This document has been designed to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour. All passengers should read this dossier to assess the physical requirements of the programme and their ability to complete the tour.

**Classic Tours**

Our Classic Tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures on a fully inclusive excellent value group tour.

Yunnan & Sichuan is a Moderate Pace tour; this has been defined in our brochure as anyone with a good level of fitness should be able to complete this itinerary. Our National Escort/Local Guides always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance, but they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

These programmes are not strenuous but do include several days where long periods of sightseeing on foot, climbing of stairs and in/out of boats will be necessary. These tours are generally longer in duration and could involve long days of driving or overnight train journeys. Some programmes may also include easy hiking or a home stay.

**Altitude**

This itinerary visits areas of high altitude. If you have an existing respiratory, vascular or coronary condition, we recommend checking with your doctor before undertaking this itinerary. The following parts of the itinerary have high altitude:

1. Jade Snow Dragon Mountain near Lijiang. Sightseeing is at Yunshaping (Cloud Fir Meadow) which has an altitude of approximately 3,200m [11,498ft]. Please note that the town of Lijiang, where you will be staying overnight is not at high altitude.
2. Changhai (Long Lake) in the Nine Villages Valley. Sightseeing is at an altitude of 3,100m [10,170ft]. Please note that the place where you will be staying overnight is not at high altitude.
3. Huanglong – sightseeing is at 3,500m [11,483ft].

AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness) occurs in some people when they travel to altitudes over 3,000m. Mild symptoms of AMS include dizziness, fatigue, nausea or loss of appetite, breathlessness or
headache. These usually develop over the first 36 hours at altitude and not immediately on arrival. AMS symptoms are experienced by people of varying ages and levels of fitness, and usually the symptoms will subside after a day or so. If symptoms worsen, you should seek medical advice and descend in altitude immediately. It is recommended to drink more water, non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated drinks and avoid exertion after arriving in altitude over 3,000m.

Making sure you are well hydrated (by drinking lots of water and refraining from alcohol/caffeine) before and during the tour, as well as exercising to improve your aerobic fitness before you leave, are generally considered to be excellent ways to prevent or alleviate the severity of mild AMS. If you smoke, your doctor will probably also advise you to stop several weeks before your tour. If you have an existing respiratory, vascular or coronary condition, we recommend checking with your doctor before undertaking this tour. Take this Tour Dossier with you to your appointment to explain the altitude at which you will be travelling. Information on AMS can also be found at http://www.travelvax.com.au/resource_files/Travel-Tips---Altitude-Sickness.pdf.

Tour highlights:
On our Yunnan & Sichuan itinerary, you will visit Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, Chengdu, Mt. Emei and Nine Villages Valley.

- **Kunming** – The capital of Yunnan Province
- **Dali** – Town nestled between Erhai Lake and the Cangshan Mountains and home to the Bai Ethnic Group
- **Lijiang** – Veritable ‘living museum’ set at the foothills of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and home to the Naxi minority group
- **Chengdu** – The Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
- **Mt. Emei** – UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of four sacred Buddhist mountains in China
- **Nine Villages Valley** – ‘Jiuzhaigou’ Nature Reserve; breathtaking natural scenery

**Destination Profile**

**China** - China’s civilization is the oldest in the world and has a history dating back over 5,000 years. With 56 ethnic groups, 22 provinces and eight major dialects, China has a rich and varied culture and way of life. It is home to a wealth of tourist sights and cultural relics which entice our guests to return again and again to this exciting destination.

**Chinese Public Holidays** - If you are travelling within the below Chinese Public Holidays please note that celebrations last for several days and during these times some businesses will be closed and coach, air and train travel may be affected. Tourist attractions will be open, but may be crowded. Chinese New Year is on 8th February 2016 and 28th January 2017. Golden Week public holidays fall annually between 1-3 May and 1-7 October.

**Development in 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 Australia. It is important that our guests travel to China with an open mind and a sense of humour. All of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort/Local Guides.

**Roads in China** - Roads in China have generally been improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. For this reason, it may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before going to the restaurant for dinner. There may be sections of road where the surface may be comparatively bumpy but our drivers will do their utmost to lessen the impact. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of
road – not just one or two kilometers as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in
the sections below are approximations only.

**Cuisine in China** - Chinese cuisine is one of the most influential, diverse and flavou-rsome culinary
styles in the world with a legacy stretching back thousands of years. Chinese dishes incorporate
many spices and seasoning to create an explosion of flavours. Though Chinese cuisine can vary
greatly from Chinese food we get in Australia, it is important to keep an open mind and be
adventurous. All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive Yunnan & Sichuan group
tours from the groups’ arrival until the groups’ day of departure. Please be aware that dishes
selected for your meals reflect the cooking styles and signature dishes of the local area you are in.

This itinerary visits areas which are popular with domestic Chinese tourists, but not yet known by
international tourists. Facilities throughout Nine Villages Valley and Mt. Emei cater for Chinese
people and this usually means the hotels serve few if any western dishes for breakfast. Typical
Chinese breakfast dishes include cold vegetable and pickle dishes, bean curd noodles, soups, congee
(a rice porridge), steamed buns with pork or sweet red bean and green tea. Black tea and coffee are
not always served, but usually can be requested. You may also be served fruit, a fried egg, or toast –
although the bread tends to be very sweet and unlike the bread we have in Australia. Fresh milk is
not generally available. If you cannot do without, you could either bring milk and cereal supplies / or
muesli bars from home, or purchase them in Shanghai. Other meals (lunch and dinner) could
include dishes of local style, meaning there may be bones or fat in meat and fish.

Sichuan cuisine (or Szechwan as it is still known in the west) is distinguished by its use of ginger, chili
and the ‘Sichuan peppercorn’ called fagara. Each meal will usually have some mild dishes for those
who don’t enjoy eating hot or spicy food, but please bear in mind that the majority of local specialty
dishes will be hot. If your group finds there are not any mild dishes served, please inform your
National Escort/Local Guide so that they may resolve the problem for the next meal. Please note
that long driving distances or flight times, for example, may delay/alter your mealtime.

**Joining Your Tour** - The tour is 16 days in duration including international flights. Travellers booked
on ‘Land Only’ arrangements should make their own way to the starting point. Please refer to your
Final Itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure. Join the tour on
Day 2 in Kunming and end the tour on Day 15 in Chengdu.

**Itinerary Changes**
1. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events
   and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

**Flight Delays or Changes to Arrival Times** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, flights can be
delayed, and therefore connecting flights may be missed. If you find yourself in this situation, please
contact our China office on +86 21 5888 5681 or +86 159 0929 1082 (24 hours) to urgently advise
your arrival details have changed. Please ensure you have your trip number, tour name (both
included in your final documentation) and new arrival details (flight number and arrival time) handy
to pass on to our local office in China. This will ensure your National Escort/Local Guide can be
informed of your most up to date information and an arrival transfer will be arranged accordingly.
We will endeavor to arrange a transfer as soon as possible however delays may occur.

If we are not advised of late changes and missed connections, Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee
someone will be able to meet you upon arrival in China as our local office will have no way of
knowing which flight you will be arriving on. Wendy Wu Tours will not be responsible for providing
reimbursement of transportation costs from the airport to your hotel in the event that our local
office was not advised of changes to arrival times.
Day 1-2: Australia to Kunming

Day Outline
Fly overnight 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.

Physical Description
On arrival in Kunming airport, you will be met in the arrival hall by your Local Guide and/or National Escort from Wendy Wu tours. Together, with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer approximately one hour to your hotel for a two night stay. A tour introduction will be held in the hotel either this evening or the next. Food and drinks will not be served at this meeting, it is simply an opportunity for your group to meet and learn more about travelling in China. In the event of flight delays or changes to arrival times, please see the previous page for details as to what to do in this circumstance.

Destination Information
Kunming - Nicknamed China’s ‘Spring City’ due to its temperate weather, Kunming is the capital of Yunnan Province. Kunming has long played an important role as a trading city due to its significant location on the borders of Southeast Asia.

Day 3: Kunming

Day Outline
Spend the morning exploring the unusual limestone rock formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles, for dinner.

Physical Description
Drive 1.5 hours (100km) to the Stone Forest. Sightseeing here involves up to 3.5 hours walking along cobblestone paths to view the maze of rock pinnacles, lake and ponds. After lunch you will drive back to Kunming and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Destination Information
Stone Forest - Located 100km south east of Kunming, the Stone Forest consists of thousands of narrow, fantastically shaped pillars of rock, scattered over an area of more than 80 hectares. The park is designed so that you can follow a walkway through the formations of water pools and grey pinnacles, the tallest of which is over 30m high.

Day 4: Kunming to Dali

Day Outline
Travel to the pretty city of Dali. Visit the Old Quarter and the symmetrical Three Pagodas before cruising on tranquil Erhai Lake. This evening take a stroll around lively Foreigner’s Street.

Physical Description
Drive to Dali (approximately five hours in duration). Upon arrival you will enjoy light sightseeing around the Old Quarter and Three Pagodas. You will be required to get on/off the boat on Erhai Lake.

Destination Information
Dali - Sandwiched between the Jade Green Mountains and serene Erhu Lake, Dali is naturally striking in its setting. Mainly a base for the Bai people, Dali has played an important role in the history of south China and was once a post on the old Burma Road.

Three Pagodas - Presented in a perfect triangle, the Three Pagodas date back to the 9th century and were built under the Nanzhao State. Made of brick and white mud, the Pagodas are known for their resilience, having survived many natural disasters, including earthquakes.
Erhai Lake - The centrepiece of Dali, Erhai Lake is a beautiful oasis of striking blue waters, temple islands and cormorant fishermen. Erhai literally means ‘ear sea’ and is named so due to the ear shape of the lake. A cruise on the lake is the best way to fully appreciate this natural wonder.

Foreigners Street - Dali’s Foreigners Street is lined with market stalls selling items from the Bai people, beautiful fabrics and delicious ‘small eats’ snacks.

Day 5: Dali to Lijiang

Day Outline
This morning, head over to Xizhou Village to explore the local wares at the market. Drive to Lijiang, one of China’s best preserved old towns, where you will visit the picturesque Black Dragon Pool, where you can enjoy spectacular views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Later walk around the Old Quarters.

Physical Description
Drive approximately four hours to Lijiang, visiting Xizhou Village en route. Sightseeing in Lijiang’s Old Quarter and at Black Dragon Pool (there may be no water in the pool in some seasons), involves at least two hours on foot and the ground may be uneven at times.

Destination Information

Lijiang - A beautiful tapestry of cobbled streets, rickety wooden buildings and sultry streams, Lijiang is a vision of idyllic wonder; a great place to just take a stroll and soak up the atmosphere.

Black Dragon Pool - Constructed in 1737 during the reign of the Qing Dynasty, the Black Dragon Pool is a popular pond in Lijiang which offers stunning views and walking opportunities. From this location, visitors can enjoy beautiful panoramas of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, the tallest mountain in the area. It is said that there is a black dragon living within the pond’s waters, hence the name.

Day 6: Lijiang

Day Outline
A magnificent mountain massif, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which is 5,500m. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Visit Baisha Old Town to view the fascinating murals, painted during the early Ming Dynasty and the Mu Family Embroidery School.

Physical Description
Visiting Jade Dragon Snow Mountain is very popular with travellers to this area so to avoid the large crowds of people queuing at the same time, the local Government’s tourist authority allocates times to each group. Please note this section of the itinerary is subject to change at late notice. Your National Escort/Local Guide will keep you informed of any changes as they are made aware of them. The bus will drive to the base of the mountain where you will take a 10 minutes ride on a chairlift from the base to Yunshaping (Cloud Fir Meadow) at an altitude of approximately 3,200m. From the chairlift there is a wooden pathway to the meadow and this walking route takes approximately one hour. Descend by chairlift and re-board the bus. Sightseeing at Baisha Old Town is leisurely but involves walking on uneven ground. There are ruthless souvenir sellers near the bus park so be firm to avoid any hassle.

Destination Information

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain - Is known for its mysterious ambience and snow-covered peaks and is considered the Holy Mountain amongst the Naxi ethnic group and other ethnic minorities in Lijiang. Popular for hiking, mountaineering and skiing, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain attracts thousands of visitors every year who enjoy exploring its lofty peaks.

Baisha Old Town and Frescoes - Once the capital of the Naxi minority group, the Baisha Old Town is home to typical Naxi architecture and a great place to see the Naxi people going about their daily lives. The Baisha Frescoes date back to the early Ming Dynasty and are made up of 44 pieces. Most of the paintings depict religious stories from Taoism and Buddhism.

Mu Family Embroidery School - Watch as locals make intricate pieces of embroidery and take the opportunity to buy a piece yourself.

Day 7: Lijiang

Day Outline
Visit the 3,000m deep Tiger Leaping Gorge, said to be the deepest gorge in the world.

Physical Description
Drive 100km (approximately two hours’ drive depending on number of photo stops) to the northern bank of the Tiger Leaping Gorge and stop for a short while at the steps above the famous Tiger Leaping Rock. You can choose to walk down the steps to the water, or have some free time while other group members do this. There are usually sedan chairs offered by local vendors, which can be organised at your own expense. Lunch today will be a simple meal as the choice of restaurants in this area is limited. After lunch return to Lijiang.

Destination Information

Tiger Leaping Gorge - Is believed to be one of the deepest and most dramatic gorges in the world, measuring at 16km in length. Hiking along Tiger Leaping Gorge has become incredibly popular, and those who do can view its roaring streams, cascading waterfalls and it’s immense scale, great for those who crave an adventure.

Day 8: Lijiang to Chengdu

Day Outline
Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province and home of the Giant Panda. This afternoon visit Peoples Park to visit a teahouse and see the famous Matchmaker’s Corner where parents look for suitable suitors for their children.

Physical Description
Your flight to Chengdu is approximately 1.5 hours in duration.Upon arrival, transfer approximately one hour to your hotel for an overnight stay. Sightseeing this afternoon around the Peoples Park will be light and you will be on your feet for approximately 1-2 hours.

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. A fast paced economy which is bringing China’s west into the 21st 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 Chengdu also has its own trove of historical and cultural treasures. Chengdu is a definite a must visit on any trip to China.

**Peoples Park** - Is a pleasant respite from urban Chengdu. Here you can see beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai-Chi, and most interesting of all, Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children.

**Day 9: Chengdu - Leshan to Mt. Emei**

**Day Outline**
Travel south of Chengdu to Leshan, where you will see the world’s largest stone carved Buddhist monument, the Leshan Grand Buddha. Take a short boat ride in front of the statue to grasp the size of this structure. Continue your journey to Mt. Emei, one of the earliest sources of Buddhism in China.

**Physical Description**
Drive approximately two hours (138km) to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. From the bus park walk to board the small cruise boat to view the Buddha from the river. Spend at least one hour at Leshan, before continue approximately one hour to Mt. Emei for a two night stay.

**Destination Information**
**Leshan Grand Buddha** - Was built in the 9th century under the direction of Haitong, a monk who felt the presence of Buddha would help calm the treacherous whirlpool that overturned so many boats and drowned so many fishermen. The locals carved an enormous statue of Buddha at this point on the river, to pray to him to placate the whirlpool below. Whether it was due to Buddha’s pleasure or the fact that the locals threw tonnes of rock into the riverbed as they carved away at the mountain, the river is nowadays calm.

**Mt. Emei** - Is home to the first Buddhist temple to be built in China, dating back to the 1st century. One of the Four Sacred Buddhist Mountains of China, Mt. Emei has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.

**Day 10: Mt. Emei**

**Day Outline**
Spend a full day exploring spiritual Mt. Emei. There are many pathways to allow an exploration of the steep cliffs, lofty peaks and towering trees.

**Physical Description**
The group will need to change to a public bus to access the Mt. Emei reserve this morning and will be travelling with other tourists. Drive 2 hours up a winding, mountainous road to the cable car, and then catch the cable car for 10 minutes up to the Golden Summit (altitude 3,077m). Sightseeing here involves up to 2.5 hours on foot over uneven ground and climbing some steps. Return to the hotel in the evening. **The weather here is very changeable and often wet so you will need a rain jacket.**

**Day 11: Mt. Emei – Chengdu to Nine Villages Valley**

**Day Outline**
Transfer to Chengdu for your flight to Nine Villages Valley. A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire Lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou) is considered one of China’s most beautiful areas.

**Physical Description**
The drive from Mt. Emei to Chengdu is approximately four hours induration. Upon arrival in Chengdu fly to Jiuzhaigou Airport (Nine Villages Valley), the flight duration is approximately one hour. Upon arrival at the airport, transfer three hours to the Nine Villages Valley National Park.

**Destination Information**
**Nine Villages Valley** - One of China’s most beautiful secrets, Nine Villages Valley (or Jiuzhaigou) is a natural wonderland, accidentally discovered by a lumberjack in 1972. Covering over 700sq kilometres of magnificent mountain valleys, the area is dotted with traditional Tibetan villages and exhibits a wealth of striking alpine scenery.

**Day 12: Nine Villages Valley**

**Day Outline**
Enjoy a full day exploring the diverse scenery of splendid Nine Villages Valley, China’s most awe-inspiring National Park.

**Physical Description**
There will be a full day of touring around Nine Villages Valley. You will spend approximately six hours on foot walking over different types of terrain.

**Day 13: Nine Villages Valley to Chengdu**

**Day Outline**
Drive to Huanglong, home to stunning calcite pools in a myriad of colours. Return to Nine Villages Valley for your flight to Chengdu.

**Physical Description**
Most of the driving today is on sealed, winding mountain roads. This morning, drive three hours (130km) to Huanglong. You are required to walk both up and down the Huanglong scenic area. There is now a cable car here and it is possible to take the 10 minute ride both up and down (at your own expense), allowing more time for sightseeing at the top of the waterfall. We usually spend over two hours sightseeing here and this area is at an altitude of 3,500m. After lunch at a nearby restaurant, transfer to the airport for your flight to Chengdu (flight duration 50 minutes). Upon arrival transfer approximately one hour to your hotel.

**Destination Information**
**Huanglong** - Within neighbouring distance of Nine Villages Valley is the equally alluring area of Huanglong. Huanglong which means ‘Yellow Dragon’ is renowned for its wide variety of colourful pools and natural ponds which are said to shimmer like a ‘yellow dragon’. The colour of the pools is caused by calcium deposits in the water which bring out the strong greens, blues and yellows.

**Day 14: Chengdu**

**Day Outline**
Today you will visit China’s most famous resident, the Giant Panda. Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can learn about China’s celebrated
bear. See these lovable creatures in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum and later, stroll around ancient Jinli Street. This evening dine on mouth-watering Sichuan cuisine.

Physical Description
The Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is located only 18km from the city centre. It is not guaranteed that you will be able to see the feeding of the younger pandas, as this only happens at the start and end of each day. Sightseeing involves approximately 1.5 hours on foot. There are electric carts offered by private vendors and can be organised at your own expense. Sightseeing in the afternoon along Jinli Street is at a leisurely pace and requires 1-2 hours on foot.

Destination Information
Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding - With over 80 pandas holding residence, the Chengdu Panda Research Base is equipped with the latest technology and research materials to gain a further understanding in how we can protect the panda and maintain, if not increase its numbers. The park is set up to resemble the mountain and forest regions in north Sichuan, the original home of the Giant Panda, with extensive bamboo trees and large green spaces. Red Pandas, the Giant Panda’s lovable cousin, and flamboyant peacocks too roam the park, making for an interesting mix.

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Visas - Entry visas are required by all visitors to China and Wendy Wu Tours’ Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa. We will supply you with all paperwork and submit the visa application on your behalf. Visas for China are valid for 90 days from the date of issue and allow you to stay in the country for up to 30 days. Please be advised that your passport must have at least 6 months validity left on it when you arrive back into Australia.

Visa application forms and all relevant documentation are due in our office 60 days prior to departure; if received after this date urgent visa processing fees will apply. Passports will be returned with your final documentation 2-3 weeks prior to your group tour’s scheduled departure. If you require your passport to be returned earlier, a $15 courier fee will apply.

Please note that if you intend to arrive more than 24 hours before your tour commences or intend to stay in China after your tour has ended and you are NOT staying in a hotel you will need to register with the local police station. If you are staying in a hotel, registration is done on your behalf as part of the check-in process.

Insurance - We strongly encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the originals.

Accommodation - Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a Family-run guesthouse in a smaller town. In remote areas accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between Australia and China. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and a telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.
Please note that the Chinese government has strict environmental regulations in regards to the use of air conditioning and heating during certain times of the year. Hotels are only permitted to turn air conditioning on in the summer months from mid-May to mid-October and heating is permitted to turn on from mid-November to mid-March.

**Exchanging Cash** - It is highly recommended that extra care and attention is paid when exchanging money when travelling to cities outside of Beijing and Shanghai. US Dollars are easily exchanged throughout China and other currencies such as Australian Dollars can generally be exchanged in hotels and airports provided notes are new and undamaged. We suggest exchanging your money before travelling to remote areas and smaller towns, as exchange facilities can be limited. Your National Escort will remind you to do this before departure.

**Personal Expense** - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of AUD$250 per week should be sufficient; however for those that can’t resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

**Optional Excursions** - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available. The cost for each optional activity can range from RMB150 (AUD$33) to RMB350 (AUD$76) per activity. In your Final Documentation an Optional Excursion Sheet will be included outlining the activities available in each city and local cost associated. Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

**Transport: Roads** - Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary.

**Transport: Air** - Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

**Group Size** - In most cases the group will operate with a minimum of nine travellers with expert Local Guides in each of the main cities. If there are 10 travellers or more, your group will be accompanied by a National Escort as well as Local Guides. There will usually be no more than 29 travellers in each group.

**Climate** - You will find a complete packing list and a helpful climate chart in the ‘Suggested Packing List’, which is included in the pre-departure information link sent within your deposit documentation. Seasonal weather patterns can be quite unpredictable. Up to the minute information on worldwide weather can be found on [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).

**Vaccinations and Your Health** - 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** - 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.

**Luggage** - 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. Please note that Chinese authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

**Tipping** - Is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry. A nominated tipping amount is included in all group tour pricing, however is not collected in your final payment received by Wendy Wu Tours. This is so that it can be paid directly to your National Escort/Local Guides who will then distribute the tips among your main service providers – guides and drivers – on your behalf. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants or hotel porters is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for additional requested special services. The final tipping amount will be outlined in your final documentation.

**After your booking** - Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final
documentation pack will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, a travel guide (which includes a suggested phrase book) and packing list, along with your final itinerary and international e-tickets.

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