

NATURAL TREASURES OF CHINA

Go Beyond | 15 Days | Physical Level 2

Changsha – Zhangjiajie – Fenghuang – Chengdu – Nine Villages Valley – Chongqing

This tour takes you on scenic journey bursting with flora and fauna through three stunning national parks of China, admiring the landscapes and panoramic vistas as you go. Uncover China's most incredible natural treasures, including the sapphire lakes of Nine Villages Valley, the dramatic yet serene valleys at Black Mountain and the mythical Zhangjiajie, whose soaring peaks were the inspiration for the blockbuster film 'Avatar'.

- Journey up the 'Avatar' mountains in the world's tallest glass elevator
- Take an exhilarating walk along the world's highest glass bridge in Zhangjiajie
- Walk in the spectacular Nine Villages Valley National Park
- Relax on a scenic cruise on the Tuojiang River
- Meet the Giant Pandas in Chengdu
- Marvel at the centuries old Dazu Rock Carvings

TOUR MAP



GO BEYOND TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a 'Land Only' option is selected, or when booking from outside of the UK & Ireland)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as stated
- All transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking National Escort (if your group is 10 or more passengers)
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders if required (please see visa section below for further information)
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA (UK) and TOPP (IE) financial protection
- 24/7 emergency support during travel

The only extras to plan for are meals not included in your itinerary, personal spending (such as drinks and souvenirs), the customary tipping kitty, optional excursions and shows, travel insurance, early check-in or late check-out, and anything not specified on your itinerary.

Customers booking from outside of the UK & Ireland: International flights and visa fees (if required) are not included. Your tour will be booked as 'Land Only' and will need to arrange your own international flights and any visa required for your nationality.

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights or 14 days in duration based on 'Land Only'. Join the tour on Day 2 in Changsha and end the tour on Day 15 in Chongqing.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only', the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre and post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours. Please email your flight details to us at least 75 days before departure so we can arrange your transfers.

GO BEYOND TOURS:

For travellers drawn to lesser-known destinations, hidden places and remote landscapes, or with specialist interests, Go Beyond offers unique off-the-beaten-track experiences for those looking to venture further. Discover corners of the world that most travellers never reach, with expert guidance our dedicated and professional National Escort and all in the company of a smaller group of like-minded adventurers.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 2:

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

'Natural Treasures of China' is rated as a **physical level 2** tour. A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 4-5 hours and covering large distances. You will be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- On multiple days you will spend around 3-5 hours walking including steps
- You will be required to get on and off varying sizes of boats without assistance during the tour
- There are multiple days at altitude, ranging from 2500 metres to 3500 metres
- At Huanglong Pools you will walk 7 kilometres over a 4-hour period, at an altitude of 3,100 metres to 3,500 metres

The Nine Villages Valley sits at an altitude of up to 3,500 metres. Please be prepared for mild symptoms of Altitude Mountain Sickness (AMS) which include dizziness, fatigue, nausea, loss of appetite, breathlessness, headache and disturbed sleep. These usually develop over the first 36 hours at altitude and not immediately on arrival. AMS symptoms are experienced by people of varying ages and levels of fitness, and usually the symptoms will subside after a day or so. If symptoms worsen, you should seek medical advice and descend in altitude immediately. The following precautions may help to prevent or lessen the effects of AMS:

- Since fluid loss usually accompanies the acclimatisation process, drink plenty of fluids (3 – 4 litres daily at least) and eat carbohydrate food to keep the body properly hydrated
- Do not overexert and only partake in light activity immediately after your arrival

- Do not smoke, drink alcohol or take other depressants such as tranquilisers and sleeping pills, as these depress the respiratory drive and reduce oxygen intake
- Assume any sickness at high altitude is AMS until proven otherwise
- Never ascend to higher altitudes while showing symptoms of AMS
- You must report any symptoms of AMS immediately to your National Guide

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

DETAILED ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly overnight to Changsha Meals: D



On arrival in Changsha Huanghua Airport, you will be met in the arrival hall by your local guide and/or National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer approximately 40-minutes to your hotel.

An informal Welcome Dinner will be held on Day 2. Late arrivals will receive a box dinner.

Early check-in is not included. Additional nights before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.

Destination Information

Changsha – Changsha, the capital city of Hunan Province, China, is a vibrant metropolis steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. With its modern skyline, historical landmarks like Yuelu Mountain and Orange Isle, and a thriving culinary scene featuring spicy Hunan cuisine, Changsha offers a perfect blend of ancient charm and contemporary allure.

Day 3: Changsha – Zhangjiajie Meals: B, L, D



Begin the day by stepping into history at the Yuelu Academy, a hub of learning for centuries, nestled by the scenic Mt. Yuelu.

Later, travel 4-hours by road to Zhangjiajie, and this evening enjoy a night tour of 72 Qilou, exploring the 72 strange and spectacular buildings – the tallest Tujia stilted building in the world.

Destination Information

Yuelu Academy – As one of the four great ancient academies in China, Yuelu Academy has been a center for Confucian studies, attracting scholars and intellectuals throughout history. Today, it serves as a cultural landmark, housing valuable collections, ancient books, and cultural relics that offer a glimpse into China's scholarly traditions and intellectual heritage.

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.

72 Qilou – Known for its distinctive architecture featuring 72 traditional Qilou buildings—arcade-style structures with a mix of local and colonial influences.

Day 4: Zhangjiaije Meals: B, L, D



Enjoy a full day of exploring Zhangjiajie National Park and Yuanjiajie Scenic Area. Begin at the Yuanjiajie Scenic Area for a ride in the remarkable Bailong glass elevator, the highest and fastest outdoor elevator in the world. Embedded into the mountain, the elevator soars up the mountain side to a towering height of 326 metres in as little as two minutes! This impressive elevator will transport you to Mihun Stage, where you will soak up the amazing views of the majestic peaks, including the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain and visit Helong Park before taking a cable car down.

End the day at Ten-Mile Natural Gallery with a ride on the scenic train.

Sightseeing today will involve around 4-5 hours of walking including wooden and stone steps.

After Hours Experience: For those seeking extra excitement, there is a Fairy Fox Outdoor Music & Dancing Show (time and weather permitting, payable locally), a musical drama of a Chinese tale told against the stage backdrop of the mountains.

Destination Information

Bailong Elevator – Also known as the Hundred Dragons Elevator, this architectural marvel holds an impressive three world records: the largest, highest and fastest sightseeing elevator in the world.

Hallelujah Mountain – Also known as the Avatar Hallelujah Mountain, it is one of the most iconic landmarks in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, China. Its unique name was inspired by its appearance in the movie "Avatar".

Ten-Mile Natural Gallery – Ten Mile Natural Gallery is a 5.8 kilometre long valley with picturesque scenery. Peaks on both sides of the valley form natural sculptures.

Day 5: Zhangjiajie Meals: B, L, D



Brace yourself for an exhilarating walk across Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge, the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge spanning 430-metres over the Grand Canyon.

End the day with a scenic sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a turquoise expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery.

Sightseeing today will involve around 3-4 hours of walking including wooden and stone steps.

Destination Information

Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge – The world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge, spanning 430 metres across the Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon.

Lake Baofeng – Located up in the mountains, Lake Baofeng is an abundance of fresh water, accompanied by stunning waterfalls.

Day 6: Zhangjiajie – Fenghuang Meals: B, L, D



Soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain in the world's longest cable car, a 7-kilometre journey taking approximately 40-minutes. Atop the Mountain, marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', standing proudly at the top of 999 steep steps. Next, take a thrilling walk along a glass skywalk, aptly named "The Walk of Faith" as though you're walking on air. If time permits, you may also walk across the Cliff-Hanging Walkway or Coiled Dragon Cliff. Return down the mountain by the express cable car. Sightseeing today will involve around 3-4 hours of walking.

Please note: The 999 step walk up to Tianmen Cave and the glass skywalk is optional. The steps can take around 25 – 40 minutes. Alternatively, there is an escalator on the other side of the mountain leading up to Tianmen Cave. There is also a small platform at the foot of the steps where you can soak up the spectacular views and wait for the group.

*****Notice:** From 6 November 2025, the upper section of the Tianmen Mountain Grand Cableway will be closed for maintenance, likely until the end of 2026. The cable car from the lower section to the middle station will continue to operate as normal. After arriving at the middle station, we will take an eco-bus up the spectacular 99 bends road to reach the summit for sightseeing as planned, and return down the mountain via the Express Cableway.*



Later, travel 4-hours by road to Fenghuang (Phoenix) Ancient Town, a scenic and quaint town rich in culture and natural beauty. Here you will visit the Former Residence of Shen Congwen, who is considered the greatest novelist in China. This evening, enjoy free time to wander the ancient streets at leisure and admire the architectural styles of the Ming and Qing dynasties. Experience the photogenic nighttime scenery as the ancient buildings come to life with illuminations along the riverfront while you enjoy an independent dinner.

Destination Information

Tianmen Mountain – Regarded as the symbol and soul of Zhangjiajie, Tianmen Mountain is a national forest park bursting with natural beauty. The area is home to breathtaking glass skywalks, the 999-step stairway leading to 'Heaven's Door' and the world's longest cable car journey.

Fenghuang Ancient Town – An area of outstanding beauty and a charming ancient town that sits on the Tuojiang River boasting beautiful bridges and quirky stilt houses**.** According to legend, the towns name originates from the mythical Pheonix bird, as a pair who flew over the town became amazed by its beauty and were hesitant to leave.

Day 7: **Fenghuang – Chengdu** Meals: B, D



Visit the Ancient Town in the morning before taking a scenic cruise on the Tuojiang River, a life force for many of the locals. When cruising along the river, you may spot locals going about their daily life, fishing or laundering their clothes in the river.

Later, board your 5-hour bullet train to Chengdu.

Please note you will need to carry your own luggage on and off the train.

Destination Information

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

Day 8: **Chengdu** Meals: B, L



Today you will visit China's most famous resident, the giant panda. Visit the Panda Conservation Centre where you can learn about China's celebrated bear. See these lovable creatures in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit People's Park to see the famous Matchmaker's Corner where parents look for suitable suitors for their children.

Later, enjoy time to explore the local food markets and get a taste for local cuisine at your leisure.

It is not guaranteed that you will be able to see the feeding of the younger pandas, as this only happens at the start and end of each day. Sightseeing involves approximately 1 and a half hours on foot and there are electric carts offered by private vendors that can be organised at your own cost.

After Hours Experience: For those seeking extra excitement this evening, you may wish to see the Face Changing Show, a sub-genre of the Sichuan Opera (time permitting, payable locally).

Destination Information

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

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

Day 9: Chengdu – Nine Villages Valley

Meals: B, L, D



Begin your day with a 1 hour and 40-minute bullet train journey to the Nine Villages Valley. Spend the afternoon exploring the Huanglong pools where you will find hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposit, tumbling gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The return cable car is included.

Please note you will need to carry your own luggage on and off the train.

This area is at an altitude of 3,500 metres.

Overnight Altitude: 1,900 metres

Destination Information

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

Day 10: Nine Villages Valley

Meals: B, L, D



Enjoy a full day exploring the diverse scenery of the splendid Nine Villages Valley, China's most awe-inspiring National Park. You will spend 4-5 hours walking including Long Lake, Five Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls.

Overnight Altitude: 1,900 metres

Destination Information

Nine Villages Valley – Lying in the southwest of China in the Northern Sichuan province, hidden in a national park is the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou), home to Nine Tibetan villages scattered throughout a natural wonderland. A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire Lakes, abundant forests and rushing Waterfalls, Nine Villages Valley is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Covering over 700 square kilometres, the valley is one of China's greatest natural assets, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992 and a World Biosphere Reserve in 1997.

Day 11: Nine Villages Valley

Meals: B, L, D



Visit Shuzheng Village, one of nine Tibetan Villages in the park. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Reed Lake – an excellent way to really appreciate the local scenery. Pass an old watermill and Tibetan prayer flags en route. Sightseeing today will be approximately 4-5 hours on foot.

Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan style meal.

Overnight Altitude: 1,900 metres

Destination Information

Shuzheng Village – One of the nine Tibetan villages located within the Jiuzhaigou, the village sits by a series of interconnected lakes known for their crystal-clear waters and vibrant hues and features traditional Tibetan-style architecture, with wooden houses and buildings adding to its charm.

Day 12: Nine Villages Valley – Chongqing

Meals: B, L



Travel by bullet train to Chongqing, transiting through Chengdu, with a journey time of around 4-hours.

Later, admire the stunning night views of Hongya Cave and the city's illuminated skyline along both riverbanks as Chongqing lights up during a Two-River Cruise.

Please note you will need to carry your own luggage on and off the train.

Destination Information

Chongqing – A city perched on the steep hills overlooking the confluence of the Jialing and the Yangtze Rivers, Chongqing is the chief industrial centre of south west China, producing approximately one fifth of Sichuan's industrial output. Chongqing has been reshaped by the Three Gorges Dam Project, which now allows larger sea-going vessels to sail all the way upriver to China's most famous waterfront mountain city.

Two Rivers Cruise – Glide along the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers as the city's dramatic skyline rises on both banks, offering a stunning nighttime view of Chongqing's illuminated skyscrapers and the historic Hongya Cave stilt buildings glowing above the water.

Day 13: Black Mountain Valley

Meals: B, L, D

Take a day trip out of Chongqing to explore Heishan Valley, also known as the Black Mountain Valley. The luscious landscapes are cloaked in green vegetation and are home to a variety of wildlife, offering some great photo opportunities!

Return to Chongqing and enjoy a hot pot dinner.



Destination Information

Heishan "Black Mountain" Valley – This is a serene and picturesque area covering over 100 square kilometres, brimming with dramatic mountains, deep valley floors, waterfalls and sheer cliffs, along with an impressive 13-kilometre-long gorge.

Day 14: Dazu Rock Carvings

Meals: B, L, D

Travel approximately 3 hours by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you will find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. Made between the 9th and 13th centuries, they are some of the best preserved in China.

Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing to tuck into a farewell dinner.



Destination Information

Dazu Rock Carvings – Known for their grand scale and beauty, the exceptional UNESCO World Heritage listed Dazu Rock Carvings cover a diverse range of subject matter and shed light on everyday life in China in the 9th – 13th centuries.

Day 15: Depart Chongqing Meals: B

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will be transferred from your hotel to the airport, according to the departure time of your international flight. *Late check-out is not included. Additional nights before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.*



CHINA TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

British Citizen and Irish passport holders can currently enter China visa-free for stays of up to 30 days, for travel completed before 31 December 2026. If you hold a different passport, please contact us.

If you're travelling in 2027 or beyond, visa requirements may change. Should a visa be required for British or Irish passport holders, Wendy Wu Tours will organise this for you at no additional cost. Full details of the visa process – including processing times, required documentation and instructions – will be sent to you electronically approximately 10 weeks before departure.

Please visit our website for the latest updates: https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-visas/passports-and-visas/far-east/

If you hold a different passport or are booking from outside of the UK & Ireland, a visa may be required and is not included in the tour price. Please check entry requirements with your nearest Embassy or Consulate before booking.

GROUP SIZE:

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. On Go Beyond Tours, there will be no more than 18 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

EATING IN CHINA:

Chinese cuisine is one of the world's most diverse and flavourful, with a rich history spanning thousands of years. The local dishes you'll experience on tour may differ from what you're used to at home, offering an authentic taste of China's regional flavours and cooking styles.

Most meals (excluding drinks) are included in this tour, starting from the dinner on the arrival day until the breakfast on the day of departure. Our schedule of meals is designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours, as well as different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout China – from the bold, spicy cuisine of Sichuan to the savoury flavours of Shanghainese cooking, as well as the hearty noodles and dumplings of the north and even the fresh seafood of the south.

Breakfasts are buffet-style at your hotel with both Western and Chinese options available, although rural parts of China may offer limited options. Lunches and dinners on our tours are varied, with a mix of vegetable-based and meat-based dishes. Many are pre-seasoned with soy sauce or other traditional flavours, though our selected restaurants offer plenty of mild options. Dishes may be served at different temperatures, as is customary in China.

Dining mostly follows the traditional 'family style' approach, with dishes placed on a lazy Susan for everyone to share. Serving chopsticks are provided for each dish, and individual bowls, chopsticks, and cups are set for personal use. Most restaurants can provide a fork or spoon if needed. This communal style of dining is an integral part of Chinese culture and a fun, social experience that will also help you to bond with your fellow passengers.

If you have allergies or dietary requests, you must inform us prior to departure. Western food requirements differ from those in Asia, and even medical dietary needs can be challenging to accommodate. Whilst your National Escort will do their best to provide a variety of options, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding, as dietary requests may not always be met to the standard you are accustomed to at home. Passengers with food intolerances are advised to bring snacks or additional food items, especially when traveling beyond major cities, where options may be more limited. Kosher and Halal food are extremely limited in China, and we regret that we are unable to cater to these dietary requirements.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation is chosen for its convenience, comfort, or character. Hotels are generally of a four-star standard in major cities, though there is no international classification system, so facilities and quality may differ from the UK. In remote areas, standards will be lower, and some Western amenities may be unavailable.

All group tour hotels include private Western-style bathrooms, air conditioning*, TV, and a telephone. Due to environmental regulations, toiletries may not always be provided. Plumbing and electricity can be inconsistent, and power in rooms is often switched off when unoccupied. If you encounter any issues, please speak to your National Escort or Local Guide. Rest assured; all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected to ensure they meet our standards.

**Please note that regional energy conservation and environmental regulations may restrict air-conditioning and heating use during certain months, with minimum and maximum temperature limits in place.*

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

If you are traveling during a Chinese public holiday, please note that while tourist attractions remain open, they may be crowded with domestic visitors. Festivities often span several days, during which some businesses may close, and coach, air, and train services could be impacted. The major Golden Week holidays occur annually around 1 to 5 May and 1 to 7 October.

LUGGAGE:

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. This is a requirement on internal trains and flights. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. In general, we recommend packing only as much as you can lift as you will need to carry your own luggage on and off trains.

TRANSPORT:

Trains: When traveling by high-speed 'bullet' train, you will be seated in second-class soft seats with air conditioning. Facilities may vary depending on the train. Most carriages feature a Western-style toilet, and most seats are equipped with a foldable tray table and a power socket for charging electronic devices. Luggage is stored at the end of the carriage or overhead. Dining carts are available on board if you wish to purchase additional food.

For daily products containing flammable ingredients, such as perfumes, colognes, sprays, and gels, non-self-spray pressure containers should not exceed 100 millilitres per item, with only one container allowed per product. For self-spray pressure containers (e.g., hair mousse, hair spray, hair dye, cold wave lotion, insecticides, and air fresheners), each container must not exceed 150 millilitres, with a total cumulative volume of all such items not exceeding 600 millilitres. Passengers are not permitted to carry insecticides, explosives, magnetised materials, knives (including Swiss Army knives) with a blade longer than 60mm, scissors, or other sharp objects. Bag checks are conducted at random, and any restricted items—whether in hand luggage or main luggage—may be confiscated before boarding. Your National Escort will provide specific details before your journey.

Yangtze River Cruise Vessel: If travelling on a Yangtze River cruise, a standard cabin is included equipped with Wi-Fi access, an ensuite bathroom, and a private balcony. Upgrades are available at an additional cost upon enquiry with our Reservations team.

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Roads in China have generally improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. For this reason, the timings listed in the itinerary are approximations only.

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

AFTER-HOURS EXPERIENCES:

Occasionally, when time allows, we offer optional extras such as evening shows for those seeking extra excitement. These excursions will be listed in your final documents and can be paid for locally through your guide.

INSURANCE:

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. These details will be available to your National Escort should they be required. 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.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping is a common practice in most parts of the world, including China. However, knowing who to tip and how much can be unclear, and travellers may not always have the right cash on hand. To make the process seamless, Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount (refer to our brochure or online tour page) is given to your National Escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour. This system ensures a hassle-free experience for travellers while maintaining a fair and reasonable gratuity for the local people including the National Escort.

If you are travelling in a smaller group of under 10 passengers with local guides only, then tipping is paid in each destination. To be fair to the guides we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy, but we do recognise that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour, we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA:

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

In rural Tibet outside of your hotels, there are few Western style toilets available.

SOUVENIRS:

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

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

Wendy Wu does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

INTERNET RESTRICTIONS IN CHINA:

In China, certain Western apps, such as Google Services (e.g. Gmail, Google, Google Maps) and social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, WhatsApp), are blocked due to government restrictions on internet content. Some travellers may choose to download and use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to bypass these restrictions and access blocked apps. Guests are strongly advised to conduct their own research into the legal implications as VPN usage is subject to government regulations. E-Sim providers such as Airalo and Holafly have built-in VPN capabilities.

TRAVEL MONEY IN CHINA:

We recommend having access to multiple sources of money while traveling. A combination of payment methods, including mobile payment apps, cash, and cards, will offer the most security and flexibility. Mobile payment apps like WeChat and Alipay are often more widely accepted than international cards or cash in China. You will need an internet connection when in China to use the apps. For more information, please refer to our Paying in China guide https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-visas/travel-money/paying-in-china/

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

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

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It's our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances we'll make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

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