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Our Award-Winning Collection Of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

The Winner Of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 10 Years Running – Globe Travel Awards

The Most Prestigious Accolade In The Travel Industry

WELCOME TO CHINA!



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 full. These tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme 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 the experiences of a lifetime.

SOLO TRAVELLERS

We have reserved selected departures of some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade 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.

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 on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILORMADE

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

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with ten or more other passengers, we can arrange your 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, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 77 for more details.



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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

Although 2020 wasn't quite what we imagined, it's made us even more determined to deliver unforgettable adventures so you can embrace every moment for 2021-2022. Our brand new China brochure is packed with inspiring tours and authentic experiences which capture the true essence of this wonderful destination. With over 20 years of expertise, we've mastered the art of creating memorable tours, and our fantastic National Escorts who make our tours even more extraordinary can't wait to show you the delights of China. We'll take care of every aspect of your trip so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey, plus it's all at exceptional value too!

I'm also thrilled to announce the addition of two brand new China tours for 2021-2022, both of which I know you will love. Sichuan and Yangtze Delights, which mixes UNESCO World Heritage Sites with phenomenal natural landscapes and lesser known attractions, and China in Style, which lets you explore the must-see sights in VIP comfort.

And, as if China wasn't enough, we've also included Treasures of Taiwan and Scenic South Korea to showcase more of this unmissable region.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu - Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 10 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

OUR EXPERTISE

No one knows our destinations like we do, and we are passionate about sharing the best of them with you, so there is no one better to recommend the very best tours and experiences for your holiday.

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge and dedication have won us the best reputation in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

Flights, accommodation, meals, touring, trains, cruises, evening shows, amazing guides and visas...we include it all.

VISAS

All visa costs are included in the price, with expert guidance throughout. We are one of very few companies launching a China e-visa (applicable at limited entry points with more to launch) which, for many people, will streamline and simplify the process of getting your visa.

FANTASTIC OFFERS

We are renowned for our amazing Business Class and Premium Economy upgrades, which make your holiday all the more special, and we work with leading airlines to offer you regional departures, so travelling with us is more convenient than ever.

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

We hand-pick comfortable hotels in great locations, have a 'seat and a half' policy on our coaches and include all meals on our Classic tours, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday with us, knowing everything is taken care of.

AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

On tour with us, you will be immersed in culture and history through experiences such as meeting local families, learning ancient traditions and watching cultural shows. We also include delicious local meals in each region. Look out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on each tour page!

OUR ONLY GOAL

We are only satisfied when you come back to travel with us again and again – only then do we know that we've done a good job of serving you.

TIPPING MADE EASY

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



YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

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), 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 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 of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free chauffeur transfers to and from the airport, free airport lounges and complimentary drinks 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.30) and Magnificent China (p.44) in this brochure or check our website at www.wendywutours.co.uk for more information.

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 78) 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



LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a 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.

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.

Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit www.wendywutours.co.uk

Guided by the very best

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
- ✔ Are born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day

Award-winning expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.



Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star TripAdvisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family – that's all the accolade we need.



Our Price Promise

If you find any of our tours cheaper elsewhere, we'll match the price!

PRICE MATCH PROMISE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We're so confident you won't find the same tour at a better price that if you do, we'll not only match it, but we'll also offer you a discount of £200 per person on a future booking.

100% NO SURCHARGE PROMISE

Once you've paid, you've paid! As soon as we confirm your booking you can relax knowing the holiday price won't increase and you'll never have to pay extra for currency fluctuations and surcharges, etc.

NEVER KNOWINGLY UNDERSOLD

If you find a Wendy Wu tour being sold elsewhere for less than our published price, let us know and we'll match the price you've been quoted.

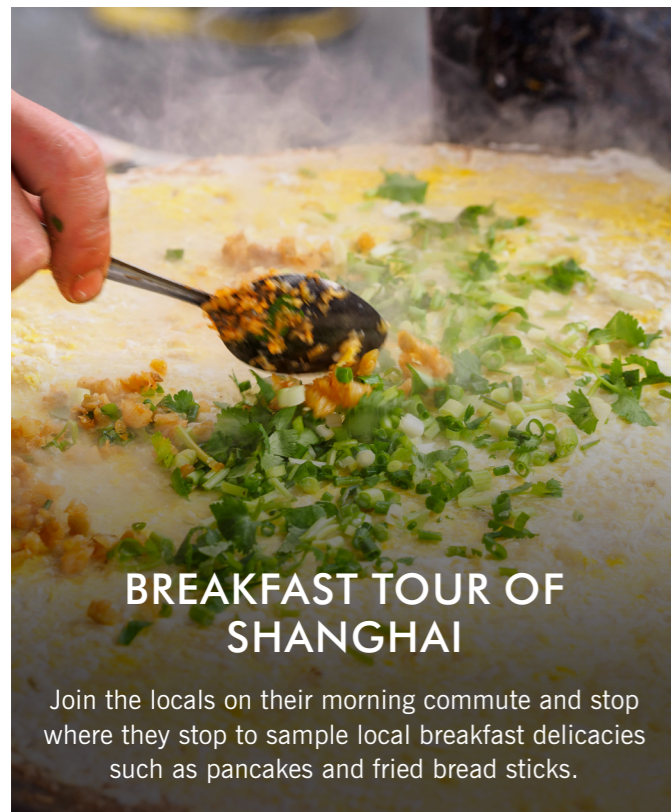
Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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



TAI CHI

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



BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI

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



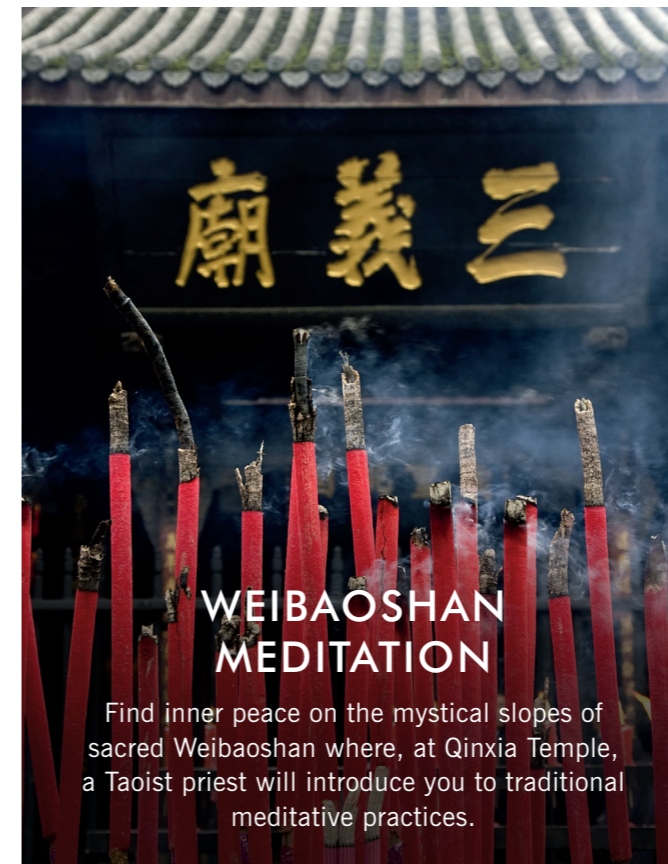
HUTONGS TOUR

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



ERA SHOW

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



WEIBAOSHAN MEDITATION

Find inner peace on the mystical slopes of sacred Weibaoshan where, at Qinxia Temple, a Taoist priest will introduce you to traditional meditative practices.



CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

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



MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

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



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

1 BEIJING

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



2 XIAN

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.



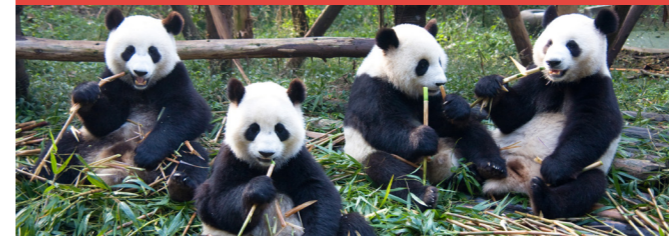
3 SHANGHAI

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



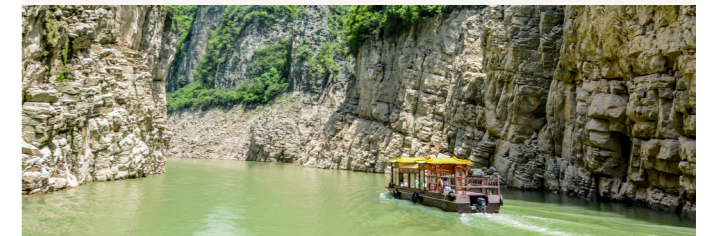
4 CHENGDU

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



5 YANGTZE RIVER

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



6 GUILIN

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



7 LIJIANG

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



8 LHASA

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.



CLASSIC TOURS

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

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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 4 star accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

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, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 28 fellow travellers.

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 top 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.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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.

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON **£2,390**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

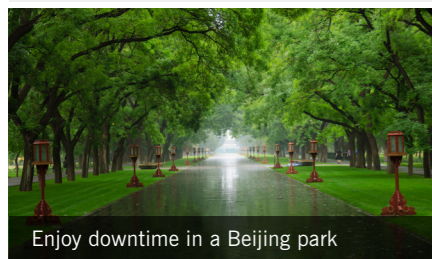
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Feast on Peking duck
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel on a bullet train
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play



See pandas at Dujiangyan Panda Base and Chengdu Panda Reserve

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 UK passport holders



Enjoy downtime in a Beijing park

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight 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 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before deciding on an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

DAY 4: 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. Also included is a visit to a jade factory. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

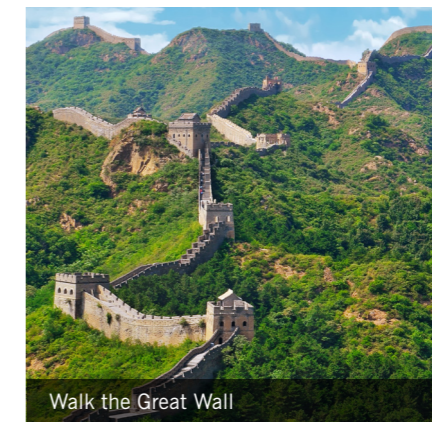
After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location 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 7: 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.



Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing



Walk the Great Wall

DAY 8: 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 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.

DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

CLASSIC CHINA

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!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2021 DATES

04 Apr - 12 Apr	£2,590	05 Sep - 13 Sep	£2,690
18 Apr - 26 Apr	£2,590	19 Sep - 27 Sep	£2,690
09 May - 17 May	£2,590	10 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,590
16 May - 24 May	£2,590	17 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,590
13 Jun - 21 Jun	£2,690	07 Nov - 15 Nov	£2,690
11 Jul - 19 Jul	£2,790	14 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,390
08 Aug - 16 Aug	£2,890	23 Dec - 02 Jan*	£2,990

2022 DATES

06 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,790	07 Aug - 15 Aug	£2,990
13 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,590	04 Sep - 12 Sep	£2,790
03 Apr - 11 Apr	£2,690	18 Sep - 26 Sep	£2,790
17 Apr - 25 Apr	£2,690	09 Oct - 17 Oct	£2,690
08 May - 16 May	£2,690	16 Oct - 24 Oct	£2,690
15 May - 23 May	£2,690	06 Nov - 14 Nov	£2,790
12 Jun - 20 Jun	£2,690	13 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,490
10 Jul - 18 Jul	£2,790	22 Dec - 01 Jan*	£3,090

*Christmas departure - 11 day itinerary - Departing Thursday returning Sunday

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,790 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £270 to £400
- Tipping paid locally RMB 320
- Christmas departure tipping RMB 350

Dedicated solos departure

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SHANGHAI EXTENSION

3 days from £320pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £310pp

ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £430pp

Visit page 78 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

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 UK passport holders



Learn about jade, the sacred stone

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the Silk Factory and a stop in the old town. 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 Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 4: 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 5: 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 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

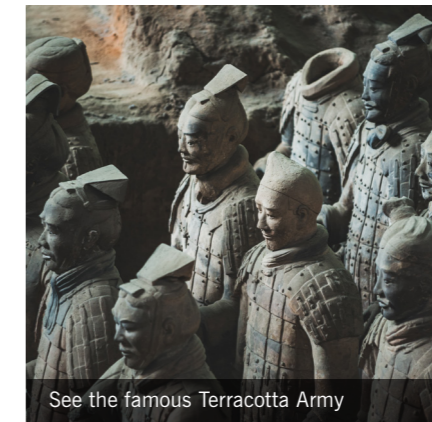
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. 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 performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda



Stroll along the Bund, Shanghai



See the famous Terracotta Army

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they spend their afternoon practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the traditional hutongs, where the narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of old Beijing. Meet a local family and learn first-hand about hutong life.



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 9: 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. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 10: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

2021 DATES

20 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,590	10 Jul - 19 Jul	£2,890
03 Apr - 12 Apr	£2,690	07 Aug - 16 Aug	£2,890
10 Apr - 19 Apr	£2,690	11 Sep - 20 Sep	£2,790
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28 May - 06 Jun	£3,090	12 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,790 (Shanghai - Beijing)
- Single room from £320 to £370
- Tipping paid locally RMB 400

Dedicated solos departure

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GLORIES OF CHINA

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Stop for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman

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 UK passport holders



See Terracotta Army replicas being made

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

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: 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 4: 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 5: SEVEN STAR PARK

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

DAY 6: 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 7: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 8: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

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

DAY 9: 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 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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See Shanghai's futuristic skyline

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

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



Explore the Summer Palace

DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2021 DATES			
27 Feb - 12 Mar	£2,690	14 Aug - 27 Aug	£3,290
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Flight and supplement information

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MAJESTIC YANGTZE

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

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 UK passport holders



Explore the old town of Ciqikou

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the narrow cobble 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

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 4: 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 5-7: 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 8: 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 9: PANDAS

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

DAY 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 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.



Explore the delights of Shanghai

DAY 11: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

DAY 12: 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.



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 13: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2021 DATES

11 Mar - 24 Mar*	£2,890	07 Jun - 20 Jun	£3,390
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Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £590 to £620
- Tipping paid locally RMB 600

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NEW

SICHUAN & YANGTZE DELIGHTS

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See the famous Dazu Rock Carvings
- ✓ Watch pandas play
- ✓ Three-night Yangtze River cruise
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover the Forbidden City



See the famous rock carvings in Dazu

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 UK passport holders



Tuck into Beijing's famous delicacy

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tuck into a delicious feast of Beijing's best known dish, Peking duck, a food that offers a true taste of imperial China and a long-time favourite of locals and visitors alike!
- ▶ With over 50,000 sculptures and carvings dating back to the 7th-century, spend time discovering some of these for yourself at the World Heritage listed site of Dazu.
- ▶ 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.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CHONGQING

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER DAZU

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you will find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian idols and symbols carved into the rock faces across 70 sites. Made between the 9th-13th centuries, these rock carvings are some of the best preserved in China. Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing.

DAY 4: EXPLORE WULONG

Travel to Wulong, an area of stunning natural scenery and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend time strolling through the national park, walking amongst the dramatic karst landscapes that include the naturally formed stone bridges, narrow gorges and limestone formations. Here, visit the Three Bridges National Park and Fairy Mountain. Stay overnight in Wulong.

DAYS 5: DISCOVER CHONGQING

Return to Chongqing and begin the day by heading to Hongyadong, an 11-storey, 75-metre-high stilt house that has been built alongside a steep bank of the Jialing River. Also included is a visit to E'ling Park – a beautiful green oasis in the heart of Yuzhon District that overlooks the metropolis of Chongqing city below. Enjoy a hot pot dinner, before boarding the Yangtze River cruise vessel for a three-night stay.

DAYS 6-7: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, it's time to relax and let nature take over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Streams and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 8: YICHANG TO CHENGDU

Disembark the cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam, a man-made marvel and a massive feat of engineering. Later, travel by bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 9: MEET THE PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous panda reserve to see the bears playing and chomping bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat, and learn about the breeding programme at the conservation centre. Later, board the bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian.

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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Cruise through the Three Gorges on the Yangtze River

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Begin the day by travelling on the bullet train to Beijing, the capital of China. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the warren-like hutongs and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into daily life in the hutongs.

DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 13: IMPERIAL BEIJING

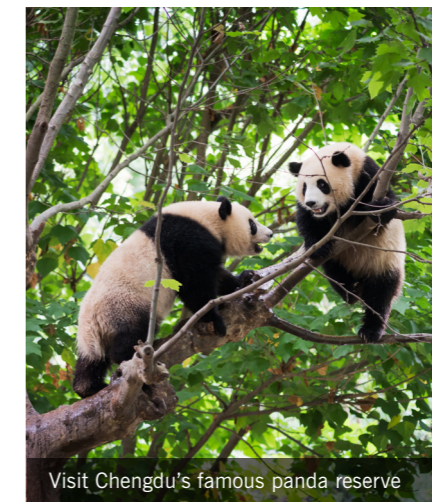
Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch the locals as they mingle, dance and play cards. In the afternoon, head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

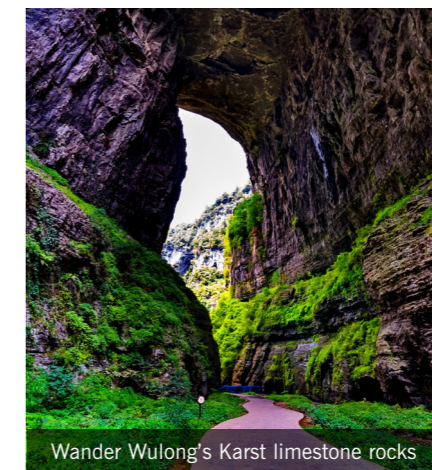
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Visit Chengdu's famous panda reserve



Wander Wulong's Karst limestone rocks

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting at the heart of Sichuan Province, see the rock carvings of Dazu and explore Wulong before embarking on a three-night Yangtze River cruise. Also included is a visit to see the pandas, the Terracotta Army and a walk on the Great Wall.



See the Temple of Heaven in Beijing

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2021 DATES

17 May - 30 May **£3,190** 11 Oct - 24 Oct **£3,190**

2022 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr **£3,290** 12 Sep - 25 Sep **£3,290**

09 May - 22 May **£3,290** 10 Oct - 23 Oct **£3,290**

Flight and supplement information

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CHINA SPLENDOUR

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the Grand Buddha of Leshan

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
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- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit Xian's old Muslim Quarter

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, stop in the old town and admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Later, learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory, from the cultivation of silkworms up to creating the final piece. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Fly to Beijing, China's fascinating capital. Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Later this evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 5: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

Fly to Xian, the historic former capital and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city wall. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before watching a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them in the style of their ancient counterparts. Also visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and soak up the atmosphere in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter.

DAY 9: WULONG

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



Explore the streets of Chengdu

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can get up close to China's celebrated bears, as they chomp through piles of bamboo, in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Continue to People's Park and spend time in Matchmaker's Corner. Tonight,

dine on delicious Sichuanese cuisine. There is an optional performance to see the 'face changing' show at the Sichuan Opera.

DAY 13: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Take a day trip to Leshan to see the 71-metre-high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before taking a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective from below. Later, return by road to Chengdu.

DAY 14: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Uncover the beauty of Wulong

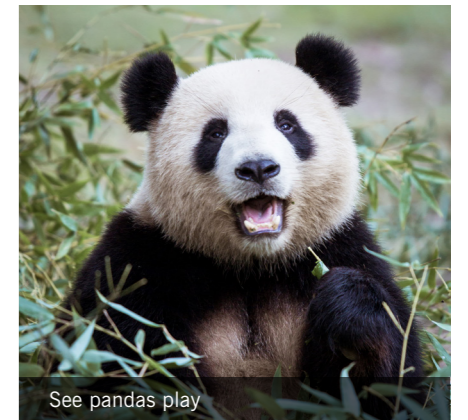
CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



See pandas play

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Tuesday

2021 DATES

05 May - 18 May	£3,190	06 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,390
08 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,390		

2022 DATES

04 May - 17 May	£3,190	05 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,390
07 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,390		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Shanghai – Chengdu)
- Single room from £540 to £590
- Tipping paid locally RMB 480

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LHASA EXTENSION

4 days from £850pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £310pp

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NEW

CHINA IN STYLE

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,290**

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River in luxury
- ✓ Meet a Terracotta Warriors expert
- ✓ Talk about pandas with an expert
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit the water town of Zhujiajiao
- ✓ Ascend Jin Mao Tower in Shanghai



Explore the Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- 5 star cruise on the Yangtze River
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Learn the art of calligraphy

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at the long-practised art of calligraphy, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – the perfect way to connect with local culture.
- ▶ Your visit to the exceptional Terracotta Warriors is made all the more unforgettable by a meeting with one of the farmers who discovered this archaeological wonder in 1974.
- ▶ In the tranquil surroundings of the Temple of Heaven Park, a Tai Chi master will give a private tuition of the basic steps of this graceful martial art, an essential element of Chinese wellbeing practice.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Beijing. On arrival, you will be accompanied to the hotel by one of our experienced guides.

DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven Park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City and enter the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering showcase of royal life. In the evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy an optional kung fu show.

DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

Ride the cable car up the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping at an ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via a jade factory, then take a leisurely stroll through the traditional hutongs where you will stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake.

DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance.

DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in

1974. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and perhaps buy a souvenir to take home. With the evening at leisure, you may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

DAY 7: EXCAVATION DIG AT HAN YANG LING

Head to Han Yang Ling Mausoleum which comprises of two large burial mounds and several smaller pits. Meet an archaeologist and take part in a simulated excavation. Next, board the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province and in the evening, enjoy a performance of the face changing show at the Sichuan Opera.

DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park, one of the city's social hubs. Visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuanese dining experience – hot pot.

DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of Ciqikou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your five star Century Legend cruise ship.



Enjoy a voyage down the Yangtze River



Savour the views of Shanghai's skyline whilst enjoying an evening cocktail

DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

The Yangtze has played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served.

DAY 11: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further.

DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. It is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Next, travel to Yichang and then fly to Shanghai.

DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Travel to the 1,700-year-old water town of Zhujiajiao which boasts old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River.

DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Visit the old town, Yu Garden, colonial Bund, a silk factory and Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner then end the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline.

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer.

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Discover the canals of Zhujiajiao

CHINA IN STYLE

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy a relaxed paced tour and many special experiences as you journey through China indulging in a deluxe Yangtze River cruise, staying in handpicked 5 star hotels and sampling delicious cuisine along the way.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2021 DATES

14 May - 28 May **£5,290** 10 Sep - 24 Sep **£5,490**

2022 DATES

13 May - 27 May **£5,490** 09 Sep - 23 Sep **£5,690**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,690 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,890 to £2,090
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,030

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GUILIN & YANGSHUO EXTENSION

4 days from £410pp

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5 days from £790pp

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4 days from £520pp

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WONDERS OF CHINA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,460

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Admire magnificent views whilst walking along a section of the Great Wall

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 UK passport holders



Discover Beijing's hutongs

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 into daily life here.
- ▶ 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

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight 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 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. 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, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will then have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you have the opportunity to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture. This evening, enjoy an optional kung fu show.

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

DAY 6: 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 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

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



Explore the amazing landscapes of Yangshuo

DAY 12: 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 13: 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 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 15: 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.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION
5 days from £790pp

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Discover the Terracotta Warriors

CLASSIC CHINA

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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2021 DATES			
21 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,590	04 Jul - 19 Jul	£3,890
04 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,690	01 Aug - 16 Aug	£3,890
09 Apr - 24 Apr*	£3,690	22 Aug - 06 Sep	£3,890
11 Apr - 26 Apr	£3,690	05 Sep - 20 Sep*	£3,790
18 Apr - 03 May	£3,690	10 Sep - 25 Sep*	£3,790
25 Apr - 10 May	£3,690	12 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,790
07 May - 22 May*	£3,690	19 Sep - 04 Oct	£3,790
09 May - 24 May	£3,690	08 Oct - 23 Oct*	£3,690
14 May - 29 May*	£3,690	10 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,690
16 May - 31 May	£3,690	17 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,690
21 May - 05 Jun*	£3,690	24 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,290
23 May - 07 Jun	£3,690	07 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,490
06 Jun - 21 Jun	£3,790		
2022 DATES			
13 Mar - 28 Mar	£3,490	17 Jul - 01 Aug	£3,990
20 Mar - 04 Apr	£3,690	14 Aug - 29 Aug	£3,990
27 Mar - 11 Apr	£3,690	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,890
03 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,790	11 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,890
10 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,790	18 Sep - 03 Oct	£3,890
17 Apr - 02 May	£3,790	25 Sep - 10 Oct	£3,890
24 Apr - 09 May	£3,790	09 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,890
08 May - 23 May	£3,790	16 Oct - 31 Oct	£3,890
15 May - 30 May	£3,790	21 Oct - 05 Nov*	£4,490
20 May - 04 Jun*	£4,390	23 Oct - 07 Nov	£3,890
22 May - 06 Jun	£3,790	30 Oct - 14 Nov	£3,890
29 May - 13 Jun	£3,790	06 Nov - 21 Nov	£3,790
12 Jun - 27 Jun	£3,890	13 Nov - 28 Nov	£3,690

* Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,890 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £620 to £660
- Tipping paid locally RMB 770

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16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,790**

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Enjoy time in Hong Kong



Admire Hong Kong's renowned jaw-dropping skyline

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 UK passport holders



See the giant Buddha of Lantau Island

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight 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 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing's old hutongs by foot and visit the home of a local family. Enjoy traditional Peking duck for dinner, followed by a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Later, transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, you will have the option to join a tour to see the city lit up at night.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, feast on Shui Jiao dumplings before watching a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

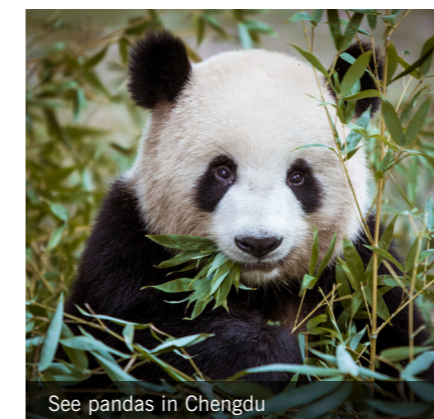
Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan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

DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAY 9: OLD CIQIKOU

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



See pandas in Chengdu



Explore the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City

DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Yichang for your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Begin today with a visit to Yu Garden and the old town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 14: FLY TO HONG KONG

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

DAY 15: LANTAU ISLAND

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

DAY 16: FLY TO THE UK

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

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3 days from £590pp

TASTE OF MACAO STOPOVER
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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2021 DATES

06 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,990	14 Sep - 29 Sep	£3,890
04 May - 19 May	£3,790	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,890

2022 DATES

12 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,090	13 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,990
11 May - 26 May	£3,890	11 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,990

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,490 (Beijing – Hong Kong)
- Single room from £890 to £1,050
- Tipping paid locally RMB 660 & HKD 280



Stroll along the Bund, Shanghai

CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Admire the impressive Potala Palace

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 UK 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.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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DAY 3: 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. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before enjoying a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

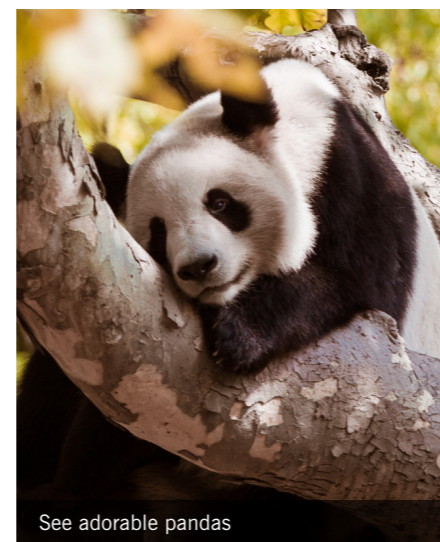
Take the bullet train to Xian. Explore the streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy a performance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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

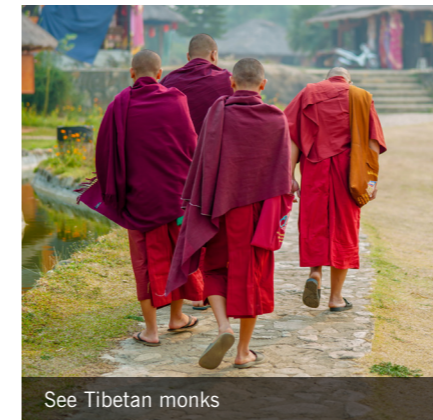
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors 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 7: MYSTICAL LHASA

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



See adorable pandas



See Tibetan monks



Spin traditional prayer wheels in Jokhang Temple

DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a contemporary, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old streets at its heart you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally-dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning.

DAY 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, 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 10: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 11: 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 12-13: 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 14: 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 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Sightseeing today includes a visit to the traditional Yu Garden, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. 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 Shanghaiese meal.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2021 DATES

09 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,990	10 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,190
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YUNNAN & SICHUAN

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Cable car to Mount Emeishan
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Discover delightful Dali



Spend time in Wulong National Park

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 UK passport holders



Stop at markets in Xizhou

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the village of Xizhou where, as well as browsing the laden stalls of the bustling, local market, you'll be able to see members of the Naxi minority community in their colourful, traditional dress.
- ▶ A speciality dish of Yunnan province, tuck into a delicious bowl of Across the Bridge noodles in provincial capital Kunming, a famous and flavourful noodle soup with a touching story behind it.
- ▶ 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

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: WULONG

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

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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



Enjoy incredible vistas of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

DAY 11: LESHAN

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

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA

Take a day trip to see the 71-metre-high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip, which will give you a great perspective of the impressive rock carving. Later, continue to Emeishan.

DAY 13: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEISHAN

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



Admire beautiful and sacred Mount Emei

DAY 14: CHENGDU

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

DAY 15: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. Later, stroll through People's Park, visit a traditional teahouse and see Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. This evening, dine on mouthwatering Sichuanese cuisine.

DAY 16: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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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 Wulong National Park.



See Naxi women in traditional dress

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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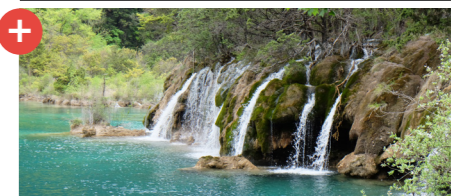
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Flight and supplement information

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

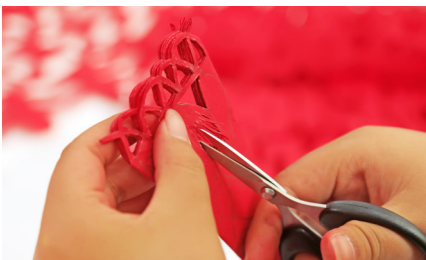
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Marvel at the Hanging Temple
- ✓ Feel at peace in Wutaishan
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Witness Shaolin kung fu
- ✓ Stroll Pingyao's ancient streets



Admire the Buddha statues in the Yungang Grottoes

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Try the art of paper cutting

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 by traditional rickshaw, 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

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and mingle with the locals as they practice Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Later, browse your way through Panjiayuan, Beijing's most extensive arts, crafts and antiques market.

DAY 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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.



See Pingyao's ancient architecture



Visit Shaolin Temple and witness the monks practising kung fu

DAY 10: EXPLORE PINGYAO

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

DAY 11: 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 12: DISCOVER XIAN

Admire the relics at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and watching a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

DAY 13: 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 14: 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 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 16: 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 17: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Cruise the waterways of Suzhou's Grand Canal

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Start the day with a Tai Chi class

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi - do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Visit a 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

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: YANGSHUO

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



Visit a tea plantation in Hangzhou

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.



Explore rural Yangshuo

DAY 11: CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: 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 13: 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 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 15: BEIJING

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

DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

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DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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- ✓ 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



Explore beautifully preserved Lijiang

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Stroll through Baisha Village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

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DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture. This evening, there is an option to see some kung fu masters in action.

DAY 5: 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 6: 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 7: FLY TO GUILIN

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

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

DAY 9: YANGSHUO

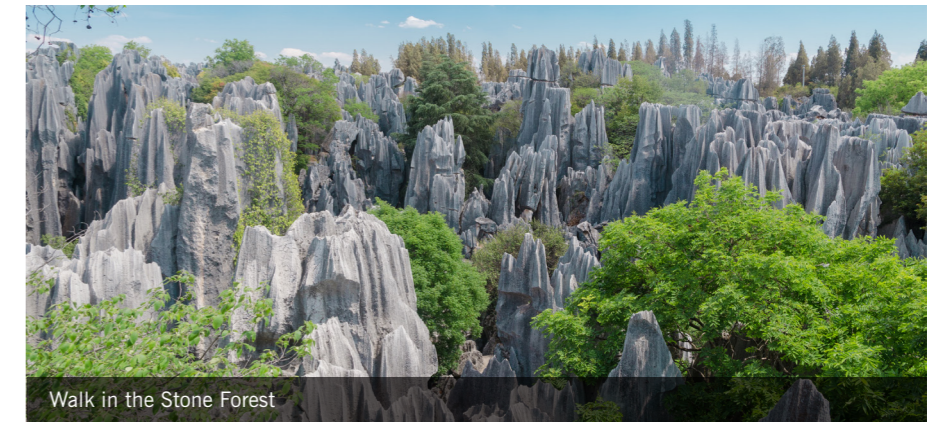
Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities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

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

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



See the magnificent Temple of Heaven



Walk in the Stone Forest

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 12: 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 13: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

DAY 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. 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 15: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 16: 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 17-19: 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 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

2021 DATES

04 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,290	05 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,490
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TOUR TICKLIST

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



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- Domestic transportation
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Visit a traditional tea house in Chengdu

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: 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 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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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 7: ANCIENT CITY WALL

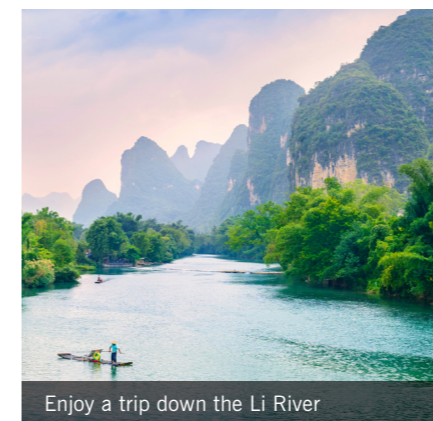
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Later this afternoon, explore the narrow streets of the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the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

DAY 8: 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 'face-changing'.

DAY 9: 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.



Enjoy a trip down the Li River



Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden

DAY 10: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

DAYS 11-13: 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 to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

DAY 14: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

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

DAY 15: 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 16: 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 17: DISCOVER GUILIN

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

DAY 18: 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 19: 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 Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAYS 20-21: 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.

DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

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



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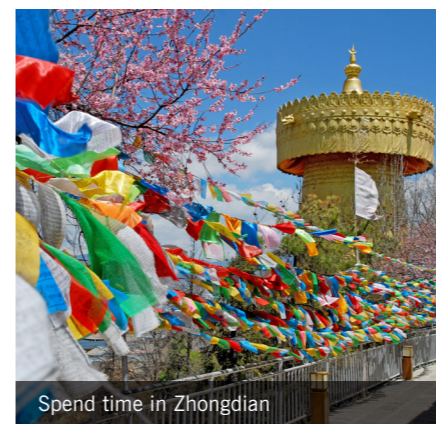
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Embark on an epic cross-country journey, encountering China's most magnificent sights; from the imperial mountain resort of Chengde past the iconic Wall and enigmatic Warriors, to the stunning vistas of Yunnan Province.



Spend time in Zhongdian



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Experience life in a Yunnan village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

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DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE CHENGDE

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

DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

Make the return journey back to Beijing. This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall, namely the Jinshanling section. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Take a bullet train to Xian and enjoy some time at leisure. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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DAY 15: FLY TO ZHONGDIAN

Disembark in Chongqing and then fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 16: SONGZANLIN MONASTERY

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

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DAY 19: BLACK DRAGON POOL

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

DAYS 20-21: ENCHANTING DALI

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

DAY 22: STONE FOREST

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

DAY 23: FLY KUNMING TO UK

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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 on the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of the Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

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DAYS 3-4: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before exploring Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, spend the morning taking a walk on the Great Wall and in the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and wander through the park, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate in Tai Chi or play cards. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

DAYS 6-7: 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 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

DAYS 9-11: 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 12: 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 13: 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 14-15: 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. Transfer to Kunming.

DAY 16: 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.



See the Three Pagodas in Dali



Explore charming Suzhou

DAY 17: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 18: LI RIVER

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

DAY 19: 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 20: 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 21-22: 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 23: 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 24: SHANGHAI

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 Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Walk Xian's ancient city walls

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Monday

2021 DATES

18 Mar - 12 Apr	£4,190	10 Jun - 05 Jul	£4,390
25 Mar - 19 Apr	£4,390	05 Aug - 30 Aug	£4,690
01 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,390	09 Sep - 04 Oct	£4,590
08 Apr - 03 May	£4,390	16 Sep - 11 Oct	£4,590
22 Apr - 17 May	£4,390	07 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,490
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20 May - 14 Jun	£4,390		

2022 DATES

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19 May - 13 Jun	£4,490	20 Oct - 14 Nov	£4,490

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £950 to £990
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,140

ULTIMATE CHINA

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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

Explore the temples of Zhongdian

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 UK passport holders



Meet Tibetan locals

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- ▶ Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 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 Cangshan Mountains and passing its many famous islands, many of them complete with colourful temples.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
Fly overnight 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 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING
This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening, there is an option to see kung fu masters in action.

DAY 5: 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 6: 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 7: FLY TO GUILIN
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Next, fly to Guilin and visit a pearl factory.

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

DAY 9: 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 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING
Drive back to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Next, fly to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

DAY 11: 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.



Jade Dragon Snow Mountain



Walk the Great Wall of China

DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO DALI
Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China and discover the magnificent Three Pagodas.

DAY 13: ENCHANTING DALI
Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dyeing demonstration and wander through Dali's ancient quarter. Also enjoy a relaxing cruise on Erhai Lake.

DAY 14: EXPLORE LIJIANG
Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit Shaxi village.

DAY 15: 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 16: TIGER LEAPING GORGE
Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 17: 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.

DAY 18: MYSTICAL LHASA
Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 19: 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 20: 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 21: FLY TO CHENGDU
Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Tonight, dine on local Sichuan cuisine.

DAY 22: PANDAS
Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

PRICES & DEPARTURES		
Departing Thursday returning Tuesday		
2021 DATES		
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02 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,190	
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Flight and supplement information		
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DAYS 23-25: 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 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
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DAY 27: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK
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ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy breathtaking views of Mt Fuji and the surrounding area



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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 three-week tour!



Admire the Itsukushima Shrine



Take a leisurely stroll along The Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the historic hutongs of Beijing

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

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DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, 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 5: 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 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

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

DAY 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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.

DAY 11: 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 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

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

DAY 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 16: 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 17: 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 18: 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 19: 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.

DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

2021 DATES

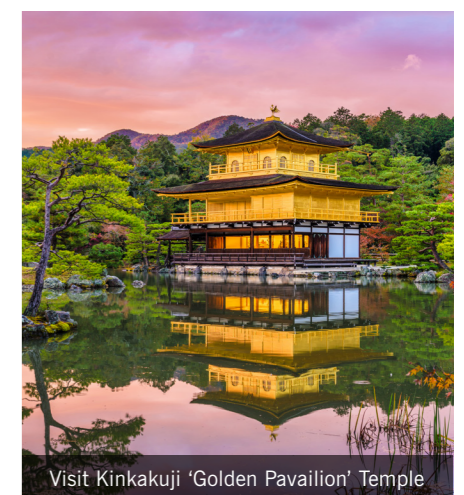
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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,990 (Beijing - Tokyo)
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Visit Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple

TREASURES OF TAIWAN

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Relax in Taitung's hot springs

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take some time to relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – you'll have time to make the most of them at your hotel which has hot spring pools for you to enjoy.
- ▶ Visit the unique spectacle of 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.



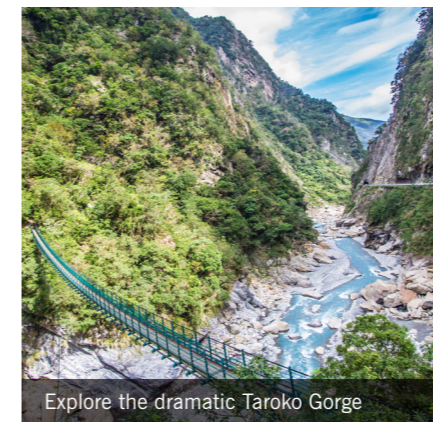
Discover Taipei's skyline

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.



Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge



Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

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 Anping 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, Foguangshan. 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 Shedding Nature Park with a pause to take in the ocean views at Oluanpi Lighthouse. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIH PEN

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 Luodong by high-speed rail and then enjoy a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow passengers.

DAY 14: FLY TAIPEI TO THE UK

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

CLASSIC TAIWAN

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!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 23 Apr £3,690 09 Oct - 22 Oct £3,690

2022 DATES

09 Apr - 22 Apr £3,890 08 Oct - 21 Oct £3,890

Flight and supplement information

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Visit Foguangshan Buddha Museum

SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy the majesty of Anapji Pond, Gyeongju National Park

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the Freedom Bridge of the DMZ

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an informative and unusual adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel.
- ▶ 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

A dynamic, 24-hour city, 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. Start your explorations at the immense Gyeongbok Palace, which will include the Changing of the Guard ceremony, before exploring the National Folk Museum. Learn to cook delicious Korean classic 'bibimbap' in a cookery class – you'll get to eat it for lunch – before strolling Insadong Antique Alley and visiting UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine. End the day with panoramic views over this sprawling city at the N Seoul Tower.



Explore the grounds of Seonamsa Temple

DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE

Head to Boseong, considered the best place in Korea to grow tea, and visit a green tea plantation, learning all about its production and enjoying a tasting. Continue to Suncheon for a stop at the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple grounds are also home to a beautiful arched stone bridge. 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.



Marvel at the gates of Bulguksa Temple



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

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 with a city overview from the top of Busan Tower, before browsing the wares at Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Drive to Gyeongju.

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 Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs, and Anapji Pond. Then head just out of the city to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto.

DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE 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. Enjoy a short, easy hike along a beautiful valley and see the mountaintop Gwongneumseong Fortress by cable car.

DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL

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

DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

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

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

DAY 13: FLY SEOUL TO THE UK

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

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SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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.



Explore the bamboo forests of Juknokwon

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

2021 DATES

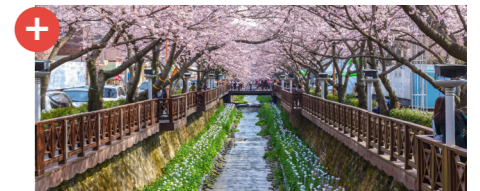
29 Mar - 10 Apr £4,790 18 Oct - 30 Oct £4,790

2022 DATES

28 Mar - 09 Apr £4,990 17 Oct - 29 Oct £4,990

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Seoul - Seoul)
- Single room from £1,090 to £1,150
- Tipping paid locally US\$50



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.



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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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
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- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and touring as stated
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

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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!

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Exploring in smaller and more flexible groups with no more than 18 fellow 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?

CHINA EXPLORER

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,590**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge
- ✓ Cycle Xian's city wall
- ✓ Visit pandas in Dujiangyan
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River



Discover Xian on two wheels

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 8 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus basic guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Enjoy a traditional breakfast pancake

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.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking Jinji suspended rope bridge.
- ▶ Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world's most spectacular locations.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight 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 3: 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 4: 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. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they start their day practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Next, visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander around the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch at the hutongs before driving to the Simatai section of the Great Wall, staying overnight in Gubei Watertown. Ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

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

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



Explore sacred Mount Qingcheng



Stay overnight in Gubei watertown

DAY 8: 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)

DAY 9: 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 10: 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 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various shore excursions as well as a side trip to Goddess or Shennong Stream. This is a chance to get a glimpse of life on the river banks. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

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

DAY 14: SHANGHAI 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 Shanghaiese cuisine. In the evening, enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Visit the hutongs of Beijing

GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

2021 DATES		
04 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,590	05 Sep - 19 Sep £3,790
02 May - 16 May	£3,590	

2022 DATES		
10 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,690	11 Sep - 25 Sep £3,890
08 May - 22 May	£3,690	

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £680 to £730
- Tipping paid locally RMB 900

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ENCHANTING CHINA

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Walk the scenic Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Try local snacks in Xian

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they begin their day practising Tai Chi, dancing or playing cards. Later, fly to the former capital city, ancient Xian. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

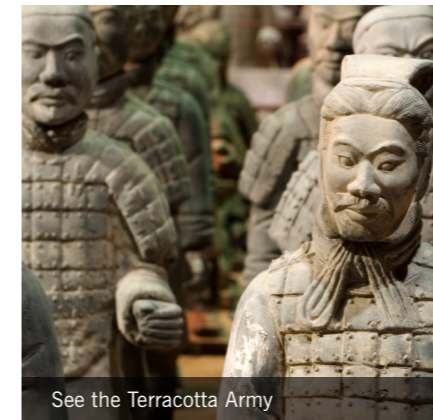
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of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

DAY 8: 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 9: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

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



See the Terracotta Army



Visit Chengdu Panda Base

DAY 10: 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 11: GIANT PANDAS

Spend the morning visiting the famous pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

DAY 14: 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 15: SHANGHAI 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 16: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2021 DATES

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03 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,390	15 Oct - 31 Oct	£3,290

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08 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,290	09 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,490
06 May - 22 May	£3,290	07 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,390
02 Sep - 18 Sep	£3,490	14 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,390

Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £2,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
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- Tipping paid locally RMB 870

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CHINA TRAILBLAZER

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Hike the Longji rice terraces

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy a hike on the Great Wall

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world's most spectacular locations.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking Jinji suspended rope bridge.
- ▶ Hike amongst the unique beauty of the Longji rice terraces, where you'll not only get to marvel at the intricately-carved landscapes but experience rural life and meet some of China's minority hilltribe communities.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: BEIJING'S HUTONGS
This morning 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. Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FORBIDDEN CITY
Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Drive to Simatai Great Wall where you will ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL
Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall dramatically courses through spectacular landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

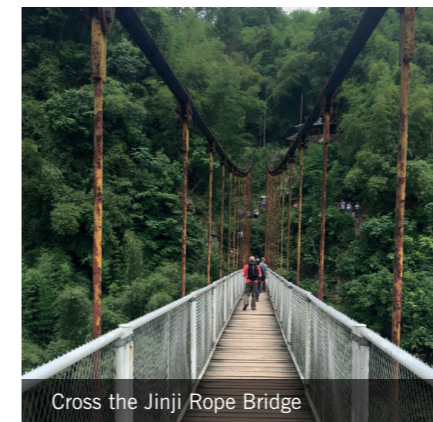
DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: 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 to see where the warriors are intricately created. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Board the bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN
Travel by road to Pingle ancient town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji suspended rope bridge. Later, return to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE
Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this



Cross the Jinji Rope Bridge



Explore Xian

endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Next, ascend Mount Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car and take in the surrounding landscape. Enjoy a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake before returning to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Fly to Yichang and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12-14: 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 to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN
Disembark in Chongqing and then board the bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 16: RICE TERRACES HIKE
Travel to the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's four-hour hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Later, return to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as

jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie'. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING
Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining a bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River before driving back to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 19: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE
Enjoy a stroll around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Visit the pearl factory, then fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 20: SHANGHAI 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 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 before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES			
Departing Saturday returning Friday			
2021 DATES			
08 May - 28 May	£4,190	11 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,390
2022 DATES			
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Flight and supplement information			
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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Head to the top of Mount Emeishan
- ✓ See pandas in Chengdu



Explore the scenic area of Zhangjiajie

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 15 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK 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.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on Jinji's breathtaking suspended rope bridge.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO GUILIN

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

DAY 3: YANGSHUO'S LANDSCAPES

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

DAY 4: TAI CHI 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 5: REED FLUTE CAVE

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

DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES

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

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN

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

DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie's striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. Over the next two days, enjoy some beautiful walks, take a cruise on Lake Baofeng and spend some time exploring Huanglong Cave, also known as 'Yellow Dragon Cave'. Trek to Jinbian Stream and explore the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will also see the famous Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: YICHANG

Catch the train to Yichang and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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



Visit the Leshan Grand Buddha

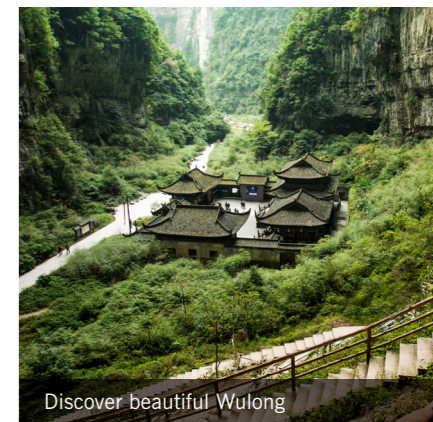
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PHYSICAL RATING



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.



Discover beautiful Wulong

DAY 14: HEISHAN VALLEY

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

DAY 15: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 16: WULONG NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 17: CHONGQING

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

DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEISHAN

Mount 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 20: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

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

DAY 22: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Thursday

2021 DATES

01 Apr - 22 Apr	£3,590	07 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,690
02 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,690		

2022 DATES

07 Apr - 28 Apr	£3,690	06 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,790
08 Sep - 29 Sep	£3,790		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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Spend time at Mount Emeishan

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Journey to Shangri-La
- ✓ Discover Shaxi ancient town
- ✓ Soak up mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Explore Tibet's temples
- ✓ Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- ✓ Gaze upon Mount Everest

Discover Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet

PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 14 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus simple guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Learn about the Dongba Pictograms

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Spend time with a Shaman, who will teach you some of a forgotten language, Dongba Pictograms - by the end of the lesson you'll know all about its history and be able to write a few basic characters.
- ▶ Watch the sun's rays spread over the rugged, snowy peak of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, in what must surely be considered one of the most dramatic and spectacular places to watch the sun rise (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'.

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



Marvel at Mount Everest



Visit Songzanlin Temple in rural Shangri-La

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

DAY 12: POTALA PALACE

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

DAY 13: SHIGATSE

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

DAY 14: NEW TINGRI

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

DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST

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

DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest (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)

DAY 23: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2021 DATES

15 May - 06 Jun £4,490 11 Sep - 03 Oct £4,690

2022 DATES

14 May - 05 Jun £4,690 10 Sep - 02 Oct £4,890

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Kunming - Chengdu)
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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Try momo dumplings

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

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

Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

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

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

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

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

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

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOS

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



Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery



Discover Crescent Moon Spring

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

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

DAY 15: TURPAN

Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises.

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 Karez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD

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

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR

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

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. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 27: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING

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

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Visit Abakh Hoja Tomb in Kashgar

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ See charming Dali & Shaxi
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge



Discover the ancient town of Shaxi located on the foothills of the Himalayas

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The Great Wall at Huanghuacheng

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: 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 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

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

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 7: 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 8: 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 9: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Fly to Guilin. Walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure – you may wish to stroll down Zhengyang Street. (B)

DAY 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: KUNMING AT LEISURE

Transfer to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave before flying to Kunming. (B)

DAY 14: STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)



Explore beautiful Yangshuo

DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Dali and visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Also stroll along Foreigner's Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 16: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional visit to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the hillside to see a handful of intricately decorated temples and meet a Taoist priest for a meditation session. (B)

DAY 17: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to the ancient town of Shaxi, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang and spend the evening in the historic old town. (B,L)

DAY 18: 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 19: 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 20: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. Visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. (B,L)

DAY 21: 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 22: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Take the bullet train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the charming old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE CRUISE

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next few days, visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy various side trips and shore excursions. Disembark your cruise vessel, travel to Yichang and then fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

DAY 26: SHANGHAI 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 27: 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 28: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP? Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

GO BEYOND CHINA

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.



See Dali's Three Pagodas & ancient town

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2021 DATES

12 Apr - 09 May	£4,390	06 Sep - 03 Oct	£4,590
10 May - 06 Jun	£4,390	11 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,490

2022 DATES

04 Apr - 01 May	£4,490	05 Sep - 02 Oct	£4,690
09 May - 05 Jun	£4,490	10 Oct - 06 Nov	£4,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,050 to £1,090
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,250



Soak up the culture in Zhujiajiao

TAILORMADE CHINA

The very best of China, exactly the way you want it

WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply want to do things their own way.

WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you too!

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WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

How does it work?

It's really so simple – just follow the steps below:

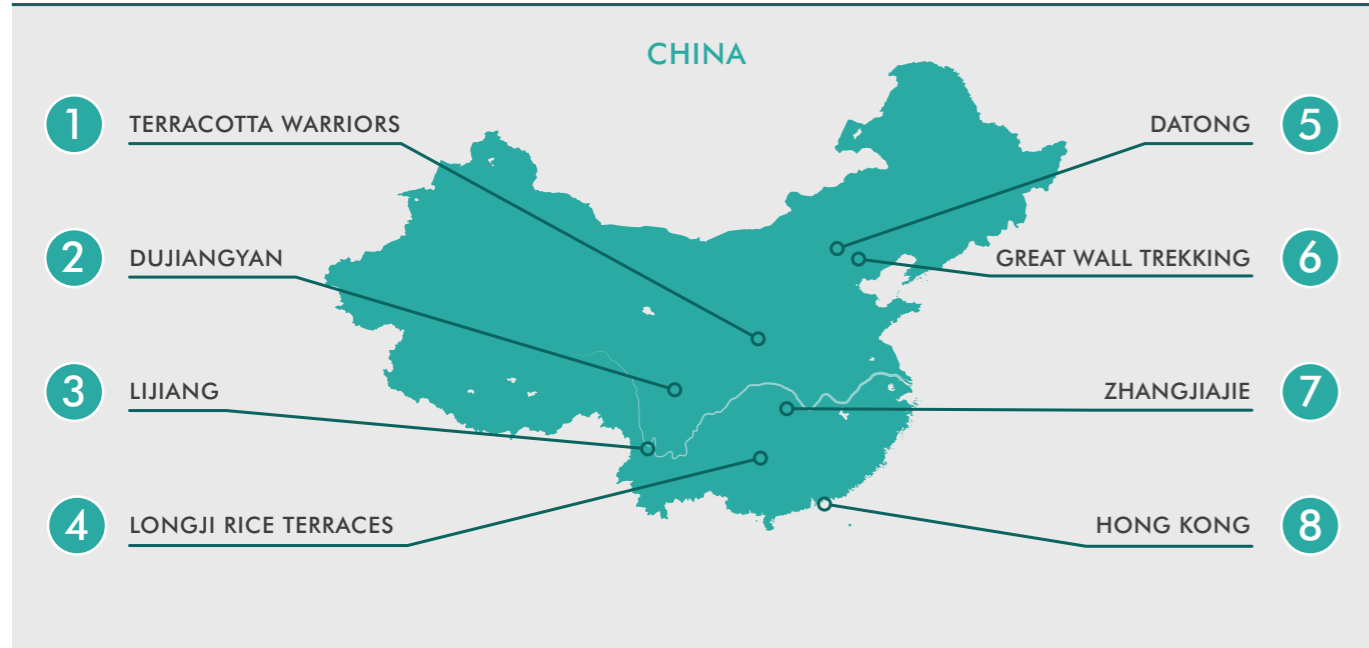
"We are writing to say a very big thank you for giving us a wonderful tailor-made holiday. We were so impressed by how well organised the whole trip was, with reps on hand to meet us at each new destination, local guides for every city who were very informative, and a brilliant driver who looked after us so well during the entire tour."

Kevin & Shirley Mears



Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in China.



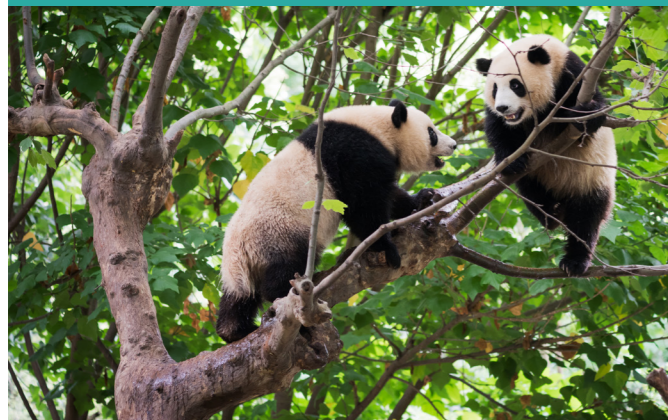
1 TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Experience one of the world's greatest discoveries with an expert, who is working onsite and will be able to answer all the who, whats and whys you can think of.



2 DUJIANGYAN

Easily accessible from Chengdu, Dujiangyan is home to another famous panda reserve in Sichuan province for those who cannot get enough of these adorable creatures. Dujiangyan also offers a panda volunteer programme – let us know if you'd like more information.



3 LIJIANG

Nestled amongst the fields and forests at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Lijiang also boasts a rich heritage from its past as capital of the Naxi Kingdom, which is best glimpsed in the labyrinthine, UNESCO-listed old town.

4 LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Meet ethnic communities, stay in hillside villages and gaze at the spectacular scenery – hiking here is whatever you make it, from several hours to several days!



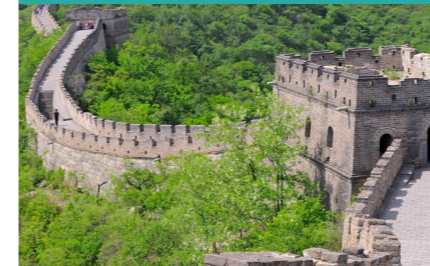
5 DATONG

Known for its abundance of historical relics and natural beauty, Datong is most famous for its 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple.



6 GREAT WALL TREKKING

The best way to experience an incredible feat of ancient engineering, you can walk the wall for a few hours or several days, staying at little guesthouses along the way.



7 ZHANGJIAJIE

This spectacular national park is home to the world's highest and longest glass bridge as well as the Glass Skywalk and Cliff-Hanging Walkway...not for the faint-hearted.



8 HONG KONG

Dim sum, washed down with fragrant tea, is a Hong Kong must-try. Many places offer this culinary institution in the city, from budget to high end – just let us know which you'd prefer.



Special groups

Travelling in your own private group?

If you plan to travel in your very own private group of 10 passengers or more, our award-winning Group Organiser will arrange a Private Group tour just for you. Whether that is a group of friends, family members or even a club or association, we can tailor any of our existing tours, or create a bespoke itinerary, so your group get to see, do and experience exactly what they want.

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"We had the most fantastic time and would like to thank Glen at Wendy Wu Tours for making our numerous experiences so memorable. Glen always plans everything to perfection and my group always see everything and more a destination has to offer. The Wendy Wu Tours guides are the best in the business and could not do enough for us! So many parts of the world to explore with my group and I can rest easy knowing that my plans are safe with Glen and Wendy Wu Tours."

Lin Wilson – Fareham

EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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Kunming & Lijiang
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Lhasa Extension
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Nine Villages Valley
- 85 Zhangjiajie Extension
Mt. Huang Extension
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- 90 Classic South Korea
- 91 Seoul Extension
Jeju Island Extension
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- 94 Macao Stopovers
- 96 Dubai Stopovers

BEIJING EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Visit the Temple of Heaven



Admire Beijing's Summer Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£650
Superior	£450	£750
Deluxe	£590	£990

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing. 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 BEIJING

Visit China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall, which stretches over 5,000km from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. There is no better way to appreciate the magnificence of this incredible structure than walking along it. After lunch, visit a jade factory before discovering the exquisite Summer Palace, a royal garden and summer retreat for China's emperors and their families. (B,L)

DAY 3: BEIJING

Start your sightseeing at Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, followed by the treasure-filled Forbidden City where you will pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao as you enter through the main gate. Spend the afternoon soaking up the harmonious ambiance at the 15th-century Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they practise Tai Chi or play cards. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

SHANGHAI EXTENSION

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through Yu Gardens
- ✓ Explore the famous Bund
- ✓ Spend time at the Shanghai Museum
- ✓ Shop at the Silk Factory



See Shanghai's impressive skyline

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£320	£520
Superior	£350	£560
Deluxe	£430	£790

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Shanghai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Make your way to Shanghai. 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 and 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 for your onward flight. (B)

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See stunning rural scenery
- ✓ Stay in Gubei Watertown
- ✓ Walk the Jinshanling and Gubeikou sections of the Great Wall



Hike from Gubeikou to Jinshanling

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£590	£1,090

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Beijing, 1 night Gubei Watertown)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing. 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: GUBEIKOU - JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, a stretch much less frequented by tourists than others. From here, start your hike towards Jinshanling; you will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10 kilometres. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and you will

therefore take a detour off the wall around the base, stopping at a farmhouse for lunch. After finishing your hike, transfer to Gubei Watertown for an overnight stay. After dinner, explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

Spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown. Built in the style of a Chinese ancient town, Gubei is nestled beside the Simatai section of the Great Wall and encompasses the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing where arrangements end. (B,L)

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Suzhou's inspiring gardens
- ✓ Explore the Grand Canal
- ✓ Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake
- ✓ Enjoy oriental tea tasting



Cruise the tranquil West Lake

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£790	£1,450
Superior	£850	£1,550
Deluxe	£950	£1,650

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Suzhou, 2 nights Hangzhou)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- 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 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

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit the Reed Flute Caves
- ✓ Cruise the stunning Li River
- ✓ Spend time in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Learn about the history of pearling



Cruise along the Li River

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£410	£590
Superior	£420	£620
Deluxe	£610	£1,100

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Guilin, 2 nights Yangshuo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE GUILIN

Make your way to Guilin. 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 the airport for your onward flight. (B)

CHENGDU EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See pandas play
- ✓ Visit Dujiangyan Irrigation Project
- ✓ Marvel at the Grand Buddha
- ✓ Savour spicy Sichuan cuisine



Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£650	£1,140
Superior	£680	£1,190
Deluxe	£850	£1,540

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Chengdu)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu. 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 visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation Project. (B,L)

DAY 3: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre-high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip. Later, return to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

KUNMING & LIJIANG

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Tour the picturesque Stone Forest
- ✓ Visit Black Dragon Pool
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Explore Lijiang's ancient quarter



See the Stone Forest in Kunming

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£790	£1,150
Superior	£1,190	£1,950

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Kunming, 2 nights Lijiang)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE KUNMING

Make your way to Kunming. 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

Fly 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 for your onward flight. (B)

LHASA EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the Potala Palace
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- ✓ Admire Jokhang Temple
- ✓ Visit the Sera Monastery



Gaze at the Potala Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£850	£1,550
Deluxe	£1,050	£1,950

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Lhasa)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Make your way to Lhasa. 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, containing several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART LHASA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

CHONGQING, DAZU & WULONG

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Dazu's magnificent rock art
- ✓ Explore Wulong's dramatic nature
- ✓ Soak in relaxing natural hot springs



Marvel at Dazu's rock carvings

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£890	£1,590
Deluxe	£990	£1,790

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Chongqing, 1 night Wulong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CHONGQING

Make your way to Chongqing. 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 hot springs. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

ZHANGJIAJIE EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Gaze on Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Admire peaceful Lake Baofeng
- ✓ Explore Mount Tianmen
- ✓ Discover Huanglong cave



Explore Zhangjiajie National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£650	£1,050
Deluxe	£790	£1,350

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Zhangjiajie)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE ZHANGJIAJIE

Make your way to Zhangjiajie. 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 for your onward flight. (B,L)

NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spend two days discovering Jiuzhaigou National Park
- ✓ Explore Huanglong Valley



Admire crystal clear lakes in Nine Villages Valley

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,360	£1,990
Deluxe	£1,540	£2,350

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Chengdu, 2 nights Jiuzhaigou)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu. 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

Fly 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 and transfer to the airport for your flight to Chengdu where arrangements end. (B)

MT HUANG EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cable car to summit of Mt. Huang
- ✓ Explore Tunxi ancient town
- ✓ Visit local villages
- ✓ Travel on the bullet train



Enjoy spectacular views from Mt. Huang

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£790	£1,100

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Tunxi, 1 night Mt Huang)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- 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: MT HUANG SUMMIT

Take a cable car to the summit of Mt. Huang. Located in the southern part of Anhui Province, It is undoubtedly one of the most popular mountain ranges in China. 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. Stay overnight in Mt. Huang. (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)

TOKYO, MOUNT FUJI & BULLET TRAIN

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Journey on the bullet train
- ✓ Spend the day exploring Tokyo
- ✓ See the impressive Mt Fuji



Admire majestic Mount Fuji

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,190	£1,950
Superior	£1,290	£2,150

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Air China.

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

Spend a full day exploring Tokyo with a guide, making use of Tokyo's comprehensive public transport system. Start with a visit to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city. Continue to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. Head across town to Asakusa and visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple. Take a cruise down the Sumida River before wandering around the classical Hamarikyu Garden. Stop for a cup of matcha and Japanese sweets in a teahouse on a small island in the park's lake. (B)

DAY 3: MT FUJI

Meet your guide and head to Tokyo station to board the bullet train. Change trains twice, the second time to a small mountain train where you can enjoy spectacular scenery en route. Take a cable car before enjoying beautiful views over Hakone as you fly high on the Hakone Ropeway. Take a ropeway to Togendai and relax while a majestic replica pirate ship takes you across Lake Ashi. Throughout the day you will have the chance to get a glimpse of Mt Fuji (weather dependent). Return to Tokyo by local bus and train. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TOKYO EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit tranquil Meiji Shrine
- ✓ Explore quirky Harajuku
- ✓ Discover beautiful Kamakura
- ✓ See the Great Buddha at Kotokuin



Enjoy a day trip to Kamakura

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,050	£1,850
Superior	£1,150	£2,050

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Air China.

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

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DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

Spend a full day exploring Tokyo with a guide. Making use of the city's excellent public transport, start by visiting Sumida Hokusai Museum, before heading to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city, and then continue to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. This afternoon, visit the Tokyo Government Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond. Spend some time in the bustling entertainment district of Shinjuku before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: KAMAKURA DAY TRIP

Meet your guide and transfer by local train to Kamakura, a coastal city south of Tokyo, known for its dozens of unique temples. Visit Kotokuin, who's grounds houses Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha statue, and Hase Temple. Stroll through Kamakura Komachi Street, lined with different shops and restaurants, before visiting Kamakura's most important shrine, Tsurugaoka Hachiman. Transfer back to Tokyo by public transport. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

NARA EXTENSION

2 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ View the eminent Todaiji
- ✓ Wander beautiful Nara Park
- ✓ See lovely Kasuga Shrine
- ✓ Visit Meiji-era Isuien Garden



See the local sika deer

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£730

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Air China.

DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM OSAKA TO NARA

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Osaka and together transfer to Osaka Station and take the local train to Nara. Located in the Kansai region of Japan, ancient Nara was Japan's capital before Kyoto. Start at Todaiji, a UNESCO-listed temple that is home to the Daibutsu, or Great Buddha. Take time to wander through the beautiful grounds and see the sika deer. Continue into the huge expanse of Nara Park, a designated 'Place of Scenic Beauty', home to even more sika deer who, in the Shinto religion, are considered the messengers of the gods. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, and the tranquil Meiji-era garden of Isuien. Transfer back to Osaka by local train and arrive at your hotel. (L)

DAY 2: DEPART OSAKA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

KYOTO EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire beautiful Kodaiji Temple
- ✓ Explore Kyoto's geisha district
- ✓ See the impressive Heian Shrine
- ✓ Stroll the Philosopher's Path



Stroll along the streets of Gion

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,040	£1,850
Superior	£1,350	£2,200
Deluxe	£1,550	£2,420

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Kyoto)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Air China.

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Travel to Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital and make your own way to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: KYOTO

Explore the former imperial capital with a knowledgeable local guide using public transportation. Start at either the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine or the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum. Visit the unique Sanjusangendo Temple, the beautiful temples of Kodaiji and Kenninji before strolling down the streets of Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. Stop at Gion Corner, a showcase for the seven professional performing arts. (B)

DAY 3: KYOTO

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and use public transport to reach Nijo, an ornamental castle built as the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa shoguns. Continue to Heian shrine, famous for its huge vermilion torii gate. In the afternoon, visit Eikando Temple before continuing to Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant walk along a stone path which follows a canal lined by hundreds of cherry trees. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KYOTO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See bustling Taipei
- ✓ Visit Tehua aboriginal village
- ✓ Relax at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Uncover ancient Tainan



Visit Wen Wu Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£870	£1,540
Superior	£970	£1,740
Deluxe	£1,090	£1,940

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Tainan)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Explore vibrant Taipei



Visit the Confucius Temple

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your 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. Take a photo stop 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 EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover bustling Taipei
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Explore the National Palace Museum
- ✓ See Longshan Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£520	£870
Superior	£540	£940
Deluxe	£620	£1,090

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Taipei)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Enjoy panoramic views of Taipei

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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 birds-eye 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)

TAROKO & SUN MOON LAKE

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Taroko National Park
- ✓ Tour the Gorge Gateway
- ✓ See Eternal Spring Shrine
- ✓ Relax at Sun Moon Lake

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£640	£1,190
Superior	£740	£1,390
Deluxe	£920	£1,690

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Taipei, 1 night Taroko, 1 night Sun Moon Lake)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Discover the Eternal Spring Shrine

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your 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 Taroko Gorge Gateway, Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE

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

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Taste delicious Korean street food
- ✓ Explore historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Admire UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple



Discover Gyeongbok Palace

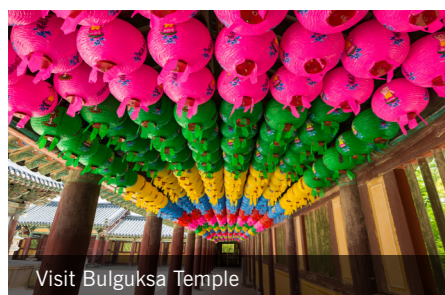
Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,490	£2,590
Superior	£1,690	£2,790
Deluxe	£2,090	£3,640

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Visit Bulguksa Temple



Enjoy delicious street food

ITINERARY

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. 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 UNESCO 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 EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover bustling Seoul
- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Visit the National Folk Museum
- ✓ Explore Namdaemun Market

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£540	£940
Superior	£640	£1,140
Deluxe	£990	£1,790

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

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

Enjoy a full day seat-in-coach tour to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will

see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Visit the National Folk Museum of Korea, the 14th-century Jogyesa Temple which is the centre of Korean Buddhism, Bukchon Hanok Village with its restored traditional houses and the observation deck at N Seoul Tower which offers panoramic views over the city. End the day at Namdaemun Market before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: SEOUL

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

JEJU ISLAND EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hallim Park
- ✓ Take a stroll on Hyeopjuae Beach
- ✓ Visit impressive Sunrise Peak
- ✓ Explore Manjanggul Cave

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£490	£770
Superior	£660	£1,020
Deluxe	£940	£1,520

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Jeju Island)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines. A domestic flight is required for this extension at a supplement and the price will be confirmed at the time of booking.



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

Enjoy a full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin the day with a visit to Hallim Park to see its sub-tropical gardens and mysterious lava caves and stop by Hyeopjuae Beach. After lunch, enjoy a boat ride where you will see Dragon Head Coast, Mt Sanbansan and Jusannggeolli Cliff from the boat. Also visit the Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or the Teddy Bear Museum. Your tour will finish in the downtown area and you will make your own way back to your hotel using the bus ticket provided. (B,L)

DAY 3: MORE TIME IN JEJU ISLAND

Enjoy another full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin the day with horse riding followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, head to Seongsan Sunrise Peak, a large volcanic rock cone and explore Manjanggul Lava Cave. Your tour will finish in the downtown area and you will make your own way back to your hotel using the bus ticket provided. (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)

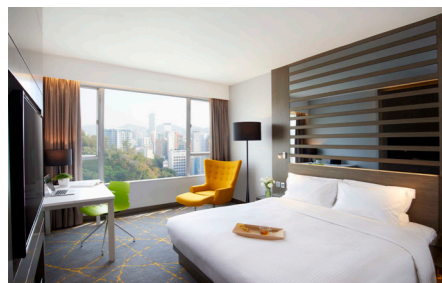
HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

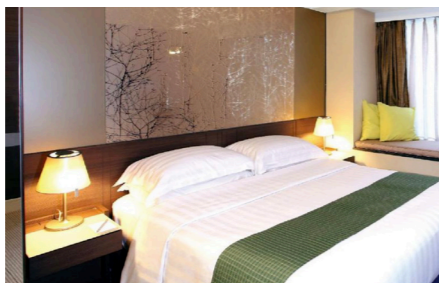


Hong Kong skyline

KOWLOON HOTELS



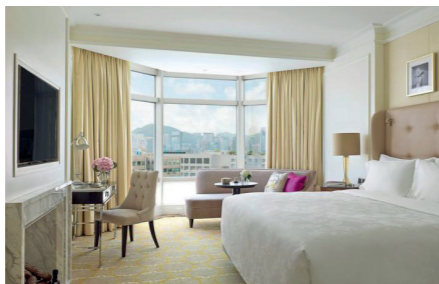
THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★
 Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



HARBOUR PLAZA 8 DEGREES ★★★★★
 Ideally located near the Mongkok area, close to Tsim Sha Tsui, shopping, entertainment and sightseeing locations. The stunning lobby, comfortable rooms and recreational facilities will only enhance your Hong Kong experience.



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★
 For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★
 Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelin-starred restaurant, a rooftop pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



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 10 minutes stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG ★★★★★
 Harbour Grand Hong Kong is an upscale hotel ideally located at the heart of Hong Kong Island. All guestrooms feature modern décor and panoramic harbour views over the iconic Victoria Harbour. Facilities include four restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor swimming pool.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop to your heart's content in the many markets.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views

of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Aberdeen fishing village

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
3★+ The Cityview	£310	£460
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£360	£560
4★+ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£450	£690

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 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.

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DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
3★+ The Cityview	£520	£710
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£570	£860
4★+ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£720	£1,060

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

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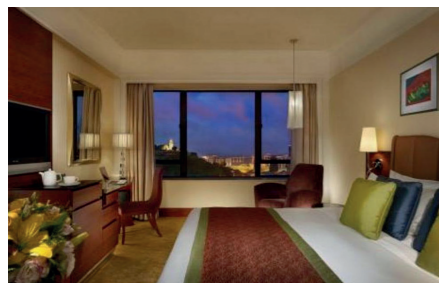
MACAO STOPOVERS

Across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong, Macao boasts a blend of culture and casinos. This former Portuguese enclave, that pre-dates Hong Kong by 300 years, mixes Mediterranean style with Chinese traditions, creating a unique and fascinating atmosphere. Macao is also one of the few places in China where gambling is legal and there are plenty of glistening casinos and resorts to choose from.



Macao skyline in the evening

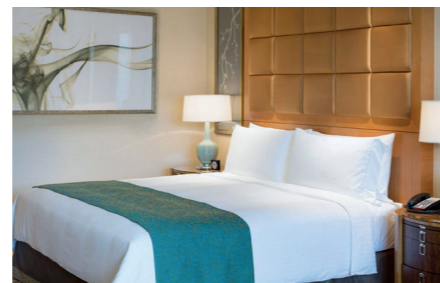
MACAO HOTELS



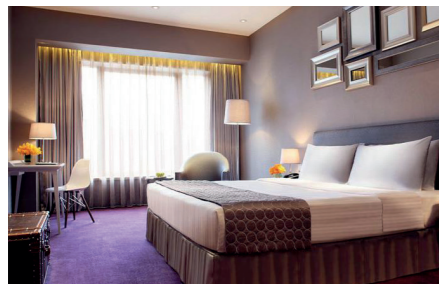
HOTEL ROYAL MACAO ★★★★★
Situating in the heart of Macao, the newly refurbished Hotel Royal Macao is located close to many of Macao's historical buildings, including the spectacular Guia Fortress. This hotel has a Portuguese and Shanghainese restaurant, as well as an indoor heated pool.



REGENCY ART MACAO ★★★★★
Located close to the city centre of Macao, this elegant hotel with a Mediterranean vibe offers comfortable and spacious rooms. The hotel serves international cuisine, both casual and fine dining and has an outdoor pool, spa, gym and tennis court.



CONRAD MACAO ★★★★★
Situating on the glitzy Cotai Strip, the Conrad Macao is a world-class contemporary luxury resort, offering light and spacious accommodation. Remember to take advantage of the many restaurants specialising in Chinese, Japanese and western cuisine.



GRAND EMPEROR ★★★
Within walking distance of the Ruins of St Paul's, the Grand Emperor Hotel boasts a central location on the Macao Peninsula and offers a touch of luxury, with a dazzling gold lobby, contemporary guest rooms and a plethora of dining options.



METROPARK HOTEL, MACAO ★★★★★
Positioned within minutes of Macao's Mediterranean-inspired Senado Square, the Metropark Hotel is located in the enviable downtown district. Equipped with swimming pool, Jacuzzi and gymnasium, this comfortable hotel has all the mod-cons.



SOFITEL MACAO AT PONTE 16 ★★★★★
Boasting spectacular views across the Xi River, the Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16 is the pinnacle of glamour. Each room is inspired by a fusion of French and Macanese styles, furnished with MyBed mattress, LCD TV and Hermès bathroom amenities.

TASTE OF MACAO

3 DAYS

From the historical to the modern and from the religious to the glitzy, Macao's rich portfolio of sights and attractions makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures – a journey through Macao is like crossing two distinct countries.

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

Transfer independently by shuttle bus to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival, take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th-century Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (L)

DAY 2: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps check out the 17th century Portuguese Guia Fortress, learn about Macao Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or try your luck in one of the many casinos on Cotai Strip. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Regency Art	£360	£530
4★+ Hotel Royal	£380	£560
5★ Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16	£490	£730

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Macao)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

HONG KONG & MACAO

5 DAYS

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan island of Hong Kong to uncover its best bits before heading to vibrant Macao to explore its history and laidback culture. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights, sounds and flavours.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour starting with a panoramic ride up the Peak Tram to Victoria Peak where you'll have fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and take an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival, take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th-century Ruins of St Paul's, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



St Dominic's Church on Senado Square

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai & 4★ Regency Art	£680	£1,020
4★+ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4★+ Hotel Royal	£970	£1,570
5★ Langham & 5★ Sofitel at Ponte 16	£1,350	£2,230

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong & 2 nights Macao)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

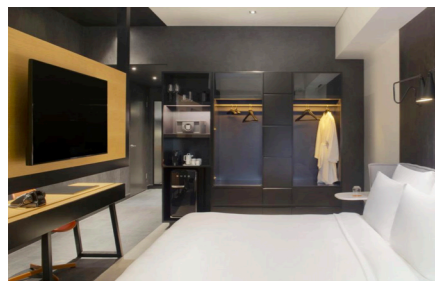
DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.

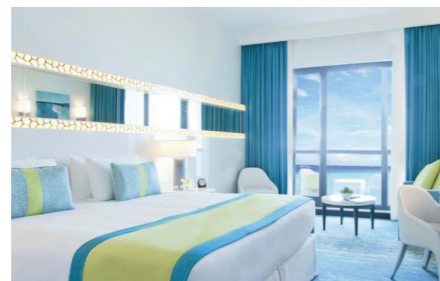


Explore downtown Dubai

DUBAI HOTELS



CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★★★★
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located on the waterfront promenade which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurant options. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL ★★★★★
Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively ‘The Walk’, the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, along with a beautiful infinity pool.



MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH ★★★★★
Located on ‘The Walk’, the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre.



HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK ★★★★★
Located on ‘The Walk’ and close to ‘The Beach’ mall, this hotel offers modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the beach, many rooms have views of the beachfront and some offer a kitchenette and seating area.



AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH ★★★★★+
The Amwaj Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT ★★★★★
Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai’s old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI
Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step

back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef	£430	£780
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£580	£1,080
5★ Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Hotel	£620	£1,160

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI
Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE
The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef	£520	£870
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£770	£1,320
5★ Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Hotel	£950	£1,730

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Emirates Economy Class



British Airways World Traveller Plus

ECONOMY CLASS

Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:

- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
- Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
- In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
- Complimentary baggage allowance

PREMIUM ECONOMY

Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:

- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and 2-3 inches extra seat recline
- Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
- Larger personal screens
- Premium food service
- Increased complimentary baggage allowance



Air China Business Class



Cathay Pacific First Class

BUSINESS CLASS

Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:

- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
- Fast track through airport security
- Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
- Large personal screens and extra viewing options
- Premium dining and wine service
- Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
- Extra baggage allowance
- Luxury amenity kit

FIRST CLASS

Long-haul First Class is the ultimate travel luxury, with optimum levels of comfort and service on whichever airline you choose. You can expect:

- Dedicated check-in and fast track through airport security
- Access to exclusive First Class lounges
- A flatbed seat or 'suite' with extra space and privacy compared to Business Class
- Exclusive cabin and more specialised service
- Premium dining and wine service
- Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

Note: Aircraft on board facilities differ between aircraft type and can be changed at short notice by the airline. When upgrading your seat, the advertised on board facilities are only guaranteed on the long-haul flight. On domestic or short-haul flights the configuration and facilities will differ to those on your long-haul flights.

Preferred Airline Partners



AIR CHINA

Offering frequent and flexible non stop flights from London, Air China is a convenient and comfortable option for travellers to Beijing, Chengdu and Shanghai, with access to an extensive network of connecting flights throughout China. Air China's fully-flat bed Business Class seats offer some of the best value available.



CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific operates an ultra-flexible schedule, with five daily flights from London Heathrow to Hong Kong, plus daily flights from Gatwick and Manchester, with connections on to China. One of our most popular airlines, you can expect excellent in-flight service from this five-star rated airline. You also have the perfect opportunity to stopover in Hong Kong, Cathay's hub city.



BRITISH AIRWAYS

Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to Beijing or Shanghai, with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK. We recommend the extra space and comfort of BA's premium economy cabin, World Traveller Plus.



EMIRATES

With Emirates you can fly to Beijing or Shanghai via Dubai, connecting from a range of UK airports including Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh, as well as Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. Exceptional in-flight service, a more generous seat pitch and the chance to stopover in Dubai all make Emirates a popular choice for our customers to China.

Other airline partners to China include: Etihad, KLM, Air France and Finnair.

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



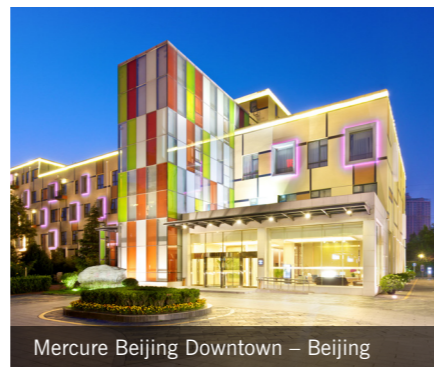
Kunming Jinjiang Hotel – Kunming



Wyndham Garden Suzhou – Suzhou



Lanxi International Hotel – Xian



Mercure Beijing Downtown – Beijing



Elite Garden Hotel – Yangshuo



Lijiang Waterfall Hotel – Guilin



Jinjiang Huating Hotel – Shanghai

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 the UK 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	Rainfall mm
Jan	-4	5	7
Feb	-1	8	10
Mar	4	14	29
Apr	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
Nov	3	12	24
Dec	-3	6	6

CHENGDU			
	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 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			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	14	19	23
Feb	14	19	48
Mar	17	21	67
Apr	20	25	162
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	15	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!

Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1–2–3.

1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 75 days before departure.



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.

BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

Our Wendy Wu VIP loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

Bronze VIP
£100 per person discount
When you book your 2nd Wendy Wu holiday



Silver VIP
£150 per person discount
When you book your 3rd Wendy Wu holiday



Gold VIP
£200 per person discount
When you book your 4th or more Wendy Wu holiday



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RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tootley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" 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 name" or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation 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 clause 8).

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

2. Your financial protection

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays.

For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email claims@caa.co.uk. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents>.

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 8.60CNY, £1 to 1.25USD, £1 to 125JPY and £1 to 9.40HKD in July 2020. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights 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. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above – you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us. Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full. For the most up to date information on visa requirements for all destinations that we feature, please visit our website <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>.

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas, including COVID-19 cover. Your policy must include full disruption cover to provide for the possibility of your holiday being disrupted or curtailed by COVID-19 travel restrictions. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions, including COVID-19 protection, in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
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