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

Day 2: Forbidden City and Summer Palace Walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the idyllic Summer Palace and

explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Later, stop for photo opportunities at the Olympic Park. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Beijing's hutongs

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

Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

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

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

Day 5: Cycling in Xian

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and Muslim Quarter Walking Tour

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

Day 7: Pingle Ancient Town

Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a

stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above from Jinji Rope Bridge. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Dujiangyan Panda Base

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

Day 9: Ancient Ciqikou

Jump on the bullet train to Chongqing. Continue to the old town of Ciqikou and explore – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

Days 10-11: Yangtze River Cruise

During your Yangtze cruise, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. A voyage

CHINA

along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Fly to Shanghai

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

Day 13: Shanghaiese Shanghai

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

Day 14: Depart Shanghai

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

Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 14.

Day 15: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES			
24 Apr - 08 May#	\$6,260	04 Sep - 18 Sep	\$6,410
08 May - 22 May	\$6,610	09 Oct - 23 Oct	\$6,260
2018 DATES			
09 Apr - 23 Apr	\$6,510	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$6,610
07 May - 21 May	\$6,710	17 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,610
21 May - 04 Jun	\$6,710	15 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,360

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$6,260 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$6,360 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

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

Important note:

CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of RMB900 (AU\$188). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China. SQ – Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of RMB900 (AU\$188). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China. # Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

SICHUAN EXPLORER

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

▲ GIANT PANDAS

15 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$4,660**

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

13 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 11 DINNERS

ACTIVE

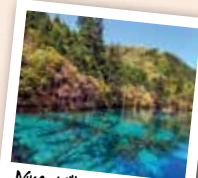
From price includes: tour cost \$4,424, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$156 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Dujiangyan Pandas

Smaller than Chengdu but benefitting from a leafier, more remote location, Dujiangyan is the perfect place to meet China's cuddliest icon.



Nine Villages Valley

Clear, cyan pools rest beneath tree-draped hills in China's most spectacular park. Walking through it reveals ever-changing, phenomenal landscapes.



Qiang Ethnic Village

Meet one of the most isolated minorities in the wilds of Sichuan and get a glimpse of a rarely-seen, deeply traditional culture.



Day 1: Fly to Chengdu

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

Day 2: Discover Chengdu

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha, the world's largest and UNESCO World Heritage-listed, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the

turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from the Leshan Buddha Park. A short boat trip will give an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Explore Mt Emei

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

Day 4: Mengdingshan

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

Day 5: Pingle Ancient Town

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

Day 6: Dujiangyan Panda Base

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

Day 7: Taoist Mt Qingcheng

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

Day 8: Drive to Nine Villages Valley

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

Day 9: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine typical Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World

Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. A trip up to the top of the valley to Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcase some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Shuzheng village

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

Day 11: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the cable car up to Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley to admire the excellent panoramic views (at your own expense), before you continue to the delightful Mao County by road. (B,L,D)

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Day 12: Qiang Minority village

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

Day 13: Local Chengdu

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

Day 14: Depart Chengdu

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

Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 14.

Day 15: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES			
17 Apr - 01 May*	\$4,660	04 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,310
08 May - 22 May	\$4,910	09 Oct - 23 Oct	\$5,110
2018 DATES			
16 Apr - 30 Apr	\$4,960	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$5,410
07 May - 21 May	\$4,960	08 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,310

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$4,660 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$5,060 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

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

Important notes:

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A CHINA ADVENTURE

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

▲ LONGJI RICE TERRACES

17 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$6,560**

FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE* & PERTH

14 BREAKFASTS, 14 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS

ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,301, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$179 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Great Wall hike

Unique to this tour, a hike from Gubeikou to Jinshanling allows you maximum time to appreciate China's most famous edifice.



Cycling in xian

The Silk Road City of Xian is surrounded by an imposing battlement wall; cycling on the top provides amazing views of the city from above.



Longji hike

Hike over the curving steps of Longji, stopping to appreciate this beautifully incomprehensible feat of man-made landscaping.



Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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

Perth passengers may depart one day earlier.

Day 2: Forbidden City and Summer Palace Walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace

and explore the magnificent grounds before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Beijing's Hutongs

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

Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

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

Day 5: Xian by bullet train

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall

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

Day 7: Travel to Pingle

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

Day 8: Pingle Ancient Town

Enjoy a morning at leisure, perhaps taking the time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined

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Day 10: Journey to Ping An

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

Day 11: Rice Terraces and ethnic villages hike

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

Day 12: Yangshuo countryside

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

Day 13: Tai Chi session & afternoon at leisure

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

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surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

Day 14: Fly to Shanghai

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

Day 15: Shanghaiese Shanghai

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

Day 16: Depart Shanghai

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

Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 16.

Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES			
15 Apr - 01 May#	\$6,560	16 Sep - 02 Oct#	\$6,710
06 May - 22 May	\$6,810	07 Oct - 23 Oct#	\$6,710
2018 DATES			
14 Apr - 30 Apr	\$6,660	01 Sep - 17 Sep	\$6,660
05 May - 21 May	\$6,910	15 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,810
19 May - 04 Jun	\$6,810	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,660

Price includes:

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

Price guide

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

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$6,660 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$940

- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 16 days from \$5,080 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

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YUNNAN ADVENTURE

The most wonderfully complex of all China's provinces, Yunnan boasts a rich diversity of people and landscapes. Explore verdant forest and dramatic mountains, archaeological sites and indigenous cultures on this varied adventure.

▲ YUANYANG RICE TERRACES

▲ SHANGRI-LA

▲ SHAMAN MASTER

17 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,560** **14 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$5,313, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$167 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Taoist Meditation

Join a Taoist priest on the misty slopes of sacred Weibaoshan, and learn relaxing meditative techniques in these extraordinary surroundings.



Ethnic Villages

Yunnan is dotted with colourful, long-established ethnic minorities – visit some of the remotest areas for a glimpse of rural Chinese culture.



Yuanyang Hike

Venture over the winding steps of Yuanyang, a curvaceous feat of natural and human engineering sculpted into the hillside.



Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming
Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.
Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

Day 3: Stone Forest
Meander through the formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and sample Across the Bridge noodles, for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Travel to Dali
Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse of bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

Day 5: Meditation on a mountain
Journey to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town
Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon continue to Lijiang and have some free time to explore the Old Quarter, a jumble of cobbled streets, precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

Day 7: Meet a Shaman Master
Take a chairlift to one of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain's gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas of this magnificent mountain massif. Continue to Baisha Naxi Village and meet a Dongba Shaman who will demonstrate how to write ancient Dongba written characters, before

you attempt this quirky artform yourself. Sample traditional Naxi cuisine. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge
Visit the Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Rural Shangri-La
Visit Songshanlin Monastery before enjoying an easy 2-3 hour hike to Napa Hai. Here, you'll be surrounded by towering mountains and among lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. From here, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. Return to Zhongdian. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Explore Shangri-La
Spend the morning wandering through the town, absorbing its fascinating mix of Tibetan and Han Chinese culture. Also visit Dafo Temple before a free afternoon. (B,L)

Day 11: Kunming
Fly to Kunming. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Travel to Jianshui
Travel to Tonghai and visit the unique Xingmeng Mongolian village on the way, where the residents wear traditional costumes and keep old traditions alive. After a stroll around Tonghai market, continue to antiquated Jianshui for an overnight stay and visit the Confucian temple. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Yuanyang Market
Visit the Zhang Garden before travelling further south to Yuanyang where you can explore the bustling market, full of fresh produce and locals in traditional, colourful costume. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Yuanyang rice terraces
Created by the Hani people over hundreds of years this wide, watery expanse is a spectacular sight to behold. Described as 'land sculpture' in China, the elements turn the terraces into pools of colour that reflect their mood, whether it's the reds and yellows of sunrise or the whites and greys of a mist settling over the valley. Hike through the terraces visiting Hani ethnic villages such as Qingkou and Bada. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Lendun village market
Travel back to Kunming via Lendun Village Market. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Depart Kunming
The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 17: Arrive Australia
Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

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

2017 DATES			
08 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,560	07 Oct - 23 Oct#	\$6,010
06 May - 22 May	\$5,810	28 Oct - 13 Nov	\$5,560
02 Sep - 18 Sep	\$6,010		

2018 DATES			
07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,910	06 Oct - 22 Oct#	\$6,110
05 May - 21 May	\$5,910	27 Oct - 12 Nov	\$5,660
08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$6,110		

Price includes:

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

Price guide

17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,560 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane*, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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Cairns and Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$860
- Land Only (Kunming to Kunming) 15 days from \$4,160 per person (includes tipping)

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NEW ENCHANTING CHINA

Slow down the pace and thoroughly explore China's great cities, Beijing, Xian and Shanghai, on a relaxed itinerary that introduces you to the very best sights, with the option to do even more. Discover more at your own pace and in your own way.

▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING

17 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$5,760

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

15 BREAKFASTS, 8 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS

FLEXIBLE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,499, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$181 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal Exploration

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Shanghai and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.



Yandaixiejie Hutong

Get a glimpse of what Beijing was like before gleaming modernisation took over; wander along this atmospheric street and join a local family for lunch.



Cycling in Xian

The Silk Road city of Xian is surrounded by an imposing battlement wall; cycling on the top provides amazing views of the city from above.



Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These

narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

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

Day 4: Summer Palace

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

Day 5: Temple of Heaven

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

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

Day 7: Xian at leisure

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

Day 8: Chengdu like a local

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. (B,L)

Day 9: Chengdu at leisure

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle (at your own expense). Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of

teahouse-lined streets, before seeing the forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

Day 10: Giant Pandas

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

Days 11-12: Yangtze Cruise

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

Day 13: Fly to Shanghai

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

Day 14: Shanghai at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai, beginning your explorations of this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao



▲ SHANGHAI



▼ JINJI SUSPENDED ROPE BRIDGE



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU

CHINA

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

Day 15: Shanghaiese Shanghai

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Day 17: Arrive Australia

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06 May - 22 May	\$5,760	14 Oct - 30 Oct	\$5,760
02 Sep - 18 Sep	\$5,760		
2018 DATES			
07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,910	08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$5,910
05 May - 21 May	\$5,910	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,910

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,760 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns** with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)
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- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,860 per person departing Darwin ^ with Singapore Airlines (SQ)
- ^ Darwin passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Beijing and a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost.
- Single Hotel Room Option from \$740
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 16 days from \$4,340 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

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CHINA TRAILBLAZER

Take a journey like no other. This is your chance to see the classical sights, and also explore a different side of this beautiful country – be it from the back of a bicycle; on a hike through serene countryside, or a walk through buzzing city streets.

▲ YANGSHUO

▲ HUTONGS, BEIJING

▼ GIANT PANDA

▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING

there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Take a bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

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

■ **Day 21: Arrive Australia**
Arrive home today.

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,260

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

19 BREAKFASTS, 18 LUNCHES, 12 DINNERS

ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,945, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$235 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Muslim quarter

Walk through Xian's buzzing and industrious Muslim Quarter. Check out the delicious and exciting street food, meeting colourful locals as you go.



Walking in Yangshuo

Featuring tooth-like limestone karsts and sleepy pastoral scenes, a walk through Yangshuo's unique countryside feels otherworldly.



Shanghai breakfast

Get a feel for life in the big city as you dine on breakfast snacks in local Shanghai markets, shoulder to shoulder with local residents.



■ **Day 1: Fly to Beijing**
Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's historic capital, for an overnight stay.

■ **Day 2: Beijing's hutongs**
Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence

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

■ **Day 3: Hike the Great Wall**
Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately five hours as the wall improbably courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. Buzzing Sunliton or lakeside Houhai are a great choice for the evening. (B,L)

■ **Day 4: Forbidden City and Summer Palace Walk**
Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 5: Xian**
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. The evening is at leisure - Defu Lane offers a vibrant atmosphere at night. (B,L)

■ **Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall**
The ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Continue to the ancient City Wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 7: Travel to Yichang**
Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang. Later board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

■ **Days 8-10: Yangtze Cruise**
A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. A three day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 11: Ciqikou Ancient Town**
Disembark your cruise vessel and enjoy an early lunch in the charming old town of Ciqikou –

■ **Day 14: Sun & Moon Pagodas**
Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. (B,L)

■ **Day 15: Rice terraces**
Take in stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

■ **Day 16: Li River cruise**
Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Sanjie Liu' (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

■ **Day 17: Tai Chi session and afternoon at leisure**
Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River (at your own expense)

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

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

2017 DATES			
02 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,260	03 Sep - 23 Sep	\$7,410
16 Apr - 06 May#	\$7,410	24 Sep - 14 Oct#	\$7,610
07 May - 27 May	\$7,610	08 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,260
2018 DATES			
01 Apr - 21 Apr	\$7,360	09 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,510
15 Apr - 05 May#	\$7,510	23 Sep - 13 Oct#	\$7,710
06 May - 26 May	\$7,710	07 Oct - 27 Oct#	\$7,710
20 May - 09 Jun	\$7,710	14 Oct - 03 Nov	\$7,360

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 4 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$7,260 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)
- *Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.
- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$7,360 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)
- **Darwin passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Beijing at an additional cost.
- Single Hotel Room Option from \$880
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 20 days from \$5,780 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:
CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of RMB1130 (AU\$235). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.
SQ – Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of RMB1130 (AU\$235). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.
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NEW

LAND OF THE DRAGON

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

▲ YANGSHUO

▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN

▼ CHENGDU

▲ FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING

CHINA

slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Fly to Shanghai

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

Day 18: Shanghai at leisure

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

Day 19: Shanghainese Shanghai

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

Day 20: Depart Shanghai

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

Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 20.

Day 21: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

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

2017 DATES			
09 May - 29 May	\$6,360	17 Oct - 06 Nov	\$6,360
05 Sep - 25 Sep	\$6,510		
2018 DATES			
10 Apr - 30 Apr	\$6,610	11 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$6,710
08 May - 28 May	\$6,710	16 Oct - 05 Nov	\$6,460

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$6,360 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- 21 Days, Twin Share from \$6,460 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$840
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 20 days from \$4,940 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

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FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE* & PERTH



19 BREAKFASTS, 9 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

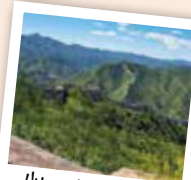
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ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal Exploration

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Yangshuo and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.



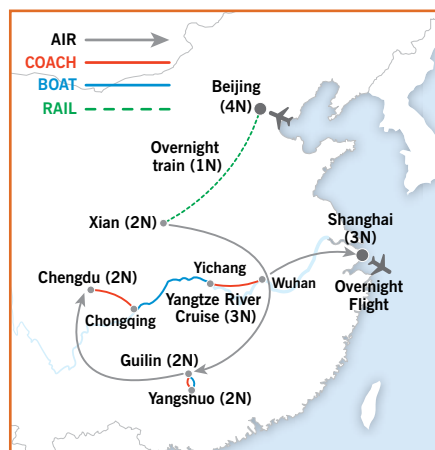
Huanghuacheng

Looming gracefully over the peaceful lakeside, Huanghuacheng is a lesser visited section of the wall where you can feel centuries of history.



Shanghai Breakfast

Get a feel for life in the big city as you dine on breakfast snacks in local Shanghai markets, shoulder to shoulder with local residents.



Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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

Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

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

Day 4: Summer Palace

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

Day 5: Temple of Heaven

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

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

Day 7: Xian at leisure

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

Day 8: Fly to Guilin

Fly to Guilin. On arrival explore the magnificent formations of the Reed Flute Cave and browse the displays of the South China Pearl Museum. Later, take a late afternoon stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes then head to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street where you are free to enjoy dinner and drinks. (B)

Day 9: Guilin at leisure

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

Day 10: Li River Cruise

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

Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to

learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River or cycle through the countryside for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo (at own expense). (B)

Day 12: Chengdu like a local

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

Day 13: Chengdu at leisure

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

Day 14: Giant Pandas

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

Days 15-16: Yangtze cruise

As you cruise downstream the Yangtze nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A two-day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a

DREAMS OF NATURE

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

▲ NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

▲ ZHANGJIAJIE

▼ RED PANDA

▲ HUANGLONG POOLS

CHINA

the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

Day 19: Explore Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the natural beauty of the mountain. Spend the day 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 crossing the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

Day 21: Chengdu Panda Base

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo. This afternoon, visit People's Park. People watching here is an endless pleasure, from the locals playing mah-jong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening enjoy a delicious Sichuan hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show (at your own expense). (B,D)

Day 22: Depart Chengdu

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 22.*

Day 23: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

23 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$7,060

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20 BREAKFASTS, 17 LUNCHES, 15 DINNERS

ACTIVE

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Hike over the curving steps of Longji, stopping to appreciate this beautifully incomprehensible feat of man-made landscaping.



Scale the lofty heights of the 'Avatar Mountains' to view otherworldly, ethereal peaks seemingly floating through the mist.



Walk up to the turquoise pools of Huanglong, and witness crystalline water tumbling over naturally formed calcium walls.



Days 1-2: Fly to Guilin

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

Day 3: Yangshuo's landscapes

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

Day 4: Tai Chi & bamboo rafting

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

Day 5: Reed Flute Cave

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

Day 6: Longji rice terraces

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

Day 7: Travel to Zhangjiajie

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

Days 8-9: Zhangjiajie

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

Day 10: Travel to Yichang

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

Days 11-13: Yangtze River Cruise

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

Day 14: Fly to Jiuzhaigou

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

Day 15: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is

considered one of China's most beautiful areas. A trip up to the top of the valley to the Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcases some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Shuzheng village

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

Day 17: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and is relatively undiscovered. There is an option to take the chair lift up to Huanglong Temple (at your own expense) at the head of the valley for excellent panoramic views, before you catch a flight to Chengdu. (B,L)

Day 18: Leshan Giant Buddha

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71 metre Buddha, the world's largest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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03 May - 25 May	\$7,610	11 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,710

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 4 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 23 Days, Twin Share from \$7,060 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$700
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Guilin to Chengdu) 21 days from \$5,660 per person (includes tipping)

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CHINA: THE BIG ONE

The complete China adventure – this itinerary takes more time to explore the highlights of this eclectic country, from busy cities to rural utopias and quirky ancient towns where you are free to absorb the relaxed atmosphere.

▲ LONGJI RICE TERRACES

▲ DALI

▼ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XIAN

▲ TEMPLE, DALI

28 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$7,260**

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

26 BREAKFASTS, 17 LUNCHES, 5 DINNERS

FLEXIBLE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,920, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$260 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal Exploration



Huanghuacheng



Dali's Ancient Town

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Shanghai and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.

Looming gracefully over the peaceful lakeside, Huanghuacheng is a lesser visited section of the Wall. Feel centuries of history as the wall drapes lazily over the surrounding hillside.

The cobbled, winding streets of Dali's Ancient Town are a delight to relax in and wander through – spend an evening here people watching.



Day 1: Fly to Beijing

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

Day 2: Forbidden City & hutongs

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next visit Yandaixiejie where there's time to wander the hutongs. Later, there's free time to explore. (B,L)

Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall

This scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views. Visit a jade factory. Spend the evening at leisure exploring Wangfujing night market, or take an optional Peking Duck dinner (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 4: Imperial Summer Palace

Take a relaxed day exploring the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Walk and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around Kunming Lake and walk up Longevity Hill. (B,L)

Day 5: Overnight train to Xian

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to their fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, then take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and sample freshly cooked snacks. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 7: Cycling in Xian

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the wall. This afternoon visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L)

Day 8: Beautiful Guilin

Fly to Guilin. This afternoon is at leisure – you may wish to stroll around Zhengyang Street. (B)

Day 9: Guilin at leisure

Take an optional four hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji (at your own expense). Walk past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

Day 10: Yangshuo countryside

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

Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi

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

Day 12: Kunming at leisure

Transfer to Guilin and visit the Reed Flute Cave and a Pearl Museum. Fly to Kunming. (B)

Day 13: Stone Forest

Meander through the UNESCO listed Stone Forest. Back in Kunming stroll through Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Day 14: Dali's Ancient Town

Drive to Dali and spend the rest of the day admiring the Three Pagodas and being immersed in the atmosphere of the fascinating old quarter and lively market. Stroll along Foreigners' Street and explore the many dining options here. (B,L)

Day 15: Dali at leisure

Take an optional visit to Weibaoshan. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session (at your own expense). Otherwise spend the day relaxing in Dali. (B)

Day 16: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills.

Learn about the fascinating minority peoples that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

Day 17: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

A magnificent mountain massif, Jade Dragon incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which soars to 5,500m. Take a cable car to one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy amazing vistas. Visit the minority Baisha Naxi Village and admire the Baisha Frescoes. (B,L)

Day 18: Lijiang at leisure

Today's optional mini-trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge takes you through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself (at your own expense). If you don't join the trek, the day is at leisure in Lijiang. (B)

Day 19: Chengdu like a local

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. See the locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and Matchmaker's Corner. Visit Wide and Narrow Alleys. (B,L)

Day 20: Giant Pandas

Visit Chengdu's renowned panda base and see these adorably charming creatures up close. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and face changing show (at your own expense). (B,L)

Day 21: Ancient Ciqikou

Board your train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze

CHINA

Cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

Days 22-23: Yangtze cruise

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 24: Three Gorges Dam

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

Day 25: Shanghainese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour. Visit the Yu Gardens, the Old Town and the Silk Museum. Cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

Day 26: Shanghai at leisure

Join the optional day tour to Suzhou (at your own expense), or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 27: Depart Shanghai

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B)
Due to flight schedules, Brisbane passengers may arrive home on Day 27.

Day 28: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES			
03 Apr - 30 Apr	\$7,260	04 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$7,410
08 May - 04 Jun	\$7,410	18 Sep - 15 Oct#	\$7,410
15 May - 11 Jun	\$7,410	09 Oct - 05 Nov	\$7,260
2018 DATES			
03 Apr - 30 Apr	\$7,460	04 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$7,710
17 Apr - 14 May#	\$7,710	18 Sep - 15 Oct#	\$7,710
08 May - 04 Jun	\$7,710	09 Oct - 05 Nov	\$7,460

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 28 Days, Twin Share from \$7,260 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

- 28 Days, Twin Share from \$7,360 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,140
- Single Cruise Cabin Option from \$440
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 27 days from \$5,880 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of RMB1250 (AU\$260). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.
SQ – Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of RMB1250 (AU\$260). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.
Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

DISCOVER INDOCHINA



OUR TOP TEN INDOCHINA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

1 TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike the rice fields around Sapa, passing through villages and stopping to take in spectacular views on a less-traversed route through this breathtaking part of Vietnam. Meet hilltribe people as you take a class in batik painting in one of the villages.



2 FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

Jump on your bicycle and take a beautiful route through Hoi An's charming rural scenery to share the work of a local farmer and attempt to paddle the unique bamboo basket boats of the local fishermen.



3 MINES ADVISORY GROUP, LAOS

Visit the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and speak to its head about the vital work it does clearing the unexploded ordnance dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War and educating the local people.



4 HANOI STREET EATS

Embark on a culinary adventure through the street food of Hanoi, a city that has food stalls on every corner. Taste local delicacies, cooked fresh just for you.



5 ANGKOR WAT BY TUK TUK

See the famous Angkor Wat from the seat of a tuk tuk. Pass by lotus-like towers, dense jungle and visiting monks.



6 MEKONG DELTA BY BICYCLE

Wheel quietly through the verdant Delta on a bicycle rickshaw (xelo), passing peaceful villages to get an insight into local life in the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'.



9 VINH LONG HOMESTAY

Explore the beautiful Vinh Long and unwind in the rural charm of the Mekong Delta, with an overnight stay in an authentic Vietnamese homestay, enjoying home-cooked food and a simpler way of life.



7 HIKE REMOTE HOANG SU PHI

Walk through rural Hoang Su Phi mountainous area, stopping in a Red Yao village to learn more about their daily lives.



8 VESPA THROUGH SAIGON

Ride pillion on a vintage Vespa in classic Saigon style on a night time food adventure. Enjoy a cocktail before venturing to a favourite local eating spot, finishing in a lively bar.



10 FLOATING VILLAGES, TONLE SAP LAKE

The floating villages of Tonle Sap Lake provide an insight into a totally different way of life. Wave at the friendly locals as you float along the village 'streets' and watch them going about their daily business on and above the water.



HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

Laos has remained the most pristine and culturally-intact country in Indochina. Experience the old-fashioned charm of its cities, explore untouched landscapes, and meet the incredibly friendly people, who have faced adversity yet still maintain a smile.

▲ THAT LUANG STUPA, VIENTIANE

▲ PATUXAI VICTORY MONUMENT, VIENTIANE

▲ KHONE PHAPHENG WATERFALL, KHONG ISLAND

14 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$4,860**



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & ADELAIDE



12 BREAKFASTS, 11 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS



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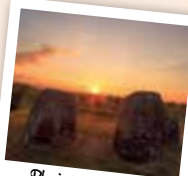
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ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



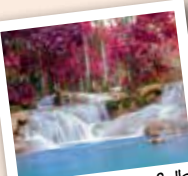
Takbat Ceremony

In Luang Prabang, take part in a solemn alms-giving ceremony; placing rice in bowls held by passing monks, deep in meditation.



Plain of Jars

Laos' mysterious stone jars have baffled archaeologists for years – wander through them and come up with your own theory!



Kuang Si Waterfalls

With water cascading over layers of turquoise pools, you'll think you're walking through an aquatic fairyland at the Kuang Si falls.



Day 1: Fly to Bangkok

Fly with QANTAS Airways to Bangkok where you will spend the night. (D)

Day 2: Fly to Luang Prabang

Fly to Luang Prabang. On arrival you will have free time to start soaking up the local culture. An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage and French-colonial legacy. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market,

keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Ban Na Ouane village

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. See Wat Sene and the National Museum. Visit the traditional H'mong village of Ban Na Ouane, before walking to the cascading turquoise waters of delightful Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

Day 4: Mekong River cruise

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance performance. (B,L)

Day 5: Phousi Hill

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Ahm. Browse the wares at the lively hilltribe market before a free afternoon. (B,L)

Day 6: Journey to Phonsavan

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake on the way. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Plain of Jars

One of the most important prehistoric sites in Indochina, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. You will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region, and Site 3, situated in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War. There is also an opportunity to speak with the head of the organisation. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Tham Chang Cave

Depart Phonsavan for Vang Vieng. Stop en route at Pathang village, where you can enjoy dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese came to town in the early 19th century. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Discover Vientiane

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra

Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L)

Day 10: Travel to Khong Island

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival drive to Khong Island, the largest island of the Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Islands and waterfalls

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Indochina's largest, and pop over to Khong Island by speedboat to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. The rest of the day is free. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Bolaven Plateau

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls on the way. Continue on to the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a coffee plantation and learn about the process of planting, harvesting and roasting the beans. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Fly to Bangkok

Transfer to Pakse airport for your flight to Australia via Bangkok. (B)

Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL

2017 DATES

22 Mar - 04 Apr **\$4,860** 18 Oct - 31 Oct **\$4,860**

2018 DATES

21 Mar - 03 Apr **\$4,960** 17 Oct - 30 Oct **\$4,960**

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 14 Days, Twin Share from \$4,860 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide with QANTAS Airways (QF)

From \$4,750 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,330 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,670 per person departing Canberra** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,470 per person departing Cairns*** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

**Canberra passengers may require one night pre-tour and post-tour accommodation in Bangkok at an additional cost.

***Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$680
- Land Only (Bangkok to Bangkok) 13 days from \$3,580 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

QF – Above prices include tipping of US\$91 (AU\$123). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.

SQ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$410 and tipping of US\$91 (AU\$123). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.

REFLECTIONS OF VIETNAM

An ever-changing country, born of external influences, Vietnam offers unsurpassed cultural experiences and natural sights. Cycle through lush countryside, taste beautifully spiced food and get to know the locals on the Mekong Delta.

▲ MEKONG DELTA

▲ SAPA

▼ CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET

▲ RICE PADDIES, HOI AN

INDOCHINA

Day 13: Mekong Delta by rickshaw

Head south to Ben Tre. Ride a rickshaw (xelo) past rural villages and verdant fields before boarding a boat to drift through small backwater canals. Drop into local workshops where you can chat to the locals before tasting crispy rice paper and visiting the residence of a former Viet Cong Soldier. Arrive at your homestay in the afternoon and wander around the village. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Cycling in the Mekong

After breakfast visit the colourful Cai Thia market, then cycle along small paths through orchards and thatched houses stopping to chat with local farmers on the way. Enjoy a garden lunch with fresh fruit, rice wine and traditional music, before transferring to Can Tho. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Cai Rang floating market and cycling

Pay a morning visit to the famous Cai Rang floating market, taking in the scenery and locals going about their daily business along the canals. Take a relaxed cycle through quiet and isolated countryside before returning to Saigon. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Depart Saigon

The day is at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL

2017 DATES			
04 Feb - 20 Feb	\$4,680	11 Nov - 27 Nov	\$4,480
09 Sep - 25 Sep	\$4,280		
2018 DATES			
03 Feb - 19 Feb	\$4,780	10 Nov - 26 Nov	\$4,580
08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$4,380		

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$4,280 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,680 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,070 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,930 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,270 per person departing Cairns** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Hanoi and one night post-tour accommodation in Saigon at an additional cost.

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

Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$540

Single Rail Compartment Option from \$540

Land Only (Hanoi to Saigon) 16 days from \$3,640 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

SQ - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$410 and tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

17 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$4,280

FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

15 BREAKFASTS, 13 LUNCHES, 11 DINNERS

ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$4,172 and tipping \$108 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Sapa Hills

Covered in curvaceous, verdant rice terraces, Sapa is a gem to explore. Stop at ethnic villages to learn more about life in the area.



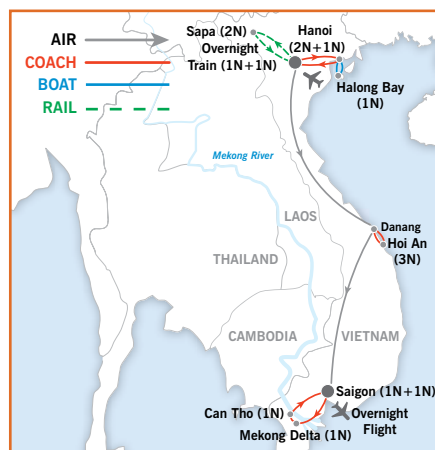
Hoi An by Bicycle

Crumbling, flower-covered houses give way to green fields and seaside as you cycle through the charming streets of Hoi An.



Mekong Delta

Discovery a more relaxed pace of life in the Mekong Delta. Take a rickshaw ride and see rural life up close.



Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

Day 2: Discover local Hanoi

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next, visit the home of a water puppet artist where you will have

the chance to participate in the creation of the puppets and enjoy a private performance. Tonight, discover Hanoi's street-side night life and taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo - a truly local way of eating dinner! (B,L,D)

Day 3: Temple of Literature and Lao Cai

This morning rise early and pay a visit to the fabulous flower market in Quang Ba, and see the Tai Chi at Truc Bach Lake - an oasis of peace and daily life in the centre of Hanoi. Visit the Temple of Literature and the Old Quarter before boarding your overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Sapa minority villages

After an early morning arrival and breakfast, transfer to beautiful Sapa. Trek through luscious, stepped rice paddies and hills visiting small villages to rest and meet the residents, ending your walk at Ham Rong Mountain. (B,L)

Day 5: Sapa trekking

Your Sapa adventure continues today with approximately seven hours trekking through the rice terraces, visiting the H'Mong Village of Y Linh Ho and Cat Cat Village. Continue to Ta Van, and try your hand at batik painting. Sit down for a chat with a local Black H'mong family. (B,L)

Day 6: Train to Hanoi

Take a free morning to soak up the views around Sapa. This afternoon trek between Hau Thao and Giang Ta Chai villages - at Giang Ta Chai, there is also an attractive waterfall. This evening we will board our overnight train back to Hanoi. (B,L,D)

Days 7-8: Cruise Halong Bay

Arrive into Hanoi and depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard - take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, including the magnificent Surprise Cave, and take to the waters yourself in a kayak. (B,L,D) Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay before returning to Hanoi. (B,D)

Day 9: Hoi An walking tour

Fly to Danang and drive to Hoi An, where you will spend an afternoon wandering the beautiful, charming, flower covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and walk over the 16th-century Japanese Covered Bridge. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Rural Hoi An by bicycle

Jump on your bike today and wheel through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques - look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try fishing net making or paddling unique bamboo basket boats. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 11: Cham Island paradise

Cruise a sapphire sea to the idyllic Cham Island. Arriving at Lang Village, you'll take a relaxed stroll and learn about the island's history. Enjoy amazing sea views on the way to Chong Village - if you're lucky the monkeys might make an appearance. There's time to take a swim in the sea, relax on the white sands and enjoy a seafood lunch before returning to Hoi An. (B,L)

Day 12: Saigon walking tour

Fly to dynamic Saigon, where modern high-rises rub shoulders with ancient temples. Take a tour of Saigon's busy streets, from the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office, down former Rue Catinat to the Hotel Continental, made famous in the 'Quiet American' movie, before taking a final stop at the Caravelle Hotel's beautiful rooftop bar for panoramic views of the city, something best enjoyed with a local beer in hand (own expense). (B,L,D)

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

Discover two countries shaped by a fascinating past. Hike the rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi, sample street food in Hanoi. End by exploring the Angkor Wat complex by tuk tuk.

▲ RICE PADDIES

▲ ANGKOR WAT

▼ HOI AN

▲ HANOI STREET VENDOR

20 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,740** **FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE** **18 BREAKFASTS, 15 LUNCHESES, 12 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$5,535, airline fuel surcharge \$83 and tipping \$122 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Hoang Su Phi

Sapa's premier trekking destination, Hoang Su Phi's Rice Terraces change year round – from glassy pools of water to cascading layers of green.



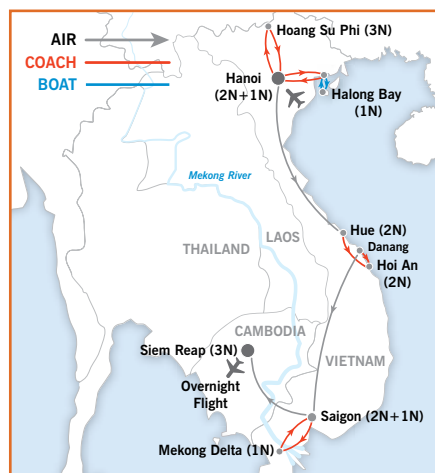
Saigon by Vespa

In true Vietnamese style, ride pillion through the streets of Saigon on a night time adventure, stopping for cocktails and local food.



Angkor by Tuk Tuk

Unleash your inner Indiana Jones on a tuk tuk adventure through the mysterious, forest-consumed temples of Angkor.



Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. (D)

Day 2: Discover local Hanoi

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next stop at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, before taking a walking tour of the Old Quarter where you will witness Hanoi's rich cultural and

artistic history. Take a relaxed stroll at Hoan Kiem Lake, a great spot for people-watching. (B,L)

Day 3: Hoang Su Phi

After breakfast travel to Hoang Su Phi, an area of emerald green rice terraces. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. Stay in Hoang Su Phi for three-nights. (B,L,D)

Days 4-5: Hike through the rice terraces

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. Stop en route at the Red Yao Village to learn about local life in the area, and meet the Long Tunic Yao people as you explore. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Hanoi's street food

Travel back to Hanoi. This evening, take a walking tour of the city's unique street-side night life and food vendors. Taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – this is where the locals come to meet, dine and have a good time. (B,L,D)

Days 7-8: Cruise Halong Bay

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. There are many

activities to take part in while you're onboard – take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, including the magnificent Surprise Cave, and take to the waters yourself in a kayak. (B,L,D) Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B,D)

Day 9: Imperial Hue by bicycle

Cycle through Hue for a tour of the imperial sights. Start at the Imperial Citadel, then continue to Phu Mong Garden House, part of Hue's legacy from the Nguyen Dynasty. Stop by Thien Mu Pagoda overlooking the Perfume River before driving to Tu Duc Tomb. From here, take a cyclo tour along the banks of the Perfume River. (B,L)

Day 10: Charming Hoi An

Drive to Hoi An, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. Spend the afternoon wandering the beautiful, charming, flower covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and walk through the 16th-century Japanese Covered Bridge. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L)

Day 11: Rural Hoi An by bicycle

Jump on your bike today and cycle through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try traditional farming techniques. Enjoy a boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try fishing net making and paddling unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

Day 12: Hoi An to Saigon

Enjoy some free time in this beautiful town before flying to Saigon in the late afternoon. (B,D)

Day 13: Saigon old and new

This morning discover the amazing network of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Continue to Reunification Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. This evening take an exhilarating ride on the back of a vintage Vespa, classic Saigon pillion style. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks, accompanied by a live band. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Ben Tre by bicycle

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, forest lined canals. After lunch, cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit the Cao Dai Temple, local markets and a flower and bonsai village. Spend the night in a local homestay. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Return to Saigon

Take a relaxed morning cycle through the village, sampling freshly picked fruit. Drop by the local market and pay a visit to Cai Nhun Cathedral before returning to Saigon. (B,L)

Day 16: Cambodian Circus

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. This a special treat that awaits in the form of a performance from the PHARE Cambodian Circus,

INDOCHINA

an NGO which teaches street children to become internationally renowned circus artists. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Angkor Wat by tuk tuk

What better way to see the world famous Angkor Wat complex than from the back of a traditional tuk tuk? You'll explore Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Siem Reap's famous temples, before riding your tuk tuk to Angkor Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly, buried deep in the jungle, you will find Ta Prohm; a photogenic and atmospheric smorgasbord of trees wound through temple ruins. (B,L)

Day 18: Kompong Kleang floating village

Visit Kompong Kleang, a settlement of over 20,000 people housed in wooden structures on stilts, suspended up to ten metres above Tonle Sap Lake. Glimpse Cambodia's countryside culture and easy going family lifestyle. *If water levels are high, village touring will be by boat. If water levels are low, this will be by ox-cart and on foot.* After lunch, head out into the dense forest and find the hidden temple of Beng Mealea, whose wonders lay undiscovered for centuries. (B,L,D)

Day 19: Depart Siem Reap

The day is at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 20: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

per person twin share from SYD, MEL

2017 DATES			
18 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,740	21 Oct - 09 Nov	\$5,740
11 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,740	25 Nov - 14 Dec	\$5,740
30 Sep - 19 Oct	\$6,640		
2018 DATES			
17 Feb - 08 Mar	\$5,860	20 Oct - 08 Nov	\$5,860
03 Mar - 22 Mar	\$5,860	24 Nov - 13 Dec	\$5,860
17 Mar - 05 Apr	\$5,860		

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 20 Days, Twin Share from \$5,740 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,040 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$5,230 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,830 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,030 per person departing Cairns* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$680
- Land Only (Hanoi to Siem Reap) 19 days from \$4,640 per person (includes tipping)

Important notes:

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ALONG THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL

Used during the Vietnam War by the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong as a means of evading their enemies, the Ho Chi Minh Trail provides an exciting alternative route to the usual coastal path.

▲ RICE TERRACES, SAPA

24 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$6,480** **FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE** **22 BREAKFASTS, 17 LUNCHES, 19 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$6,262 tipping \$218 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Sapa Hike

Covered in curvaceous, verdant rice terraces, Sapa is a gem to explore. Stop at ethnic villages to learn more about life in the area.



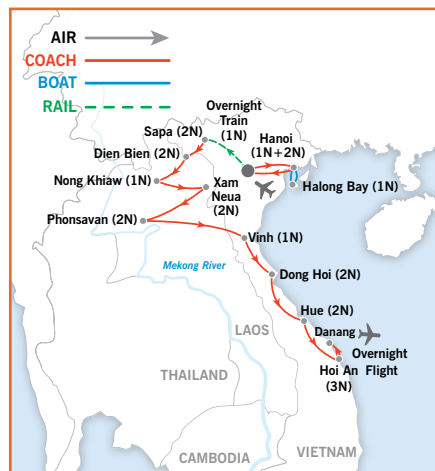
Dien Bien

Visit fascinating war sites, including A1 Hill, used as a bunker for the French during the First Indochina War.



Plain of Jars

Laos' mysterious stone jars have baffled archaeologists for years – wander through them and come up with your own theory!



Day 1: Arrive Hanoi

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi for your overnight stay. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (D)

Days 2-3: Cruise Halong Bay

Drive to Halong Bay and cruise around the spectacular limestone karst formations, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, take a rowboat to discover some of the bay's many caves and partake in a traditional

Vietnamese cooking demonstration back on board. (B,L,D) The next day rise early and practice Tai Chi as the sun rises. Transfer back to Hanoi. (B,D)

Day 4: Discover Hanoi

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Temple of Literature before weaving through a labyrinth of back alleys well off the tourist trail. Later enjoy a traditional Water Puppet show before taking a culinary adventure to sample street food in the Old Quarter. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Hanoi to Sapa

Today tour the Army Museum, Hoa Lo Prison and B52 Victory Museum. Enjoy a talk by a local historian before dinner. Transfer to the railway station for your overnight train to Sapa. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Sapa Minority Villages

Arrive this morning in Sapa. Walk to the busy villages of Cat Cat and Lao Chai, where you can learn the art of batik painting. The beautiful textiles of the Black H'mong are famous around the world. This afternoon head to a local homestay, where you will spend the night. Watch as the sun sets over the rice terraces and tuck into a delicious H'mong-style dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Sapa

This morning set out along the Muong Hoa Valley towards Ta Van Village. Trek along the high road and take in the superb views. Arrive in the village of the Giay ethnic people. Transfer back to Sapa. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Dien Bien

Drive to Dien Bien and enjoy the photo opportunities of this remote area. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Dien Bien war sites

Visit the war sites of A1 Hill, the French Tunnel and Dien Bien Museum. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Dien Bien to Nong Khiaw

Farewell Vietnam and journey into Laos to Nong Khiaw via Tay Trang for an overnight stay. This town is beautifully rustic and positioned on the banks of the Nam Ou River, surrounded by limestone mountains. (B,L,D)

Days 11-12: Xam Neua

This morning drive to Xam Neua for a two-night stay. Visit the Standing Stones which are presumed to be related to burial rituals. (B,L,D) The next day, transfer to Viengxay and explore the headquarters of Communist Pathet Lao, who were forced into the caves during their struggle with the Lao Royal Family in the time of the Vietnam-American War. (B,L,D)

Days 13-14: Phonsavan

Today will involve a full day of driving to Phonsavan, visiting Tam Cave en route. (B,L,D)

In the morning take a trip to contemplate the mysteries of the Plain of Jars before visiting MAG, an organisation that was created to reduce the number of casualties caused by the unexploded war remnants that still lie in much of Laos' land. (B)

Day 15: Phonsavan to Vinh

Today pass through Nong Het border reaching Nam Can border in Vinh, Vietnam. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Vinh to Dong Hoi

Visit the home of Uncle Ho then drive along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Visit Dong Loc site and Truong Son Cemetery and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Phong Nha trekking

In the morning transfer to a trekking point in Phong Nha. Trek the 'Secret Route', a track used by soldiers that was hidden from the Americans. Enjoy a BBQ lunch before trekking back to the start via a different route. (B,L,D)

Day 18: Dong Hoi to Hue

Journey to Hue. Stop en route to visit Vinh Moc Tunnels and Khe Sanh Combat Base. Arrive in Hue in the late afternoon where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

INDOCHINA

Day 19: Hue

In the morning visit the Imperial Citadel and the Imperial Tombs on the banks of the Perfume River, before taking a boat trip along the river. In the afternoon visit Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

Days 20-22: Hoi An

Drive south to Hoi An over the scenic Hai Van Pass. (B,L,D) The next two days are at leisure to explore Hoi An. (B)

Day 23: Depart Hoi An

Transfer to Danang airport for your overnight flight home. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 23.*

Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

KEEP EXPLORING



SAIGON SHORT STAY 4 NIGHTS FROM \$525PP TWIN SHARE

Spend your time here admiring the French Colonial architecture, visit the fascinating Mekong Delta and visit the Cu Chi Tunnels.

See wendywutours.com.au for details. Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

per person twin share from SYD, MEL

2017 DATES			
22 Apr - 15 May	\$6,480	17 Nov - 10 Dec	\$6,540
2018 DATES			
21 Apr - 14 May	\$6,840	16 Nov - 09 Dec	\$7,040

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 24 Days, Twin Share from \$6,480 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,780 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,370 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$6,070 per person departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$6,470 per person departing Cairns* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$1,240
- Single Rail Compartment Option from \$240
- Land Only (Hanoi to Hoi An) 23 days from \$5,480 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

VN – Above prices include tipping of US\$161 (AU\$218). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.
SQ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$410 and tipping of US\$161 (AU\$218). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

DISCOVER JAPAN



OUR TOP TEN JAPAN ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

1 TRADITIONAL TEA CEREMONY

Witness the ritual of preparing and presenting matcha tea at a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Held in a traditional old tea house in Kyoto, you'll find the ceremony fascinating.



2 SAPPORO SNOW AND ICE FESTIVAL

One of the world's largest winter festivals, wander amongst the huge and impressive ice and snow sculptures of people, places and animals for which Sapporo is famous.



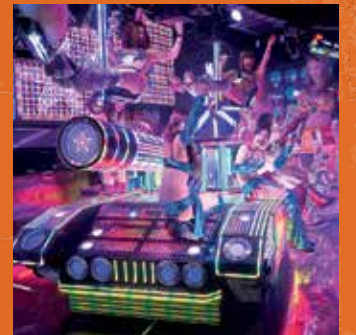
3 SNOW MONKEYS, NAGANO

Walk through breathtaking alpine scenery to meet the cheeky snow monkeys of the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Here you can observe as they bathe and frolic in the steaming hot spring pools.



4 THEME RESTAURANTS

Animation and cosplay are hugely popular pastimes in Tokyo, with huge numbers of cafes and restaurants based on themes that cover everything from cats to popular movies. Try it out for yourself at the Robot Restaurant and a Maid Café.



5 TAIKO DRUMMING

Learn the basic drumming techniques and showmanship needed for you to bash out a traditional Japanese rhythm.



6 WEARING A KIMONO

Get dressed up in this quintessentially Japanese and surprisingly complex attire to truly immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of old Japan.



9 HIKE THE BASE OF MT FUJI

Spend half a day hiking around the base of the iconic Mount Fuji, soaking up the spectacular alpine scenery and finding ever-better vantage points from which to appreciate the perfect symmetry of its cone.



7 SAKÉ BREWERY

Learn the process needed to create Saké, Japan's national beverage. Enjoy a tasting of this clear rice liquor.



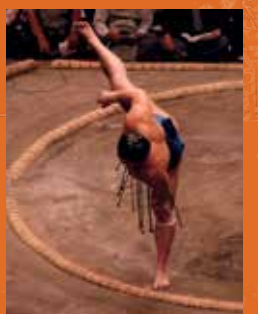
8 KOYASAN TEMPLE STAY

Spend a night in an old temple, at the peak of holy Mount Koya, rising early to join the monks for their morning prayers and chanting – a magical experience.



10 SUMO WRESTLING

The May and September departures of the 'Trails of Japan' include tickets to witness the traditional ritual and sporting prowess of Sumo Wrestling, at one of the six annual tournaments in Tokyo.



SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

Come face-to-face with the mischievous Japanese Snow Monkeys in the beautiful Alps, before experiencing the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival in Sapporo. There is also time to discover Japan's many treasures – old and new – in Tokyo and Kyoto.

▲ SNOW MONKEYS

▲ KINKAKU-JI, KYOTO

▲ SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL

▲ SENSO-JI, TOKYO

12 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$9,410**



FROM SYDNEY
MELBOURNE, BRISBANE*,
ADELAIDE* & PERTH



**9 BREAKFASTS,
4 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS**



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$9,330 and airline fuel surcharge \$80

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Snow and Ice Festival

At Sapporo's Snow and Ice Festival you can wander amongst beautifully-crafted snow and ice statues – the competition is fierce so prepare for breathtaking creations.



Snow Monkeys

The Japanese Macaque, or Snow Monkeys, are the stars of the Jigokudani, where they spend time everyday bathing, in natural hot spring pools.



Snow Light Path

Wander through the port town of Otaru where the streets are decorated with gleaming lanterns and beautiful sculptures – a truly enchanting sight to see.



■ Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Tokyo, Japan's capital, for a two-night stay. Tokyo was once known as Edo and was a small fishing town. In 1868, as part of the Meiji Restoration, the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Edo, which was then renamed Tokyo, meaning the Eastern Capital. (D) *Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

■ Day 3: Explore Tokyo

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old

temples to explore. Today begin with a visit to Meiji Shrine, before heading across town to Asakusa, Tokyo's old town. Visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple and wander down Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Later, cruise down the Sumida River, disembarking in Hamarikyu Garden, an Edo Period Japanese garden surrounded by the Shiodome district's futuristic skyscrapers. Finally visit the Edo-Tokyo Museum. (B,L)

■ Day 4: Travel to Nagano

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Tokyo. This afternoon, transfer by bus to your hotel in the pretty mountain city of Nagano. (B,D)

■ Day 5: Snow Monkeys

Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, reach the steaming hot pools where the beautiful Japanese Macaque, or Snow Monkeys, spend their day bathing in the waters. This afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th-century Zenko-ji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

■ Day 6: Fly to Sapporo

Return to Tokyo and board a flight to Sapporo, where you will be spending the next three nights. On arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

■ Day 7: Sapporo Snow and Ice Festival

Explore Sapporo and the Snow Festival with a local guide, with a visit to the Tower Clock, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture, and wander along Odori Avenue and through the Susukino district, where hundreds of ice sculptures will be on display. This afternoon, transfer to the Sapporo Beer Museum. There is an optional beer tasting before popping next door to the Sapporo Beer Garden where you will dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbeque lamb, a Sapporo special! (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Otaru Snow Light Path Festival

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Later, visit the pretty port town of Otaru. Stroll along the canal, snack on some of Japan's best sushi and soak up the atmosphere of the Snow Light Path Festival. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Kyoto Tea Ceremony

Transfer to the airport and board a flight for Osaka. On arrival, head straight to a

quintessential Japanese experience – a tea ceremony. This private tea ceremony, in a Kyoto tearoom, will demonstrate the traditional rituals of tea preparation and service. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

■ Day 10: Explore Kyoto

An enchanting city, Kyoto was the capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start with Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, Kyoto's most famous temple. Continue to Nijo Castle then wander down Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's kitchen', ending the day at Sanjusangendo Temple. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner at a restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Depart Kyoto

Transfer to Kansai airport (Osaka) to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

■ Day 12: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2018 DATE

01 Feb - 12 Feb **\$9,410**

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Some meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

Price guide

- 12 Days, Twin Share from \$9,410 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane*, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

From \$9,020 per person departing Darwin with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,060
- Land Only (Tokyo to Kyoto) 10 days from \$8,060 per person

Important note:

CX – Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$80. Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required for this tour.
SQ – Price above includes airline fuel surcharge of \$407. Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required for this tour.

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TRAILS OF JAPAN

Traditional versus modern, nature versus urban – Japan is a land of contrasts. This exhilarating tour encompasses it all, delving deeper into Japan's rich past, present and future, covering robot restaurants to tranquil temples to potent saké and all that's inbetween.

▲ ARASHIYAMA, KYOTO

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$11,020



FROM SYDNEY
MELBOURNE, BRISBANE*,
ADELAIDE* & PERTH



11 BREAKFASTS,
3 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$10,940 and airline fuel surcharge \$80

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Mt Fuji Walk

Take a walk to remember, watched over by the perfectly symmetrical cone of Mount Fuji – there has never been a more perfect excuse to pause and catch your breath.



Ultramodern Tokyo

Explore the quirks and trends of modern Tokyo, visiting the high-tech districts of Harajuku and Akihabara to visit the Robot Restaurant and a Maid Café.



Sumo Wrestling

Some departures of this tour include tickets to Tokyo's annual Sumo Tournament, where you can enjoy all the ritual and tradition, as well as cheer on a wrestler.



Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city, for a three-night stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. *Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

Day 3: Discover Tokyo

Today you will explore the two sides of Tokyo, the modern and the traditional. The city tour begins at the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest broadcasting tower at 634 metres. From the top, on a clear day, you may catch

a glimpse of Mt Fuji. Close by is Asakusa, at the heart of which is Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and the vibrant Nakamise shopping street. This afternoon includes a stop at the famous Shibuya road crossing, the tranquil Meiji Shrine and the vibrant district of Harajuku. Finally, it's time for a unique Tokyo experience – the Robot Restaurant. Here you will experience what can only be described as a sci-fi cabaret – utterly surreal and only in Japan! Dinner is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Japanese Drumming

This morning, try your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class. Learn the fundamental techniques of beating the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Next, head to Akihabara, known as Tokyo's electronics district. Wander the neon-bill-boarded streets and visit a Maid Café, one of Tokyo's most popular types of themed establishments. This afternoon, explore Tokyo's past at the Edo Tokyo Museum. (B)

#On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to this tour, a Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.

Day 5: Mount Fuji

The perfectly symmetrical cone of mighty Mt Fuji is the iconic image of Japan. This morning journey out of Tokyo into some of Japan's picturesque rural landscapes. Pick up a hiking trail and walk through alpine forest, across meadows and around lakes at Fuji's base, pausing often to gaze on the peak towering above you. (B,D)

Day 6: Lake Ashi

This morning, take to the calm waters of Lake Ashi. Surrounded by beautiful alpine scenery, keep an eye out for Mt Fuji peeking over the surrounding hills, and the striking red of Torii Gates around the lake edge. Later travel to Matsumoto and explore the magnificent Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue on to Nagano for the night. (B)

Day 7: Meet the Snow Monkeys

Travel to Yudanaka to visit the Japanese Macaques, or Snow Monkeys, at the Jigokudani Yaen Koen (Monkey Park). These creatures are unique in the fact that they make use of the area's natural hot springs, bathing and playing in and around the water. Continue to Hodaka and ride up into the Japanese Alps on the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway, reaching an observation platform at 2,156 metres, which gives breathtaking views over the surrounding mountains (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama where you will be staying at an

onsen. Here you can relax and bathe in the natural hot spring pools and experience this most traditional pastime. (B,D)

Day 8: Bullet Train

Take a Limited Express train to Nagoya, where you will change onto a Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto. This afternoon, start discovering Kyoto's rich heritage with a visit to the enchanting Fushimi Inari-taisha with its pathway of Torii Gates before admiring the views over the city from Kiyomizu Temple. Stroll around the old neighbourhoods of Higashiyama and Gion, the geisha district, with a stop at Gion Corner, a theatre that showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)

Day 9: Japanese Tea Ceremony

Today is a full-day tour of Kyoto, starting at Kinkaku-ji, known as the Golden Pavilion, before continuing to Ryoan-ji, Japan's most famous classical garden. Next you will have some free time in the Arashiyama district where you can explore by bicycle – the Bamboo Forest should not be missed. Later in the afternoon, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Kyoto Culture and Koyasan

Spend the morning exploring the craft of kimono creation at Nishijin Textile Centre. Learn the complicated process of dressing

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in a traditional kimono and then try your hand at the paper-folding art of origami. This afternoon, travel by road to Koyasan, where you will spend the night in a 13th-century temple in a traditional tatami room. (B,D)

Day 11: Morning Prayers

Rise early to join the monks for their daily morning service – hearing the recitation and chanting is a magical experience. After breakfast, take a walking tour of Koyasan. One of Japan's holiest sights, this mountain top sanctuary is full of temples and pagodas to explore. Pay a visit to Kongobu-ji and Okunoin before travelling to Osaka. (B)

Day 12: Sake Brewery & Himeji

Take a day tour to Himeji, visiting the 17th-century Himeji Castle which is considered a prime example of Japanese feudal period architecture. Continue on to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process of this potent rice wine and enjoy some tastings. Return to Osaka and experience the vibrant Dotonbori district. (B)

Day 13: Depart Osaka

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

Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES ✈️ AIRFARES INCLUDED ➡️

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

2017 DATES			
15 May - 28 May#	\$11,020	20 Nov - 03 Dec	\$11,420
18 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$11,320		
2018 DATES			
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$13,060	29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$13,060
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$13,060	17 May - 30 May#	\$11,860
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$13,060		

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Some meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

Price guide

- 14 Days, Twin Share from \$11,020 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane*, Adelaide* and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

From \$10,570 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,760

- Land Only (Tokyo to Osaka) 12 days from \$9,640 per person

Important note:
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SQ – Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$407. Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required for this tour.
Departure coincides with Sumo Tournament.

DISCOVER INDIA & SRI LANKA



OUR TOP TEN INDIA & SRI LANKA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

1 JEEP TOUR, COLOMBO

Explore Sri Lanka's capital in a vintage World War II-era jeep. Cruise the streets in style, the sea breeze playing in your hair, stopping to admire the big sights as you go.



2 COLOURFUL MARKETS, RAJASTHAN

Dive head first into the buzzing and vibrant bazaars – filled with spices, fabrics, handicrafts and colourful locals.



3 SLEEP IN A FORT, SARDARGARH

Stay in a heritage hotel located in rural Rajasthan and explore the nearby area and remote villages by jeep.



4 RICKSHAW TOUR OF AGRA

Ride a rickshaw through the streets of Agra passing by old bazaars, traditional eateries and places of worship. You'll get a real feel for this melting pot of a city, with its multi-cultural influences.



5 RAJASTHAN BY BULLOCK CART

Explore the pastoral landscapes around Bijaynagar in true rural style – by bullock cart! Pass through villages where you can interact with the locals.



6 CYCLE UDAIPUR

Hop on your bike to wheel amongst the intricate palaces, temples and back streets of this atmospheric city. Finish by the water and take a spectacular sunset cruise.



9 TREK TO WORLD'S END

Take a trek through Horton Plains, a National Park brimming with diverse flora and fauna. Peer in wonder at herds of sambar deer, elephants, sloths, and leopards as you head towards stunning views over World's End.



7 TREK THE ELLA GAP

Follow trails through tea plantations, rice paddies and forest, reaching a vantage point that will give you breathtaking views over the Ella Gap.



8 WITNESS A MONUMENT TO LOVE

Discover the Taj Mahal with a sense of curiosity. Get up close to take in the exquisite detail and precious stone work.



10 MAHAWELI CRUISE

Cast off into the dawn mists of the Mahaweli River, joined by a naturalist. Flowing through Kandy, the river crosses an area of great biodiversity - spot birds, amphibians and water creatures as you float by.



NEW

SPIRIT OF SRI LANKA

A land ripe with incredible adventure, journey through Sri Lanka's extensive history, culture and nature, discovering the ruins of ancient civilisations, spotting exotic wildlife and hiking the hill country as you go.

▲ GALLE

15

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$5,960



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



13 BREAKFASTS, 10 LUNCHES, 9 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,243, airline fuel surcharge \$609 and tipping \$108 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



wonderful wildlife

Spot elephants, sloth bears and leopards as you head to two of Sri Lanka's top National Parks, Wilpattu and Horton Plains.



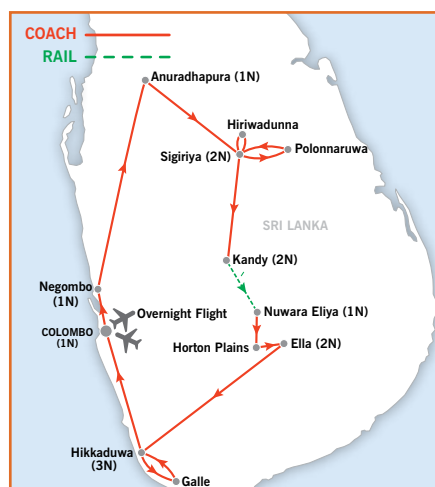
Ella Gap

Hike through the incredible countryside around Ella. Pass rural villages, plantations and paddy fields, and pause for views over the spectacular Ella Gap.



Colombo by Jeep

Tour Colombo's cosmopolitan streets in open-top, antique jeeps. Injecting an extra bit of excitement into your normal city tour, there is no better way to explore!



Day 1: Australia to Negombo via Colombo

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Colombo, arriving late at night. Transfer to your hotel in the beach resort of Negombo for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Explore Wilpattu National Park

Journey to Anuradhapura, which sits at the heart of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle. En route stop at the Wilpattu National Park for a safari. Whilst

exploring amongst the willus' (natural sand basins that fill with rainwater), keep an eye out for elephants, sloth bears and leopards, for which the park is world-renowned. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Drive to Sigiriya. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, or Lion Rock, which rises a sheer 180 metres out of Sri Lanka's central plains. Marvel at the rock from below passing through two giant lion paws and climbing a series of galleries and staircases, many lined with magnificent frescoes. At the top you'll find the remains to King Kassappa's palace and incredible views. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Discover Hiriwadunna

Head to the village of Hiriwadunna where you'll get a glimpse at rural life. Starting on a path along an ancient reservoir, observe the rich birdlife and the day to day activities of the local people as you walk. Paddle across a river to visit a family on their farm before continuing through the bush-terrain, home to monkeys and even the occasional elephant. This afternoon, continue to the 11th-century city of Polonnaruwa, also a UNESCO site. Wander amongst the well-preserved ruins and get an intriguing peek at a medieval kingdom. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Journey to Kandy

Travel to Kandy, a city set tranquilly among forests and plantations at Sri Lanka's heart. This World Heritage site is full of rich heritage and cultural differences. Tour the city visiting the Temple of the Sacred Tooth, Sri Lanka's most sacred temple, an arts and crafts centre, a gem museum and the market. This evening, join the locals at the quadrangle of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth to witness the evening Puja. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Mahaweli River expedition

Venture out into the early morning mists of the Mahaweli River. Cruise through the city and out into the wilderness where the naturalist who will accompany you will point out the exotic birds and amphibians that make up just some of the area's biodiversity. Later, travel to see a brass maker who will show you his home, his workshop and his craft – you can even help him with his work. This evening you can choose to tap your feet to the beat of traditional music and dancing at an optional colourful, cultural show (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 7: Travel to Nuwara Eliya

This morning is free in Kandy before heading for the station to catch the train to Nanu Oya – the scenery that you pass through is some of the best in Sri Lanka. Proceed to Nuwara Eliya, a 19th-century British hillstation, a place of cool climate and enveloped in tea plantations. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Horton Plains Trek

Set on a high altitude plateau, Horton Plains encompasses an ecosystem so unique and fascinating that it is a part of the UNESCO World Heritage site that covers the whole of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands. Discover the wide variety of flora and fauna and gaze over World's End. Pass through herds of sambar deer and keep an eye out for fishing cats, otters and leopards. Visit a tea plantation to learn about the process, from bush to brew, and proceed to the spectacularly-set hill village of Ella. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Ella Trekking

After breakfast, set out on a full-day trek through the incredible countryside that surrounds Ella. Follow a trail through tea plantations, paddy fields and dense forest, and for those feeling extra adventurous you can climb the steep route up Ella Rock, from the top of which are views over the breathtaking Ella Gap. Pass through rural villages, which gives a glimpse of the routine of village life in Sri Lanka's highlands. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Ella to Hikkaduwa

Leave Ella soaking up the final glimpses of lush highlands as you go and journey down to the

INDIA & SRI LANKA

golden sands and swishing palms of Hikkaduwa. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Explore Galle

Sri Lanka's greatest colonial treasure, Galle, was once the great port of Ceylon, a tropical city surrounding a Dutch fort. Enjoy a tour that will encapsulate its history, culture, food and legends, giving you the perfect overview of Galle and the people who call it home. Return to Hikkaduwa. (B,L)

Day 12: Hikkaduwa at leisure

Take a day to relax or to make your own explorations. (B)

Day 13: Explore Colombo

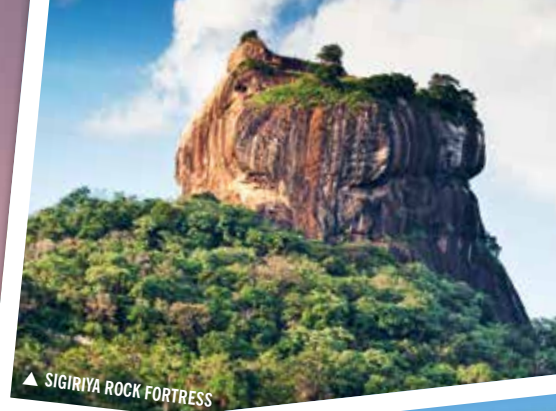
Depart Hikkaduwa and travel to Sri Lanka's vibrant capital city, Colombo. On arrival, transfer to World War II-era jeeps for a unique and adventurous city tour! Roaring around the city in these open-top antique vehicles, you'll see the Dutch Hospital, Old Parliament, Colombo Harbour, Slave Island and much more. This evening, sit down to a Sri Lankan themed farewell dinner, full of delicious local flavours, in a traditional-style but carbon neutral venue set around a 200-year-old Banyan Tree. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Depart Colombo

Today is a free day until you are transferred to Colombo airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 15: Arrive Australia

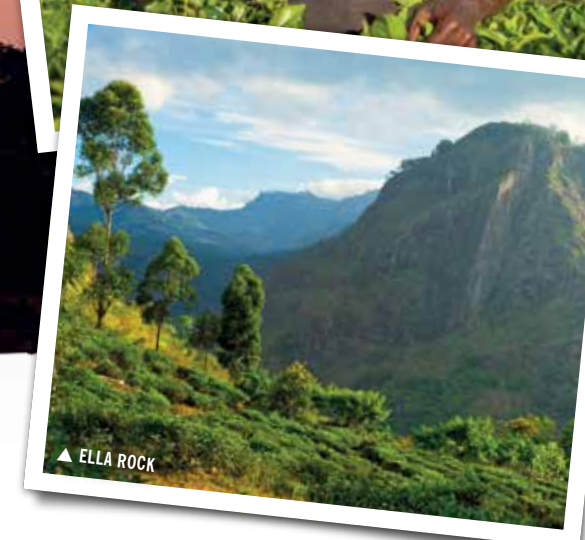
Arrive home today.



▲ SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS



▼ TEA PLANTATION



▲ ELLA ROCK

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES		
13 Oct - 27 Oct	\$5,960	24 Nov - 08 Dec
2018 DATE		
20 Jul - 03 Aug	\$6,460	

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 15 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$5,960 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth, Darwin* and Cairns* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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Canberra passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,675
- Land Only (Negombo to Colombo) 14 days from \$4,835 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

SQ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Sri Lanka.

VIBRANT INDIA

Explore the colourful and lively Rajasthan state; from the big cities to the small, remote villages. Your imagination will be captured with the sights and sounds and engage with the people that make this such a magical region of India.

▲ AMER FORT, JAIPUR

▲ JODHPUR

▼ COLOURFUL SARIS

▲ TAJ MAHAL, AGRA

INDIA & SRI LANKA

Day 13: The Taj Mahal

Gaze in wonder at the monument to love, the Taj Mahal. No other symbol epitomises India quite like the Taj Mahal. It is a love poem in marble, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. It is made from white marble, and its walls are decorated with exquisite stone inlay work. It is said that different types of precious and semi-precious stones were used in the intricate inlay work done on the interiors. Visit Agra Fort then return to Delhi in the afternoon. (B,L)

Day 14: Delhi city tour

Discover Old and New Delhi on a full-day city tour. This city bursting with energy and colour will enliven your senses as you take a rickshaw ride through narrow lanes, visit the largest mosque in India, Jama Masjid, plus the Jain Temple before savouring lunch at Chor Bazaar. Continue your tour with a visit to the Qutab Minar Complex, Parliament House, India Gate, and Humayun's Tomb. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Depart Delhi

Visit the Delhi Haat and enjoy some free time to shop and pick up last minute souvenirs before you are transferred to Delhi airport for your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

16 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,860**



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE*, PERTH, DARWIN* & CANBERRA*



14 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 10 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,136, airline fuel surcharge \$609 and tipping \$115 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change; tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Cycle in Udaipur

Cycle through the back streets of the Old City, passing by temples and bazaars, then finish at iconic Lake Pichola for a sunset cruise.



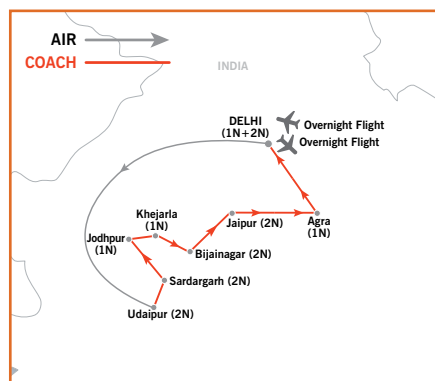
Rajasthan by Jeep

Take a jeep safari through the village and desert landscapes of Rajasthan, stopping en route at lively local villages.



Rickshaw Ride

Take a rickshaw through colourful Delhi, finishing with lunch at the exciting Chor Bazaar; a menagerie of busy trading.



Day 1: Australia to Delhi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Delhi for an overnight stay. The city is split into two areas; Old Delhi and New Delhi. In Old Delhi you will find the old city wall and a maze of small alleyways lined with legendary bazaars, where the goods spill out onto the pavement. New Delhi is characterised by the grandeur of 19th century buildings and wide, tree-lined boulevards.

Day 2: Cycling in Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy

a gentle cycling tour through the back streets of the old city. Ride through Jagdish Chowk, visit Jagdish Temple and head toward the Clock Tower, riding through Bada Bazaar. Cycle on the banks of Lake Pichola through the narrow streets of the old city and finally end the tour at the Tripolia Gate of the City Palace. Board your boat for a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola, including a visit to the 17th-century built Jagmandir Island, also known as the Lake Garden Palace. (B,D)

Day 3: Udaipur

See the sights of Udaipur on a tour including the City Palace, which houses the Dilkush Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna, all of which are ornately decorated. This afternoon, drive around the Fateh Sagar Lake. Later, journey to Shilpgram, a small rural art and crafts village set amid picturesque natural surroundings. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Ranakpur Temples

Drive to Sardargarh, visiting the Jain temples of Ranakpur en route. These temples form one of the major pilgrimages for followers of the Jain religion. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Explore Sardargarh

This morning take a short cycling tour. Explore the historic fort for which Sardargarh is most

famous. In the afternoon travel by jeep to remote villages near Sardargarh, where you will meet the local villagers, including a Sadhu. Stop by a weaving and marble block workshop to learn about the local handicrafts. End the day while viewing the spectacular sunset against the fort. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Travel to Jodhpur

Travel by road to Jodhpur. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore or relax. (B,L)

Day 7: Mehrangarh Fort

After breakfast visit the formidable Mehrangarh Fort, situated high on a hill overlooking the 'blue city', and home to some magnificent palaces. Explore Jaswant Thada – a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in 1899. In the afternoon drive to Khejarla Fort, a stunning 400-year-old red sandstone monument in a rural setting. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Jeep Safari

Discover vibrant and colourful Rajasthan on a jeep safari. This area, famous for its exotic desert and village landscapes, is also known for the warmth and hospitality of the Marwari people. Continue your drive this afternoon to Bijaynagar, for a two-night stay near a historic palace. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Bijaynagar

This morning explore rural Rajasthan by bullock cart before an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, take a cycle trip and witness a stunning sunset over the lake as you partake in high tea. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Drive to Jaipur

Travel to Jaipur by road then enjoy a free afternoon. (B,L)

Day 11: Jaipur city tour

Take a jeep to impressive Amer Fort, pausing en route for a photo stop at Hawa Mahal (the Palace of Winds). Discover the fort during a walking tour. In the afternoon visit Maharaja's City Palace, still used in part today by Jaipur's royal family. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Explore Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra, stopping on the way at Fatehpur Sikri. Take an auto-rickshaw tour of the city, including ancient bazaars, Jama Masjid and the spice and Ayurveda market. (B,L,D)

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23 Sep - 08 Oct	\$5,960		
2018 DATE			
17 Mar - 01 Apr	\$6,120		

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Price guide

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Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,015
- Land Only (Delhi to Delhi) 15 days from \$4,480 per person (includes tipping)

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EPIC JOURNEYS



OUR TOP TEN EPIC JOURNEYS ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

1 EVEREST BASE CAMP

Colourful prayer flags and little orange tents surround you as you gaze upon the north face of Mount Everest, and get a glimpse of the demanding climb up the mountain on the roof of the world.



2 EXPLORE THE GOBI

Stay in a Ger Camp on the plains of the Gobi, take a four-wheel drive through the curving, ever moving 'Singing Sand Dunes', and stand before the deep orange Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag.



3 LAMA BLESSING

Boudhanath stands tall above Kathmandu's skyline – it is Nepal's most sacred stupa. Admire it, and the views from it, and explore its monastery where you will be honoured with a blessing by one of the resident Lamas.



4 GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

Snaking through the sands of the Gobi, Jiayu Pass is regarded as China's western gateway. Wander through Jiayu Fortress and on the Wall itself for views of the beautifully bleak desert.



5 DEBATING MONKS

Home to more than 3,000 monks, Sera Monastery is noted for animated and sometimes heated debating sessions, which are integral to the Buddhist learning process.



6 NAADAM FESTIVAL

The Naadam is the biggest celebration of the Mongolian calendar. You'll experience the proud nomadic culture and witness the three 'manly games'.



9 TRAVERSE THE TORUGART PASS

Cut through the Tian Shan Mountains and over the Torugart Pass, a remote outpost marking the border of Kyrgyzstan; you'll feel like an adventurer of old as you pass through.



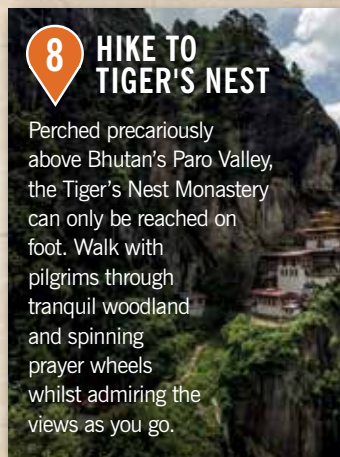
7 HUNTING WITH EAGLES

In a unique demonstration of ancient Kyrgyz hunting, watch as a traditionally dressed eagle hunter and his beautiful bird seek out prey.



8 HIKE TO TIGER'S NEST

Perched precariously above Bhutan's Paro Valley, the Tiger's Nest Monastery can only be reached on foot. Walk with pilgrims through tranquil woodland and spinning prayer wheels whilst admiring the views as you go.



10 KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

A visit to the colourful Sunday Bazaar overwhelms the senses with colour, smells and tastes (if you dare!). Roll up your sleeves and immerse yourself in China's biggest and burgeoning bazaar.



HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE — TIBET TO NEPAL

Embark on a journey of extremes; striking across the starkly beautiful landscapes of Tibet, on the roof of the world. Discover the verdant and chaotic valleys of Nepal under the ever watchful gaze of the mighty Himalaya.

▲ HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS

21 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$8,270**  FROM SYDNEY MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE, PERTH, DARWIN* & CANBERRA*  ALL MEALS - 19 BREAKFASTS, 18 LUNCHES, 19 DINNERS  **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$7,458, airline fuel surcharge \$609 and tipping \$203 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change; tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



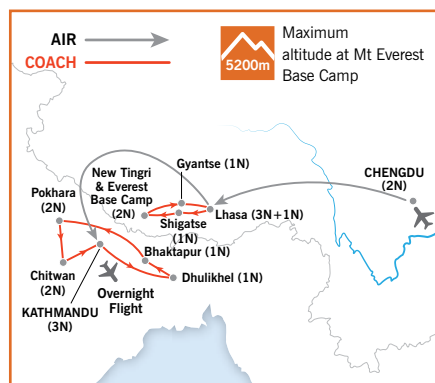
Hike to the legendary Base Camp used by Everest hikers and sherpas, and take in a truly once-in-a-lifetime, epic view.



Relive scenes from the Jungle Book as you meet the elephants and the myriad of other wildlife from Nepal's beautiful plains region.



A wander through intoxicating Kathmandu reveals a heady mix of medieval temples, atmospheric alleyways and markets selling wares from all over Nepal.



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

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

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

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

Day 5: Potala Palace
The Potala Palace, winter palace of the Dalai Lama, is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The palace houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This evening enjoy a Tibetan dance performance during dinner. (B,L,D)

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

Day 7: Tashilhunpo Monastery
Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama.

From here drive to New Tingri, admiring awe-inspiring Himalayan views. (B,L,D)

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

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

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

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

Day 12: Bhaktapur
Take a visit to Changu Narayan Temple before hiking to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and visit the Old Houses before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets

where you'll stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square. (B,L,D)

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

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

Day 17: Daman
Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan

EPIC JOURNEYS

range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu. (B,L,D)

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

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

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

Day 21: Arrive Australia
Arrive home today.

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

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

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

2017 DATES			
19 Apr - 09 May#	\$8,570	06 Sep - 26 Sep	\$8,270
10 May - 30 May	\$8,570	04 Oct - 24 Oct#	\$8,570
2018 DATES			
18 Apr - 08 May#	\$8,770	05 Sep - 25 Sep	\$8,370
09 May - 29 May	\$8,770	03 Oct - 23 Oct	\$8,770

Price includes:

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- All meals
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Price guide

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Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,440

- Land Only (Chengdu to Kathmandu) 20 days from \$6,840 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

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

NEW

TRANS HIMALAYAN JOURNEY — MANALI TO LEH

Travel through the mighty Himalaya to the state of Ladakh. Explore the mountains and monasteries of this former-Buddhist kingdom in the ultimate Himalayan adventure.

▲ NUBRA VALLEY

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DAYS FROM

PER
PERSON

\$7,820



FROM SYDNEY MELBOURNE,
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DARWIN*, CANBERRA* & CAIRNS*



21 BREAKFASTS,
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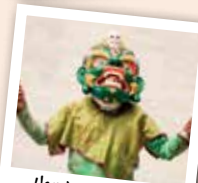
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ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



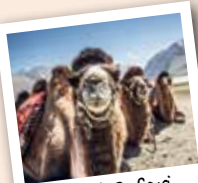
Jakhoo Temple walk

Walk up to the ancient Hindu temple of Jakhoo at the highest point of Shimla, for panoramic views over the mountain ranges of the Outer Himalayas.



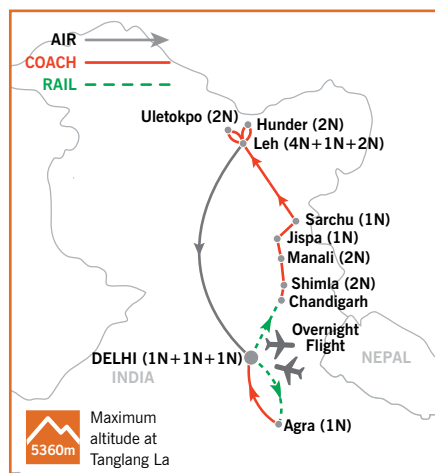
Hemis Festival

The Hemis Festival sees the Monastery lamas dressed up in colourful masks to perform dances and sacred plays to a raucous soundtrack.



Camel Safari

Tramp through the famous sand dunes aboard your Bactrian friend, admiring the drama of the stark wilderness and rugged mountain terrain that surrounds you.



Day 1: Australia to Delhi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Delhi for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Agra

Transfer to the station and take an express train to Agra. On arrival visit the 17th-century Itmad-Ud-Daulah, nicknamed the 'Baby Taj', and the colossal Agra Fort. (B,L)

Day 3: Taj Mahal

Rise early for an enchanting sunrise over the magnificent Taj Mahal. Drive back to Delhi and tour New Delhi, visiting India Gate, passing the grandiose Parliament buildings. Finish in the heart of the city, at the vibrant Connaught Place. (B,L)

Day 4: Travel to Shimla

Transfer to the station and take a train to Chandigarh, before continuing by road to Shimla. The rest of the day is free. (B,D)

Day 5: Explore Shimla

The summer capital of British India, and nicknamed the 'Queen of Hillstations', Shimla has a spectacular location. Start the day with a hike to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and admire the renaissance grandeur of the former Vice Regal Lodge. Spend some time in the heart of town, soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying the views. (B,L)

Day 6: Travel to Manali

Drive to the picturesque town of Manali, passing through some breathtaking scenery. (B,L)

Day 7: Around Manali

Take an excursion to Naggar, where you'll find an old castle and temples, and the Roerich Art

Gallery. Set upon a hill, the views are as impressive as the paintings. This afternoon, discover more about the town of Manali with a city tour. You'll visit Hadimba Temple, Vashisht hot water springs and old Manali village. (B,L)

Day 8: Jispa

Drive to the small village of Jispa, going over the Rohtang Pass (3,980 metres) en route. Visit Keylong village to browse the local market and explore the 12th-century Khardong Monastery. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Baralacha Pass

Travel on to Sarchu, making photo stops regularly along this spectacular route as it heads up into the mountains and over the Baralacha Pass (4,800 metres). This afternoon is at leisure, where you can spend some time exploring your home for the night – a beautifully located tented camp. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Travel to Leh

Drive on to the captivating mountain-enveloped town of Leh, crossing more spectacular mountain passes, La Chung La (5,065 metres) and Tanglang La (5,360 metres). This evening is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Around Leh

Surrounded by stark mountain peaks, wherever you go in Leh brings more and more spectacular views. Today your explorations will include 11th-century Spituk Gumpa, the Tibetan-Buddhist

Sankar Gumpa and the hilltop Phyang Monastery. (B,D)

Day 12: Hemis Monastery Festival

Spend a day at one of the largest and best-known monasteries of the Ladakh region, Hemis. The Hemis Festival is a colourful affair, with masked lamas performing dances and making sacrificial offerings to the divinities of the Buddhist Drugpa order. (B,D)

Day 13: Ladakh's monasteries

Visit Thiksey Monastery, an excellent example of Ladakhi architecture, before exploring Shey Palace, built by the first king of Ladakh. (B,D)

Day 14: Uletokpo Camp

Drive to Uletokpo, stopping at Likir Monastery en route. Arrive at the Sham Valley, where you will be spending the night in a tranquil eco resort. Take a pleasant walk through the woods to Ridzong Monastery. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Lamayru

Explore the centre of the Ladakh region, an area that has a high concentration of Buddhist monasteries. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Return to Leh

Journey back to Leh, stopping en route at Alchi Monastery, which boasts particularly beautiful sculptures and wood carvings. (B,L)

EPIC JOURNEYS

Day 17: Nubra Valley

Travel to the Nubra Valley via the route that is said to be the highest drivable road in the world. Crossing the Khardung Pass (5,260 metres) you'll have incredible views down over the Indus Valley. Tonight's tented camp is close to the beautiful village of Hunder, an oasis in the desert of the Nubra Valley. (B,L,D)

Day 18: Camel Safari

This morning, visit the famous sand dunes of this high altitude desert and take a camel safari. This afternoon explore Diskit Monastery, which is full of tangkas and statues to admire. (B,L,D)

Day 19: Return to Leh

Travel back to Leh, where the rest of the day will be at leisure to explore or relax. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Day in Leh

Spend the morning at leisure before an afternoon walking tour that takes you through the historic bazaar and the narrow backstreets. (B,D)

Day 21: Fly to Delhi

Fly to Delhi. Take the afternoon to explore the sights of Old Delhi; drive around the outside of the colossal Red Fort; browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk; and visit Jama Masjid, India's largest and most impressive mosque. Visit an Indian family home before dinner this evening. (B,D)

Day 22: Depart Delhi

After breakfast visit the Delhi Haat and enjoy some free time to shop and pick up souvenirs. Return to your hotel where you will have a late check-out before transferring to the airport for your flight to Australia. (B)

Day 23: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

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HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS — SIKKIM & BHUTAN

Take an incredible journey through Sikkim and Bhutan. Sikkim sits in the shadow of the world's highest mountains. Bhutan's rich Buddhist culture permeates everyday life.

▲ SIKKIM

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PERSON

\$9,460



FROM SYDNEY MELBOURNE,
BRISBANE, ADELAIDE*, PERTH,
DARWIN** & CANBERRA*



ALL MEALS - 22 BREAKFASTS,
22 LUNCHEES, 22 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$8,642 airline fuel surcharge \$609 and tipping \$209 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Tiger's Nest

Bhutan's most breathtaking monastery, hike through picturesque landscapes to reach the famous Tiger's Nest, 900 metres above the Paro Valley.



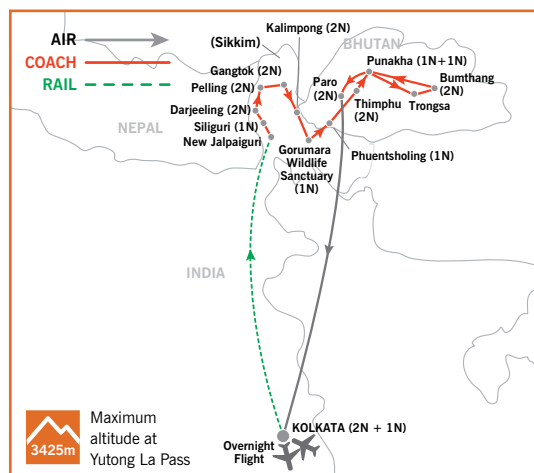
Toy Train

Winding its way through the tea plantations between Ghoom and Darjeeling, the Himalayan Railway, or 'Toy Train' is a wonderful experience.



Khecheopalri Lake

Admire the fantastic scenery around the holy Khecheopalri Lake as you join Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims as they make their way around the sacred kora.



Day 1: Australia to Kolkata

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Kolkata for a two-night stay.

Day 2: Discover Kolkata

Enjoy the morning at leisure. This afternoon visit the Victoria Memorial, drive past Fort William and visit Kalighat Temple. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Travel to Siliguri

Rise early for a tour of east India's largest flower

market, Howrah Bridge, Kumartuli and a Jain temple. Later, transfer to the railway station to board your train to New Jalpaiguri and upon arrival stay overnight in nearby Siliguri. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Journey to Darjeeling

Leave Siliguri and continue by road through the hills and tea plantations to Darjeeling. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Discover Darjeeling

Rise early this morning for a jeep ride to Tiger Hill and visit Ghoom Monastery, constructed in 1875. Later, head to the railway station to board the UNESCO World Heritage listed Toy Train for a ride around the hillside. This afternoon tour one of the many tea plantations in the area and visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute,

which was created to promote and encourage the science and art of mountaineering in the Himalaya. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Travel to Sikkim

Drive north to Pelling and cross into the state of Sikkim. En route, explore the Pemayangtse Monastery. Perched at an altitude of 2,084 metres, it is one Sikkim's oldest monasteries. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Explore Pelling

Visit Khecheopalri Lake, one of the most sacred lakes in Sikkim for both Buddhists and Hindus, and Kanchenjunga Falls. (B,L,D)

Days 8-9: Around Gangtok

Drive to Gangtok, visiting the sacred Tashiding Monastery route. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, visit the Enchey Monastery, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Do Drul Chorten. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Drive to Kalimpong

Visit the Old Rumtek Monastery and Dharma Chakra Centre before continuing to Kalimpong, located deep in the Himalaya. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Kalimpong at leisure

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the quaint town of Kalimpong. You may wish to visit the local monastery to hear the monks chanting or stroll through the local markets. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Jeep safari at Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary

This morning travel to the Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary where you might be lucky enough to spot a one horned rhino on your afternoon jeep safari. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Journey to mystical Bhutan

Drive to the Bhutan border. After clearing customs and immigration you will meet your Bhutanese guide and continue to Phuentsholing, the gateway to Bhutan for overland travellers.

Visit the Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang, a small temple built in the centre of the town. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Continue on to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. Visit Kharbandi Gompa, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery built in 1967 en route. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Explore Thimphu

Enjoy a tour of Thimphu; visit the National Library and the Institute for Zorig Chusum (painting school). You will also visit the National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Folk Heritage Museum and National Textile Museum. Tour Thimphu Zoo, the National Memorial Chorten, Trashi Chhoe Dzong and drive to Buddha Point. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Punakha Dzong

Travel to Punakha via Dochu La. Upon arrival, tour the Punakha Dzong and the Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Drive to Bumthang

A full day of travel is ahead today, stopping en route at Wangdue Paodrang to visit a local market. Ascend to Pele La, marked by prayer flags, and stop at the small village of Chendejbi for lunch. Pass through Trongsa, visiting Trongsa Dzong. Cross the Chumey Valley and arrive into Bumthang. (B,L,D)

EPIC JOURNEYS

Day 18: Bumthang

Discover Kurje Lhakhang Monastery. Explore Bhutan's oldest monastery, Jambey Lhakhang Temple, built in the 7th century. Visit the Tamshing Lhakhang Monastery, which has some of the oldest wall paintings in Bhutan. Return to Bumthang and tour the hilltop Jakar Dzong. (B,L,D)

Day 19: Scenic drive to Punakha

Drive to Punakha along the scenic mountain highway (approximately seven hours) (B,L,D).

Day 20: Journey to Paro

Hike to Chimi Lhakhang, known as the 'Temple of Fertility', before continuing to Paro (approximately four hours). En route, visit the Simtokha Dzong, once a place of tantric teaching. Upon arrival in Paro, visit Ta Dzong and walk down a hillside trail to Rinpung Dzong. (B,L,D)

Day 21: Tiger's Nest Monastery

This morning, hike to Taktsang Monastery, known as the 'Tiger's Nest'. The monastery is perched on the side of a cliff, 900 metres above the Paro valley floor. The moderate hike will take you past the cafeteria located halfway up the trail where you will have lunch. Return to Paro in the afternoon, visiting Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the most sacred temples in Bhutan, en route. (B,L,D)

Day 22: Fly to Kolkata

Join your flight to Kolkata. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 23: Depart Kolkata

The morning is at your leisure. After a late check-out, you will be transferred to Kolkata airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B,L,D)

Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

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

2017 DATES			
15 Apr - 08 May	\$10,220	04 Nov - 27 Nov	\$9,460
14 Oct - 06 Nov	\$9,460		
2018 DATE			
14 Apr - 07 May	\$10,360		

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 24 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$9,460 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth, Darwin** and Canberra* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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

Cairns passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$2,180
- Land Only (Kolkata to Kolkata) 23 days from \$8,230 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

SQ - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of US\$155 (AU\$209). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in India.

TIBETAN WONDERS

Journey through the diverse landscapes of Yunnan Province up to 'the roof of the world' where you will experience the many wonders of Tibet. Admire ancient monasteries and Himalayan vistas before taking in the ultimate view of Everest.

▲ VIEWS OF EVEREST

▲ GYANTSE

▼ TIBETAN MONKS

▲ POTALA PALACE, LHASA

EPIC JOURNEYS

Day 19: Tsedang

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Yumbulhakang Palace

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the Yumbulhakang Palace was built for the first Tibetan king. Continue on to the Chang Chun Monastery and the King's Tombs en route to Lhasa. (B,L)

Day 21: Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 22: Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can get up close to China's celebrated icons. Visit People's Park, Matchmaker's Corner, a tea house and the fascinating Shu Brocade Museum. Tonight, sample delicious Sichuan cuisine for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 23: Depart Chengdu

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Brisbane and Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 23.*

Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

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

24 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$7,760**



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



21 BREAKFASTS, 18 LUNCHES, 13 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$7,463, airline fuel surcharge \$80 and tipping \$217 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



At the foot of Foping Mountain, Songzanlin glints in the sun light. Discover an atmospheric warren of ancient castles, prayer wheels and pilgrims.



Pace quietly through the Jokhang or around the Barkhor Circuit; and you will begin to absorb the deep spirituality that runs through the veins of this inspiring city.



Hike to the legendary Base Camp used by Everest hikers and sherpas, and take in a truly once-in-a-lifetime, epic view.



Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the relaxed city of Kunming. *Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

Day 3: Discover the Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. This afternoon view Dianchi Lake from the Western Hills. Returning to Kunming, tuck into local delicacy 'Across the Bridge' noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Travel to Dali

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

Day 5: Mountain meditation

Mount Weibao is one of the Taoist religion's most sacred mountains, and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples, stopping at Qingxia temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. This afternoon visit a tie-dying workshop. (B,L)

Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority peoples who reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

Day 7: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain & Dongba Shaman

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500m. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a genuine Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Visit Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and take some free time to explore the old town. (B,L)

Day 9: Rural Shangri-La

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

Day 10: Fly to Lhasa

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

Day 11: Jokhang Temple and Spiritual Barkhor

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, to witness the debating monks. (B,L)

Day 12: Potala Palace

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The Potala, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, before visiting a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner in the evening. (B,L,D)

Days 13-14: Shigatse

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort, Shigatse is the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. The rest of the day is spent exploring. (B,L,D) The next day continue by road to New Tingri admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as you go. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Everest Base Camp

Travel to Everest Base Camp (weather permitting). Here the views of Everest are unsurpassed. Visit Rongbuk Monastery and stay overnight in the township. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Everest sunrise

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest before driving to Old Tingri. (B,L,D)

Days 17-18: Shigatse & Gyantse

Return to Shigatse and join the pilgrims on their evening 'Kora' of the monastery. (B,L,D) The next day visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, then continue to Gyantse to visit Pelkor Monastery and the Gyantse Kumbum. Visit a traditional folk house for some home brewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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

2017 DATES			
06 May - 29 May	\$7,910	02 Sep - 25 Sep	\$7,760
20 May - 12 Jun	\$7,910	16 Sep - 09 Oct#	\$7,910
03 Jun - 26 Jun	\$7,760	07 Oct - 30 Oct#	\$7,760
2018 DATES			
05 May - 28 May	\$8,010	01 Sep - 24 Sep	\$8,010
19 May - 11 Jun	\$8,010	15 Sep - 08 Oct#	\$8,010
02 Jun - 25 Jun	\$7,860	06 Oct - 29 Oct#	\$8,010

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 24 Days, Twin Share from \$7,760 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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

- 24 Days, Twin Share from \$7,960 per person departing Darwin** with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

**Darwin passengers may require two nights pre-tour accommodation in Kunming and one night post-tour accommodation in Chengdu at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,380
- Land Only (Kunming to Chengdu) 22 days from \$6,260 per person (includes tipping)

Important notes:

CX - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of RMB1040 (AU\$217). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China. SQ - Above price includes airline fuel surcharge of \$609 and tipping of RMB1040 (AU\$217). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China. # Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

NEW

MONGOLIA REVEALED

Delve into the rich culture and spectacular landscapes of Mongolia. Experience the Danshig Nadaam before traversing the stark beauty of the Gobi and the endless steppes and spending each night in the authentic surroundings of a Ger Camp.

▲ LAKE UGII

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$9,040



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



ALL MEALS - 16 BREAKFASTS,
15 LUNCHES, 16 DINNERS



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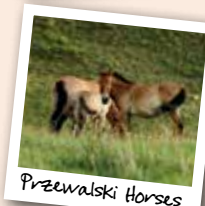
From price includes: tour cost \$8,845, airline fuel surcharge \$60 and tipping \$135 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Danshig Nadaam

Embrace the carnival atmosphere at Danshig Nadaam, with religious ceremonies, sporting spectacles, and festival favourites like fairy floss and games.



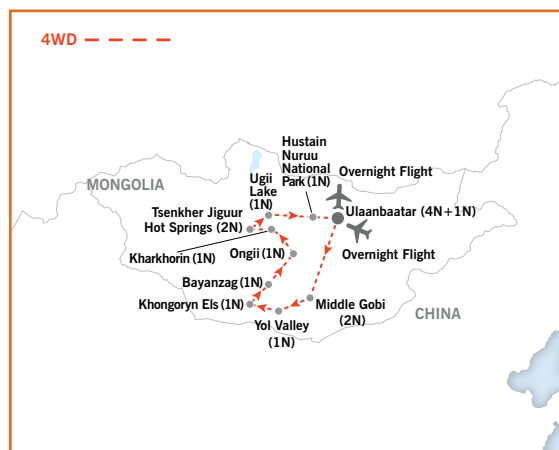
Przewalski Horses

The endangered Przewalski horse (takhi) is considered the world's last remaining truly wild horse. Search out this beauty in Hustain Nuruu National Park.



Ger Camp

When travelling through the wilderness, nights spent in a cosy Ger Camp will give you a taste of a truly nomadic Mongolian way of life.



Days 1-2: Fly to Ulaanbaatar

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways and Mongolian Airlines to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

Days 3-4: Danshig Naadam

Similar to the national Naadam Festival held earlier in the year, the Danshig Nadaam has a greater historical focus and symbolises the

yearly meeting by seven Mongol princes. Held in Hui Doloon Hudag, just outside Ulaanbaatar, spend two days mingling with the local people and watching the archery, horse racing and wrestling competitions as well as Buddhist ceremonies. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Explore Ulaanbaatar

Spend the morning exploring Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. There are around 150 monks in residence. Ulaanbaatar is, perhaps surprisingly, a lively and bustling modern city. Continue on to Ulaanbaatar's central square, Sukhbaatar, which covers

the spot where Mongolia's independence was declared in 1921. Next, stroll through the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art to discover Mongolia's history and culture. (B,L,D)

Days 6-7: Gobi Desert

Leave Ulaanbaatar and head into the wilds of Mongolia. The first stop is Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a unique rock formation, before exploring the ruins of ancient temples and

generally admiring the scenery of the area. Tonight, spend your first night in a Ger Camp – a traditional style of accommodation offering a unique opportunity to experience Mongolia's wilderness. Gers are constructed of a wooden frame and covered in layers of canvas and felt. The interior is usually brightly decorated and is kept cosy at night by a central wood-fired stove. The next day, visit the ancient ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple, then see Tsagaan Suvarga, a white limestone cliff that resembles a stupa. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Yol Valley

Drive to the Three Beauties mountain range of the Gobi National Park and spend the day in the Yol Valley, hiking and soaking up the spectacular views. Prepare for this evening's sunset – it will be a magnificent one. Tonight is spent in a Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Khongoryn Els sand dunes

Explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, Khongoryn Els, which are also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. Stay overnight in a Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Bayanzag

Continue to enjoy the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert travelling to Bayanzag.

Made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Visit a nomadic camel breeding family and experience the local hospitality; you can also take a short camel ride. (B,L,D)

Days 11-12: Kharkhorin

Visit the ruins of the once great monastery of Ongii and see the restored temple nearby as you take a walk around the area. The next day drive to Kharkhorin, the capital of the 13th century Mongol Empire. Explore Erdene-Zuu Monastery built on its foundation. (B,L,D)

Days 13-14: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs

Arrive at Tsenkher Jiguur and spend the day relaxing in the natural pools and walking through the surrounding forest, whilst the next day is at leisure. Spend two nights at the nearby Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

EPIC JOURNEYS

Day 15: Lake Ugi

Head to Lake Ugi, where you will spend the night in a Ger Camp on the shores of the lake. Just step out of the tent for exceptional views and bird spotting opportunities. (B,L,D)

Day 16: Hustain Nuruu National Park

Travel deep into the Hustain Nuruu National Park to search for Przewalski horses (takhi), an endangered species of wild horse that call Mongolia's steppes home. Spend the night in a nearby Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Travel to Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. This afternoon is free for you to relax or do some last minute shopping for souvenirs. This evening enjoy a colourful Mongolian folklore concert and sit down to a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 18: Depart Ulaanbaatar

This morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Perth Passengers may arrive home on day 18.*

Day 19: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

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

2017 DATE		
03 Aug - 21 Aug	\$9,040	
2018 DATE		
02 Aug - 20 Aug	\$9,240	

Price includes:

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

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,280
- Land Only (Ulaanbaatar to Ulaanbaatar) 17 days from \$7,140 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$60 and tipping of US\$100 (AU\$135). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Mongolia.

MONGOLIA & THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

This tour is a journey of discovery through the land of Genghis Khan, traversing the endless plains to explore sites of immeasurable beauty. Meet the lovely people and get involved in local festivities.

▲ NADAAM FESTIVAL, ULAANBAATAR

24 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$11,340** **FROM SYDNEY MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE*, PERTH & CAIRNS*** **ALL MEALS - 21 BREAKFASTS, 20 LUNCHES, 21 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$11,118, airline fuel surcharge \$60 and tipping \$162 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change; tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Naadam Festival

The defining festival of a country, the 'Three Manly Games' attract villagers and nomads from across Mongolia. Witness a cultural spectacular.



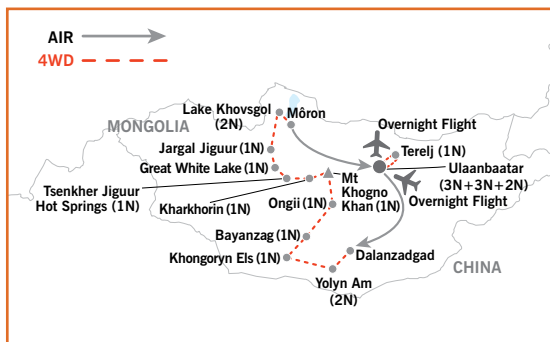
Nomadic Ger Camps

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Gobi Desert

Travel through the Gobi Desert to see many of Mongolia's renowned landscapes, including Eagle Valley and the sand dunes at Khongoryn Els.



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Days 3-4: Explore Ulaanbaatar

Ulaanbaatar is, perhaps surprisingly, a lively and bustling modern city. Explore Sukhbaatar Square, the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art. Also visit Gandan Monastery the largest and most important in Mongolia. The next day, discover Bogd King Palace Museum and the palaeontological museum. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6: Gobi Desert

Fly to Dalanzadgad which sits on the edge of the legendary and inhospitable Gobi Desert. Transfer to the Ger Camp near Gurvansaikhan National Park for two nights. You'll spend two days immersed in natural beauty amongst jagged mountains and undulating sand dunes. Visit a local family to learn about their life in the desert. We also hike through the magnificent Yolyun Am Gorge. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Khongoryn Els Dunes

Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Flaming Cliffs

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Day 9: Ongiin Khiid Monastery

Journey to the banks of the Ongii River and view the atmospheric ruins of two monasteries – Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid, comprising Ongiin Khiid, formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Mt Khogno Khan

Spend the day exploring around the foot of the imposing Mt Khogno Khan. Set in the beautiful surroundings of a Natural Reserve, discover the remains of 17th-century Uvgun Khiid Monastery whilst enjoying the resplendent nature and mountain vistas. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Kharkhorin City

Mongolia's former capital Kharkhorin is located in a spot picked by Genghis Khan in 1220. However, the city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now modern day Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khiid, Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery – which we visit today. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs

Drive to Tsenkher Jiguur and lounge in the volcanic hot springs, surrounded by alpine scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Great White Lake

Enjoy the scenery of Great White Lake set amongst the extinct volcanoes of the Khangai mountain range. The extinct Khorgo Volcano sits watching over the lake – hike up to the crater for wonderful views, or walk along the lake shore. Later visit Zagaiin Monastery in the picturesque Tsetseling Town. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Jargal Jiguur

Spend a little more time lingering in the spectacular Great White Lake before driving to Jargal Jiguur Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Days 15-16: Lake Khovsgol

The extraordinary Lake Khovsgol is known as the Blue Pearl of Mongolia, a vast body of water enveloped in dense pine forests and backed by soaring mountains. Spend two days surrounded by nature in this national park, enjoying the incredible scenery. (B,L,D)

Day 17: Lake Khovsgol to Ulaanbaatar

Travel through more delightful scenery to the city of Mörön and fly to Ulaanbaatar. View the Mongol costumes on display in Central Square. (B,L,D)

EPIC JOURNEYS

Days 18-19: Naadam Festival

Spend two days enjoying the revelry of the traditional Naadam Festival. Dating from the times of Genghis Khan the 'three manly games' have locals taking part in Mongolian wrestling, horse racing and archery. There's also a wealth of pageantry and ceremony in a festival of raucous fun that you'll see nowhere else in the world. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Terelj National Park

Soak up the beautiful alpine scenery of the Terelj National Park. Visit Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 21: Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. (B,L,D)

Day 22: Folklore performance

Enjoy a leisurely day visiting Zaisan Memorial Hill, Buddha Park and a cashmere factory. This evening sit down to a traditional folklore performance. (B,L,D)

Day 23: Depart Ulaanbaatar

The morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Perth passengers may arrive home on day 23.*

Day 24: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

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

2017 DATE		
08 Jul - 31 Jul ^	\$11,340	
2018 DATES		
23 Jun - 16 Jul	\$11,840	07 Jul - 30 Jul ^ \$11,840

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 24 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$11,340 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide*, Perth and Cairns* with Cathay Pacific (CX)

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

Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

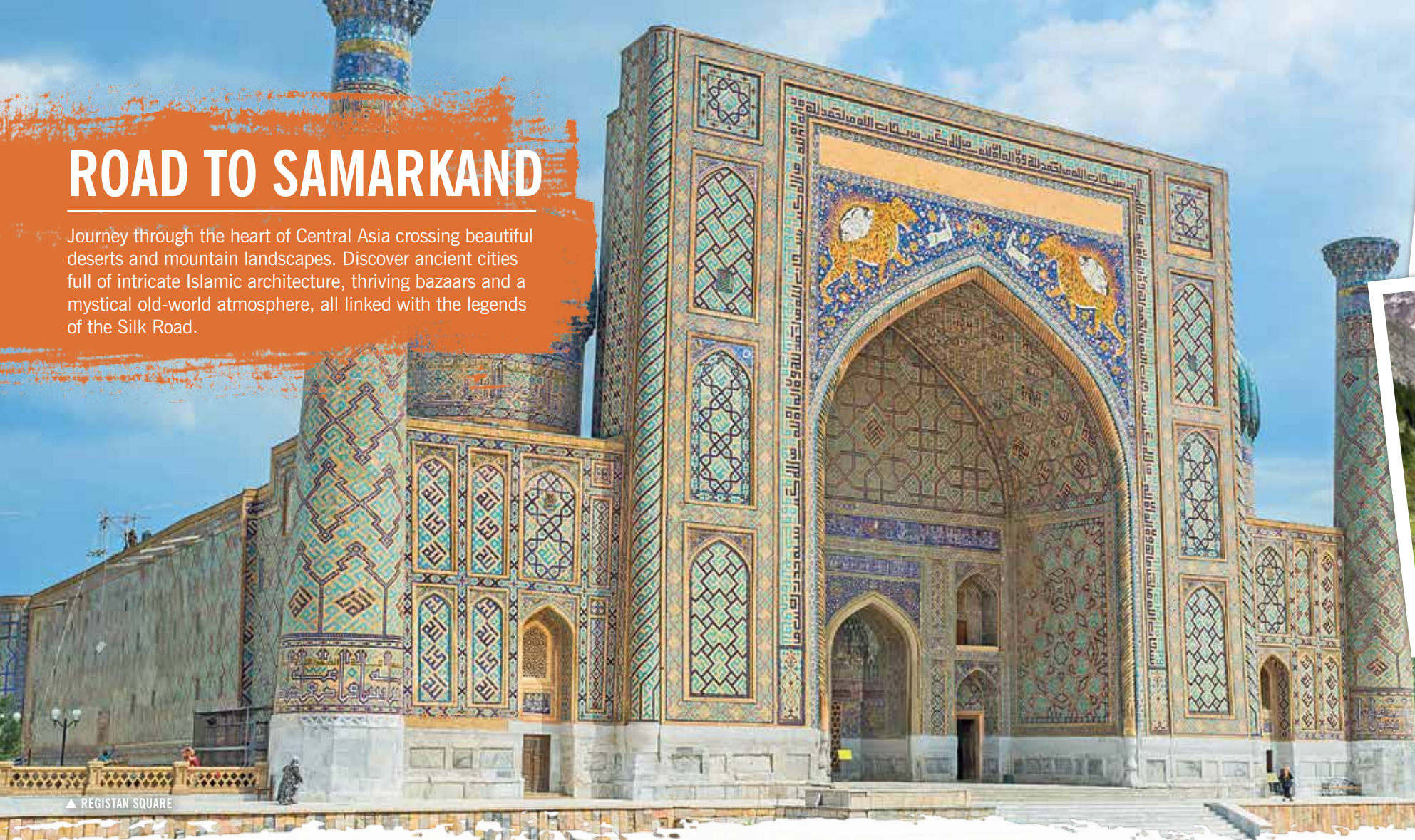
- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,420
- Land Only (Ulaanbaatar to Ulaanbaatar) 22 days from \$9,540 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

CX – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$80 and tipping of US\$120 (AU\$162). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Mongolia.
^ Itinerary will operate in reverse direction to the itinerary shown.

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

Journey through the heart of Central Asia crossing beautiful deserts and mountain landscapes. Discover ancient cities full of intricate Islamic architecture, thriving bazaars and a mystical old-world atmosphere, all linked with the legends of the Silk Road.



▲ REGISTAN SQUARE



▲ LAKE ISSYK KUL



▼ TIAN SHAN MOUNTAINS



▲ KHIVA

EPIC JOURNEYS

Days 19-21: Samarkand

Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets and a mystical presence. Drive to the city via Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the great historical leader, Tamerlane. Spend two days exploring some of the many historical sites of Samarkand including the Registan, Sher Dor Medressa, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Shah-I-Zinda, Timur's Guri Amir Mausoleum and the Ulugh Beg Observatory. (B,L,D)

Day 22: Samarkand to colourful Tashkent

Begin the return journey to Tashkent, passing through the impressive Gates of Tamerlane. This afternoon will be spent exploring this eccentric city, visiting the 16th-century Kukeldash Medressa, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Khan Medressa and Khast Imom Complex. Also see the Chorsu Bazaar, a traditional market under a beautiful blue dome, and the Crying Mother Monument. (B,L,D)

Day 23: Tashkent to Beijing

Explore Tashkent, including the Museum of Applied Arts, Independence Square, 1966 earthquake memorial, Amir Timur Maydoni, the Russian-style Alisher Navoi Theatre and Broadway Street. This evening fly overnight to Beijing. (B,L,D)

Day 24: Beijing to Guangzhou

Arrive early into Beijing and fly to Guangzhou, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 25: Depart Guangzhou

Explore the Chen Family Temple, Six Banyan Tree Temple and neighbouring Shamian Island. Later transfer to Guangzhou airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B,L)

Day 26: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

26 DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$9,970** **FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE* & PERTH*** **ALL MEALS - 23 BREAKFASTS, 23 LUNCHES, 23 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$9,437, airline fuel surcharge \$330 and tipping \$203 (fuel surcharge and tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Torugart Pass

Journey over the Tian Shan Heavenly Mountains to Kyrgyzstan, through the stunningly remote, wind-whipped Torugart Pass.



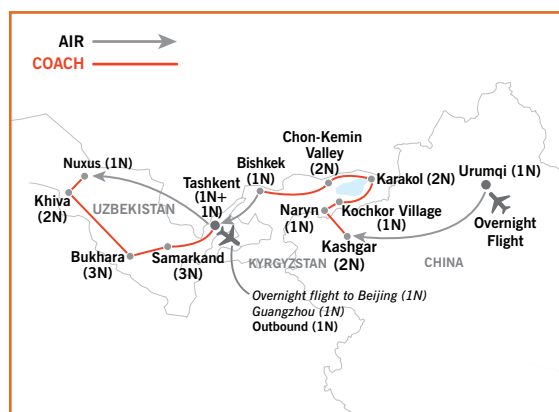
Eagle Hunting

On the banks of Lake Issyk Kul, a skilled Eagle Hunter will demonstrate the complex working relationship between man and bird.



Samarkand

Birthplace of Tamerlane, Samarkand is an enigmatic Silk Road city, sparking the imagination of travellers for centuries.



Days 1-2: Fly to Urumqi

Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines to Urumqi. Depending on the time of your arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

Day 3: Tian Chi Heavenly Lake

Escape to the tranquility of Tian Chi Heavenly Lake. In the evening fly to the remote city of Kashgar, the heart of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Explore Kashgar

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from anywhere. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's streets have remained unchanged for millennia, as it remains as much of an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's visits include Akbah Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Tian Shan Mountains

Cross the border into Kyrgyzstan through the magnificent Tian Shan Heavenly Mountains. Making our way over the Torugart Pass to Naryn, stop en route at the 15th-century caravanserai at Tash Rabat. (B,L,D)

Days 6-7: Eagle hunting and Karakol

Drive to Kochkor Village and enjoy a traditional lunch at a Ger Camp. Watch a 'shyrdak' demonstration (making of Kyrgyz wool carpets). (B,L,D) The next day continue to Karakol via Bokonbayevo village on the shores of Issyk Kul, where the locals will demonstrate their skill at hunting with eagles. (B,L,D)

Days 8-9: Explore Karakol

Spend the morning soaking up the atmosphere of the bustling animal market before examining the region's diverse religious influences with visits to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral and the Chinese mosque. Take an afternoon stroll in Jety-Oguz and through the beautiful Valley of Flowers. (B,L,D) The next day visit the Przhevalsky Museum and Semenov Gorge before driving to Cholpon-Ata. Explore animal petroglyphs etched into glacial stone before continuing to Ashu in the Chon-Kemin Valley. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Ethnic Ashu Village

Walk in the foothills of the mountains and take in the local way of life in Ashu Village. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Bishkek folk performance

Drive to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, a city of wide, leafy boulevards which contrast with the Soviet-era architecture. En route visit the 11th-century Burana Tower, an intricate minaret out in the countryside. This afternoon visit Ala Too Square and Oak Park. This evening enjoy a traditional folk performance. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Fly to Tashkent

This morning take a leisurely hike in Ala Archa National Park. This evening fly to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Explore Nukus

Fly to Nukus. Visit Svaitskiy and explore the Mizzdahkan, an Islamic complex in Hojeli Village. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Desert fortresses

Explore the desert fortresses of Chalpik Kala (Tower of Silence), Kizil Kala Fortress, Toprak Kala Fortress, Ayaz Kala and Kyrk-Kyz Kala. Arrive in Khiva. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Kuhna Ark Fortress

The ancient city of Khiva has a long and turbulent history as part of the Silk Road and a slave trading post. This fascinating destination is lovely to explore – wander around the many medressahs, mosques and minarets within the ancient city walls, as well as the magnificent 17th-century Kuhna Ark Fortress. (B,L,D)

Days 16-18: Sacred Bukhara

After a day's drive across the Kyzyl Kum desert arrive at the holiest city in Central Asia, Bukhara. Bukhara has been built up over thousands of years, with an atmospheric old centre and some pre-Soviet era architecture. Spend two days seeing the sights, with visits to the Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque, Chor Minor, Kalon Minaret, Labi-Hauz Plaza and the summer residence of the last Bukharan Emirs. (B,L,D)

DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE*, PER*

2017 DATES			
21 May - 15 Jun	\$9,970	08 Oct - 02 Nov	\$9,970
03 Sep - 28 Sep	\$9,970		
2018 DATES			
06 May - 31 May	\$10,470	02 Sep - 27 Sep	\$10,470

Price includes:

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

Price guide

26 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$9,970 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane* and Perth* with China Southern Airlines (CZ)

*Brisbane & Perth passengers may require a stopover in Guangzhou at an additional cost.

Adelaide, Cairns and Darwin passengers see Joining Your Tour on page 7.

Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,740

Land Only (Urumqi to Guangzhou) 24 days from \$9,080 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:

CZ – Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$330 and tipping of US\$150 (AU\$203). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

SILK ROAD EXPLORER

Follow in the footsteps of adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to reach the fascinating outpost of Kashgar and its famous Sunday market.

▲ DUNHUANG

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$7,480



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & PERTH*



24 BREAKFASTS, 23 LUNCHES, 22 DINNERS



ACTIVE

From price includes: tour cost \$7,245 and tipping \$235 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Jiayuguan Great Wall

Clinging to the stark, lunar landscape of Gansu, Jiayuguan Pass marks the western terminus of the Great Wall and is crowned by Ming-era fortresses.



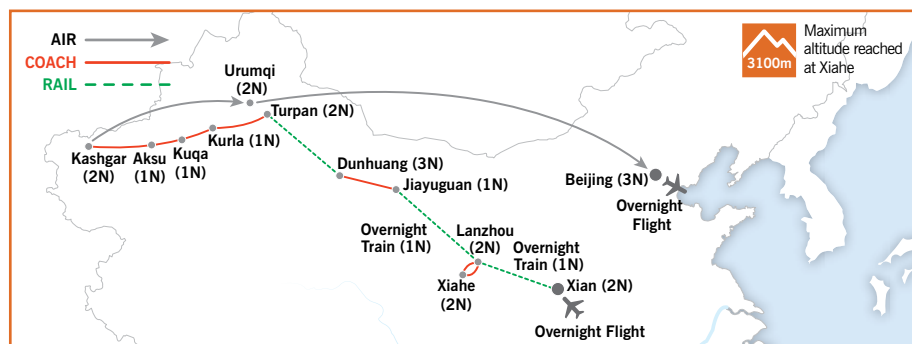
Dunhuang

A fertile oasis in the desert, stopping at remote Dunhuang it's easy to put yourself into the shoes of an ancient Silk Road camel trader looking for refuge.



Silk Road Overland

Drive between Turpan and Kashgar, following the ancient Silk Road; stopping at the desert townships of Kurla, Kuqa and Aksu.



Days 1-2: Fly to Xian

Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital with China Southern Airlines. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. *Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

Day 3: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition. Later in the day, take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter. Sample delicious, freshly cooked snacks

and gain an insight into the city's significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Cycling in Xian

Pay an early visit to a local park to see Xian's residents taking part in Tai Chi and dancing. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the ancient City Wall and past many smiling locals. Visit the Xian Museum before boarding the overnight train to Lanzhou. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6: Explore Lanzhou

Enjoy a moment of tranquillity at the hilltop Baita Temple and tuck into some delicious Lanzhou style noodles made with handstretched dough.

Visit the Yellow River night markets. (B,L,D) The next day, head to Liujiaxia Lake to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Tibetan Xiahe

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Labrang Monastery

Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos. (B,L,D)

Days 9-10: Great Wall at Jiayuguan

Return to Lanzhou and board an overnight train for Jiayuguan. Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. (B,L,D) The next day, visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert. (B,L,D)

Day 11: City of Sands

Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market, where you can wander amongst the stalls, tasting local snacks (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Day 12: Mogao Grottoes

A system of temples and sanctuaries, the Mogao Grottoes exhibit examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Singing Sand Dunes

Visit Crescent Lake, nestled amongst rolling sand dunes, and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomena produced by the wind blowing through the grains. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Turpan

Catch the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises. (B,L,D)

Day 15: Explore Turpan

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. See elegant Emin Minaret before visiting a typical home in grape valley. Also learn about the fascinating Keraz irrigation canals. (B,L,D)

Days 16-19: The Silk Road

Over the next four days travel along the original Silk Route through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sites largely unvisited by tourists. Travel to Kurla and visit the ruins of the Iron Fortress. The next day, see the ruins of Subashi, arriving in Kuqa to visit the old city wall. Also visit the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves before travelling to Aksu. Arrive in fabled Kashgar the following day and transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay. (B,L,D)

Day 20: Explore Kashgar

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia, as it continues to be an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's visits include Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

Day 21: Kashgar Sunday Bazaar

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures and vivid colours, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Fly to Urumqi. (B,L,D)

Days 22-23: Discover Urumqi

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake) formed in a crater. Explore the East Poplar Valley where you will pay a visit to a Kazak minority family in their yurt and spend some time

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with them, learning their way of life. Enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day explore the collections of the Xinjiang Museum. Fly to Beijing. (B,L,D)

Day 24: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Jade has been long cherished by the Chinese – at a jade factory you can understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. In the afternoon savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. (B,L)

Day 25: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening dine on Peking Duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

Day 26: Depart Beijing

The morning is at leisure before boarding the overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 26.*

Day 27: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, PER*

2017 DATES			
17 Apr - 13 May#	\$7,480	04 Sep - 30 Sep	\$7,780
08 May - 03 Jun	\$7,780	18 Sep - 14 Oct#	\$7,780
22 May - 17 Jun	\$7,780	09 Oct - 04 Nov	\$7,480
2018 DATES			
16 Apr - 12 May#	\$7,680	03 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,980
07 May - 02 Jun	\$7,980	17 Sep - 13 Oct#	\$7,980
21 May - 16 Jun	\$7,980	08 Oct - 03 Nov	\$7,680

Price includes:

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

Price guide

- 27 Days, Twin Share from \$7,480 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth* with China Southern Airlines (CZ)

*Perth passengers may require a stopover in Guangzhou at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,340
- Land Only (Xian to Beijing) 25 days from \$6,340 per person (includes tipping)

Important note:
CZ – Above prices include tipping of RMB1130 (AU\$235). Correct as at 25 Oct 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in China.
Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

TAILOR-MADE INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

Our group tours give you the chance to see Asia from a different perspective and to travel in the company of like-minded people. If you like what you see in our Discovery Tours, but are looking for more flexibility and freedom, a tailor-made independent tour may be for you.

WHY TAILOR-MADE?

With a tailor-made itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's photographing hidden gems, sampling unusual cuisine or embarking on a rail journey – we can help you cover all aspects of your 'must do' list. You have complete choice and flexibility.

WHAT WE DO:

Our team of reservations consultants will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value – whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries you've seen in this brochure or building something completely from scratch.

1 PERSONAL SERVICE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and travel dreams, and our expertise. Our reservations team will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that is perfect for you.



▲ GIANT PANDA

2 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can journey through your destination in any way you like, be it by bullet train, plane or private car. With your own vehicle, Local Guide and driver, you will get the most out of your time exploring. You can stop where and when you like, linger at that favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.

3 LOCAL FLAVOURS

Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we include regional specialities in our itineraries, Peking Duck in Beijing for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.



▲ VIETNAMESE CUISINE

5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. By tailor-making your trip you can take this a step further and do something a bit different – hiking a remote section of the Great Wall, a Vietnamese cooking class, exploring an Indian city by rickshaw or living like a Maharaja in Rajasthan are just a few of your many options.

6 PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but will get the inside knowledge on local life. Our guides are experienced, passionate and knowledgeable about their country.



▲ JAIN TEMPLES, INDIA

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS – DISCOVERY TOURS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT Prices are subject to airline availability at the time of booking. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket re-issue fees. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

- All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
- All persons travelling on a Fully Independent Tour are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen itinerary.
- All parties acknowledge the physical demands and hazards involved in the tour they will be undertaking and have chosen to participate at their own risk.
- All parties understand that any medical or dietary information provided to Wendy Wu Tours does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if a particular condition exacerbates while on tour or affects their ability to participate in any portion of the tour.

BALANCE OF PAYMENT The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in an additional cost 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) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

LATE BOOKINGS Bookings made less than 75 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of no less than \$30 per booking which is payable along with the final payment. Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of \$50 per booking and must be paid along with the final payment at the time of booking. These bookings may also incur additional fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 40 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

FEES AND CHARGES All Discovery Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs plus a Breakaway Fee of \$100 per person. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost and are not covered by the Breakaway Fee.

AIRLINE FUEL LEVY SURCHARGE Since 2004 all airlines servicing flights to Asia have been charging a fuel levy surcharge, on top of the normal airline ticket price, in order to cover the increased cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount the airlines charge for this levy. This amount is detailed against every tour featured in this brochure and will also be advised to you at the time of your booking and is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES The following fees will apply:

Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased – \$25 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee). Amendements within 30 days of departure – \$50 per change. Transferring between tours (outside 75 days) – \$100 per person plus any additional amendment costs that may be applicable. Transfer fees must be paid at the time of change. Transferring between tours (within 75 days) – See 'Cancellation by Customer' for applicable fees and details. Reissue of airline tickets – From \$100 per person (other fees may apply). Bookings of only 3 nights accommodation or less - \$30 per booking. Rail tickets and passes only – \$50 per booking. Once a booking is confirmed name transfers are not permitted as this will be regarded as a cancellation.

CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline tickets are issued, 100% of the airfare.
 2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees.
 3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
 4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
 5. 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
 6. Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost
- In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees including visa, transfer fees, fuel surcharge and any other airline cancellation fees and any applicable amendment fees. Regrettably cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should

these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost. If a tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS & PICTURES Hotel descriptions featured in this brochure are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers and contractual agreements. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. All customers are given a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with their quote or deposit documents. All customers will also receive a link to the Pre-Registration Form once a deposit has been received on file. Customers must specify any medical/dietary conditions that fit the criteria set out on the Pre-Registration Form and submit this to our office. All customers should visit their doctor for these aforementioned purposes and/or to confirm that they are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Should any ailments either exist at the time of booking, or arise before their departure from Australia, the customer must inform Wendy Wu Tours in writing.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all Discovery Tours. Non-Australian passport holders will incur additional fees. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure, the customer will be required to pay a late visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately two weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. If you choose to process your own visa, you are responsible for the accuracy and timely processing of the visa. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for errors or delays in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability.

CONSULAR ADVICE We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135, or by visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 75 days prior to departure, single travellers on Discovery Tours may avoid paying the Single Hotel Room Option by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match a single traveller with another suitable single traveller of the same gender. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at all hotel accommodation and waive the Single Hotel Room Option. In China Single Cruise Cabin Option fees are applicable for any cruise component and cannot be waived. Due to rail booking regulations, sole use of overnight soft sleeper compartments on rail journeys is no longer available on group tours in China. In Vietnam Single Cruise Cabin Option fees are applicable for sole use for any cruise component and cannot be waived. Single Rail Compartment Option fees are available for sole use of a 4 berth cabin on overnight rails journeys on group tours in Vietnam.

TIPPING Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry today. The nominated tipping amount is to be given to your National Escort/Local Guide at the beginning of your group tour upon arrival at your destination and they will do all necessary tipping on your behalf throughout your tour. Participation in the tipping scheme is a necessary component of travelling on our Discovery Tours. The amount payable for each group tour is shown in the tour price based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling. Wendy Wu Tours will advise the exact amount required per person in each currency in your final documentation. Tipping amounts for Discovery Tours in Indochina, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Mongolia will range from US\$80 to US\$170 per person based on the tour itinerary and length and are subject to change at any time. Tipping amounts for Discovery Tours in China, Tibet and Central Asia will range from RMB750 to RMB1250 per person based on the tour itinerary and length and are subject to change at any time. In China, Yangtze River cruise operators have a compulsory service levy which is paid in Chinese Yuan (RMB) immediately upon boarding the cruise. The amount payable is included in the package price for group tours and independent

itineraries which include a cruise. Tipping for independent travel is not compulsory and is at the customers' own discretion. However, independent guides and drivers do expect a tip where good service has been provided and as such we will provide you with appropriate estimates based on the duration of your arrangements.

SHOPPING Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion.

RESPONSIBILITY Wendy Wu Tours (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.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in the destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising for injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS

At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@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 on our website 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. For details, contact our office. Due to scheduling, airlines can downgrade at any given time. It is at the discretion of the airline to what compensation will be offered. Please retain your boarding pass and forward through to Wendy Wu Tours on your return to enable us to approach the airline on your behalf for any compensation. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information which may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy which can be viewed at wendywutours.com.au.

BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 14 July 2016. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tipping, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond their control.

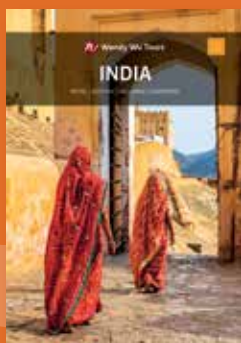
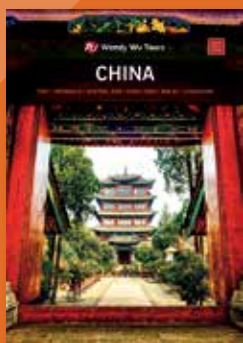
AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other clauses in these Booking Conditions.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in operator land costs, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of particular group tours. For these reasons, it is essential that the agent/customer reconfirms all arrangements at the time of booking and prior to paying the final payment.

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