



# BEST OF CHINA & JAPAN BY LAND & SEA CELEBRITY CRUISES

Classic Cruising Tour | 25 Days | Physical Level 1

CHENGDU – XIAN – PINGYAO – BEIJING – TOKYO – MT FUJI KYOTO – KOCHI – BUSAN – NAGASAKI –  
KAGOSHIMA - TOKYO

Reveal the many ancient marvels of China and Japan as you journey by land and sea through the historic cities of Chengdu, Xian, Pingyao, and Beijing. Experience the contemporary and bustling cities of Tokyo and, as well as coming face to face with the China's favourite bear.

- Meet the loveable Giant Pandas
- Face the vast Terracotta Army
- Walk the cobbled streets and city walls of ancient Pingyao
- Uncover the ancient treasures of Beijing
- Explore the incredible Great Wall of China
- Journey to Japan onboard Celebrity Millennium

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## TOUR MAP



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 11 nights Celebrity cruise on Celebrity Millennium
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (*if dining on board throughout*) – 22 breakfasts (B), 21 lunches (L), 22 dinners (D)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- English speaking National Escort (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides pre and post cruise
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

*Pre and post cruise, the only elements or aspects you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g., drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.*

*During the cruise, your meals on board will be included in the main dining areas, however, should you wish to dine in any of the speciality restaurants not included in your cruising package, you will be required to pay for these locally. In addition, if you opt to dine off the ship, these meals will also be paid for locally, and please note you will not be refunded for meals missed on board. Excursions are also available to book with your cruise reservation at your own expense. Gratuities on board the ship are included in your tour cost.*

### CLASSIC CRUISING TOURS:

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These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of China and Japan on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people combined with a cruise. The tours are on a fully inclusive basis pre and post cruise, so you will travel with the assurance that all your arrangements before and after your cruise are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

### JOINING YOUR TOUR:

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The tour is 25 days in duration including international flights. Join the tour on Day 2 in Chengdu and end the tour on Day 24 in Tokyo.

For travellers booked on a 'Land and Cruise Only' package, which omits the inclusion of international flights, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight information to our reservations team.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

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We intend to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours, or as dictated by local conditions. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip. Similarly, while cruise liners always endeavour to adhere to the published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the captain due to weather advisories, port traffic, and any other unforeseeable circumstances.

## PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

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All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

‘Best of China & Japan by Land & Sea’ is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required, and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You will be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces
- You will be required to get on and off small boats without assistance
- You will be required to board the cruise ship without assistance and get on and off at ports if you wish to disembark the ship

Of course, our National Escort and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.



**DETAILED ITINERARY****Days 1-2: Fly overnight to Chengdu****Meals: D**

Fly overnight to Chengdu airport. On arrival you will be met by an English-speaking representative and transfer to your hotel in Chengdu. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

*Please note: Early check-in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservation's consultant. You will be transferred by shared coach with other passengers who are not part of a Wendy Wu Tour. If you are on a shared bus transfer, you may have to walk for a few minutes to get to your hotel. Transfers will differ depending on group size.*

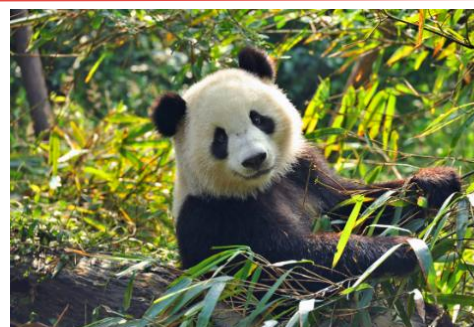
**Destination Information**

**Chengdu** – China's symbolic western capital and the residence of the country's most lovable black and white bear, Chengdu has an abundance to offer. With a fast-paced economy which is dragging China's west into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is no wonder that Chengdu's appeal is growing year on year. As the gateway into Sichuan Province's large collection of sights, as well as Chengdu being its own trove of historical and cultural treasures, Chengdu is a must-visit on any trip to China.

**Day 3: Chengdu****Meals: B, L, D**

Today, see the Giant Pandas at Dujiangyan Panda Base. Located in the forested Sichuanese countryside around one hour's drive north of Chengdu, Dujiangyan offers refuge to Giant Pandas with the aim to reintroduce them into the wild.

After lunch, take a stroll around People's Park and visit a teahouse for a cup of delicious Chinese tea. This evening enjoy a Sichuan Hot Pot dinner, the local specialty, and a Changing Face Show.



### Destination Information

**Dujiangyan Panda Base** – Offering one of the most authentic, spacious and natural settings in the country, Dujiangyan is home to around 20 Giant Pandas.

**People's Park** – People's Park is a pleasant respite from urban Chengdu. Here you can see beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi.

**Face Changing Show** – Unique to Sichuan opera, the Face-Changing Show (Bian Lian) features performers switching masks in an instant using secret techniques. This colourful and mesmerising art form is a cultural highlight of Chengdu.

**Sichuan Hot Pot Dinner** – A signature dish of Chengdu, Sichuan hot pot is a communal dining experience featuring a spicy, chilli-laden broth. Diners cook meats, vegetables, and noodles at the table, enjoying bold flavours and the region's famous numbing Sichuan peppercorns.

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### Day 4: Chengdu to Xian

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, transfer with your English-speaking assistant to Chengdu train station to board your bullet train to Xian, a journey of approximately 3-hours and 40-minutes. On arrival, visit the Muslim Quarter before transferring to your hotel and spending the remainder of the day at leisure.



### Destination Information

**Xian** – Xian has long played a pivotal role in China's extensive history and has been a thriving hub for cultural exchange, economic trade as well as national politics for centuries. Home to some of China's most ancient sights, diverse architecture and delicious fares, Xian is a must-see destination.

**Muslim Quarter** – The Muslim Quarter is the hub of Xian's Islamic community and is home to many stalls selling a myriad of snack foods and delightful oriental knick-knacks.

**Day 5: Xian****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life size Terracotta Warriors. The Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses is located approximately a 1-hour drive outside of Xian.



There are electric carts offered by private vendors which can be organised at your own expense. There is no electric cart available for the return from the museum exit to the bus park. Within the museum area the warriors can be seen in three different 'pits', which are active archaeological digs. The site is large and will take about 2 and a half hours to explore.

After this, visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition Workshop to see smaller models of the warriors being made. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. The local guide will give you time to explore the ancient city walls at your own pace. There are options here to hire a bicycle or an electric cart to drive along the length of the city walls. These are offered by private vendors and can be organised at your own expense.

Tonight, enjoy a dumpling demonstration, followed by a Shui Jiao Dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

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**Terracotta Warriors** – One of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, this unearthed terracotta army is comprised of over 7,000 soldiers, horses and chariots. The army was built in life-sized form by thousands of workers and designed by Emperor Qin Shi Huang to defend himself in the afterlife.

**Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition Workshop** – See smaller versions of the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors being created at the captivating Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition Workshop; even purchase your own portable soldier.

**Ancient City Walls** – Dating back to the Ming Dynasty in the 14th century, the Xian ancient city wall is one of the best preserved urban fortifications in China. The wall's ideal spot and layout gives visitors a bird's eye view over this fantastic city. Follow the locals' example and take a bike to get an ever more spectacular experience.

**Tang Dynasty Dancing Show** – Xian, previously known as Chang'an, was an important cultural and historical centre in not only China but in the known-world. The Tang Dynasty dancing show is an exciting exponent of this prosperous society and keeps alive the splendour of this period.

**Day 6: Xian to Pingyao****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, transfer to Xian train station where you will board your bullet train to Pingyao.

On arrival, transfer to your hotel and spend the day at leisure.

**Destination Information**

**Pingyao** – A UNESCO World Heritage-listed town, Pingyao is renowned for its well-preserved city wall which was built in the 14th century and still stands encircling the town. With a 2,000-year history, Pingyao has retained its layout from the Ming and Qing dynasties; the houses, streets, storefronts and temples have all been preserved in their historical appearance.

**Day 7: Pingyao to Beijing****Meals: B, L, D**

Today, embark on ancient city tour with your English-speaking guide around the cobbled streets for spectacular views of the city walls of Pingyao, dating back to the Zhou Dynasty. Next, visit the Rishengchang Financial House Museum before transferring to the station to take the bullet train to Beijing. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in.

**Destination Information**

**Beijing** – Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China. With its unequalled wealth of history, Beijing served as the centre for the many different empires and cultures that ruled China and has been the heart of politics and society throughout its long history. The ancient monuments, the stories of days gone by as well as the dynamic and modern city Beijing has become today, make it a destination not to be missed.



**Day 8: Beijing****Meals: B, L, D**

Rise early this morning to avoid the crowds and drive approximately 2 hours northwest of the city to the Juyongguan Pass to take a walk on the Great Wall of China, appreciating the wall itself and the dramatic scenery. Your visit involves walking from the bus to the first section. Once your group has been given an introduction to the Great Wall's unique history, you will have free time to explore at your own pace.



Later, visit the Jade Factory where there will be an opportunity to buy your own handcrafted piece, before, heading to the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs, the final resting place of 13 of the Ming emperors. Then drive back to Beijing, where this evening, you will experience a thrilling acrobatic show before returning to your hotel.

**Destination Information**

**Great Wall of China** – Originally built under the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, the Great Wall of China is the country's most iconic sight. Snaking through the northern countryside from the Gobi Desert in the west into the Bohai Sea in the east, the Great Wall of China is the longest wall in the world and was used as a fortification against northern nomadic tribes. The current structure dates back to the Ming Dynasty – over 700 years old.

**Jade Factory** – Learn about one of China's most symbolic and important materials: jade, at this comprehensive factory. Understand how to tell if jade is real or fake and watch artisans at work, carving this emerald Jade into works of art.

**The Sacred Way and Ming Tombs** – The Sacred Way is a long statue lined path leading to the Ming Tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an impressive complex housing the mausoleums of thirteen out of the sixteen Ming Dynasty emperors.

**Day 9: Beijing****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be met by your guide, where you will walk through Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificent Forbidden City, the former residence of the Ming and Qing emperors. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches.



Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, before enjoying a traditional Peking duck dinner.

*Sightseeing at Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City will involve approximately 3-4 hours on foot.*

*Please note: The Forbidden City is closed on Mondays. If this day of touring falls on a Monday, your touring in Beijing will be switched round so that the Forbidden City is visited on an alternative day. In an effort to preserve the Forbidden City, the number of entry tickets per day has been significantly reduced. Whilst every effort will be made to obtain the tickets, should this not be possible, then you will instead visit the Forbidden City from the outside and visit the nearby Prince Kung's Palace Museum.*

**Destination Information**

**Tiananmen Square** – Built under the guidance of Chairman Mao Zedong, Tiananmen Square is said to hold a capacity crowd of over one million and is one of the largest public squares in the world. It houses not only the Monument to the People's Heroes, it is also the final resting place of Chairman Mao himself in the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong.

**Forbidden City** – The sacred centre of the Chinese empire for 500 years and home to the Ming and Qing dynasties, the Forbidden City is a vast complex of over 900 buildings and covers an area of 180 acres. Since 1987, the Forbidden City has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its palatial architectural style has been an influence on many imperial buildings throughout Asia.

**Temple of Heaven** – Set in a 267-hectare park surrounded by a long wall and with a gate at each compass point, the Temple of Heaven is absolutely unique. It is one of the most perfect examples of Ming architecture, created as a place of worship for the Emperors, who would ask for prosperity, longevity and good harvest for the people.

**Peking duck** – A favourite of the Emperor's court and the upper-class elite during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), Peking duck quickly spread throughout Chinese society to become a national favourite and a symbol of China.

**Day 10: Beijing to Tokyo****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, you will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight to Tokyo. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in and spend the day at leisure.

**Destination Information**

**Tokyo** – One of the world's most cutting-edge capital cities, Tokyo is a city of contrasts, famous for its neon lit landscape, towering skyscrapers, peaceful shrines and lovingly tended gardens. Although long the political and cultural centre of Japan, Tokyo became the official capital when the Meiji Emperor moved it to Tokyo in 1867.

**Day 11: Tokyo****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, embark on a full day tour of Tokyo. Begin with a visit to Sensoji Temple, arguably one of Tokyo's most popular and photographed temples and the oldest Buddhist temple in the capital.

Next, participate in a sushi making class where you'll enjoy your own creations for lunch.

This afternoon, stroll around the Imperial Palace Park followed by a visit to the Meiji Shrine, one of the most famous Shinto shrines in Japan and dedicated to Emperor Meiji. After, visit Takeshita Street for local treats tasting before a photo stop at Shibuya Crossing.

**Day 12: Embark Celebrity Cruise in Tokyo****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, you will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred from your hotel to the Tokyo (Yokohama) cruise port. Upon arrival, board the Celebrity Millennium, where your cruise adventure begins! The rest of your day on the cruise ship is at leisure.

*Please note, your National Escort will not be accompanying you for the duration of your cruise.*



## Destination Information

**Yokohama** – A cosmopolitan city that perfectly blends the old and the new, Yokohama is home to various shopping districts, a large Chinatown and is also known for the Sankei-en Garden, a beautiful botanical garden that also features a number of historic buildings.

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### Day 13: Cruising - Shimizu (Mt Fuji)

Meals: B, L, D

Today you will dock in the port of Shimizu. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



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**Shimizu** – Renown for being one of the most scenic ports in Japan, the port of Shimizu provides breathe-taking views of Mt Fuji (weather dependent). The port that was once used primarily for exporting tea, is now home to a four storey shopping centre, a number of museums and the Kashino-Ichi fish Market.

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### Day 14: Cruising – Osaka (Kyoto)

Meals: B, L, D

Today you will arrive in Osaka. Disembark the cruise ship to enjoy a day exploring Kyoto before returning to your ship later for an overnight stay in port.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense*





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**Kyoto** – Kyoto was the ancient capital of Japan for approximately 1,000 years until 1867 when it was moved to Tokyo. Many national treasures can be found in Kyoto and in nearby Nara, including old shrines and temples, screen paintings, beautiful gardens, and statues of Buddha.

**Osaka** - As Japan's third-largest city, Osaka is a vibrant metropolis known for its modern architecture, bustling nightlife, and hearty street food. The city played a pivotal role in Japan's history as a centre of commerce and culture during the Edo period. Osaka's landmarks include Osaka Castle, a symbol of Japan's unification, and the Dotonbori district, famous for its neon lights and culinary delights like Takoyaki and Okonomiyaki. The city's welcoming atmosphere and reputation as the "Kitchen of Japan" make it a must-visit destination.

### Day 15: Cruising – Osaka (Kyoto)

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy your second day at port in Osaka at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



### Day 16: Cruising – Kochi

Meals: B, L, D

Dock in the port of Kochi. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



## Destination Information

**Kochi** – Surrounded by stunning mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Kochi is home to a wide variety of stunningly unique attractions, including the Chikurinji Temple, over 1300 years old, the Hirome Market, offering a number of Kochi's most renowned dishes as well as Katsurahama Beach, a crescent-shaped beach that has long been a popular destination to view the moon.

**Kochi Castle** – No visit to Kochi would be complete without exploring the Kochi Castle, built over 400 years ago and remains as one of the last 12 castles in Japan to still have its original main keep.

**Day 17: Cruising – Sea Day****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Celebrity Millennium has to offer.

**Day 18: Cruising – Busan****Meals: B, L, D**

Today the ship will port in Busan, South Korea. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Busan** – With over 3.6m people, Busan is South Korea's second largest city and the largest seaport. However, the city is full of character and is known for its beaches, mountains and temples. Because Busan was not captured during the Korean War, it gives a glimpse of Korea before the 1950s in a way that other places don't.

**Day 19: Cruising – Nagasaki****Meals: B, L, D**

Dock in the port of Nagasaki. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Nagasaki** – Known for being the second target for the US atomic bomb that was dropped during World War II, Nagasaki was once Japan's primary gateway for trading with the West and has since been rebuilt to the charming city it stands as today.

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**Day 20: Cruising – Kagoshima****Meals: B, L, D**

Port in Kagoshima, disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

**Kagoshima** – Located in the shadows of Mt Sakurajima, an active volcano, Kagoshima is commonly referred to as the “Naples of the East” due to its similarly mild climate and stunning bay. Kagoshima played a pivotal role in the modernisation of Japan, particularly in the Meiji Restoration, which saw Emperor Meiji move from Kyoto to Tokyo which then became the new capital. The city was once the seat of one of Japan’s most powerful feudal clans, the Shimazu, that is currently in its 32nd generation.

**Day 21: Cruising – Sea Day****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship Celebrity Millennium has to offer.

**Day 22: Cruising – Tokyo****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in the striking modern metropolis of Tokyo. Japan’s capital. Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation.

Please note the journey time from the port of Yokohama to Tokyo is approximately 1 hour by road and 45 minutes by train.



*Please also note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Day 23: Disembark Celebrity Cruise in Tokyo****Meals: B, L, D**

Your cruise concludes as you reach Tokyo cruise port today, where you will be met by an English-speaking guide.

Transfer to your hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure before having dinner at your hotel.

**Day 24: Depart Tokyo****Meals: B**

This morning is free at leisure before transferring to the airport for your return flight home.

*Please note: Only breakfast is included today. Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out for your final day in Seoul, please contact our reservations department who can confirm additional pricing and make this arrangement for you, subject to availability at the hotel.*



*Transfers: In the event that your flight departs outside of the majority group departure time, you will be transferred to the airport by a shared coach (not with other Wendy Wu Tours passengers). If you are on a shared coach transfer, you may have to walk for a few minutes to get to the coach.*

**PLEASE INFORM OUR RESERVATIONS TEAM OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING.**



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### VISAS:

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**China:** A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for entry into China for stays up to 30 Days. So far, this information is valid for travel up to 31 December 2025.

**Japan:** A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for entry into Japan for stays up to 90 days.

**South Korea:** A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for entry into South Korea for stays up to 90 days. This is until 31 December 2025, a visa may be required after this time.

**However, all travellers must submit an electronic arrival declaration 3 days prior to the date of arrival in South Korea.** You can complete this on their website: [www.e-arrivalcard.go.kr](http://www.e-arrivalcard.go.kr)

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back in Australia.

All information with regards to visas will be updated regularly on our website as we find visa processes are changing on regular basis <https://www.wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>

However, up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements, as these can change at short notice. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate, Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa or entry forms. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements.

### INSURANCE:

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It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

### ACCOMMODATION PRE AND POST CRUISE:

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Accommodation is selected for its convenience, comfort, or character, ranging from business hotels in cities to family-run guesthouses in smaller towns. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not include all Western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local 3-4 star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels, so standards may differ between Australia and China/Japan.

In Japan, hotel rooms and bathrooms are typically small. Standard single rooms are smaller than double or twin rooms, featuring a small double bed (or single bed) for one person. All group tour hotels have private Western-style bathrooms, air-conditioning, TV, and telephone.

In China, hotel rooms and bathrooms can be smaller compared to Western standards. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic, and in some hotels, the power may be turned off while guests are out of their rooms. Due to environmental regulations, not all hotels in China provide toiletries in the rooms. Hotels generally do not have porters, so you may be required to carry your own luggage. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort or local guide. Rest assured, all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected to meet our standards and ensure your comfort.

### CRUISE ACCOMODATION AND CABINS

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At the time of booking, subject to availability you may have the choice to book from an outside cabin or balcony cabin. Should you wish to upgrade to a suite or have a special request for cabin location, please speak to our reservations department who will be able to assist.

### CRUISE – CELEBRITY MILLENNIUM:

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The Celebrity Millennium is made up of 12 decks, and offers a range of amenities, including, but not limited to; 9 restaurants, 2 swimming pools as well as lounges and bars.

Performances will take place each night on the main stage of the ship's theatre, from comedy shows, circus performers to Broadway-style shows. Guests on the Celebrity Millennium will also be able enjoy cooking, dance and language classes as well as wine tasting opportunities and sporting events. Onboard spa (with saunas) facilities are also available.

**Dining:** Please note, there are no set menus onboard the cruise ship, instead, you will have the opportunity to dine at your choice of restaurant included in your package and have the option to upgrade your package whilst onboard to dine in the various speciality restaurants. Your package also includes soft drinks and alcoholic beverages whilst onboard your cruise. There is the option to upgrade your drinks package on your Guest Account or on your cruise.

## CRUISE EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION:

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Embarkation time is when you should arrive at the cruise terminal. Departure time is when your ship sets sail.

We strongly recommend guests complete their Online Check-In before departing Australia.

Online Check-in is available 45 days before your cruise and remains available up to 3 days before you cruise. App check-in is available 45 days before your cruise and remains available until the morning of your sailing.

Once you have completed the Check-In process online or in the app, you will receive an Xpress Boarding Pass. This indicates that you successfully completed the check-in process for yourself and those guests listed on your Xpress Pass. During check-in, you're required to select an arrival time. The time you will need to select will be provided in your final documentation. One of the benefits of app check-in is that your arrival time is listed on your mobile Xpress Pass.

**Boarding Time in Ports of Call:** In all ports of call, it is also the guest's responsibility to be back onboard the ship no later than one hour prior to the ship's scheduled departure time. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the time in the port of call and it is the guest's responsibility to follow the shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest's responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

## SHORE EXCURSIONS AND CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

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When docked at each port you will have the opportunity to experience shore excursions. Celebrity Cruises offer a wide array of authentic shore excursions, making it a great way to explore more of each destination. Please note, not all shore excursions will include a guide and shore excursions may be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions or for any other reason at the discretion of Celebrity Cruises. Any shore excursions will be at your own expense and bookable on your cruise reservation.

## DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA AND JAPAN:

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**China:** Though parts of China match the west in modernity and technological advances, it is important to remember that China is still a developing country and as such, many aspects of tourism in China do not have the solid infrastructure and safety standards as seen here in the west.

**Japan:** Japan is a developed country and as such matches the West in modernity and technological advances. Japan is an extremely safe country and takes great responsibility in maintaining high safety standards.

## MEALS AND DIETARY INFORMATION

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On this tour you will get to experience a variety of dining options. Pre and post cruise in China, and Japan you will dine as a group, whereas during the cruise, you will dine independently. You will have the option to dine in the main on-board restaurants included as standard in your cruise package. Alternatively, you can opt to dine in the on-board specialty venues or restaurants on land, both of which will be payable locally.

Chinese and Japanese cuisines are known for their vibrant, diverse, and healthy flavours. In China, meals typically consist of rice, vegetables, and meat, with dishes often served 'family style'. In Japan, meals usually feature rice, miso soup, fish, pickled vegetables, and meat, with noodles like Udon and Soba as popular staples.

All meals (excluding drinks) are included in fully inclusive group tours from arrival to departure. Breakfast is usually buffet-style but may occasionally be a set menu. Lunch is often pre-set, as is common in local restaurants, while dinner may be buffet-style or pre-set, offering a variety of Japanese, Chinese, and Western dishes. Meals are pre-booked by your guides, ensuring that you experience a wide range of local dishes and different cooking styles throughout your tour. On days with intensive sightseeing, you may dine directly after the tour without returning to the hotel, so it's best to be prepared for an early dinner.

In China, meals are served in the traditional 'family style' on a lazy susan, allowing everyone to share the dishes. There will be a pair of serving chopsticks for each dish, and guests are encouraged to help themselves to the food, which adds to the sociable nature of the dining experience. If you're unfamiliar with using chopsticks, don't worry; the guides will ensure that everyone is comfortable, and forks or spoons can be provided upon request. Chinese dishes are often served with a variety of sauces or seasonings, and meals are frequently enjoyed with plain rice as an accompaniment. Unlike the western world, Chinese people do not normally pre-heat their plates and food can be presented at a variety of temperatures, which is a typical Chinese way of doing things. We recommend that when it comes to Chinese food, you stay open minded, try to be adventurous and always have a go with the chopsticks!

### Dietary Requirements

If you have dietary requirements, please inform us before your tour starts. Our guides will make every effort to accommodate requests such as gluten-free or vegetarian meals. However, it's important to note that some dietary needs may be more challenging to meet, particularly in remote areas or due to differences in food preparation styles. Although many Asian countries are becoming more accustomed to catering to Western dietary needs, the range of options may still be limited compared to what you're used to at home.

For travellers with food intolerances or specific dietary needs, it's highly recommended to bring additional snacks or food items, especially when traveling further from major cities. This ensures that you are well-prepared in case certain dietary requests cannot be met. Your patience and understanding are appreciated, as local suppliers may not always be able to provide exactly what you would expect from Western cuisine. The aim is to provide you with an authentic experience while being mindful of your dietary preferences.



## TRANSPORT:

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**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside, and longer transfers where necessary. Roads in Japan and China are generally well-maintained, though conditions may vary. In Japan, roads are smooth and well-kept, providing a comfortable travel experience. In China, roads have significantly improved over recent years, but traffic and weather conditions may occasionally extend driving times. Road construction can cover large sections of roads, which may result in some delays. Timings in the itinerary are approximate, as there may be sections where the surface is bumpy. Our drivers will make every effort to minimize the impact of any rough roads, and frequent bathroom stops will be made for passengers' comfort. Coaches and minibuses do not have onboard toilet facilities.

**Planes:** Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines. Lithium-Ion batteries, usually used in laptops, cell phones and digital cameras, must be carried in your hand luggage (not in your checked luggage). Portable chargers with a case that does not state the capacity or with a capacity of 160wh and more are not allowed on internal flights at all.

**Trains:** On this tour, you will experience China's high-speed train. You will travel in second-class soft seats with air conditioning. For train journeys you must ensure that you pack liquids, aerosols and gels/lotions in your hand luggage as per recent regulations. Passengers are not allowed to carry any aerosols over 100ml. Passengers are also not allowed to carry flammable gases or liquids including styling gel, compressed air or insecticides; any explosives, magnetised material, knives (including Swiss Army knives), scissors or sharp items (medication is fine). Bag checks are conducted randomly and any of these items may be confiscated before boarding the train (in hand luggage or main luggage). The National Escort will inform you of specific details prior to boarding.

## CHINESE AND JAPANESE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

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If you are travelling within the below Public Holidays, please note that celebrations can last a several days and during these times some businesses will be closed. Coach, air and train travel may also be affected. Tourist attractions will be open; but may be crowded.

### China:

- **Chinese New Year:** 17th–19th February 2026
- **Qingming Festival:** 4th–6th April 2026
- **Labor Day:** 1st–3rd May (annually)
- **Mid-Autumn Festival:** 6th–8th October 2025, 28th–30th September 2026

### Japan:

- **Showa Day:** 29th April (annually)
- **Golden Week public holidays:** End of April to the beginning of May (annually)
- **Constitution Memorial Day:** 3rd May (annually)
- **Emperor's Birthday:** 23rd February (annually)

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

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As we offer our customers a variety of airlines to suit your needs, passengers will arrive/depart in Japan at various times during the day. Depending on the number of customers arriving/ departing on the same flight as yourself, the type of transfer to your hotel/ airport will vary.

You will always be met on arrival by English-speaking staff and transferred to your hotel either by:

- Direct shared bus (shared with other passengers, not just Wendy Wu Tours clients)
- Shared bus plus taxi from the nearest bus stop to the hotel (maximum 5-minute walk)
- Chartered coach (if there are more than 8 Wendy Wu Tours passengers arriving at the same time)

On the departure day, all passengers will be met by English-speaking staff at the hotel and transfer by one of the three ways above. For those passengers using a shared bus or shared bus plus taxi to the airport, the guide services end when they drop you off at the bus stop, and you will need to check in at the airport on your own. If you have paid extra for a private transfer, the above does not apply.

You will meet your National Escorts at the welcome dinner or, if arriving late, the following morning after breakfast at the welcome meeting.

Please ensure your Wendy Wu Tours luggage tag is visible on your suitcase/hand luggage, as this may also assist your guide in identifying you. If at any stage you are unable to locate your representative, please contact our Japan ground operator on the number included in your final documents.

### CULTURAL DIFFERENCE:

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Japanese and Chinese societies are steeped in tradition and intricate social etiquette. As visitors, you are not expected to know every custom, but being respectful will enhance your experience in both countries.

In Japan, it is customary to remove your shoes and hats when entering temples, traditional houses, or certain restaurants. Slippers may be provided, but packing spare socks and wearing shoes that are easy to slip on and off is recommended.

In China, respect for cultural traditions includes polite gestures such as accepting items with both hands and following dining etiquette, like using serving spoons or shared chopsticks for communal dishes. Modest attire is appreciated, particularly at religious or historical sites.

Your National Escort will provide further guidance on local customs to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey in both countries.

## WEATHER:

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China and Japan each experience distinct four-season climates, offering a variety of weather conditions throughout the year. In Japan, the climate varies by region but generally includes hot, humid summers from June to September and cold winters, with snowfall in northern areas like Hokkaido. Spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November) are especially popular for their mild temperatures, cherry blossoms, and vibrant fall foliage.

China's climate is equally diverse due to its vast size and geographical range. Summers (June to August) can be hot and humid, particularly in southern and eastern regions, while winters (December to February) are cold, especially in northern areas like Beijing and Harbin, which may experience snow. Spring and autumn offer comfortable temperatures, making them ideal times to visit, with blooming flowers in spring and golden hues in autumn. Weather can vary significantly depending on the region, so layering is recommended to accommodate these changes.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS:

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When traveling to China and Japan, pack for their varied four-season climates. In spring and autumn, lightweight layers such as cotton shirts, cardigans, and jackets are ideal for mild weather. During summer, opt for breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics in light colours, and bring a hat and sunscreen for sun protection. Winters can be cold, particularly in northern China and Japan's Hokkaido region, so pack warm clothing, including coats, thermals, scarves, and gloves.

For city exploration, casual yet neat attire is suitable, especially when visiting cultural or religious sites where modesty is appreciated. Comfortable walking shoes are essential for navigating urban areas like Beijing, Chengdu, or Tokyo. For outdoor activities, such as hiking in China's scenic landscapes or exploring Japan's national parks, bring sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate outerwear.

An umbrella or lightweight waterproof jacket is recommended for unexpected rain, particularly during the summer rainy season. Don't forget a camera or smartphone with extra storage and chargers to capture highlights such as China's historic landmarks, Japan's cherry blossoms, and both countries' vibrant cities. A small medical kit with basic first aid supplies and personal medications is also recommended. Whether exploring ancient temples, strolling through bustling markets, or enjoying local cuisine, you'll be well-prepared for an unforgettable journey.

**Onboard Dress Code:** Smart casual attire is required for the main dining, specialty dining, and Celebrity Theatre. Shorts and flip-flops are not permitted. Each itinerary features one to two "formal" nights, known as Evening Chic. This is your opportunity to dress to impress—glamorous and sophisticated in your own way. Examples include a cocktail dress, skirt, slacks, designer jeans, or an elegant top or blazer. Some guests even opt for a tuxedo or gown for onboard photos. A daily program, delivered to your stateroom and available at the Guest Relations Desk, will outline the attire for each evening. If you prefer not to participate in Evening Chic, Smart Casual attire is acceptable for dining and the theatre.

## LUGGAGE:

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All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

**On your cruise:** While luggage allowance on your cruise may permit further capacity, we ask you to adhere to the above restrictions due to airline and touring allowances. Suitcases should be tagged, luggage tags can be accessed electronically through the Guest Account (click "View Your Documents", multiple tags can be printed). For your convenience, we recommend that your luggage tags be placed on your bags prior to arrival at the port but if printing is not possible, luggage tags are available at the cruise terminal. Ensure the stateroom number and room location, as reflected on the XpressPass, are noted for reference.

It may take a few hours after embarkation for your luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Likewise, suitcases are collected on the last night of your cruise. To avoid any complications, be sure to bring a small bag such as a backpack for carrying any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and need-to-have items

## PORTERAGE:

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### **Pre & Post Cruise:**

Please be aware that portorage is not included on our tours in pre & post cruise. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

### **Cruise:**

If you check your luggage with a porter, your checked baggage should be delivered to your stateroom within a few hours of setting sail if tagged properly.

When disembarking you will leave your luggage outside your cabin door on the last night of your cruise. Staff will then be able to make arrangements for your luggage, ready for disembarkation early next morning. Please also note, it is customary to tip for the portorage service.

## SOUVENIRS:

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We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs; so, in each city, we will visit a workshop or factory which demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone so we aim to take you to places which hold local interest; for example, in Xian we will take you to a workshop which creates replicas of the Terracotta Warriors, from tiny little warriors to seven foot behemoths! We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.



## TIPPING / GRATUITIES:

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**China:** Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and China is no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. In order to avoid any inconvenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your National Escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the National Escort.

If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, then tipping is paid in each destination. To be fair to the guides we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups. We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy, but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour, we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

**Japan:** Tipping is not customary and may even be politely declined. However, if you feel you've received exceptional service, offering a tip discreetly at your discretion is acceptable.

**Cruise:** On board gratuities are included in your tour cost (Based on standard cruise inclusions).

Please note: a 20% gratuity will be automatically added to all additional pre-cruise and onboard purchases of spa and salon services, beverages and beverage packages, specialty dining and specialty dining packages, room service and mini bar purchases.

## CLIMBING STEPS:

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Sightseeing at nearly all the palaces, fortresses and some temples involves climbing quite a number of steps. These palaces were built to provide defence against potential invaders so nearly all of them stand on top of a hill, while the interiors have layers of narrow hallways and steps to slow down the advance of enemies once they were inside. The steps tend to be quite large, not level and sometimes without handrails.

Buddhist temples or pagodas also tend to be built at an elevation, as this is the most auspicious position according to ancient beliefs. This means you sometimes need to walk from the bus park to the entrance, and/or need to climb some steps inside.

People with knee or hip injuries who have poor balance or are otherwise unable to complete these activities independently should consider the suitability of this itinerary carefully.

## VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

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We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au).

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE:**

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We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

**AFTER YOUR BOOKING:**

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Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

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