



# CHINA

HONG KONG | SOUTH KOREA | TAIWAN | TIBET

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

#### **CLASSIC**

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic Tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the fullest. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

#### **GO BEYOND**

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

#### **PRIVATE**

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

#### SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with 10 or more passengers, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself.

#### **SOLO DEPARTURES**

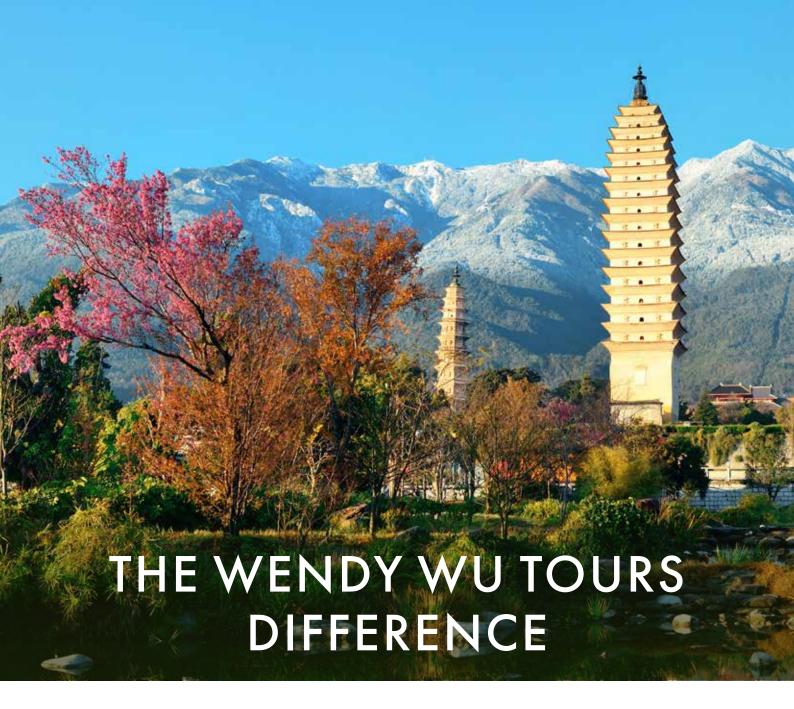
We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

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#### REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE**

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES**

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours. Welcome to our brand new China brochure! It is packed full of the carefully crafted tours that you would expect from Australia's Number 1 China Specialist, each designed to make your trip truly unforgettable, so you can return home with a wealth of wonderful memories and eventful travel tales to share. With 25 years' of expertise under our belt, we continue to push the boundaries on China touring. We are continuously learning and exploring so that every year we can add new unique details and come up with authentic experiences that you won't find anywhere else. From the scenic beauty of the Yangtze, to the essential work carried out by panda conservation centres, to the quirks of experiencing the timeless ancient alongside the ultra-modern, we've found ways for you to be fully immersed in it all. As always, all of our tours are led by an experienced National Escort, born and raised in China, who will share with you their in-depth and intimate knowledge of this fascinating land. They'll take care of you every step of the way, so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey. Our array of holidays range from tours that are ideal for first timers or those who have less time to explore - Wonders of China (page 24), for example, which showcases the big highlights in a 16 day adventure, to epic off-the-beaten-track journeys that include places that most of us have never heard of but are well worth visiting. New this year are China by Rail (page 36), a tour that has you traversing the country on China's excellent, speedy rail network and several new private itineraries (from page 66) which allow you to explore all of China's greatest sights, from the Great Wall to the giant pandas, with more flexibility - travelling with whoever you want, whenever you want. You may also like to consider two other destinations - South Korea and Taiwan - you'll find tours to these remarkable countries in these pages too, alongside the chance to combine China with its equally inspiring neighbour, Japan, in one epic Eastern adventure. We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!

#### **OUTSTANDING GUIDES**

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

#### SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

#### **VISAS**

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

#### TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!











We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

#### **ACCOMMODATION STYLES**

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond Tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

#### **TOUR PACE**

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

#### **SOLO DEPARTURES**

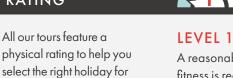
Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures on our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free transfers to and from the airport, free airport lounges (where available) and complimentary cocktail on arrival! See tours: In Pursuit of Pandas (p.16), A China Experience (p.18), Glories of China (p.20), Majestic Yangtze (p.22), Wonders of China (p.24) and Magnificent China (p.38) in this brochure or check our website at wendywutours.com.au for more information. Refer to our terms and conditions for details on airport transfers.

#### **CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP**

If you'd like to explore your destination further, or arrange a stopover on your flight, all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 74) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.



# PHYSICAL RATING



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

A reasonable level of fitness is required and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You'll be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

#### LEVEL 2

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



#### LEVEL 3

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

#### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



#### LEVEL 5

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

As the physical demands of each tour are different we recommend you check your Tour Dossier carefully before booking and contact us or your agent if unsure.

# You're in safe hands

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



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

Catherine Prior

#### AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

# ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- Have at least five years' guiding experience
- Are fluent in English
- ✓ Were born and raised in China
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Are at your service 24 hours a day



# **Our Expertise**

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over the last quarter of a century that we have been in operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners is rewarding, but our most meaningful rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.

# Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.





# **Book with Confidence**

Our Book With Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with peace of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday. Our Book with Confidence guarantee applies to group tours.

#### 1. LOW DEPOSIT OF \$300pp

Secure your spot with a deposit of \$300pp on every tour. A progress payment may be required with some tour departures. Our reservations team will advise at the time of enquiry.

#### 2. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our dedicated 24/7 emergency assistance line is available to all guests travelling with us. Connect with a Wendy Wu Tours expert at any time of day or night, no matter where you are in the world.

#### 3. WE'VE GOT YOU

Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. Any disruption to your travel plans will be handled swiftly by our team of professional travel experts who will find the most appropriate solutions for you. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.

#### 4. AUSTRALIAN OWNED & ACCREDITED

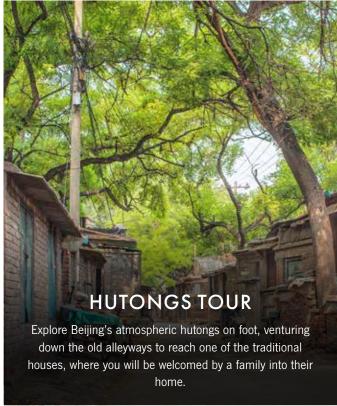
We are an Australian owned business with offices in Sydney, London, Auckland and Xian. We are fully accredited members of ATAS (Australian Travel Accreditation Scheme), ATIA (Australian Travel Industry Association), CATO (Council of Australian Tour Operators) and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

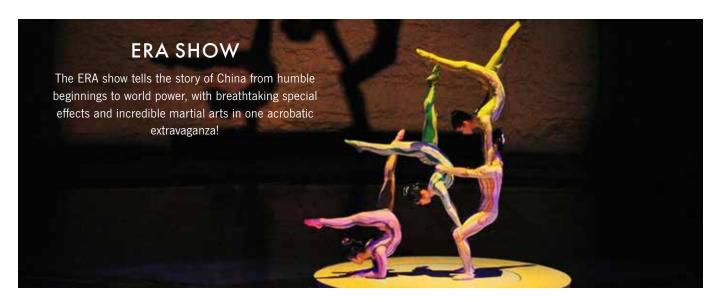
# Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

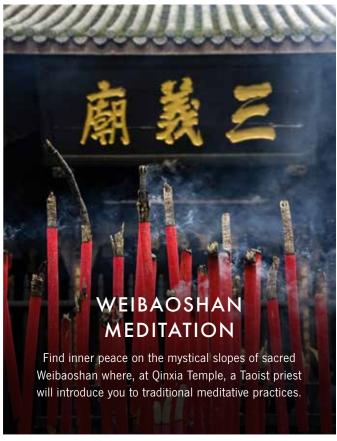
To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Authentic Experiences' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward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

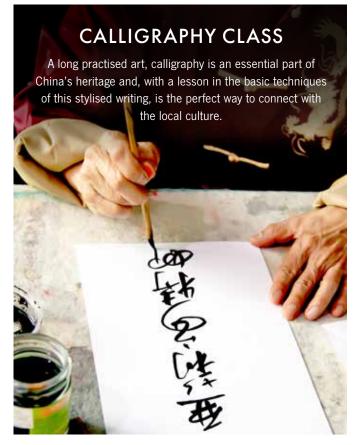














#### **RUSSIA**



# Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

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

#### WENDY'S TOP 8 CHINA SIGHTS



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



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



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









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





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





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





Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic mountain landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on several of our tours and it's well worth the visit.





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







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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star accommodation



All meals



Flights, guides, transportation & sightseeing



Visa for Australian passport holders

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

#### **EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF**

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers (or maximum 18 passengers for Solo departures).

#### ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

#### **NATIONAL ESCORTS**

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

#### **EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE**

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



Taste delicious Shui Jiao dumplings

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Savor traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a Chinese culinary delight with savory fillings and be immersed in the Tang Dynasty's opulence through a vibrant dancing show, capturing the elegance and cultural richness of ancient China.
- Gasp at artistic antics like contortionism, juggling and plate spinning at Beijing's must-see Chinese acrobatic spectacular – all the edge-of-your-seat action is truly unforgettable!
- ➤ At the heart of Sichuan province, the native land of the giant panda, visit the excellent Dujiangyan Panda Base where you'll learn all about China's iconic bear, the conservation projects in action to increase their numbers and, of course, see these beautiful animals for yourself.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Chinese architecture and orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, dine on Peking duck, a cherished local delicacy.

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. You will also have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. A thrilling fusion of athleticism and artistry at a Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

#### DAY 4: XIAN CITY WALLS

Take the bullet train to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and

the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and perhaps buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province.

#### DAY 6: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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

#### **DAY 7: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE**

Your second panda experience will take place at Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, located right in the city. An education centre and breeding facility, here you'll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





bamboo, sleep and play, and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Back in Chengdu, enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children

#### DAYS 8-9: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

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

LOOKING TO TRAVEL AT CHRISTMAS? Visit page 44 to find out about our Christmas in China tour.



#### EXTEND YOUR STAY.



#### SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 days from \$620pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp

Visit page 74 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES** \$4.980 \$5.480 08 Apr - 16 Apr 09 Sep - 17 Sep 15 Apr - 23 Apr \$5,480 16 Sep - 24 Sep \$5.480 06 May - 14 May \$5,480 07 Oct - 15 Oct \$5,480 13 May - 21 May \$5,480 14 Oct - 22 Oct \$5,480 \$6.180 10 Jun - 18 Jun \$5,480 04 Nov - 12 Nov 15 Jul - 23 Jul \$5.480 \$5,480 11 Nov - 19 Nov 12 Aug - 20 Aug \$5,480

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10 Nov - 18 Nov

\$5,580

#### \$5,580 Flight and supplement information

\$5,580

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Chengdu) 8 days from \$3,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$760

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

09 Jun - 17 Jun

14 Jul - 22 Jul

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 400 (AU\$89pp) is paid locally in China.





#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner tonight will be traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 3: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Visit Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Return to Shanghai and visit the Shanghai Museum and explore People's Square. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 4: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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

#### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Embark on a high-speed adventure as you ride the bullet train to Beijing, China's historical capital city.





#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 7: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Enter into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, through the Gate of Supreme Harmony to a vast complex of over 900 buildings covering an area of 180 acres. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through Beijing's hutongs, some dating back 700 years. These narrow alleys are known for their labyrinthine layout, traditional courtyard homes, and a sense of community that has been preserved for centuries. Meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture and experience first-hand the unique hutong way of life.

#### **DAY 8: THE GREAT WALL**

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#### DAYS 9-10: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### **SUZHOU & HANGZHOU**

5 days from \$1.415pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

3 days from \$730pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES** 10 Mar - 19 Mar \$5,280 08 Sep - 17 Sep \$5.680 07 Apr - 16 Apr \$5,680 \$5,680 15 Sep - 24 Sep 05 May - 14 May \$5,680 06 Oct - 15 Oct \$5,680 12 May - 21 May \$5,680 13 Oct - 22 Oct \$5,680 19 May - 28 May \$5,990 20 Oct - 29 Oct \$5,990 16 Jun - 25 Jun \$5.380 \$5.680 27 Oct - 05 Nov 21 Jul - 30 Jul \$5,380 10 Nov - 19 Nov \$5,680 18 Aug - 27 Aug \$5,380

2025 DATES			
09 Mar - 18 Mar	\$5,680	17 Aug - 26 Aug	\$5,580
16 Mar - 25 Mar	\$5,680	07 Sep - 16 Sep	\$5,880
06 Apr - 15 Apr	\$5,980	14 Sep - 23 Sep	\$5,880
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11 May - 20 May	\$5,880	19 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,390
18 May - 27 May	\$6,390	02 Nov - 11 Nov	\$5,880
15 Jun - 24 Jun	\$5,580	09 Nov - 18 Nov	\$5,880
20 Jul - 29 Jul	\$5,580		

#### Flight and supplement information

- · Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai Beijing) 9 days from \$4,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$680

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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# GLORIES OF CHINA

14

DAYS FROM



\$6,280



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



**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 2: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to the classical Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit a silk factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 4: SEVEN STAR PARK

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

#### **DAY 5: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening there is an option to watch the spectacular Impression Liu Sanjie music and light show.

#### DAY 6: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy

fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking.

#### DAY 7: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

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

#### **DAY 8: TANG DYNASTY DANCING**

Fly to Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing. China's capital, cultural centre and a treasure trove of sights, beneath layers of modernity this fast-paced mega city hides



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



three millennia worth of tumultuous but glorious history. Start exploring with a leisurely stroll through the warren-like hutongs, traditional neighbourhoods, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs

#### DAY 11: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Stop by a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### **DAY 12: FORBIDDEN CITY**

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy - Peking duck.

#### DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### **SUZHOU & HANGZHOU**

5 days from \$1,415pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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03 Mar - 16 Mar	\$6,280	08 Sep - 21 Sep	\$7,480
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11 May - 24 May	\$6,780	26 Oct - 08 Nov	\$6,780
18 May - 31 May	\$6,780	02 Nov - 15 Nov	\$6,780
15 Jun - 28 Jun	\$6,780	09 Nov - 22 Nov	\$6,780

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai Beijing) 13 days from \$5,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$820

#### Dedicated solos departure Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 580 (AU\$129pp) is paid locally in China.



# MAJESTIC YANGTZE 14 DAYS FROM PERSON \$6,580 FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH ALL MEALS TOUR HIGHLIGHTS Admire Shanghai's bright lights Cruise the Yangtze River Watch giant pandas play Face the Terracotta Army Walk on the Great Wall Discover ancient Cigikou

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Explore the narrow cobbled lanes of Ciqikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture.
- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- ➤ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dance.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

Enjoy the beauty of the Yangtze River

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Garden, a stop in the old town and learning about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory. Later admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold, Shanghai is unlike any other city in the world. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 3: MODERN PUDONG

Spend the morning seeing the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area, also known as the financial district of the city with its skyscraper buildings. Later, fly to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River cruise vessel

#### **DAYS 4-6: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### DAY 7: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain

production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

#### DAY 8: PANDAS

Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Center, where you can see and learn about China's cherished pandas in a habitat mirroring their natural surroundings. Explore the museum to gain insights into the reserve's breeding efforts.Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

#### **DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and even buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then join the optional tour to see Xian lit up at night.

#### DAY 10: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing as well as the unforgettable giant pandas of Chengdu. The highlight, though, is a relaxing four-night cruise on the majestic Yangtze River.



#### DAY 11: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Also soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and end the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

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

magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy-Peking

#### DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### **LHASA SHORT STAY**

4 days from \$1,590pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

4 days from \$730pp

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15 Jul - 28 Jul	\$6,780	11 Nov - 24 Nov	\$6,780

#### Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$1,280

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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# **WONDERS** OF CHINA



DAYS FROM



\$6,980



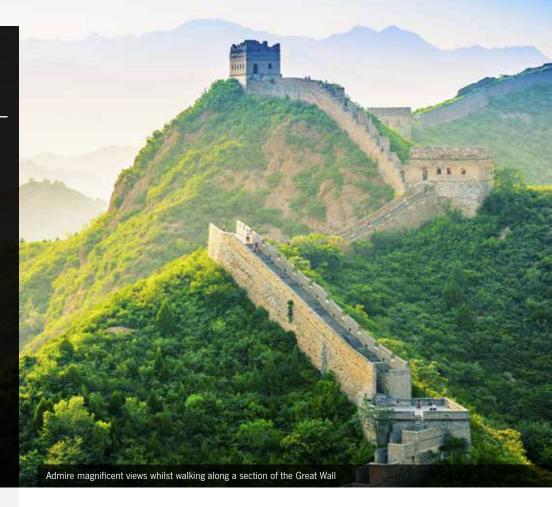
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ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch giant pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Stay in rural Yangshuo
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall, which stretches over 4,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will then visit a jade factory to learn more about this precious stone - there is also the opportunity to buy handcrafted pieces. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Board the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and

gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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

#### **DAY 6: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### **DAYS 7-9: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### DAY 10: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

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

#### **DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE**

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



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



#### **DAY 12: YANGSHUO**

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman.

#### DAY 13: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

#### DAY 14: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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

#### DAYS 15-16: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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14 Jul - 29 Jul	\$7.880		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 15 days from \$5,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,300

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 810 (AU\$180pp) is paid locally in China.

# CHINA & TIBET **DISCOVERY**

16 DAYS FROM

\$7,680

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

**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- Explore the Potala Palace
- Watch giant pandas play
- Three nights on the Yangtze



See Tibetan monks

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before enjoying a Chinese acrobatic

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall, which stretches over 4,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon enjoying the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

#### **DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING**

Take the bullet train to Xian. Explore the streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 6: MYSTICAL LHASA

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

#### DAY 7: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a contemporary, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old streets at its heart you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally-dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims.





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



Stroll along Xian's city walls

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





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

#### **DAY 8: POTALA PALACE**

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

#### DAY 9: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, there will be a delicious Sichuanese meal to savour.

#### DAY 10: PANDAS

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

#### DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

#### DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

Visit the Three Gorges Dam, a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of

Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark your cruise vessel and travel to Yichang to board your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

#### **DAY 14: DISCOVER SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Sightseeing today includes a visit to the traditional Yu Garden, a stop by a silk factory to learn about this time-honored craftsmanship and a wander through the old town's bustling streets. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical waterfront, the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghainese meal.

#### DAY 15-16: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 days from \$1,415pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

4 days from \$730pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

11 May - 26 May	\$8,580	14 Sep - 29 Sep	\$8,580
24 Aug - 08 Sep	\$7,680	12 Oct - 27 Oct	\$8,580
2025 DATES			
12 Apr - 27 Apr	\$8,580	13 Sep - 28 Sep	\$8,880
10 May - 25 May	\$8,880	11 Oct - 26 Oct	\$8,880
23 Aug - 07 Sep	\$8,880		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 15 days from \$6,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,470

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost

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# YUNNAN & SICHUAN



DAYS FROM



\$7,980



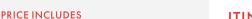
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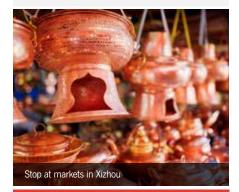
**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Ascend Emeishan by cable car
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Discover delightful Dali



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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the village of Xizhou where, as well as browsing the laden stalls of the bustling, local market, you'll be able to see members of the Naxi minority community in their colourful, traditional dress.
- ➤ A speciality dish of Yunnan province, tuck into a delicious bowl of Across the Bridge noodles in provincial capital Kunming, a famous and flavourful noodle soup with a touching story behind it.
- Explore the quirks of local culture in Chengdu at the fascinating 'Matchmaker's Corner', a place where parents search for potential suitors for their children.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING

Admire beautiful and sacred Emeishan

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

#### **DAY 3: STONE FOREST**

Spend the morning meandering through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles. Tonight, there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan's performing arts.

#### DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI

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

#### DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE

Spend the morning cruising the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to further explore the area.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG

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

#### DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of

which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty followed by a visit to the Embroidery School.

#### **DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

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

#### DAY 9: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province.

#### DAY 10: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. A short boat trip will give you an even better perspective. Later, continue to Mount Emei, or Emeishan, the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century.

#### **DAY 11: EXPLORE EMEISHAN**

Take a cable car to the summit of Emeishan and admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and surrounding landscape. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring.

#### DAY 12: JIUZHAIGOU NATIONAL PARK

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



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 13: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

Considered to be one of China's most beautiful areas, the newly reopened Nine Villages Valley is a pristine national park renowned for its rugged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests, and cascading waterfalls. This natural wonder, named after nine scattered Tibetan settlements, is a World Biosphere Reserve, home to unique flora and a diverse bird population. Enjoy the day exploring in awe and serenity.

#### **DAY 14: HUANGLONG POOLS**

Travel to Huanglong Valley, where hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposit, tumble gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full of spectacular sights and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. Visit Huanglong Temple before your flight to Chengdu.

#### **DAY 15: PANDAS**

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre learn about China's celebrated bears and see them up close. Later, stroll through People's Park, visit a traditional teahouse and see Matchmaker's Corner

where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. This evening, dine on mouth-watering Sichuanese cuisine

#### DAYS 16-17: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



#### BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 days from \$975pp

#### LHASA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,590pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

13 Sep - 29 Sep

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06 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,980	05 Oct - 21 Oct	\$8,880
07 Sep - 23 Sep	\$8,580		
2025 DATES			
12 Apr - 28 Apr	\$8,180	11 Oct - 27 Oct	\$8,980

#### \$8.680 Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kunming Chengdu) 15 days from \$6,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$980

#### Important note

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# ANCIENT CHINA



DAYS FROM



\$6,580



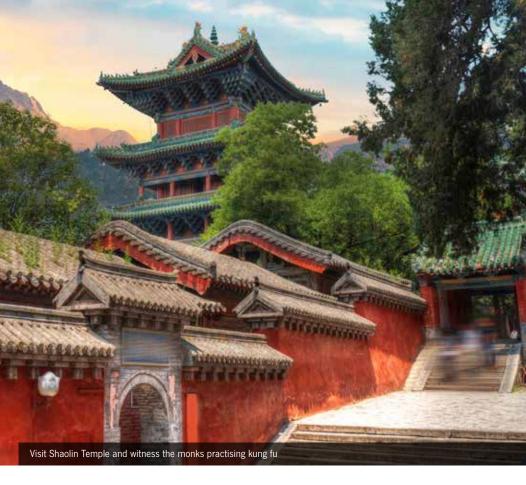
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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Discover the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting, an intricate and beautiful craft that's been practised since the 6th century. After a demonstration of the techniques, try your hand at creating your own paper cutting.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.
- ➤ As part of a visit to the Shaolin Temple, with its long and famous history of martial arts, watch an action-packed kung fu show by the monks and their trainees, who will demonstrate their astonishing skills

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing, China's fascinating capital.

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China and is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

#### **DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Chinese architecture and orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Later, browse your way through Panjiayuan, Beijing's most extensive arts, crafts and antiques market.

#### **DAY 5: HISTORICAL DATONG**

Travel by bullet train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Known for its abundant historical relics and natural beauty,

upon arrival visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Yungang Caves where you will see the well-preserved rock carvings from the surrounding sandstone cliffs. Today, it is one of the three most famous ancient Buddhist cultural sites of China.

#### DAY 6: THE HANGING TEMPLE

Visit the 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple that seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge before travelling on to Wutaishan.

#### DAY 7: WUTAISHAN

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

#### DAY 8: TAIYUAN AND PINGYAO

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

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE PINGYAO

Explore the characterful old town of Pingyao, strolling along the cobbled streets to view the old city walls and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum. There will also be time to see the Yamen, a government building during the Qing Dynasty, before taking the bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian.



CHINA

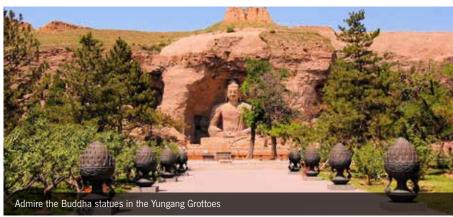
#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### DAY 11: DISCOVER XIAN

Admire the exhibits and ancient artifacts at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

#### DAY 12: LUOYANG

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

#### **DAY 13: SHAOLIN TEMPLE**

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

#### DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

#### DAY 15: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 16: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Wander through the Xintiandi area, famous for its preservation of 1920s architectural style while offering a vibrant contemporary lifestyle experience. Continue your exploration at the Shanghai Museum, home to a rich collection of artifacts, then delve into the intricate world of silk production at the Silk Factory. Taste delicious, traditional Shanghainese cuisine for dinner.

#### DAYS 17-18: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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





#### SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 days from \$1,415pp

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

4 days from \$730pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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#### 2024 DATES

09 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,680	10 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,580
07 May - 24 May	\$6,580	08 Oct - 25 Oct	\$6,880
2025 DATES			
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06 May - 23 May	\$6.680	07 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6.980

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bejing Shanghai) 17 days from \$5,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,290

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# CHINA DELIGHTS

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DAYS FROM



\$6,680



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ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 3: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI

Explore ultra-modern Pudong followed by a visit to a silk factory and the Shanghai Museum to see the collection of fine arts and antiquities. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

#### **DAY 4: HISTORIC SUZHOU**

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

#### DAY 5: WUZHEN

Travel to the water town of Wuzhen. A charming place of old-world timber buildings, cobbled streets and narrow waterways, it is an easy place to while away the day. Later, continue to the garden city of Hangzhou.

#### DAY 6: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Later, enjoy a cruise

on Hangzhou's West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

#### **DAY 7: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS**

Browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to learn the tea-making process, from bush to brew. Enjoy a cup of organic green tea and decide which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Later, fly to the beautiful city of Guilin and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure

#### **DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Begin today with a relaxing cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo. Wander through the cobbled streets and visit the local market, then stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman.

#### DAY 9: YANGSHUO

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

#### DAY 10: CHENGDU

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



#### CLASSIC CHINA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 11: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

Travel to Leshan to visit the UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. Get a bird's eye view of the Buddha from the adjacent park, then a short boat trip will give excellent views from the river. Return to Chengdu and in the evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.

#### DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

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

#### **DAY 13: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, sit down to a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### DAY 14: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Explore Shuyuanmen Culture Park, a hub for arts, crafts, and books. Also get a glimpse of daily life as a local while you wander through the ancient City Wall Park. Later, embark on a high-speed bullet train journey to Beijing, the capital of China.

#### DAY 15: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Next, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the

sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

#### DAY 16: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Stop by a jade factory to learn about this precious stone, which is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

#### DAYS 17-18: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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#### 2024 DATES

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2025 DATES			
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06 May - 23 May	\$7,380	07 Oct - 24 Oct	\$7,480

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# CLASSIC CHINA

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DAYS FROM



\$8,680



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ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ Explore the peaceful village of Baisha, home to the Naxi, one of China's many minority peoples. Whilst here you can meet the friendly locals, delve into their rich culture and get a glimpse of their day to day lives.
- ➤ Sail high above the breathtaking landscapes of Yunnan into the majestic heights of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car, reaching an observation point at 3,300 metres and exploring a beautiful high-altitude meadow.
- ➤ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dancing.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Enter into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, through the Gate of Supreme Harmony to a vast complex of over 900 buildings covering an area of 180 acres. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. In the evening, dine on the region's local delicacy, Peking duck, followed by an enthralling Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Stop by a jade factory to learn about this sacred stone, said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

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

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the

Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 6: FLY TO GUILIN

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

#### **DAY 7: LI RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### **DAY 8: YANGSHUO**

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

#### DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Factory before taking a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.

#### DAY 10: THE STONE FOREST

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



#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 11: EXPLORE LIJIANG

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

#### **DAY 12: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

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

#### DAY 13: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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

#### DAY 14: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, dine on some fantastic local cuisine.

#### DAY 15: PANDAS

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

#### DAYS 16-18: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Yichang for your flight to Shanghai.

#### DAY 19: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAYS 20-21: FLY SHANGHALTO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...

ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,180pp

MT HUANG SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,435pp

**LHASA SHORT STAY** 

4 days from \$1,590pp

Visit page 74 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

12 May - 01 Jun

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13 May - 02 Jun	\$8,880	04 Nov - 24 Nov	\$8,780
09 Sep - 29 Sep	\$8,880		
2025 DATES			
07 Apr - 27 Apr	\$8,880	08 Sep - 28 Sep	\$8,980

**\$8,980** 03 Nov - 23 Nov

\$9.080

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 20 days from \$7,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,680

#### Important note

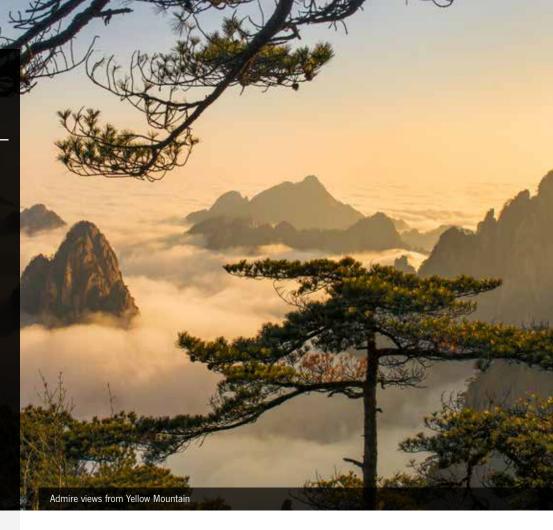
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,065 (AU\$237pp) is paid locally in China.



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay atop Yellow Mountain
- ✓ Discover old China in Dali
- Cruise the Li River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Glide through China's diverse landscapes aboard bullet trains, experiencing speed, comfort, and modernity. Connect with locals and witness the country's dynamic transformation from the window.
- Spend the night atop Huangshan, the Yellow Mountain, to admire the beauty of its scenery, acclaimed in Chinese art and literature for centuries, in the different lights of the day.
- ➤ The Li River is the perfect vantage point from which to soak up the dramatic beauty of the surrounding karst landscapes, as you'll discover on a peaceful cruise on its gentle waters.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

#### **DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund, before a trip on the super-fast Maglev train, which reaches top speeds of 431 km/h. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and dine on delicious Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 3: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Embark on a journey aboard the bullet train to Tunxi, and then ascend to the summit of Mt. Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, via cable car for an overnight stay atop the mountain. Enjoy the spectacular views of the oddly shaped peaks, rock formations, thousand-year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist, all of which have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### **DAY 4: TUNXI ANCIENT TOWN**

Take the cable car down to the base of the mountain and explore the ancient town of Tunxi. The narrow cobbled streets are lined with pretty little shops selling anything from local snacks and tea, to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings.

#### **DAY 5: ORANGE ISLAND**

Journey by bullet train to Changsha, a vibrant metropolis steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. Explore the bamboo and sculpture

gardens of Orange Island, where a towering 32-meter statue of Chairman Mao Zedong stands. As dusk falls, indulge in the lively night market's local delicacies, a taste of Changsha's culture.

#### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Step into history at the Yuelu Academy, the historical hub of learning where ancient wisdom thrives. Then embark on a scenic journey as you traverse magnificent landscapes to reach Guilin's natural wonders.

#### **DAY 7: DISCOVER GUILIN**

Embark on a tour to Elephant Trunk Hill, the iconic rock formation resembling an elephant drinking from the Li River. This afternoon, visit a pearl factory before setting sail on a serene cruise, navigating the network of canals and walkways of the Two Rivers and Four Lakes.

#### **DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Disembark and wander Yangshuo's cobbled streets and vibrant markets. This evening, you have the option of enjoying the magical Sanjie Liu night show.

#### DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

Board the bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province.

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE KUNMING

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles.



## CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a modern odyssey across China, by bullet train! Mixing urban charm with natural grandeur, be captivated by the beauty of Mt Huang and the Li River, and discover the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming and Xian.





#### DAY 11: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China. Discover Dali's ancient quarter and magnificent, age-old Three Pagodas before an evening stroll through the vibrant Foreigners' Street.

#### DAY 12: ENCHANTING DALI

Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dying demonstration. Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains.

#### DAY 13: LIJIANG OLD QUARTER

Board the bullet train to Lijiang. Discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

#### DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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

#### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

#### DAY 16: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years.

#### DAY 17: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

#### DAYS 18-19: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historical capital. The next day, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, before learning about evolution of China's railway systems at the China Railway Museum. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

#### DAY 20: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

#### DAYS 21-22: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

## 2024 DATES 06 Apr - 27 Apr \$9,990 07 Sep - 28 Sep \$9,580 11 May - 01 Jun \$9,990 12 Oct - 02 Nov \$9,990 08 Jun - 29 Jun \$9,580 09 Nov - 30 Nov \$9,990

#### 2025 DATES

05 Apr - 26 Apr	\$10,490	06 Sep - 27 Sep	\$9,980
10 May - 31 May	\$10,490	11 Oct - 01 Nov	\$10,490
07 Jun - 28 Jun	\$9,980	08 Nov - 29 Nov	\$10,490

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Shanghai Beijing) 21 days from \$8,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,280

#### Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,010 (AU\$224pp) is paid locally in China.





#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ At the heart of a huge tea-producing region and once a stop on the Tea Horse Road, drinking tea is an essential element of life in Chengdu. Visit a traditional tea house to experience the history, customs and the perfect brew.
- ▶ Discover the captivating charm of Suzhou as you glide through its tranquil waterways, enjoying a boat ride along the storied Grand Canal, where the essence of the city's rich history and vibrant culture comes to life.
- ➤ Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects the fantastic ERA Show at the Shanghai Circus World.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

#### **DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a Tang Dynasty dance show.

#### **DAY 6: ANCIENT CITY WALL**

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

#### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Board the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'facechanging'.

#### **DAY 8: CHENGDU GIANT PANDAS**

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Also stop at a traditional tea house and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese food.

#### **DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Board the bullet train to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, where you will stay for the next four nights.

#### DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Visit The Three Gorges Dam which showcases a massive feat of engineering. As you cruise upstream, nature takes over revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip



## CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING

PRICES & DEPARTURE



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

#### DAY 13: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Disembark in Chongqing and then board the bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin.

#### **DAY 14: LI RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### **DAY 15: YANGSHUO**

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

#### **DAY 16: DISCOVER GUILIN**

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

#### DAY 17: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Later, spend some time in the city's Xintiandi area, a vibrant entertainment district made up of traditional 19th-century Shikumen architecture.

#### **DAY 18: HISTORIC SUZHOU**

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

#### DAYS 19-20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

#### DAYS 21-22: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from \$640pp

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

4 days from \$730pp

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Prices are per person, twin share				
2024 DATES				
15 Mar - 05 Apr	\$8,480	09 Aug - 30 Aug	\$8,480	
05 Apr - 26 Apr	\$9,480	06 Sep - 27 Sep	\$8,480	
12 Apr - 03 May	\$8,680	13 Sep - 04 Oct	\$8,680	
19 Apr - 10 May	\$8,680	20 Sep - 11 Oct	\$8,680	
10 May - 31 May	\$8,680	04 Oct - 25 Oct	\$8,680	
17 May - 07 Jun	\$8,680	11 Oct - 01 Nov	\$8,680	
24 May - 14 Jun	\$8,480	25 Oct - 15 Nov	\$9,480	
07 Jun - 28 Jun	\$8,480	01 Nov - 22 Nov	\$7,880	
19 Jul - 09 Aug	\$8,480			
2025 DATES				
21 Mar - 11 Apr	\$8,580	18 Jul - 08 Aug	\$8,580	
28 Mar - 18 Apr	\$8,580	08 Aug - 29 Aug	\$8,580	
04 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,580	05 Sep - 26 Sep	\$8,580	
11 Apr - 02 May	\$8,680	12 Sep - 03 Oct	\$8,680	
18 Apr - 09 May	\$8,680	19 Sep - 10 Oct	\$8,680	
09 May - 30 May	\$8,680	10 Oct - 31 Oct	\$8,680	
16 May - 06 Jun	\$8,680	17 Oct - 07 Nov	\$8,680	
23 May - 13 Jun	\$8,680	24 Oct - 14 Nov	\$8,680	

#### Flight and supplement information

• Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

**\$8,580** 31 Oct - 21 Nov

\$9,580

- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 21 days from \$6,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,780

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#### Important note

13 Jun - 04 Jul

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,055 (AU\$234pp) is paid locally in China.

## GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

DAYS FROM



\$8,880



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



ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch giant pandas play
- Stay in rural Yangshuo
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Discover old China in Dali
- Stroll the gardens in Suzhou



Admire Shanghai's futuristic skyline

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 24 hreakfasts 23 lunches & 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation · Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit the traditional hutongs of Beijing

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.
- ► Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi - do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- Cruise on the waters of the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of the Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAYS 2-3: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before exploring Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, head to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles, a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself. This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

#### **DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**

In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

#### **DAYS 5-6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Later, stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

#### **DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### **DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic

scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

#### DAY 11: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing then explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

#### **DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS**

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

#### DAYS 13-14: ENCHANTING DALI

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

#### **DAY 15: STONE FOREST**

Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck in to local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight,

#### DAY 16: JOURNEY TO GUILIN

Bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin.

#### **DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE**

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



## CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 18: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE**

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

#### **DAY 19: EXPLORE GUILIN**

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

#### DAYS 20-21: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

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

#### **DAY 22: HISTORIC SUZHOU**

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

- typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

#### **DAY 23: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE**

Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, the Shanghai Museum and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 24: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. End the evening with the ERA acrobatic show.

#### DAYS 25-26: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES**

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2023 DATES			
14 Mar - 08 Apr	\$8,580	08 Aug - 02 Sep	\$9,180
21 Mar - 15 Apr	\$9,180	05 Sep - 30 Sep	\$9,780
04 Apr - 29 Apr	\$9,180	12 Sep - 07 Oct	\$9,680
11 Apr - 06 May	\$9,180	19 Sep - 14 Oct	\$9,680
02 May - 27 May	\$9,680	03 Oct - 28 Oct	\$9,380
09 May - 03 Jun	\$9,680	10 Oct - 04 Nov	\$9,380
16 May - 10 Jun	\$9,780	17 Oct - 11 Nov	\$9,180
06 Jun - 01 Jul	\$9,780		

#### Flight and supplement information

- · Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 25 days from \$7,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,980

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,250 (AU\$278pp) is paid locally in China.

## ULTIMATE CHINA

27

DAYS FROM



\$10,680



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ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✔ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Visit the Stone Forest
- Explore Dali and Zhongdian
- ✓ Stay in mystical Lhasa
- Cruise the Yangtze River



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Stop by a jade factory then explore the idyllic Summer

#### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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

#### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Next, board the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

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

#### **DAY 7: GIANT PANDAS**

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre. Later, fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The rest of day is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

#### **DAY 8: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT**

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

#### **DAY 9: POTALA PALACE**

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

#### DAY 10: FLY TO ZHONGDIAN

Fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La.

#### DAY 11: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

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



## CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 12: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

Journey to Lijiang, en route visiting the 3,000-metredeep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights.

#### DAY 13: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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

#### DAY 14: SHAXI VILLAGE

Explore the temples and cobblestone streets of Shaxi village before driving to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China.

#### **DAY 15: ENCHANTING DALI**

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

#### **DAY 16: THREE PAGODAS**

Discover the magnificent Three Pagodas then board the bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnann Province.

#### **DAY 17: THE STONE FOREST**

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on the local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.

#### DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Board the bullet train to Guilin.

#### DAY 19: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

#### DAY 20: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

#### DAY 21: REED FLUTE CAVE

Drive back to Guilin, stopping at a pearl factory and the Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Later, take the bullet train to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and transfer to Yichang for your flight to Shanghai.

#### DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

07 May - 02 Jun **\$10,680** 03 Sep - 29 Sep **\$10,680** 21 May - 16 Jun **\$10,680** 08 Oct - 03 Nov **\$10,680** 

#### 2025 DATES

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 26 days from \$9,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,080

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Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,365 (AU\$303pp) is paid locally in China.

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evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner tonight will be traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAYS 26-27: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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





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DAYS FROM



\$6,200



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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Trade the customary Christmas turkey for an authentic feast including Peking duck, a cherished Beijing delicacy. Enjoy succulent roasted duck with crispy skin, tender meat, and flavourful accompaniments.
- ➤ Experience the thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show on Boxing Day evening, showcasing gravity-defying acts, intricate balancing, contortion, and daring stunts. It's a captivating fusion of athleticism and artistry that embodies China's rich cultural heritage.
- Ring in New Year's Eve alongside enchanting pandas at the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre. Witness these gentle giants, learn about their conservation, and support vital preservation efforts.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

## DAY 2: CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE GREAT WALL

Merry Christmas! This festive morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching 4,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west, taking a walk on the on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that is crosses. Stop by a jade factory to learn about the sacred stone, said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture. End the day indulging in a Christmas meal, including the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, immerse yourself in the captivating world of Chinese acrobatics through a dazzling performance, a testament to skill and tradition.

#### DAY 4: XIAN CITY WALLS

Board the bullet train to Xian, an illustrious and age-old city and one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and

the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Arrive and enjoy a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, experience the grace and beauty of a Tang Dynasty dancing performance

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Next, wander through the Muslim Quarter's bustling streets filled with aromatic food stalls and historic mosques. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by an optional tour of Xian's illuminated streets.

#### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Begin your day exploring the enchanting Little Wild Goose Pagoda then venture to the Xian Museum to deepen your understanding of the city's fascinating past through its captivating exhibits, artifacts, and stories. In the afternoon, take the bullet train to Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan province.

#### DAY 7: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha, the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist statue, a UNESCO treasure dating back to the Tang Dynasty. Experience a unique perspective of this colossal masterpiece with a serene boat excursion along the river. Return to Chengdu, visiting the charming old town of Huanglongxi en route.





#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience an unforgettable, unique blend of cultures with this once-in-a-lifetime Christmas in China special. Embrace the magic as traditional Chinese elements intertwine with Western customs, offering a truly memorable holiday season.





#### DAY 8: NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH PANDAS

Begin the day at the renowned Panda Conservation Centre, dedicated to the preservation and research of giant pandas. Here you'll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of bamboo, sleep and play, and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Gain insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. Later, marvel at the ancient Chinese engineering brilliance of the Dujiangyan Irrigation project. Feast on a delicious New Year's meal this evening, inspired by the local Sichuan cuisine, followed by an optional performance of the face changing show at the Sichuan Opera.

#### DAY 9: CHENGDU

Celebrate New Year's Day exploring Chengdu at your own pace, with your National Escort on-hand to ensure a memorable time.

#### DAYS 10-11: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 days from \$620pp

#### **GUILIN & YANGSHUO**

4 days from \$740pp

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp

Visit page 74 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

24 Dec - 03 Jan **\$6,200** 

#### 2025 DATES /

24 Dec - 03 Jan **\$6,350** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Chengdu) 10 days from \$5,000 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$880

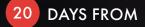
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## ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN





\$12,790



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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, a series of imperial religious buildings, renowned for its intricate carvings, colourful patterns, complex designs and architectural styles. Next, take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

#### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 6: FLY TO GUILIN

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

#### DAY 7: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

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

#### **DAY 8: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE**

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

#### DAY 9: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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





## CLASSIC CHINA & JAPAN

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The ultimate tour for those wishing to combine the very best of two ancient nations. Join us on an incredible journey from Beijing to Tokyo by road, boat, rail and air on this epic threeweek tour!





#### **DAY 10: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th century temples. Start with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

## DAY 11: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan

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

#### DAY 12: OSAKA CASTLE

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

#### DAY 13: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses). Continue to Hiroshima, a vibrant and forward-thinking city.

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

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

#### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most

famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

#### DAY 16: EXPLORE KYOTO

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

#### DAY 17: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

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

#### DAY 18: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO

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

#### DAYS 19-20: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES**

#### 2025 DATES

18 Mar - 06 Apr \$13,290 09 Sep - 28 Sep \$12,790 06 May - 25 May \$12,790 07 Oct - 26 Oct \$13,290

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Beijing Tokyo) 19 days from \$11,490 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,480

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Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion. For guidelines on tipping in China see below.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB520 per person (AU\$116) is paid locally in China.



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

# Visit Lotus Pond's colourful Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

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



Relax in Taitung's hot springs

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI**

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

#### DAY 3: A DAY IN TAIPEI

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

#### **DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE**

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

#### **DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION**

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





## CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the cities of Taipei and Tainan, where ancient and modern sit side by side, and lose yourself in the natural beauty of Sun Moon Lake and Taroko National Park. Magical Taiwan has so much to offer!





#### **DAY 6: DISCOVER TAINAN**

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

#### **DAY 7: EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG**

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

#### DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

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

#### DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

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

#### DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIHPEN

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views throughout the journey. Continue to Chihpen,

famous for its hot springs. On arrival, your afternoon will be free to relax and bathe in the thermal waters at your hotel. Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by a performance of traditional music and dance.

#### DAY 11: HEAD TO TAROKO

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

#### DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing sea cliffs, soaring peaks and a famously picturesque gorge, Taroko National Park is home to a huge diversity of features and habitats, and shelters a great range of plant and animal species. Today your visits will include the Gorge Gateway, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto, and you can enjoy a leisurely walk through the beautiful landscapes.

#### DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

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

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY TAIPEI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### **PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES 13 Apr - 27 Apr

13 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,590	14 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,590
11 May - 25 May	\$7,590	12 Oct - 26 Oct	\$7,590
2025 DATES			
12 Apr - 26 Apr	\$7,690	13 Sep - 27 Sep	\$7,690
10 May - 24 May	\$7,690	11 Oct - 25 Oct	\$7,690

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Taipei Taipei) 13 days from \$6,590 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,100

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change, Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$40 per person (AU\$58) is paid locally in Taiwan.

## SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

DAYS FROM

\$10,580



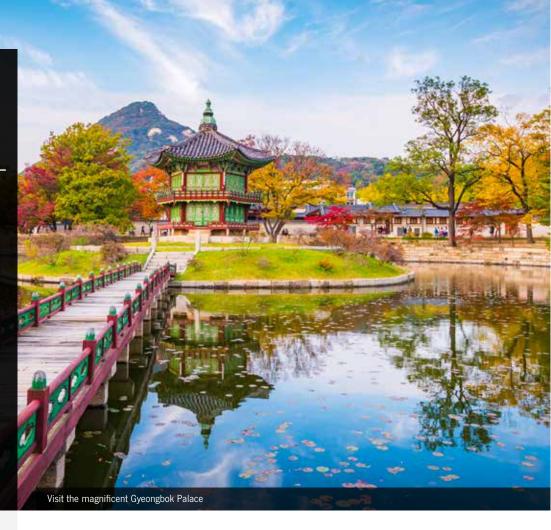
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ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- · Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an informative and unusual adventure to the DM7, the buffer zone between the Koreas, Your visit will include the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- ➤ As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts handkerchief dyeing.
- First performed on the Edinburgh Fringe in 1997, the Nanta is a showcase of Korean culture and performance art, presented as a non-verbal show, instead using music and motion and integrating a traditional Korean Samulnori rhythm.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

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

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL**

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces just waiting to be explored. Enjoy a full day of Seoul starting at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class making traditional Bibimbap and enjoy your own creations for lunch! Also visit the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine and enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower. Tonight, watch a non-verbal performance of Nanta - an award-winning show.

#### **DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN**

Travel out of Seoul to the city and explore the bamboo forest of Juknokwon. Next, head to Damyang where you'll discover the beauty of Soswaewon. This private garden built in the 16th century in the traditional style features essential elements to bring harmony, such as flowing water, trees and grasses. Continue to Gwangju, where you'll spend some time discovering this artistic hub full of fascinating history.

#### **DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE**

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







#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BUSAN

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

#### **DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN**

The laidback to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Start the day at the Jagalchi Fish Market, and then see the city from above at Busan Tower. Also browse the wares at Gukje Market. After lunch, walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Continue by road to Gyeongju.

#### DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto. After lunch, visit Gyeongju National Museum, explore Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs, and take a stroll at Anapij Pond.

#### DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSA TEMPLE

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

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE MOUNT SEORAK

Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Take the cable to the mountaintop and then hike to Gwongeumseong Fortress. After lunch, take a hike along the beautiful valley floor as well as an optional visit to the temple.

#### **DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL**

Transfer to Gangneung and board the train bound for Seoul. On arrival, after lunch, there will be free time for those who wish to shop or further explore Seoul at leisure.

#### DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today as tickets to the DMZ are limited\*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market.

\*While every effort will be made to get the tickets, should this not be possible, you will instead take a ride on the DMZ gondola and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory.

#### DAYS 13-14: FLY SEOUL TO AUSTRALIA

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

### CLASSIC

SOUTH KOREA

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#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

PHYSICAL RATING

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES**

01 Apr - 14 Apr 🏶	\$10,780	14 Oct - 27 Oct 🖊	\$10,780
08 Apr - 21 Apr	\$10,780	21 Oct - 03 Nov 🖊	\$10,780
20 May - 02 Jun	\$10,580	04 Nov - 17 Nov 🖊	\$10,780

#### **2025 DATES**

31 Mar - 13 Apr 💠	\$11,280	13 Oct - 26 Oct 🤏	\$11,280
07 Apr - 20 Apr	\$11,280	20 Oct - 02 Nov 🦊	\$11,280
19 May - 01 Jun	\$11,180	03 Nov - 16 Nov 🥗	\$11,280

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Seoul Seoul) 12 days from \$9,480 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,200

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$50 per person (AU\$72) is paid locally in South Korea.

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures



#### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL\*\*

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

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





For those who want to venture off the beaten track

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star accommodation



Most meals



Flights, guides, transportation & sightseeing



Visa for Australian passport holders

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

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

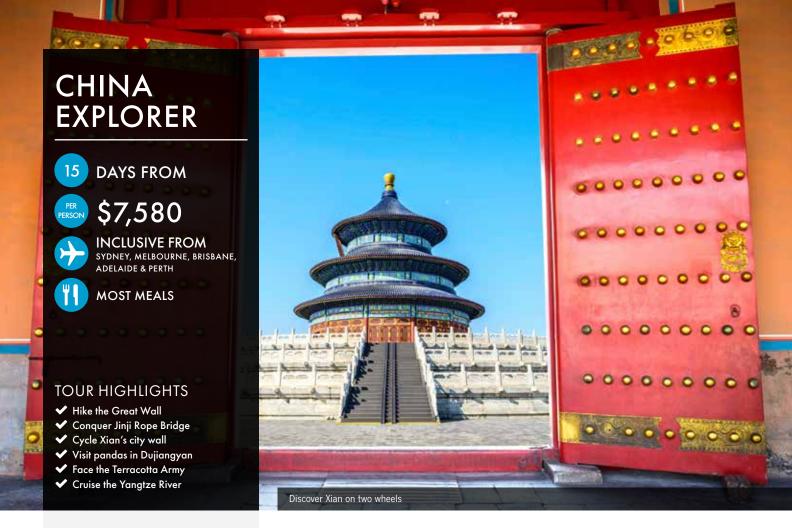
#### SMALLER GROUPS

Exploring in smaller and more flexible groups with no more than 18 travellers, we often step off the beaten track and experience the authentic ways of life in the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. In a smaller group you can interact more easily with local communities and discover fascinating cultures so different from our own.

#### **EXPERT GUIDING**

Your National Escort and local guides, all born and bred in your destination, are an endless source of information about the local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to grips with a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?





#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a walking tour through the city's most fascinating districts, before tucking into some traditional pancakes for breakfast.
- Enjoy a rush of adrenaline as you make your way over a magnificent landscape of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking suspended rope bridge at linii
- Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car as night falls and a series of illuminations spectacularly light up this ancient wonder.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

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

#### DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

## DAY 3: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN AND BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Arrive early and soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Next, visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander around the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch at the hutongs before driving to Gubei Watertown, a beautifully recreated ancient town nestled against the backdrop of the Simatai section of the Great Wall. As night descends, watch the magnificent illumination of the wall as your cable car rides to the apex. Stroll along the wall before returning for an overnight stay in Gubei. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself

in the shoes of those who have walked this incredible structure over hundreds of years. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall passes across dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: EXPLORE XIAN

Take a Bullet train to Xian, the former ancient capital and enjoy a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Enjoy the evening at leisure or watch an optional fountain and light show and be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

#### **DAY 7: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN**

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



## GO BEYOND

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An active and immersive take on a classic China tour. On this tour you'll hike the Great Wall at Jinshanling, ascend Taoist Mount Qingcheng, explore old towns and meet the pandas in Dujiangyan before slowing the pace with a Yangtze cruise.





#### DAY 8: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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

#### **DAY 9: ANCIENT CIQIKOU**

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

#### **DAYS 10-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

Begin your cruise heading downsteam, watching the landscapes change as nature takes over, soon reaching the dramatic Three Gorges. Over the next two days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another and enjoy various shore excursions, including a side trip onto the Goddess or Shennong streams. This is a chance to get a glimpse of life on the river banks. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM**

Disembark your cruise vessel and visit the Three Gorges Dam. Next, travel by bullet train to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

#### DAY 13: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI

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

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY..



ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,180pp

#### MT HUANG SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,435pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 24 DATES

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07 May - 21 May	\$7,580	08 Oct - 22 Oct	\$7,580
10 Sep - 24 Sep	\$7,580		
2025 DATES			
08 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,680	09 Sep - 23 Sep	\$7,680
06 May - 20 May	\$7,680	07 Oct - 21 Oct	\$7.680

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 14 days from \$6,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,440

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## **ENCHANTING** CHINA



DAYS FROM



\$6,580



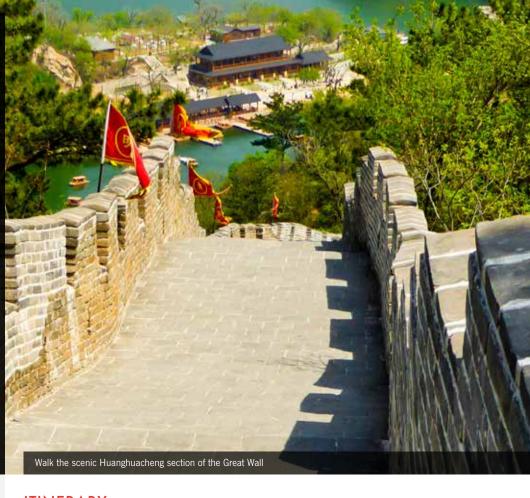
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**MOST MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- Visit pandas in Chengdu
- See Shanghai like a local
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Explore the Temple of Heaven
- Face the Terracotta Warriors



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 5 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day free to soak up the local culture. (D)

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin today in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs and then spend the evening at leisure exploring the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

#### DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING

This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing Street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

#### **DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE**

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Also make a stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

#### **DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Later, board the bullet train to the former capital city, Xian. (B,L)

#### **DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Stop by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts before a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter where you can sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. Enjoy the evening at leisure with a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night. (B,L)

#### DAY 7: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

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

#### DAY 8: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

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

#### DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

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

#### **DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS**

Spend the morning visiting the famous pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre. Here you



## GO BEYOND

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

#### DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

#### **DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM**

Disembark your cruise vessel and visit the Three Gorges Dam. A man-made marvel, the project showcases a massive feat of engineering. Next, travel to Yichang and then fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

#### DAY 14: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering

skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

#### DAY 15: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, enjoy the ERA show and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,D)

#### DAYS 16-17: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

Take a Yangtze River Cruise

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**GARDENS BY THE BAY** 

4 days from \$730pp

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

06 Sep - 22 Sep

l 1 May - 27 May	\$6,580	05 Oct - 21 Oct	\$6,880
07 Sep - 23 Sep	\$6,680	12 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,880
14 Sep - 30 Sep	\$6,680		
2025 DATES			
2025 DATES 12 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,680	13 Sep - 29 Sep	\$6,880

\$6,880 11 Oct - 27 Oct

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
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- Single supplement from \$1,580

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## DREAMS OF NATURE



**DAYS FROM** 



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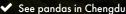
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**MOST MEALS** 

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- ✓ View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Head to the top of Mount Emei
- Triedd to the top of Modifi Line





#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Practise the art of Tai Chi

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- Explore the otherworldly expanse of sandstone karst pillars, peaks and pinnacles that make up the magical Zhangjiajie National Forest Park with a series of beautiful walks and visits to geological wonders.
- Enjoy the rush of adrenaline as you make your way across Jinji's breathtaking suspended rope bridge, taking you high above a spectacular landscape of dense bamboo forest.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO GUILIN VIA SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to Shanghai before taking a flight to Guilin. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

#### **DAY 3: LONGJI RICE TERRACES**

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

#### DAY 4: YANGSHUO'S LANDSCAPES

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

#### DAY 5: TAI CHI AND BAMBOO RAFTING

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

#### **DAY 6: REED FLUTE CAVE**

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

#### DAYS 7-8: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie's striking beauty

is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. Over the next two days, enjoy some beautiful walks, take a cruise on Lake Baofeng and spend time exploring Huanglong Cave, also known as 'Yellow Dragon Cave'. Trek to Jinbian Stream and explore the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will also see the famous Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. Later drive to Changsha. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: CHANGSHA

Today at Changhsa begin at Hunan Museum, a treasure trove of ancient relics and artworks. Step into history at Yuelu Academy, a hub of learning for centuries, nestled by scenic Mt. Yuelu. In the late afternoon, explore the bamboo and sculpture gardens of Orange Island, where a towering 32-meter statue of Chairman Mao Zedong stands. Later, indulge in the lively Yangfan night market. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 10-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. Over the next three days, take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 14: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Disembark in Chongqing, then travel by bullet train to Leshan to see the 71-metre-high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip. Later, continue to Emeishan. (B,L,D)



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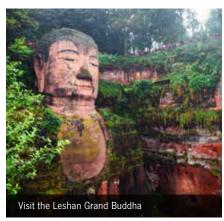
#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 15: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI**

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

#### DAY 16: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

#### **DAY 17: HUANGLONG POOLS**

Board the bullet train to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park). Travel by road to Huanglong Valley, home to hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits tumbling gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full of spectacular sights and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option for a cable car ride into the valley. (B,L)

#### **DAY 18: 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 Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. Spend the day exploring and later, enjoy traditional lamb skewers. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 19: 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 Reed Lake – an excellent way to really appreciate the local scenery. Pass an old watermill and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 20: CHENGDU

Board the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. The afternoon is free at your leisure. (B,L)

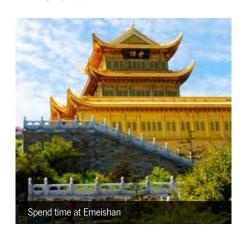
#### DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

Spend the morning visiting the giant pandas. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People's Park.

People-watching here is an endless pleasure, from the lively locals playing mahjong to the singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese dinner and an optional 'face-changing' show. (B,D)

#### DAYS 22-23: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

04 Apr - 26 Apr	\$8,980	05 Sep - 27 Sep	\$8,980
09 May - 31 May	\$9,580	10 Oct - 01 Nov	\$9,580
2025 DATES			
10 Apr - 02 May	\$9,280	11 Sep - 03 Oct	\$9,280
08 May - 30 May	\$9,780	09 Oct - 31 Oct	\$9,780

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Guilin Chengdu) 21 days from \$7,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,680

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,215 (AU\$270pp) is paid locally in China.



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus simple guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING

Fly overnight to the relaxed city of Kunming, also known as the 'City of Eternal Spring'. (D)

#### DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Visit Dianchi Lake and the Western Hills. Return to Kunming and tuck into local delicacy 'Across the Bridge' noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI**

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek into bygone China. Wander the ancient quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION

Weibaoshan is one of the Taoist religion's most sacred mountains and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples and meet with a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

## DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN AND DONGBA SHAMAN

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

#### **DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

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

#### DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA

Visit Songzanlin Monastery before hiking 2-3 hours to Napa Hai. Here you are surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Next, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: LHASA

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

### DAY 11: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND SPIRITUAL BARKHOR CIRCUIT

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

#### **DAY 12: POTALA PALACE**

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder, towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai



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#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. Next, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 13: SHIGATSE**

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse.

Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala,

Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat
of the Panchen Lama. Enjoy some free time to explore
the local markets. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 14: NEW TINGRI

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

#### **DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST**

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

#### **DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE**

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest (weather permitting) before returning to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE AND GYANTSE

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

#### **DAY 19: TSEDANG**

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

#### DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

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

#### DAY 21: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

#### **DAY 22: PANDAS**

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

#### DAYS 23-24: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES** 11 May - 03 Jun

18 May - 10 Jun	\$9,580	05 Oct - 28 Oct	\$9,580
2025 DATES			
05 Apr - 28 Apr	\$9,290	06 Sep - 29 Sep	\$9,690
10 May - 02 Jun	\$9,690	11 Oct - 03 Nov	\$9,690

**\$8,990** 07 Sep - 30 Sep

\$9,580

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kunming Chengdu) 22 days from \$7,790 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,550

#### Important note

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- ✓ Admire Jiayu Fortress
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Xiahe
- ✓ See the Rainbow Mountains
- Discover Magao Grottoes
- Experience the Taklamakan Desert



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Sample Tibetan foods and flavours with a traditional Tibetan lunch, featuring 'momos', the tasty steamed and stuffed dumpling whose popularity has spread from the Tibetan Plateau throughout Asia.
- ➤ Wander amongst the packed stalls of the atmospheric Shazhou Night Market in the Silk Road frontier city of Dunhuang, browsing delicious foods, fascinating local wares and a wealth of souvenirs.
- Visit a traditional, nomadic Kazakh family in their yurt home, where you'll learn more about this minority community and their culture.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

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

#### **DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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

#### DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

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

#### DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

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

#### DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

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

#### **DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY**

Offering a taste of Tibetan mystery, visit Labrang Monastery, a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos.

#### **DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE**

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

#### **DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS**

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

#### DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

#### **DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS**

Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market where you can wander amongst the stalls.

#### **DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES**

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

#### **DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES**

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

#### DAY 15: TURPAN

Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for



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PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow in the footsteps of intrepid adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to Kashgar. Expect long journeys on this tour.





its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises.

#### **DAY 16: EXPLORE TURPAN**

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China.

#### DAY 17: KURLA

Learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Kerez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

#### DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD

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

#### **DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR**

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

#### DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

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

#### **DAY 23: HEAVENLY LAKE**

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Visit a Kazak Folk Cultural Village and spend some time learning about their way of life.

#### DAY 24: URUMQI

Make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China's historic capital.

#### DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 26: IMPERIAL BELLING

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

#### DAY 27-28: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### **PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2024 DATES**

08 Jun - 05 Jul

05 May - 01 Jun	SOLD OUT	01 Sep - 28 Sep	\$9,880
19 May - 15 Jun	\$9,680	06 Oct - 02 Nov	\$9,880
02 Jun - 29 Jun	\$9,680	13 Oct - 09 Nov	\$9,880
2025 DATES			
04 May - 31 May	\$9,980	07 Sep - 04 Oct	\$9,980

\$9,780 05 Oct - 01 Nov

#### Flight and supplement information

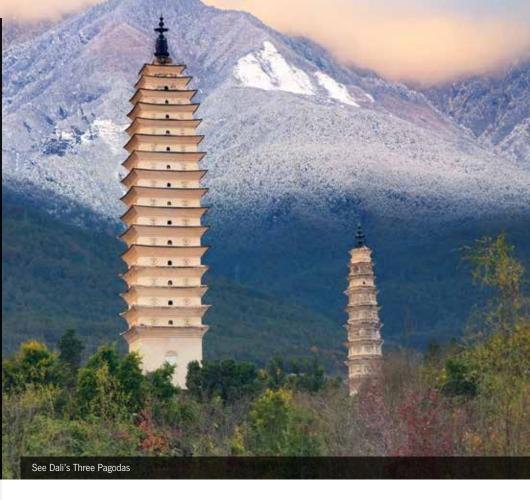
- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Xian Beijing) 26 days from \$8,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,120

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#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Explore the picturesque Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall and marvel at the spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Approach by boat to take full advantage of the incredible scenery.
- At Weibaoshan, meet with a Taoist priest to learn about the principles of this native philosophy and take part in a guided meditation session amongst these peaceful surroundings.
- Shaxi ancient town is not only a charming place to explore but, as the heart of an area that is home to a number of China's minority people, is the perfect place to delve into a timeless, rich culture and meet the friendly communities for yourself.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

#### **DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY**

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street where there's time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer a glimpse of old Beijing. (B,L)

#### DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

Visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall. Reached by boat it boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Qianmen Street. In the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

#### DAY 4: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

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

#### DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Chinese architecture and orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: CYCLING IN XIAN

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you nine miles around the city wall that enclose Xian's old town. Also visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and Xian Museum. (B.L)

#### **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 8: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. Visit a local teahouse and Matchmaker's Corner. (B)

#### **DAY 9: GIANT PANDAS**

Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming bears up close. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'face-changing' show. (B,L)

#### DAY 10: FLY TO LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. (B)

#### DAY 11: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy the vistas. Visit the minority Naxi village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty. (B,L)

## DAY 12:TIGER LEAPING GORGE (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge, through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. (B)

#### DAY 13: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Discover Lijiang's historic old town. Drive to the ancient town of Shaxi, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the minority people that reside then drive to Dali. (B,L)

#### DAY 14: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional visit to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the hillside to see a handful of intricately decorated temples and meet a Taoist priest for a meditation session. (B)



## GO BEYOND

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This flexible, slower-paced tour has time set aside for independent exploration or to involve yourself in a number of immersive options. As well as vibrant cities, discover the charms of beautiful Yangshuo, delightful Dali and quaint Lijiang.





#### DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Also stroll along Foreigner's Street and enjoy time at leisure. In the afternoon, drive to Kunming. (B,L)

#### **DAY 16: STONE FOREST**

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)

#### **DAY 17: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN**

Take the bullet train to Guilin and walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure. You may wish to stroll Zhengyang Street. (B,L)

#### DAY 18: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

#### **DAY 19: LI RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### DAY 20: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. (B)

#### **DAY 21: ANCIENT CIQIKOU**

Visit the Reed Flute Cave and a pearl museum before taking a bullet train to Chongqing. Explore the charming old town of Ciqikou at leisure before boarding your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

#### **DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE CRUISE**

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next few days, visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy various side trips and shore excursions. Disembark your cruise vessel, then travel by bullet train from Yichang to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 25: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI**

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

#### DAY 26: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy the ERA show and a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D)

#### DAY 27-28: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

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



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

02 Apr - 29 Apr	\$8,980	03 Sep - 30 Sep	\$8,980
07 May - 03 Jun	\$8,680	08 Oct - 04 Nov	\$8,980
2025 DATES			
08 Apr - 05 May	\$9,580	02 Sep - 29 Sep	\$9,580
06 May - 02 Jun	\$9,380	07 Oct - 03 Nov	\$9,580

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing Shanghai) 27 days from \$7,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,380

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 1,375 (AU\$306pp) is paid locally in China.



## PRIVATE TOURS

#### Independent travel made easy

Our Private tours are ideal for those who enjoy a degree of independence and flexibility. Our collection of Private tours has been designed to offer a personal touch with the added comfort of stylish hotels and opportunities to explore the local cuisine.

### IS PRIVATE TOURING FOR ME?

Private tours are the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel independently, with groups of friends, for travellers with specific requirements. Our expertly crafted itineraries are tailored for parties as small as two.

#### TRAVEL WHEN YOU WANT

Our Private tours are designed so that you can travel when it suits you best. We've included some example departures to help you choose your dates, but you can travel on any day you wish!

#### BENEFITS OF A PRIVATE TOUR

Besides flexibility with your preferred date of travel, our Private tours are crafted especially to suit smaller travelling parties. As well as benefitting from the undivided attention of your knowledgeable private guides, you'll also stay in centrally located hotels, meaning you can explore right from your doorstep and enjoy a more intimate and independent travel experience.

## HOW DO THESE TOURS DIFFER FROM CLASSIC GROUP TOURS?

The group size on our Classic Tours is on average 21 and have a minimum age requirement of 12 years old. On a private tour, there is no minimum number of passengers or age restrictions, this is entirely up to you!

Private tours include selected meals only, so that you can enjoy the freedom of choosing where you want to dine each evening. Your local guides will help you with dining suggestions in each place you stay.

#### SPECIAL GROUPS

#### PRIVATE & BESPOKE TOURS FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

Wendy Wu Tours are the experts at arranging bespoke group travel for 10 or more people with a dedicated Special Groups department. We can create fully inclusive and customised touring options to our range of remarkable destinations to suit your group's interests.

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## **A GLIMPSE** OF CHINA

#### PRIVATE TOUR



DAYS FROM



\$5,280

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**MEALS AS STATED** 

#### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 3 dinners
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees
- . 1st class bullet train seats



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI**

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#### DAY 3: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Visit Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L)

#### **DAY 4: FEAST ON DUMPLINGS**

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a specialty of the region, before a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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#### DAY 6: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

This morning, visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda and spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historic capital city. (B,L)





## PRIVATE

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the sights, savour the delicious flavours and discover the culture on China's iconic trinity – Shanghai, Xian and Beijing – on this whistlestop private exploration.





#### DAY 7: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the 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. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through Beijing's hutongs, some dating back 700 years. These narrow alleys are known for their labyrinthine layout, traditional courtyard homes, and sense of community that has been preserved for centuries. Meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture and experience first-hand the unique hutong way of life. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Reaching the summit by a scenic chairlift or cable car ride, take a stroll along its ancient stones, admiring the magnificence of its construction and the dramatic scenery it crosses. Descend back down to the ground via a thrilling toboggan ride or by the more serene cable car. Visit a jade factory to discover this precious stone, believed to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: DEPART BEIJING

Today you depart for the airport for your onward flight. (B)



## **SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES**Prices are per person, based on twin share

2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
09 Jan - 17 Jan	\$5,280	09 Jul - 17 Jul	\$5,280
15 Jan - 23 Jan	\$5,280	18 Jul - 26 Jul	\$5,280
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02 Apr - 10 Apr	\$5,580	20 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,580
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20 Apr - 28 Apr	\$5,580	16 Oct - 24 Oct	\$5,580
09 May - 17 May	\$5,580	31 Oct - 08 Nov	\$5,580
17 May - 25 May	\$5,580	11 Nov - 19 Nov	\$5,280
23 May - 31 May	\$5,580	20 Nov - 28 Nov	\$5,280
02 Jun - 10 Jun	\$5,280	02 Dec - 10 Dec	\$5,280
28 Jun - 06 Jul	\$5.280	13 Dec - 21 Dec	\$5.280

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2025 PRIVATE	TOUR	DATES	
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07 Feb - 15 feb	\$5,480	31 Jul - 08 Aug	\$5,480
16 Feb - 24 Feb	\$5,480	4 Aug - 12 Aug	\$5,480
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17 May - 25 May	\$5,780	11 Nov - 19 Nov	\$5,480
23 May - 31 May	\$5,780	20 Nov - 28 Nov	\$5,480
02 Jun - 10 Jun	\$5,480	02 Dec - 10 Dec	\$5,480

\$5,480 13 Dec - 21 Dec

#### Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Tipping paid locally

28 Jun - 06 Jul

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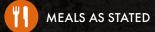
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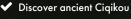






#### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Watch giant pandas play
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#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 6 dinners
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees
- . 1st class bullet train seats



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Explore the narrow cobbled lanes of Cigikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture
- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- > Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dance.

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#### **DAY 3: MODERN PUDONG**

Spend the morning seeing the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area, also known as the financial district of the city with its skyscraping buildings. Later, fly to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River cruise vessel. (B.L)

#### **DAYS 4-6: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### **DAY 7: HISTORIC CIQIKOU**

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Cigikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical traditional architecture Later, board a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. (B,D)

#### **DAY 8: PANDAS**

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. (B,L)





## **PRIVATE**

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combining two of China's most popular experiences – the scenic beauty of the Yangtze and the adorable giant pandas, alongside Beijing and Shanghai, this private tour is the perfect China highlights package.





#### **DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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

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#### DAY 13: DEPART BEIJING

Today you depart for the airport for your onward flight. (B)

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



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#### SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES Prices are per person, based on twin share

2024 PRIVAIL TOOK DAILS			
19 Mar - 31 Mar	\$6,630	23 Jul - 04 Aug	\$6,630
26 Mar - 7 Apr	\$6,630	06 Aug - 18 Aug	\$6,630
02 Apr - 14 Apr	\$6,860	12 Aug - 24 Aug	\$6,630
08 Apr - 20 Apr	\$6,860	03 Sep - 15 Sep	\$6,860
11 Apr - 23 Apr	\$6,860	10 Sep - 22 Sep	\$6,860
16 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,860	12 Sep - 24 Sep	\$6,860
30 Apr - 12 May	\$6,860	17 Sep - 29 Sep	\$6,860
07 May - 19 May	\$6,860	19 Sep - 01 Oct	\$6,860
09 May - 21 May	\$6,860	08 Oct - 20 Oct	\$6,860
14 May - 24 May	\$6,860	10 Oct - 22 Oct	\$6,860
20 May - 01 Jun	\$6,860	15 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,860
28 May - 09 Jun	\$6,860	22 Oct - 03 Nov	\$6,860
04 Jun - 16 Jun	\$6,630	28 Oct - 09 Nov	\$6,860
11 Jun - 23 Jun	\$6,630	07 Nov - 19 Nov	\$6,630

## 2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

16 Jul - 28 Jul

18 Mar - 30 Mar	\$6,830	22 Jul - 03 Aug	\$6,630
24 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,830	05 Aug - 17 Aug	\$6,630
31 Mar - 12 Apr	\$7,080	12 Aug - 24 Aug	\$6,630
08 Apr - 20 Apr	\$7,080	02 Sep - 14 Sep	\$7,080
10 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,080	09 Sep - 21 Sep	\$7,080
15 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,080	11 Sep - 23 Sep	\$7,080
29 Apr - 11 May	\$7,080	16 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,080
06 May - 18 May	\$7,080	18 Sep - 30 Sep	\$7,080
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13 May - 25 May	\$7,080	14 Oct - 26 oct	\$7,080
20 May - 01 Jun	\$7,080	21 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,080
26 May - 07 Jun	\$7,080	28 Oct - 09 Nov	\$7,080
03 Jun - 15 Jun	\$6,630	03 Nov - 15 Nov	\$6,830
10 Jun - 22 Jun	\$6,630	06 Nov - 18 Nov	\$6,830
15 Jul - 27 Jul	\$6,630	11 Nov - 23 Nov	\$6,830

**\$6,630** 12 Nov - 24 Nov

\$6,630

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#### **PRIVATE TOUR**



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\$7,280



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#### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- Stay in rural Yangshuo
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights



#### PRICE INCLUDES

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- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in comfort.

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#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

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#### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the Xian Museum for a glimpse into

the rich heritage of the city before enjoying an evening at your own leisure. (B.L)

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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#### **DAY 6: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel. (B,L)

#### DAYS 7-9: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

From the Three Gorges Dam, a man-made marvel and massive feat of engineering, cruise upstream. Enjoy the changing landscapes as nature takes over, culminating in the magnificent Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another and enjoy a series of shore excursions and a side trip along the Shennong or Goddess streams. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House in Chongqing. Later, board the bullet train to Guilin. (B,L)



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### PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With the help of China's fast and efficient bullet train network and slower paced river cruises, tick a number of the country's must see sights off of your bucketlist, from the Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors to the Three Gorges and Li River.

# Cruise along the Li River

### DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 12: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guillin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman. End the day with a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas. (B,L)

### DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

### DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Visit the charming Yu Garden, the old town, Xintiandi precinct, Pudong area and a silk factory before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. (B,L)

### **DAY 15: DEPART SHANGHAI**

Today you depart for the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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# **SUZHOU & HANGZHOU** 5 days from \$1,415pp

### GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 days from \$730pp

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- Tipping paid locally

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# BEIJING SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Walk on the Great Wall, see the exquisite Summer Palace, explore the Forbidden City and visit the Temple of Heaven.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$975	\$1,650
Superior	\$1,050	\$1,800
Deluxe	\$1,350	\$2,380

### Price includes:

- · Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1:ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL**

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Opt for a chairlift or cable car ascent to the summit. Stroll atop the wall to fully immerse yourself in its magnificent presence and the dramatic scenery it crosses. Descend with a thrilling toboggan ride or a serene cable car journey. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory to learn about the precious stone, which is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# GREAT WALL HIKE



### **DAYS**

See stunning rural scenery, stay in Gubei Watertown and walk the Jinshanling and Gubeikou sections of the Great Wall.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

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CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,520	\$2,585

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Beijing, 1 night Gubei Watertown)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2: JINSHANLING GREAT WALL**

This morning, transfer from Beijing to Jinshanling. The Jinshanling Great Wall was built along the precipitous mountain ranges, rising and falling at various sections. You will spend around 2 - 2.5 hours hiking today, covering 5km. At the end of the hike, a short drive will take you to the Watertown at the bottom of Simatai Great Wall, where you check in the comfortable and traditional style accommodation. After dinner, explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night. Much of Simatia Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: GUBEIKOU TO JINSHANLING TREK

Today hike from Gubeikou Great Wall to Jinshanling Great Wall and enjoy the breathtaking views with a relatively peaceful hike. This classic Great Wall hike allows you to experience what is now the most popular Great Wall trek. After the trek transfer to Beijing hotel, where arrangements end. (B,L)

# SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

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### **DAYS**

Stroll through Yu Gardens, explore the famous Bund, spend time at the Shanghai museum and shop at the Silk Factory.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$620	\$995
Superior	\$640	\$1,040
Deluxe	\$785	\$1,470

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Shanghai)
- · Meals as stated
- · Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### **DAY 1:ARRIVE SHANGHAI**

Make your way to Shanghai airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**

Enjoy a full day of touring beginning with a relaxing stroll through Yu Gardens, then head to the Old Town where cobblestone streets are lined with traditional shops. Visit the famous historical riverfront area known as the Bund, where you can admire the magnificent colonial architecture, and see the superb antiques and fine arts of the Shanghai Museum. Also visit the Silk Factory and see first-hand the process of producing this fine material. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART SHANGHAI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)



# SUZHOU & HANGZHOU



### **DAYS**

Discover Suzhou's inspiring gardens, explore the Grand Canal, and cruise Hangzhou's West Lake.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,415	\$2,670
Superior	\$1,535	\$2,900
Deluxe	\$1,985	\$3,820

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Suzhou, 2 nights Hangzhou)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SUZHOU

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and together you will transfer to Suzhou. Also known as the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou is a a town famous for its plethora of traditional landscaped gardens.

### **DAY 2: EXPLORE SUZHOU**

Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and visit its inner sanctum with its 'master's study' of Ming-style furnishings and architecture. Take a stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage listed Lingering Garden, renowned for its ponds and stone bridges before taking a relaxing and peaceful cruise along a section of the Grand Canal. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DRIVE TO HANGZHOU

Travel to the garden city of Hangzhou which is renowned for its beautiful natural scenery. Stroll through the local markets and experience oriental tea-tasting. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, the largest temple in southern China and the Six Harmonies Pagoda before enjoying a cruise on the tranquil West Lake. (B,L)

### **DAY 5: DRIVE TO SHANGHAI**

Leave Hangzhou and return to Shanghai. Upon arrival at your Shanghai hotel your arrangements end. (B)

# GUILIN & YANGSHUO



### **DAYS**

Visit the Reed Flute Caves, cruise the stunning Li River and spend time in rural Yangshouo.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$740	\$1,060
Superior	\$770	\$1,120
Deluxe	\$1,120	\$2,050

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Guilin, 2 nights Yangshuo)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### **DAY 1: ARRIVE GUILIN**

Make your way to Guilin airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. Later, explore the Reed Flute Caves to see the brightly lit stalagmites and stalactites. Also visit the Pearl Factory and learn about the history of pearling in the South China Sea.

### **DAY 2: CRUISE THE LI RIVER**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view that will take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fisherman. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 3: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields surrounded by dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B)

### **DAY 4: DEPART GUILIN**

Return by road to Guilin and then transfer to Guilin airport or railway station. (B)

# KUNMING & LIJIANG



### **DAYS**

Tour the picturesque Stone Forest, visit Black Dragon Pool and admire Tiger Leaping Gorge.



### Prices are from per person, based on low season

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CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,480	\$2,200

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Kunming, 2 nights Lijiang)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: ARRIVE KUNMING

Make your way to Kunming airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2: STONE FOREST**

Spend the morning meandering through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Later, return to Kunming. (B,L)

### **DAY 3: BLACK DRAGON POOL**

Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the surrounding mountains. Later,

return to Lijiang and explore the ancient quarter, where the cobbled streets are lined with traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

### **DAY 4: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights with spectacular and breathtaking views. Later, return to Lijiang. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART LIJIANG

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# CHENGDU SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

See pandas play, visit Dujiangyan Irrigation Project, marvel at the Grand Buddha and savour spicy Sichuan cuisine.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,240	\$2,190
Superior	\$1,260	\$2,260
Deluxe	\$1,630	\$3,020

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Chengdu)
- · Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



### **DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU**

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can meet China's most celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, marvel at the ancient Chinese engineering ingenuity of the Dujiangyan Irrigation project. (B,L)

### DAY 3: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre-high UNESCOlisted Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip. Later, return to Chengdu. (B.L)

### DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# LHASA SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Explore the Potala Palace, wander the Barkhor Circuit, admire Jokhang Temple and visit the Sera Monastery



### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Lhasa)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Make your way to Lhasa airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to allow for acclimatisation.

### **DAY 2: SACRED LHASA**

Sightseeing today includes a stroll around Barkhor Circuit where traditional dress, market stalls selling religious trinkets, and the sound of chanted prayers by locals and pilgrims alike create a fascinating and vibrant atmosphere. At the heart of Barkhor, visit Tibet's most sacred temple, the 7th-century Jokhang Temple, before heading to Sera Monastery which has around 600 resident monks. (B,L)

### DAY 3: POTALA PALACE

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city, with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. Later, visit Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, home to several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART LHASA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# CHONGQING, DAZU & WULONG



### **DAYS**

Admire Dazu's magnificent rock art, explore Wulong's dramatic nature and soak in relaxing natural hot springs.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,680	\$3,070
Deluxe	\$1,890 \$3,480	

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Chongqing, 1 night Wulong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CHONGQING

Make your way to Chongqing airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DAZU

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Located in southeast Sichuan Province, Dazu is reputed as 'the county of rock carving'. The steep hillsides of the Dazu contain an exceptional series of rock carvings dating from the 9th to the 13th century and are some of the best preserved in China. Here, you'll find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces in over 70 sites. Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing. (B,L)

### **DAY 3: DISCOVER WULONG**

Transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the day strolling through Wulong National Park. Wander amongst the dramatic karst landscapes, that include three naturally-formed stone bridges, narrow gorges, caves and limestone formations. (B,L)

### DAY 4: RETURN TO CHONGQING

Return to Chongqing and enjoy a soak in some of the region's incredible hot springs.(B,L)

### **DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING**

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# NINE VILLAGES VALLEY



### **DAYS**

Spend two days discovering Jiuzhaigou National Park and explore Huanglong Valley.



# Prices are from per person, based on low season CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER Superior \$2,450 \$3,590 Deluxe \$2,780 \$4,260

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Chengdu, 2 nights Jiuzhaigou)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: Huanglong is only accessible from 1 April to 31 October.

### **DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU**

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

Bullet train to Jiuzhaigou. Upon arrival, transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage listed site of Nine Villages Valley visiting Huanglong Scenic Area en route. Located in the southern part of Minshan mountain range, the area is known for its colourful pools of limestone formations, snow-clad mountains, diverse forest ecosystems, pristine waterfalls and hot springs. (B,D)

### **DAY 3: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

Explore the 16km-long Nine Villages Valley, a botanical gallery that is heavily forested and home to many protected species. Entering the valley is like being transported into a different world, where crystal clear lakes gather at the foot of every waterfall. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU**

Return by road to Jiuzhaigou railway station for your onward bullet train to Chengdu. Your arrangements end on arrival. (B)

# ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Gaze on Zhangjiajie's pinnacles, admire peaceful Lake Baofeng, explore Mount Tianmen and discover Huanglong cave.



Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,180	\$1,960
Deluxe	\$1,490	\$2,520

### Price includes:

- · Accommodation (3 nights Zhangjiajie)
- · Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: ARRIVE ZHANGJIAJIE

Make your way to Zhangjiajie airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE

Enjoy a full day of exploring Zhangjiajie National Park. Begin at the Yuanjiajie Scenic Area and make your way around the karst scenery. Ride the Bailong glass elevator up to Mihun Stage and enjoy amazing views of the majestic peaks, including the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain to visit Helong Park. Take a cable car down and head to Jinbian Stream and Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will be walking for around 4-5 hours in the park. (B,L)

### **DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE**

Enjoy a sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a peaceful expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery. Later, explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave, stretching over 120 acres in area. (B,L)

### **DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN**

Take a cable car to the beautiful Mount Tianmen and walk on the thrilling glass skywalk. Visit Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door' and Jun Sheng Sandstone painting gallery. Later, transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.

# MT HUANG SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Cable car to summit of Mt Huang, explore Tunxi ancient town, visit local villages and travel on the bullet train.



# Prices are from per person, based on low season CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER Superior \$1,435 \$2,030

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Tunxi, 1 night Mt Huang)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: ARRIVE TUNXI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and together you will transfer to the station to board the bullet train to Tunxi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Ascend to the summit of Mt. Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, by cable car for an overnight stay atop the mountain. Enjoy the spectacular views of the oddly shaped peaks, rock formations, thousand year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist, all of which have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L)

### DAY 3: TUNXI ANCIENT TOWN

Take the cable car down to the base of the mountain and explore this ancient town of Tunxi. The narrow cobbled streets are lined with pretty little shops selling anything from local snacks and tea, to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings. Stay overnight in Tunxi. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART TUNXI

Begin the day with a visit to local villages and learn about local lifestyle before transferring to the station to board your bullet train to Shanghai where arrangements end. (B,L)



# CLASSIC TAIWAN



### **DAYS**

See bustling Taipei, visit Tehua aboriginal village, relax at Sun Moon Lake and uncover ancient Tainan.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,340	\$2,525
Superior	\$1,485	\$2,820
Deluxe	\$1,725	\$3,290

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Tainan)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees





### **DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI**

Arrive in Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

### DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey into the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. At an altitude of 762 metres, this large body of fresh water is one of the island's most lovely natural vistas, popular for hiking and biking. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple adorned with red and gold features, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda which offers breathtaking views over the lake and the aboriginal village of Tehua. Stay overnight at Sun Moon Lake. (B)

### DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Travel south to Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort, which was established by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th-century, though what you see today is a reconstruction. Wander down some of the most historical streets in the city, catching a glimpse of the Tainan of times-gone-by.

Also visit Chihkan Tower, built in 1653 by Dutch colonisers and stop at the Confucius Temple. Stay overnight in Tainan. (B)

### **DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI**

Travel back to Taipei by high-speed train. Stop by the CKS Memorial Hall to see the Changing of the Guards ceremony and visit the 18th-century Longshan Temple. Make a photostop at the world-famous Taipei 101. Towering above the city like the gigantic bamboo stalk it was designed to resemble, Taipei 101 is impossible to miss. Also explore the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts including paintings, calligraphy, bronzes, lacquerware, ceramics, jade, religious objects and Martyr's Shrine. Enjoy the evening at leisure and perhaps visit one of the many markets on offer to experience local life in the city at night. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# TAIPEI SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Discover bustling Taipei, ascend Taipei 101, explore the National Palace Museum and see Longshan Temple.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
Standard	\$730	\$1,380	
Superior	\$790	\$1,500	
Deluxe	\$925	\$1,770	

### Price includes

- · Accommodation (3 nights Taipei)
- · Meals as stated
- · Transportation as stated
- · Private touring with guides and entrance fees



### **DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI**

Make your way to Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

### **DAY 2: TAIPEI**

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Taipei to commence your tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, ascend to the observation deck at Taipei 101 for a birdseye view over this sprawling city. Later, explore Longshan Temple and then

Dihua Street known for its many Chinese medicine shops. Finish the day at the National Palace Museum to admire the Chinese imperial collections and Martyr's Shrine before returning to your hotel. (B)

### **DAY 3: TAIPEI**

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Taipei. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# **SCENIC WONDERS**



### **DAYS**

Explore Taroko National Park, tour the Gorge Gateway, see Eternal Spring Shrine and relax at Sun Moon Lake.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
Standard	\$1,050	\$2,025	
Superior	\$1,205	\$2,335	
Deluxe	\$1,465	\$2,850	

### Price includes

- Accommodation
- (1 night Taipei, 1 night Taroko, 1 night Sun Moon Lake)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### **DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI**

Upon arrival at Taipei, you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: TAROKO NATIONAL PARK & GORGE GATEWAY

Transfer by road to Taroko National Park, driving along the breathtaking east coast cliff highway, taking a photo stop en route at Chingshui Cliff to enjoy the splendid scenery of the Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival at Taroko National Park, enjoy a tour of the Toroko Gorge Gateway, Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto. (B)

### DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE

Discover the Eternal Spring Shrine

This morning, travel to Sun Moon Lake driving along the central cross island highway on Mt Hehuan where you will have panoramic views over the central mountain ranges. Upon arrival at Sun Moon Lake, visit Wen Wu Temple, Holy Monk Shrine, Ita Thao Village and Tze-En Pagoda. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Taipei for your onward flight. An additional night in Taipei may be required depending on your flight time. (B)



# CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA



### **DAYS**

See Gyeongbok Palace, taste delicious Korean street food, explore historic Gyeongju and admire UNESCO Bulguksa Temple.

Prices are from per person, based on low season				
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLE TRAVELLER				
Standard	\$2,630	\$4,740		
Superior	\$2,830	\$5,135		
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### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees





### **DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL**

Arrive in South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. Stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards and enjoy Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

### **DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL**

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namsan Park and N Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening, you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Korea House (payable locally). (B)

### DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Meet your driver-guide and transfer to Seoul station. Travel on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and start discovering historic Gyeongju.

Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNSECO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

### **DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL**

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### **DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL**

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# SEOUL SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Discover bustling Seoul, see Gyeongbok Palace, visit the National Folk Museum and explore Namdaemun Market.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELL			
Standard	\$975	\$1,855	
Superior \$1.155 \$2.170			

\$1.775

\$3,250

### Price includes

Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)

Deluxe

- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- · Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



### **DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL**

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition – you'll find yourself stumbling upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies, the street snacks are second to none!

### **DAY 2: SEOUL**

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your full day seat-in-coach tour of the city. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, head to the Exhibition Hall and enjoy some free time for lunch. Take a stroll along Insadong Street, browse the

stalls at Gwangjang Market and a visit to N Seoul Tower for panoramic views over the city ends the day. Drop-off will be at Myeongdong, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. Itinerary will vary if this day falls on a Tuesday. (B)

### **DAY 3: SEOUL**

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

### **DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL**

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

### JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY



### **DAYS**

Explore Hallim Park, take a stroll on Hyeopjuae Beach, visit impressive Sunrise Peak and explore Manjanggul Cave.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
Standard	\$1,440		
Superior \$1,235		\$1,890	
Deluxe	\$1,930	\$3,165	

### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Jeju Island)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

# Explore beautiful Jeju Island

### DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Make your way to Jeju Island. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE JEJU ISLAND

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin at Hyeopjuae Beach, then continue to Hallim Park to see its sub-tropical gardens and mysterious lava caves. After lunch, enjoy a boat ride where you will see Dragon Head Coast, Mt Sanbangsan and Mt Songak from the boat. Also visit Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or Teddy Bear Museum. Drop-off will be at the pick-up point, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. Itinerary will differ if the weather is bad. (B,L)

### DAY 3: MORE TIME IN JEJU ISLAND

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your second full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin the day exploring Jeolmul Natural Forest, followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, head to Seongsan Sunrise Peak and explore Manjanggul Lava Cave. Drop-off will be at the same place as the pick-up point, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. Itinerary will differ if th weather is bad. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Itinerary will vary if the tour falls over a Sunday.



### **KOWLOON HOTELS**



THE CITYVIEW \*\*\*

Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just a tenminute stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG KOWLOON

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Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon is conveniently located on the Kowloon waterfront, offering unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour. Facilities include five restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool.

## **HONG KONG GLIMPSES\***



### **DAYS**

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
The Cityview \$640 \$1,055			
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$695	\$1,245	
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon \$870 \$1,480			

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- · Meals as stated
- · Transportation as stated



Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Embark on a thrilling half day seat in coach adventure in Hong Kong, as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marveling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls, immersing yourself in rich heritage and vibrant contemporary art. Indulging in a dim sum feast at Tim Ho Wan, where each bite is a culinary delight, before journeying to



new heights as you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breathtaking panoramic views. Finally, make your way to Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

\*Seat in coach touring is subject to availability and may not be available on your chosen dates. Private touring options will be quoted as an alternative.

# **HONG KONG IN FOCUS\***



### **DAYS**

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
The Cityview	\$1,240	\$1,910	
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$1,325	\$2,180	
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon	\$1,590	\$2,545	

### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach Hong Kong Tour
- Private Lantau Island Tour

# Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Embark on a thrilling half day seat in coach adventure in Hong Kong, as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marveling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls, immersing yourself in rich heritage and vibrant contemporary art. Indulging in a dim sum feast at Tim Ho Wan, where each bite is a culinary delight, before journeying to new heights as you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breathtaking panoramic views. Finally, make your way to Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island on a private day tour. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

\*Seat in coach touring is subject to availability and may not be available on your chosen dates. Private touring options will be quoted as an alternative.



### SINGAPORE HOTELS



### IBIS SINGAPORE ON BENCOOLEN ★★★

Located in the heart of Singapore's cultural and shopping district of Bugis, you will find the ibis Singapore on Bencoolen. The hotel is a perfect choice for shoppers, foodies and sightseers. Bugis Street Shopping District, Haji Lane, Little India, Chinatown and Orchard Road are all within walking distance from the hotel. Chinatown and Orchard Road are easily accessible by MRT which is conveniently located within 5-8 mins walk from the hotel.



### OASIA HOTEL DOWNTOWN \*\*\*\*

Refresh, refuel and recharge at the Oasia Hotel Downtown, Singapore. Situated in Singapore's Central Business District, the hotel's stands out due to its unique lush green vertical garden façade. Tanjong Pagar MRT Station, conveniently located at the hotel's doorstep, provides easy access to Singapore attractions and dining precincts. Or simply relax by one of the hotels' 2 rooftop pools.



### ORCHID HOTEL SINGAPORE \*\*\*

The Orchid Hotel Singapore, located in the financial district, is a peaceful retreat with modern comforts following a recent redesign overhaul. Guests can enjoy the 50meter long outdoor swimming pool and dine at Ya Ge, the hotel's Modern Chinese restaurant. Less than a 2-minute walk to Tanjong Pagar MRT Station makes it easy access to Singapore's well-known attractions including Marina Bay Sands, Gardens By The Bay, Chinatown and Orchard Road.



### GRAND PARK CITY HALL ★★★★

The Grand Park City Hall is located conveniently in Singapore's Civic District only a stone's throw from major shopping malls, dining hubs and entertainment. It is less than a ten minutes' drive to Marina Bay Sands. Iconic sites such as the Singapore Flyer and Chinatown are only minutes away.



# PARADOX SINGAPORE MERCHANT COURT AT CLARKE QUAY \*\*\*

Located in Singapore river district you find the Paradox Singapore Merchant Court at Clarke Quay. Offering both the experience of a cosmopolitan city and a resort style oasis, the hotel is conveniently located a stone's throw from the bustling entertainment and dining district of Clarke Quay and Boat Quay. Clarke Quay MRT station is right next to the hotel or take a stroll along Singapore River Walk to many popular attractions of Singapore.



### PULLMAN SINGAPORE ORCHARD ★★★★★

Located right in the heart of Singapore's most famous shopping and entertainment district, Orchard Road, you will find Singapore's new 5-star hotel Pullman Singapore Orchard. Premier retail malls, Paragon, ION Orchard and Ngee Ann City are all worth visiting. A 5-minute walk to Orchard and Somerset MRT Stations giving easy access to top attractions such as Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Zoo, Chinatown, Gardens By The Bay, Universal Studios Singapore.

# SINGAPORE SHORT STAY



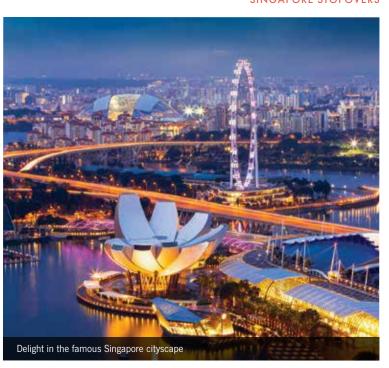
### **DAYS**

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$500	\$890	
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$570	\$1,040	
Grand Park City Hall	\$670	\$1,225	

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- · Meals as stated
- · Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



### DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### **DAY 2: SINGAPORE**

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

### **DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE**

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# GARDENS BY THE BAY



### **DAYS**

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER			
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$730	\$1,280	
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$840	\$1,510	
Grand Park City Hall	\$985	\$1,785	

### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



### **DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE**

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### **DAY 2: SINGAPORE**

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

### DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer independently to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two clouded conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest - at your leisure. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

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Enjoy a stopover in the bustling city of Singapore. Refer to pages 88 & 89 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.







### **AIR TRAVEL NOTES**

- Please be advised that Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our Reservation Consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

### JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense.

Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.

# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, levels of comfort or quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there.

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

### **EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN CHINA**















Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia and China. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# China for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of China. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country.

BEIJING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-9	2	3
Feb	-6	5	5
Mar	0	12	8
Apr	8	20	21
May	14	26	34
Jun	19	30	78
Jul	22	31	185
Aug	21	30	160
Sep	15	26	46
Oct	8	19	22
Nov	0	10	7
Dec	-6	4	3

Shanghai			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	1	8	76
Feb	2	8	44
Mar	5	13	118
Apr	11	19	63
May	16	24	85
Jun	20	27	212
Jul	25	32	142
Aug	25	32	230
Sep	21	27	76
Oct	15	22	64
Nov	9	17	43
Dec	2	11	34

### Beijing

Beijing's climate, like the city itself, is ever changing. Winter is cold, but with crisp blue skies and fewer visitors. Spring and autumn are the most popular times to visit as the weather is warmer but with cloudier skies.

### Shanghai

Shanghai's weather can be split into four distinct seasons – a warm spring, a hot and rainy summer, cooler weather in autumn and a cold winter. Being next to the sea, Shanghai experiences more rain than the rest of China.

### XIAN Min Temp °C Max Temp °C Feb -1 8 10 Mar 14 29 10 21 43 May 14 26 60 Jun 19 31 54 Jul 22 32 99 Aug 21 31 71 Sep 16 25 92 Oct 10 20 60 24 Nov 3 12 Dec

	С	HENGDU	
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	3	9	8
Feb	5	11	12
Mar	8	16	20
Apr	13	22	44
May	17	26	79
Jun	21	28	107
Jul	22	30	225
Aug	22	30	201
Sep	19	26	119
Oct	15	21	35
Nov	10	16	16
Dec	5	11	5

### Xian

Xian experiences a hot and rainy summer, a cold, clear and dry winter, and short rain showers in spring and autumn. Xian's weather is generally pleasant year round.

### Chengdu

Chengdu's weather is characteristically foggy and humid, with a long and warm spring; a short and hot summer, a cool autumn and a cold winter. July and August are the rainiest months.

GUILIN					
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		
Jan	5	12	63		
Feb	7	13	97		
Mar	10	16	137		
Apr	16	23	247		
May	20	27	352		
Jun	23	30	347		
Jul	25	33	231		
Aug	25	33	173		
Sep	22	30	82		
Oct	17	27	86		
Nov	12	20	64		
Dec	7	15	43		

KUNMING					
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		
Jan	2	15	16		
Feb	4	17	16		
Mar	6	21	20		
Apr	10	24	24		
May	14	24	97		
Jun	17	24	181		
Jul	17	24	202		
Aug	16	24	204		
Sep	15	23	119		
Oct	12	20	79		
Nov	7	17	42		
Dec	3	15	12		

### Guilin

Guilin's southern location blesses it with mild weather on average. Spring is hot, while summer is rainy, humid and foggy. Autumn is cool and pleasant, and winter can be breezy with occasional drizzle during the rainiest months.

### **Kunming**

Kunming justly lives up to its name as the 'Spring City' of China – with weather like spring most of the year, it rarely experiences cold winters or the extreme heat of summer.

### HONG KONG °C Max Temp 14 19 23 14 19 48 Feb 17 21 67 20 25 162 Apr May 24 29 317 Jun 27 30 376 Jul 27 32 324 Aug 26 31 301 Sep 26 30 300 Oct 23 28 145 Nov 19 24 35 Dec 21 27

LHASA					
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		
Jan	-9	7	1		
Feb	-6	9	2		
Mar	-2	13	3		
Apr	2	16	6		
May	6	20	28		
Jun	10	23	71		
Jul	10	23	117		
Aug	10	21	121		
Sep	8	20	69		
Oct	2	17	9		
Nov	-4	12	2		
Dec	-8	8	1		

### **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong's subtropical location means it experiences pleasant temperatures year round. Spring is warm and humid, summer is hot and rainy, autumn is sunny and clear, and winter is cooler and dry.

### Lhasa

Lhasa's altitude is the main factor influencing its climate. With cold winters and mild summers, the valley that it sits in protects it from more extreme weather. July, August and September sees the highest amount of rain annually, though Lhasa actually receives nearly 3,000 hours of sunshine a year!

# Your China questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

### **BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**



# Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

**A.** Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you confirmation documents.

# Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can on **wendywutours.**com.au or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying at?

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents around two weeks prior to departure. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels are generally of 3-4 star standard on our Classic tours. On Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, or rustic accommodation which fits perfectly to the tours' adventurous spirit. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

### Q. How do I get my visa?

**A.** The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure,

along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation two weeks prior to departure. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

**A.** We strongly recommend that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests or be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

**A.** The group size on our Classic tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seatand-a-half policy when travelling by coach, allowing you travel in greater comfort.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

# Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, which may enable you to share a twin room with another solo customer of the same gender who also requests 'Happy to Share', thus avoiding the need to pay single room supplements. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will make contact around 60 days before departure to let you know if a share partner has been found thus refunding the single room supplement. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

## Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

**A.** If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights. If there are no internal flights on your tour then your allowance is the international flight limit.

### Q. What currency should I take?

**A.** We recommend you take the local currency (RMB) and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in RMB for China tours and in US dollars for other countries.

### Q. When is the best time to visit China?

**A.** China is a destination for all seasons. With four distinct seasons, the ideal travel periods are spring (Mar to May) and autumn (Sep to Oct). Many people choose to travel at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists, but please keep in mind that the summer months may be very hot and the winter months may be very cold. Our tours cover the length and breadth of China and depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country. Please refer to your Travel Guide & Phrasebook for more information. See page 93 for more detailed information about the weather.

### WHILE ON TOUR



### Q. When are Chinese public holidays?

**A.** Chinese New Year holiday is from 9 - 16 February 2024 and 28 January - 4 February 2025. The Golden Week public holiday falls annually from 29 April - 3 May and National Day holiday from 30 September - 7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

### Q. How fit do I need to be?

**A.** Our Group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

### Q. What does escorted touring mean?

**A.** Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive to when you depart. On multicountry tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however, you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

### Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

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

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**River:** Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from large ships on the Yangtze River to smaller boats on the Li River, Grand Canal and West Lake. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

Rail: Trains are used on most tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards. Where bullet trains are used, second-class seats are included unless stated otherwise. You may have to carry and store your own luggage – the National Escort will assist where possible.

### Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

### Q. Are meals included?

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours and Extensions are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour, your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

### Q. Are there any optional excursions?

**A.** From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

**A.** We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Q.What is the flying time to China?

**A.** Approx. 11-12 hours to Beijing (if flying direct).

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic group tours. The minimum age on our China in Style tour is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours and Tailormade Holidays are suitable for any age group.

### Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

**A.** Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of Australian, New Zealand and British travellers on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

### Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.



### Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

### Q. How close can I get to the giant pandas?

**A.** If your tour includes a visit to see giant pandas, you will usually get close enough for a good photo opportunity.

### Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River cruise vessels?

**A.** We use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies. Please see our website for an overview of our Yangtze River cruise ships.

### Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with

**A.** We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia . We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

### Q. Is porterage included?

**A.** Porterage is included on our group tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). Full porterage is included from the coach to your hotel room on our China in Style tour. Where available, a porterage service is included at major train stations, however this is not offered in more rural parts of China and you may be required to carry your own luggage.

# Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

**A.** Tipping is expected in China. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

### If you are taking a tour without a Yangtze

**cruise,** tipping will be collected by your National Escort on arrival and distributed throughout the tour on your behalf.

### If you are taking a tour which includes a Yangtze cruise, the total amount listed on the tour pages will be collected in two parts:

1) An amount paid to your National Escort on arrival, as above.

2) A separate service levy to be paid upon boarding the cruise vessel.

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will provide the recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

# WeCare -Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

### 1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

### 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

### 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel. You will also be able to manage aspects of your booking via My Wendy Wu, your personal online booking portal.



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### LOYALTY DISCOUNT

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic and Go Beyond group tours, as well as dedicated Solo departures, but are not applicable for independent arrangements or Special Groups.

### REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

### JOIN THE FAMILY

Keep up to date with the latest news, receive inspiring stories and be one of the first to hear about our exclusive offers. To subscribe, visit **wendywutours.com.au** 

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Keep in touch with all of the latest news and offers by 'liking' our Facebook page and by following us on Instagram or check out our blog at

wendywutours.com.au/blog





### WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 8, 92 Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "four" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at wendywutours.com.au. It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Payments" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

OUR SERVICES The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

YOUR DETAILS Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

PRICES General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious 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. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Itinerary Deviations: All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

Airline Fuel Charges: In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

PAYMENTS Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may be higher where, for example,

we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

Balance Payment: The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. Air tickets are issued upon receiving final payment only. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Gancellations by You" below). Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure to cover the cost of earlier ticketing should it be requested by the airlines, or tickets issued by our overseas operators due to airline ticketing time limits.

Card Processing Fees: Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee, which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

Tailor-Made Quotations: For Tailor-made itineraries, the first two quotes are complimentary. After this, we reserve the right to request a non-refundable commitment fee of \$100.00 per person. This will be deducted from your required deposit amount at the time of confirmation.

AMENDMENTS BY YOU We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 per change will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers. Please note that airfares are subject to strict airline policies and booking fare rules. Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable. Once a booking is confirmed, any name change, or passenger change will incur additional charges and/or may be deemed a cancellation of the airfare.

AMENDMENTS BY US Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

During travel: You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

General: To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

CANCELLATION BY YOU Group Tours: Cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and are subject to the following cancellation charges (Cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

Airfare, Cruise & Rail Tickets: If airline, cruise and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. It is often the case that air, cruise and rail tickets are non-refundable.

Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic 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. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

### Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

- More than 75 days prior to departure refund of Excess Payment
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of Excess Payment
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of Excess Payment
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of Excess Payment
- Any 'no show': 100% of Excess Payment

CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (b) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

### Force Majeure - Prior to travel

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- $\bullet$  reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

### Force Majeure - During travel

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

### Force Majeure – General

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

### Other cancellations

Minimum Numbers: Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal

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quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

### CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH

AUTHORITY If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your tour arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Wendy Wu Tours highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre existing medical conditions and world events.

JOINING YOUR TOUR Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation (including but not limited to airport transfers) or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

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. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

HOTELS Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. 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. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. 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.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health and vaccination requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personned which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full of refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not

be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Mu Tours 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 incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and 60 Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'Happy to Share' basis. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Either way, our Customer Services Team will contact you around 75 days before departure to let you know whether a share partner has been found or not. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement.

application single supplement. If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'Happy to Share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'Happy to Share' option.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim howsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

INDEPENDENT SERVICES We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your titnerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable

Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

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