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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

The winner of 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running – Globe Travel Awards

Best Travel Company to Far East & Central Asia – British Travel Awards

# WELCOME

I'm so excited to welcome you into the captivating world of China – the land where I grew up, that I have come to know so well and a place where ancient wonders meet modern marvels. From the awe-inspiring Great Wall to the astounding beauty of Zhangjiajie, China is a treasure trove where there is always more to discover.

For nearly three decades, I've had the privilege of sharing China's rich history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality with travellers from around the world. Every journey we craft is designed with knowledge and care, ensuring you experience the very heart and soul of this incredible nation. Whether you dream of coming face to face with giant pandas, tasting the fresh and delicious street foods of cities like Hong Kong or Shanghai, or exploring the quaint charms of places like Furong Ancient Town, your adventure awaits.

Let us guide you on an unforgettable journey – one that will inspire, enlighten, and leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

Warmest regards,



Wendy Wu  
Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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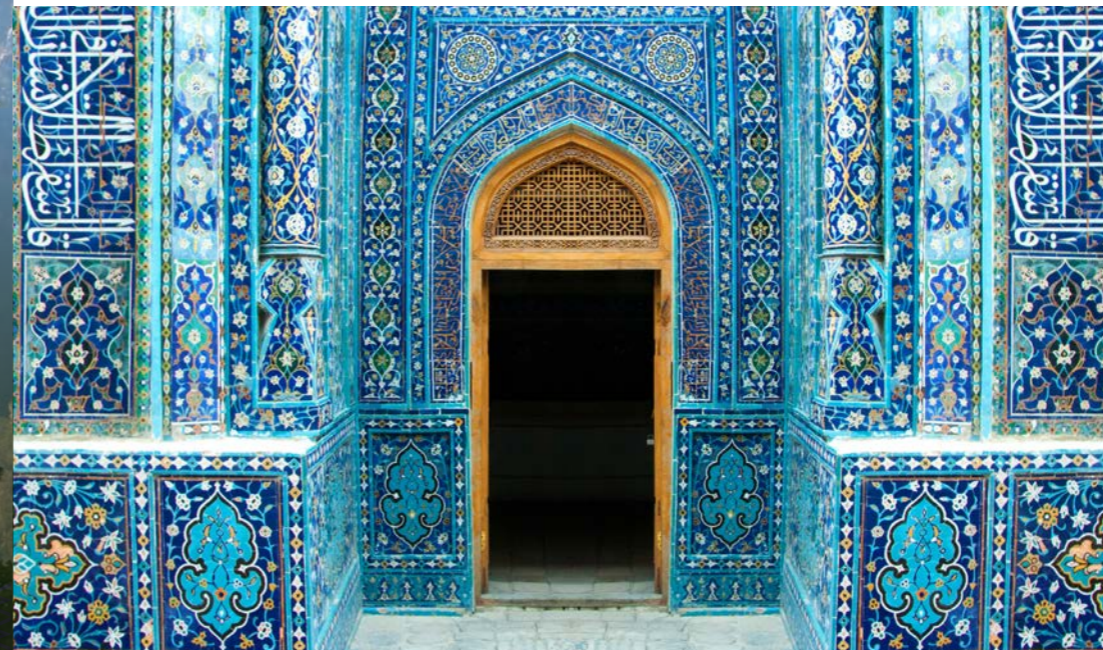
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# WENDY WU TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wendy Wu Tours is the UK's leading touring specialist, offering exceptional fully-inclusive tours to over 40 countries worldwide.

Our meticulously planned itineraries are fully escorted every step of the way and include everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.



## We Take Care of Everything

We offer lots of inclusions on each and every tour, including your international flights, hotels, meals, guided touring, transportation, transfers – and even any applicable visas. All you need to do is get to the airport!



## Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.



## Outstanding Tour Guides

Our National Escorts are the stars of the show. Born and raised in the country you are travelling in and accompanying you every step of the way, it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that takes a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.



## Authentic Experiences

All of our tours have fascinating cultural experiences included in the price. Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures and have great fun at the same time.



## Fly from your Doorstep

Choose from quality airlines flying from your local airport. What's more, when you fly from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, there's no flight supplement to pay! See page 142 for details.



## Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Loyalty Club, our generous reward program, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else. See page 150 for more details.



# We Take Care of Everything

FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours we believe that everything you need to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime should be included in the price of your tour.

Take a look at what's included in all of our Classic Tours.

## All Your Flights

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour. We can also organise departures from other regional airports, often for little or no extra cost.

We only work with reputable scheduled airlines and of course all your pre-paid taxes and luggage is included in the price. 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 Your Meals

On our Classic tours breakfast, lunch and dinner are included every day.

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, most of the time you'll be enjoying regional cuisine, often eating where the locals do.

We also include a select number of 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a delicious range of your destination's best food.

## All Your Accommodation

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been selected to best suit the locations you'll visit.

Our Classic tours feature hand-picked four-star properties chosen for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character or location of the property will enhance your tour.

## All Your Guided Touring

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

You can place your trust in your National Escort, who will help you navigate the quirks and charm of local life with confidence and ease.

## All Your Immersive Experiences

We not only take you to lesser visited places, but offer authentic experiences throughout.

Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures. Check out the Authentic Experiences box on each tour page for details.

## All Your Local Transport

Most of your daily travels will be by air-conditioned coach, with plenty of space to stretch out thanks to our seat and a half per guest policy.

You'll also experience a variety of transport styles that bring each destination to life – from leisurely river cruises, cyclos, and rickshaw rides to longer journeys by comfortable flights or relaxing rail travel through picturesque landscapes.

## Even Your Visas

Organising your visa yourself can be a time-consuming and costly addition to your holiday. Not with Wendy Wu Tours' hassle-free visa process.

Should you need a visa, the cost is included in your tour price for all UK & Irish passport holders. What's more, our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

*Please note that inclusions on our Go Beyond tours differ slightly. See page 18 for details.*



Enjoy authentic experiences throughout your tour

# Our Award-Winning Guides

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS



Our National Escorts are the stars of the show – it is their unrivalled knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise that take a Wendy Wu Tour from excellent to extraordinary.

You'll be accompanied by one of these passionate, caring professionals throughout your tour; they'll be taking care of you every step of the way. Many of our guides have been working with Wendy Wu Tours for years, garnering accolade after accolade from our very happy customers.

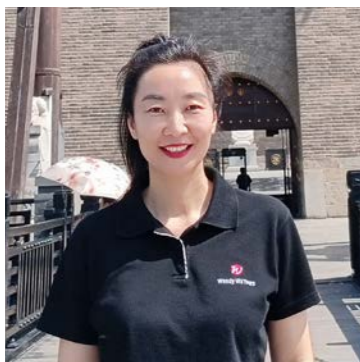
Our guides are dedicated to keeping you safe, happy, inspired, and entertained throughout your journey. With genuine care and expert ease, they'll lead you through the unique customs and hidden gems of the world's most fascinating destinations, making every step of the adventure effortless and enriching.

It's not just their professionalism that makes them so good at what they do. All our guides are born and raised in the country that you are exploring, giving them an unparalleled knowledge of the destination.

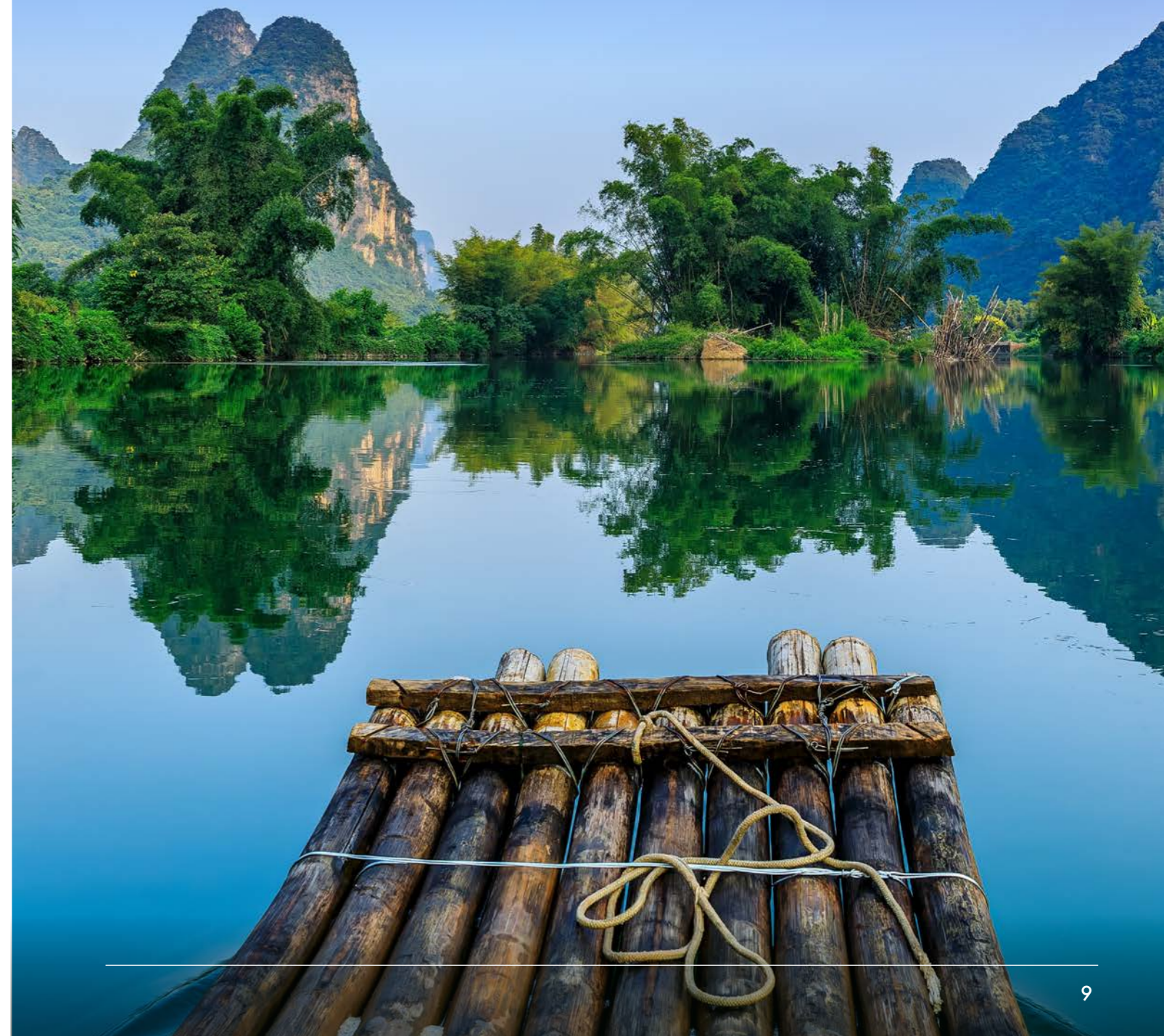
They are also excellent at communicating that knowledge, meaning that you get a greater understanding of recent history and learn about local heritage, culture and way of life.

## OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- ✔ Are experienced and qualified in guiding
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Have expert knowledge of the country you are touring
- ✔ Benefit from rigorous training programmes
- ✔ Are on hand to look after you every step of the way



“Fantastic trip, flawless from start to finish. Guided through this experience by the best national tour guide that we have ever met, many thanks and kudos to Mr Hoffman who went out of his way to make our visit to this visually stunning and beautiful country amazing. Nothing was too much trouble for this kind and knowledgeable man, we cannot thank him enough for his attention to details and individual guests. We would not hesitate to recommend this tour. Thanks again Mr Hoffman, I hope the company values your dedication to the brand and reward you accordingly, I wish you well my friend.”



# 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.



## Globe Travel Awards

The Globe Travel Awards are the 'Oscars' of the travel world. We are extremely proud winners of the Globe Travel Awards 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' for the past 16 years.



## British Travel Awards

The largest consumer voted travel awards in the UK, it is an absolute honour to win at the British Travel Awards. In 2025, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia for the eleventh time.



# Recommended by You

Awards are all well and good but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us.



*"Excellent, extremely well-organised tour with an exciting, varied itinerary that covered many of China's iconic sights. Lovely group of people of varying ages, delicious meals and comfortable hotels. Jason, our national guide, was wonderful. He had a great sense of humour, was very knowledgeable and took great care of the group every step of the way. This was my first organised tour and I would thoroughly recommend Wendy Wu to anyone thinking of booking an adventure."*

Helen Rosenthal (Gems of China – Nov 2025)

*"An amazing holiday that feasts your eyes (Huangpu River tour at night), nourishes your soul (Guilin River tour) and exercises your legs (walking the Great Wall), these are among the many highlights of the tour. This tour covers many of the must-see tourist attractions of China and then some - at a price that offers astonishing value. The standard of hotels and meals are above expectation. The high-speed rails journeys are the ideal way to cover long distances in this great country. Our national tour guide George skilfully shepherds us through vast railway stations, security checks and e-ticket inspections; depicts the development of modern China engagingly and addresses sensitive questions with diplomacy and subtlety - the way of tai chi. I would have no hesitation to book another Wendy Wu tour if it was led by George!"*

Raymond Ho (China by Rail – Nov 2025)



## Feefo

We're proud to be the holder of a feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award. Taken only from genuine customer feedback, independently verified by Feefo, only the businesses providing the best experience for their customers make the grade. That's all the accolade we need.



## Tripadvisor

We're honoured to receive a Certificate of Excellence at the latest Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Awards that recognise businesses that earn consistently great reviews and are among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor.

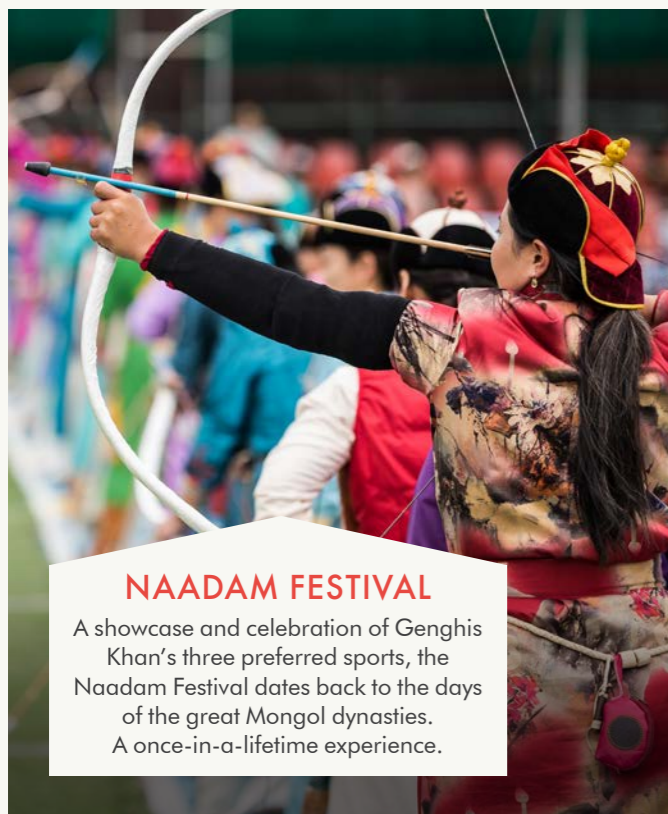
# Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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



## TAI CHI

Part of an invigorating morning routine practised by many locals across the country, enjoy a Tai Chi session for yourself, learning basic steps from a master.



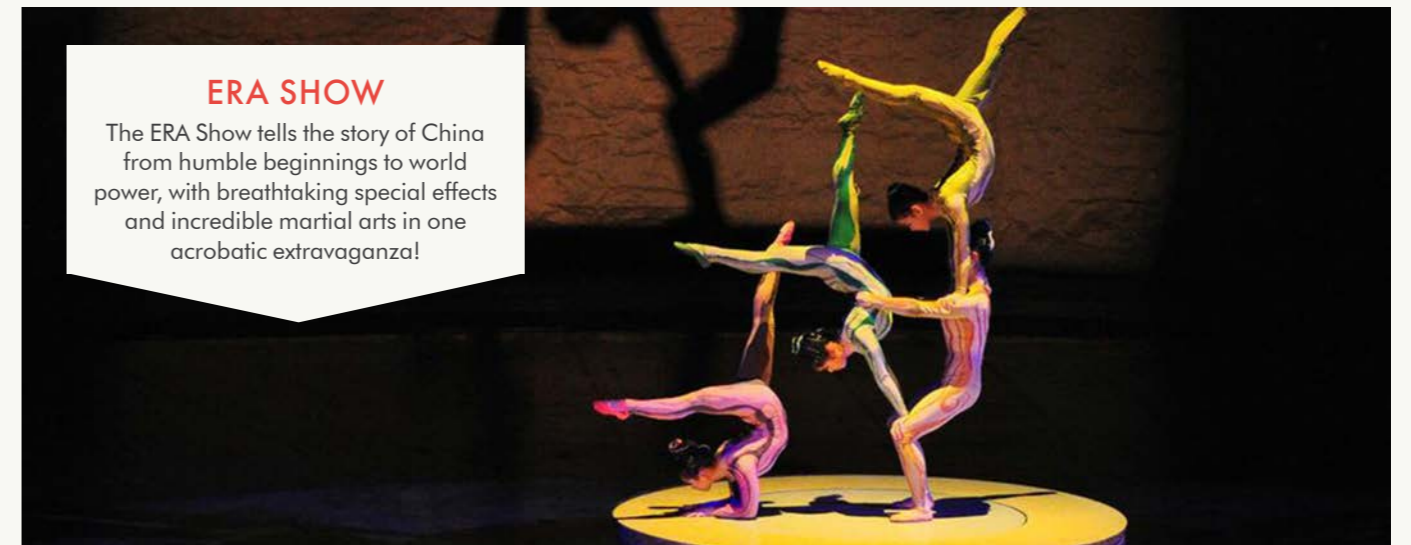
## NAADAM FESTIVAL

A showcase and celebration of Genghis Khan's three preferred sports, the Naadam Festival dates back to the days of the great Mongol dynasties. A once-in-a-lifetime experience.



## BATIK PAINTING IN GUIZHOU

A living tradition of the Guizhou mountain villages, batik reflects techniques passed down through generations. Create your own in a guided class, a special souvenir to take home with you.



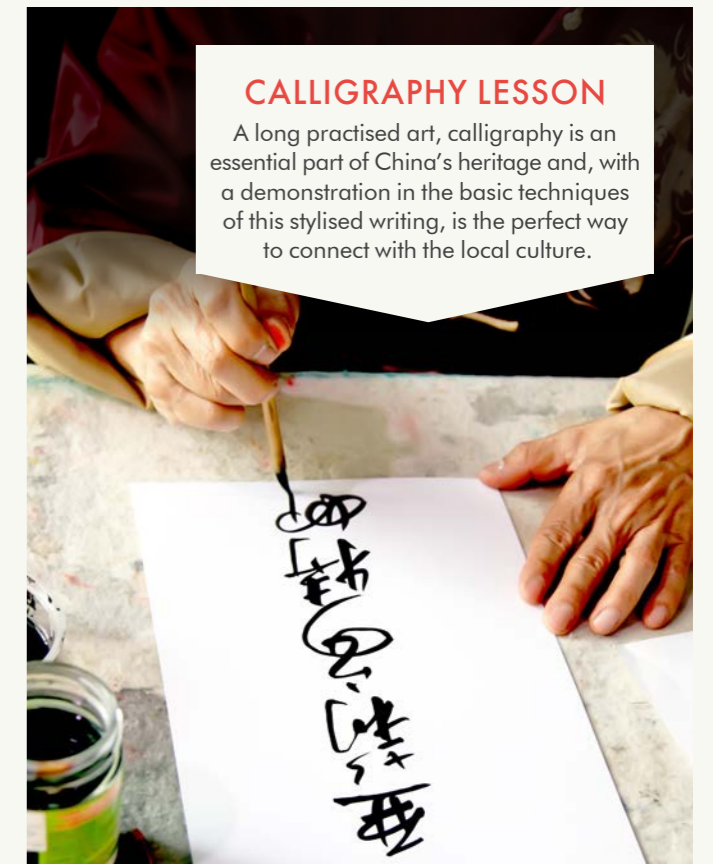
## ERA SHOW

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!



## RICE WINE TASTING

First made in ancient China, rice wine has long had a cultural role in Chinese life. Visit a wine house to see the production process first hand, ending with a tasting of this age-old tippie.



## CALLIGRAPHY LESSON

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



## STREET FOOD TOUR

Learn to tell your jianbing from your jiaozi as you sample China's diverse street foods, visiting hidden eateries, vibrant markets and popular stalls.

# Travelling Solo

TRAVEL SOLO BUT NEVER ALONE WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Travelling solo with Wendy Wu Tours is relaxed, carefree, and full of unforgettable moments. Our expertly crafted itineraries take you to all the iconic sights, let you dive into local culture, savour authentic cuisine, and stay in well-located, comfortable hotels - so you can focus on enjoying the journey.

From start to finish, you'll be looked after by one of our award-winning National Escorts, whose attention to detail and warm hospitality will make you feel like part of the family.

With a sociable atmosphere, hands-on cultural experiences, and laid-back local dining, a Wendy Wu tour is the perfect way to meet like-minded travellers - and forge friendships that often last a lifetime.



## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR GROUP TOURS

Many solo travellers choose to travel on our group tours with a mix of other solos, couples, family groups and friends. Travel on one of these friendly and fun tours and you can choose a room of your own or our 'Happy to Share' option.

### A Room of Your Own

If you'd like the comfort of being able to return to your own space after a day of exploring, our regular group tours offer a single supplement option, guaranteeing your own private room. You'll find the supplement details below the departure dates on each tour.

### Happy to Share

Embrace the joy of being sociable without the extra cost of travelling solo. Our popular 'Happy to Share' option pairs solo travellers of the same gender to share a room, so there's no single supplement to pay if you are matched. Please see our website for full terms and conditions.

## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR DEDICATED SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers.

Solo departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and a complimentary welcome drink on arrival! Look out for **S** on the contents page and highlighted departures on each tour page.



"From the moment I was picked up by the transfer driver I felt well looked after. As a solo traveller I had concerns about being the only one not in a couple, but there were others also travelling on their own. The group size was perfect. My preconceived ideas of what China would be like were completely blown away in Shanghai. Although there were things that I was particularly looking forward to seeing such as the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall, every trip we did and experience we had was amazing. The local guides provided interesting insights into their towns and cities. It has truly been an unforgettable experience."



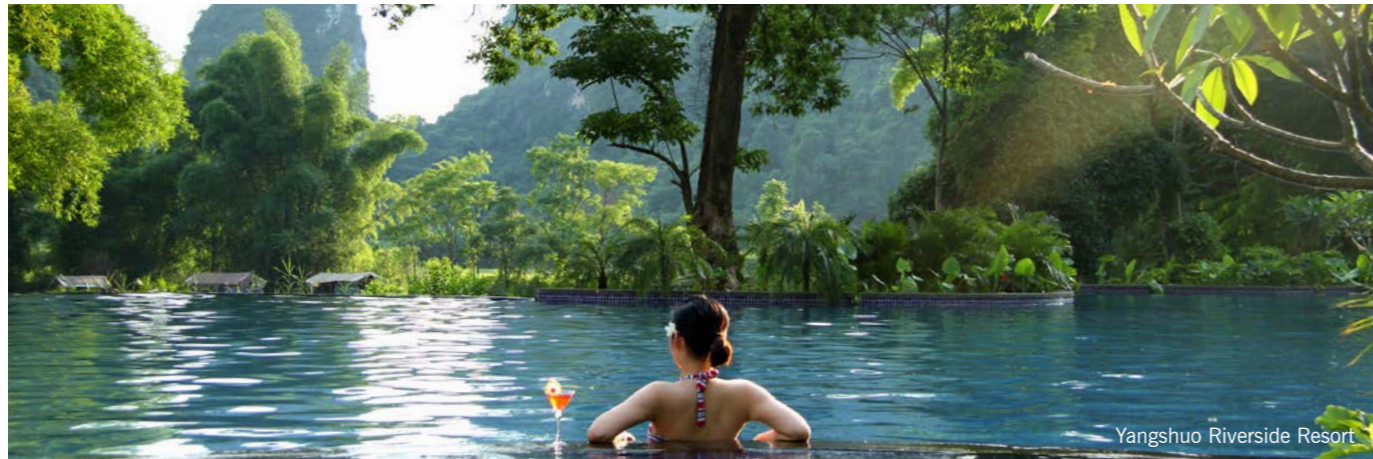
# Upgraded Departures

SAME GREAT TOURS WITH FIVE STAR ACCOMMODATION

Our Upgraded Departures combine everything you already love about a Wendy Wu Tours holiday with the added comfort of upgraded accommodation.

Enjoy relaxed five-star hotels and overnight cruises with superior amenities and service. These departures are perfect for travellers who want to enhance an already incredible journey with extra comfort and refinement. Expect a variety of exceptional stays – from a centrally-located hotel in the heart of a city’s historic district to an unforgettable river cruise experience.

There are a few destinations where the most rewarding stay isn’t defined by its star rating. In such cases, we may opt for a unique or character-filled property.



## INDULGENT PLACES TO STAY IN CHINA

Here are just a few examples of the special places you will be enjoying on your Upgraded Departure.

### YANGSHUO RIVERSIDE RESORT, YANGSHUO



Set beside the Yulong River and framed by Yangshuo’s iconic limestone peaks, this charming riverside retreat offers a peaceful and picturesque setting. Rooms are spacious and thoughtfully designed, with private balconies overlooking the river or gardens – perfect for soaking in the tranquil atmosphere.

### CENTURY OASIS, YANGTZE RIVER



Purpose-built for comfort and scenic cruising, Century Oasis is one of the newest and most comfortable vessels on the Yangtze River. Stylish cabins and quality dining create a relaxed atmosphere on board, as the ever-changing riverscapes and included shore excursions bring this legendary waterway to life.

### GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI



A perfect base for exploring Shanghai, ideally positioned in the heart of the city near People’s Square and the legendary Huangpu River. Step outside and the energy of one of the world’s great metropolises is right at your door, with some of China’s finest dining and shopping moments away.

## ENJOY UPGRADED DEPARTURES ON THE FOLLOWING CHINA TOURS

Wonders of China | Gems of China | A China Experience

Look for the highlighted dates on the tour page

# Extend Your Tour

Make the most of your time away. Whether you want to delve deeper into a destination, discover somewhere completely new, or simply unwind on a beautiful beach, we’ve created a range of ways to help you stay a little longer and see a little more.

## + STOPOVERS

Break up your long-haul flight with a stay in one of the world’s great gateway cities. Often available at no additional flight cost, it’s an effortless way to add another destination to your holiday.



## + SHORT STAYS

Delve deeper with an expertly designed extension to complement your holiday. Whether you’re exploring your main destination further or venturing somewhere entirely new, it’s a seamless way to experience more of the world with us.



## + BEACH STAYS

Unwind in style at the end of your journey with a handpicked collection of coastal escapes. From serene shores to tropical hideaways, the ideal way to relax after your adventure.



## + EXTRA NIGHTS

Arrive relaxed, settle in sooner, or linger longer. Simply add extra nights before or after your tour, and we’ll take care of your hotel, breakfast, and airport transfers.



For more inspiration, we have highlighted some of our most popular short stays and stopovers throughout this brochure. See page 118 for our full range or talk to our reservations team to discuss your options.

# Tour Styles Explained

As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel on one of our experience-packed tours, your way.

## CLASSIC

Our Classic tours take care of everything, allowing you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. Travelling in a group of no more than 28 guests, these tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.

## GO BEYOND

Our Go Beyond tours take you a little further from the comforts of home, uncovering lesser-visited sights. Limited to just 18 passengers, these tours allow you to delve even deeper into local culture while offering more time for independent exploration.

### CLASSIC

### GO BEYOND

 Applicable visas for UK & Irish passport holders	✓	✓
 Domestic transportation	✓	✓
 Meals	All	All or Most
 Accommodation	✓	✓
 International economy airfares and taxes	✓	✓
 Sightseeing	All	All or Most

## PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS

Experience our award-winning itineraries with your own private, experienced local guide, perfect for families and friends who enjoy added flexibility. For the ultimate bespoke holiday, our expert consultants will help you design a tour that's uniquely yours, with your choice of destinations, accommodation and experiences.

## CRUISE & TOUR

Combining an ocean cruise with an escorted group tour packed with top sights and unforgettable experiences, our 'Cruise & Tour' options offer the best of both worlds. Including flights, cruise, stopovers and full Wendy Wu tour with expert guide, all meals and visas (where applicable), prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

## SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create a tailor-made Special Group tour just for you. Whether it's friends, family, a club or association, we'll shape any itinerary around your group's interests, offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it yourself.

## SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. A short stay 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 to not only break up your journey, but a great way to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.



## PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every tour requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, while tours with higher physical ratings may involve longer walks, cycling, or other physical activities. Tours that traverse rough terrain, visit remote areas, or go to high altitudes will also have higher physical ratings.

### LEVEL 1



A reasonable level of fitness is required. Expect to be on your feet for most of the day walking around sights, often including steps and getting on and off coaches, trains, or boats. Occasional longer walks may be included.

### LEVEL 2



A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be on your feet for most of the day, with longer walks that include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may be more challenging in some areas.

### LEVEL 3



A good level of fitness is required. You need to be comfortable walking long distances and for extended durations. The tour may also include activities such as cycling and hiking and visit some remote areas with basic infrastructure.

### LEVEL 4



A high level of fitness and a strong spirit of adventure are required. These tours are full of activity and often visit remote areas with basic infrastructure. Expect to be on your feet and active for much of the day, with some long travelling days.

As the physical requirements vary by tour, it's important to read the Detailed Tour Itinerary on our website before booking to ensure it's the right fit for you.



# Discover China & Taiwan with Wendy Wu Tours

China and Taiwan offer an unrivalled journey through ancient history, breathtaking landscapes and fascinating culture. We have the expertise to cover every corner of these extraordinary destinations; here are some of our favourites...

## 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

Shanghai, China's great metropolis, appears on most itineraries. Here, 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 ZHANGJIAJIE

Few places on Earth stop you in your tracks quite like Zhangjiajie. Its gravity-defying pillars and misty ravines have to be seen to be believed, so we've included it on several of our tours.



### 8 LHASA

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



# IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,090

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

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



Watch a dazzling Tang Dynasty performance

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a Chinese culinary delight with savoury fillings and be immersed in the Tang Dynasty's opulence through a vibrant dancing show, capturing the elegance and cultural richness of ancient China.
- ▶ Indulge in a traditional Sichuanese dinner in Chengdu, where savoury, tangy, and spicy flavours mingle with the signature mild numbing sensation of Sichuan peppercorns.
- ▶ 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 taste 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 in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across vast Tiananmen Square, flanked by grand government buildings and Mao's mausoleum. Step into the Forbidden City, a maze of golden rooftops, serene courtyards and imperial treasures, once home to China's emperors. Later, wander through the Temple of Heaven, a vision of Ming design and harmony, then savour a dinner of Peking duck, Beijing's cherished local delicacy.

**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 the wall is the best way to appreciate its incredible scale and the magnificent views. Later, spend a peaceful afternoon wandering the exquisite gardens of the Summer Palace. You'll also stop by a jade factory to learn about this precious stone and have the opportunity to purchase a handcrafted piece. A spectacular Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

**DAY 5: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS**  
Take the bullet train to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of

the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. 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, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town and stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting.

**DAY 7: YUANJIA VILLAGE**  
Step back in time with a visit to Yuanjia Village, a beautifully restored heritage village offering a glimpse into Qing Dynasty architecture, traditional crafts, and authentic local flavours. Later, board a bullet train to Chengdu, the vibrant capital of Sichuan province.

**DAY 8: 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 vulnerable



Walk on the mighty Great Wall



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

species. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.

**DAY 9: 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 cup of tea at a traditional teahouse, then visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

**DAY 10: FLY CHENGDU TO UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



Walk across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling Forbidden City

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Discover Shanghai's iconic skyline, bustling shopping streets and traditional gardens.

**SHANGHAI SHORT STAY**  
3 days from £430pp

Visit page 118 to learn more about all of our short stays and stopovers.

## 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

2026 - Departing Sunday returning Tuesday  
2027-28 - Departing Tuesday returning Thursday

### 2026 DATES

06 Sep - 15 Sep	£3,390	18 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,290
13 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,390	01 Nov - 10 Nov	£3,690
11 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,390	08 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,290

### 2027 DATES

09 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,090	10 Aug - 19 Aug	£3,490
23 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,390	07 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,490
06 Apr - 15 Apr	£3,490	14 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,490
13 Apr - 22 Apr	£3,490	21 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,890
20 Apr - 29 Apr	£3,890	12 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,490
11 May - 20 May	£3,490	19 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,490
18 May - 27 May	£3,490	02 Nov - 11 Nov	£3,390
08 Jun - 17 Jun	£3,490	16 Nov - 25 Nov	£3,090

### 2028 DATES

07 Mar - 16 Mar	£3,190	08 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,590
21 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,390	05 Sep - 14 Sep	£3,590
04 Apr - 13 Apr	£3,590	12 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,590
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09 May - 18 May	£3,590	17 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,590
16 May - 25 May	£3,590	31 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,390
06 Jun - 15 Jun	£3,490	14 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,190

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £400
- Tipping paid locally RMB 495 (2026 & 2027), RMB 510 (2028)

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Visit a traditional teahouse in Chengdu

# A CHINA EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,090**

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



Explore the Muslim Quarter

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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?
- ▶ Tuck into a delicious feast of Beijing's best known dish, Peking Duck, a cherished delicacy that offers a true taste of imperial China and a long-time favourite of locals and visitors alike!
- ▶ Gasp at artistic antics like contortionism, juggling and plate spinning at Beijing's must-see Chinese acrobatic spectacular – all the edge-of-your-seat action is truly unforgettable!

## 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, a silk mill and a stop in the old town. Also take in sweeping views of Shanghai's magnificent colonial and modern architecture atop the Jin Mao Tower. End the day on a panoramic Huangpu River cruise followed by traditional Shanghainese 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 for a stroll along the iconic Bund and bustling Nanjing Road.

### DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

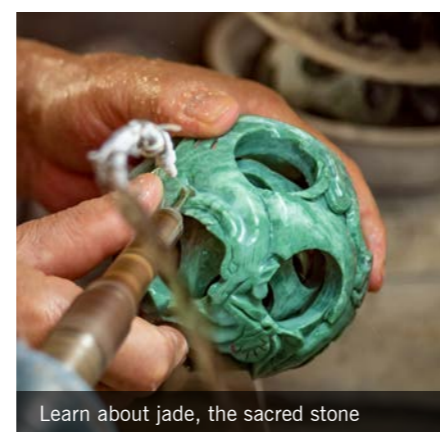
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital with a history spanning 3,100 years. This afternoon, stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting, then walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

### 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 captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's capital city. A spectacular Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.



Learn about jade, the sacred stone



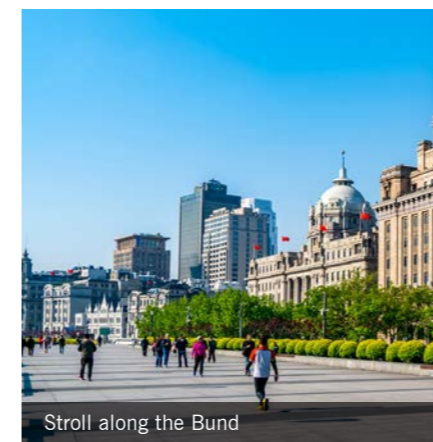
See the famous Terracotta Army



Walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to the heart of Beijing and stroll across vast Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest public spaces. Step into the grandeur of the Forbidden City, a UNESCO-listed complex of over 900 buildings spread across 180 acres. Passing through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, explore a world once reserved for emperors. Next, unwind in the peaceful surrounds of the Temple of Heaven, an elegant masterpiece of Ming architecture. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll through Beijing's hutongs, some dating back 700 years. These narrow alleys are known for their labyrinthine layout, traditional courtyard homes, and sense of community that has been preserved for centuries. Meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture and experience first-hand the unique hutong way of life.



Stroll along the Bund

### 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. Stop by a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace and the traditional Chinese gardens. 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.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Stopover in Hong Kong for iconic viewpoints, historic temples and delicious dim sum.

**HONG KONG GLIMPSES**  
3 days from £390pp

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## 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, where ancient heritage meets dynamic modern life.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2026 DATES			
07 Aug - 16 Aug	£3,490	06 Oct - 15 Oct	£3,390
01 Sep - 10 Sep	£3,390	13 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,390
05 Sep - 14 Sep	£3,390	17 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,690
17 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,390	07 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,290
22 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,390		

2027 DATES			
05 Mar - 14 Mar	£3,090	08 Jun - 17 Jun	£3,390
19 Mar - 28 Mar	£3,490	10 Aug - 19 Aug	£3,590
26 Mar - 04 Apr	£3,490	31 Aug - 09 Sep	£3,490
02 Apr - 11 Apr	£3,490	04 Sep - 13 Sep	£3,490
09 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,490	09 Sep - 18 Sep	£3,890
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16 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,490	21 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,490
20 Apr - 29 Apr	£3,490	05 Oct - 14 Oct	£3,490
04 May - 13 May	£3,490	12 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,490
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11 May - 20 May	£3,490	06 Nov - 15 Nov	£3,290
18 May - 27 May	£3,490		

2028 DATES			
03 Mar - 12 Mar	£3,190	06 Jun - 15 Jun	£3,490
17 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,590	08 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,690
24 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,590	29 Aug - 07 Sep	£3,590
31 Mar - 09 Apr	£3,590	02 Sep - 11 Sep	£3,590
07 Apr - 16 Apr	£3,590	07 Sep - 16 Sep	£4,090
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14 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,590	19 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,590
18 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,590	03 Oct - 12 Oct	£3,590
02 May - 11 May	£3,590	10 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,590
05 May - 14 May	£3,990	13 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,990
09 May - 18 May	£3,590	04 Nov - 13 Nov	£3,390
16 May - 25 May	£3,590		

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally RMB 450 (2026), RMB 475 (2027), RMB 490 (2028)

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# INSPIRING CHINA

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall of China
- ✓ Step onto Zhangjiajie's glass bridge
- ✓ Admire the Dazu Rock Carvings
- ✓ See the iconic pandas
- ✓ Find the future in Chongqing
- ✓ Explore Furong's riverside streets



Step back in time to Furong's stilted riverbanks and lantern-lit lanes

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch drones light up Chongqing's night sky

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Watch as the sky over downtown Chongqing fills with drones flying in an intricate aerial display. This immersive audiovisual spectacular is choreographed to show city landmarks, cultural symbols and even local cuisine.
- ▶ As night falls over Furong Ancient Town, something magical happens! With the waterfall and traditional wooden buildings lit by colourful lights, and streets strung with lanterns, reflections in the waterways create a fairytale ambience.
- ▶ For the brave of heart, take a walk along Tianmen Mountain's thrilling Cliff-Hanging Walkway. Stretching along the cliff face, it provides awe-inspiring uninterrupted views of Zhangjiajie's towering deep valleys and dense forests.

## ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's magnificent 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

Start the day in the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens. At the serene Temple of Heaven, admire elegant architecture that reflects Chinese cosmology. In the evening, dine on Peking duck, a delicious local delicacy.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory (there is an opportunity to shop for a small, handcrafted piece), then spend the afternoon exploring the gardens of the Summer Palace, a Qing Dynasty lakeside retreat known for its exquisite architecture.

### DAY 5: FLY TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Fly south to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Zhangjiajie, where an ethereal scene of soaring sandstone pillars and lush forests await.

### DAY 6: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

Begin the day with a ride in the remarkable Bailong glass elevator. Embedded into a cliff face, the elevator shoots up a 326-metre mountain side in as little as two minutes! Soak up the amazing views of the 'First Bridge

under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue your exploration at Emperor Mountain and Helong Park, before descending by cable car.

### DAY 7: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

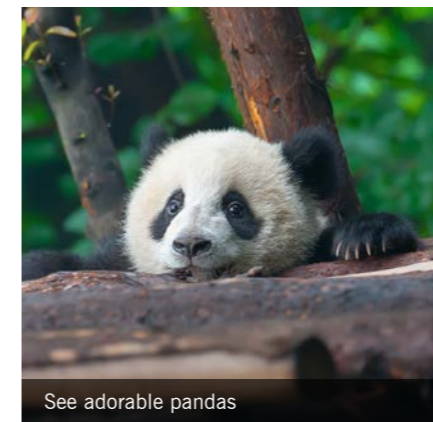
Soar up to the heights of Tianmen Mountain by scenic cable car where you can marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', standing atop a 999-step staircase above you. For the brave, take a thrilling walk on a glass skywalk, the 'Walk of Faith'.

### DAY 8: FURONG ANCIENT TOWN

Brace yourself for an exhilarating walk on Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge which spans 430-metres across the magnificent Grand Canyon. Travel to Furong Ancient Town this afternoon and explore its charming riverside streets, traditional stilt houses, and cascading waterfalls.



Wander the magnificent Forbidden City



See adorable pandas



Walk among the ancient forests of towering stone pillars in Zhangjiajie

### DAY 9: CHONGQING HOT SPRINGS

Hop on a bullet train to travel to the futuristic city of Chongqing, arriving in the afternoon. Head to one of the city's top hot spring resorts for a soak in the thermal pools, or enjoy some free time to explore the bustling Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street.

### DAY 10: CHONGQING'S PANDAS

Explore the best of what this fascinating city has to offer. Begin with a visit to China's most beloved icon, the giant panda, then watch metro trains pass through a high-rise at the innovative Liziba Intersection. Later, admire the striking architecture of Chongqing with a scenic river cruise which also passes the dazzling Hongya Cave.



Marvel at high-tech Chongqing

### DAY 11: DAZU ROCK CARVINGS

Travel to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings, to view the thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. This evening, enjoy the Glamorous Drone Show, where over 5,000 drones illuminate the night sky in a mesmerising display of colour and precision.

### DAY 12: DEPART CHONGQING

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Venture into one of China's most breathtaking natural landscapes, exploring the UNESCO-listed Huanglong Scenic Area and its famous colourful limestone pools, before losing yourself in the crystal-clear lakes and forested valleys of Nine Villages Valley.

### NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

4 days from £1,550pp

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CLASSIC  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a whistle-stop adventure through some of China's most striking destinations, packed with a combination of imperial history, natural landscapes, and cutting-edge urban energy.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Sunday

### 2026 DATES

09 Sep - 20 Sep	£4,090	11 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,990
07 Oct - 18 Oct	£4,090		

### 2027 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	£4,190	08 Sep - 19 Sep	£4,390
07 Apr - 18 Apr	£4,390	13 Oct - 24 Oct	£4,390
05 May - 16 May	£4,390	03 Nov - 14 Nov	£4,190

### 2028 DATES

15 Mar - 26 Mar	£4,390	06 Sep - 17 Sep	£4,490
05 Apr - 16 Apr	£4,490	11 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,490
03 May - 14 May	£4,490	01 Nov - 12 Nov	£4,390

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Beijing – Chongqing)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally RMB 605 (2026), RMB 660 (2027), RMB 680 (2028)



### MORE INFORMATION

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# GLORIES OF CHINA

- 14** DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON** **£3,890**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**
- ALL MEALS**

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Take a scenic cruise along the Li 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



Take part in a tea ceremony

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Step into the serene world of Chinese tea at a tea garden in Guilin. Learn how local leaves are grown and prepared, then sip your way through a selection of brews.
- ▶ Put your feet up and experience the ancient art of Chinese reflexology. This therapeutic treatment focuses on pressure points to relieve tension, boost circulation, and restore balance – perfect after a busy day of exploring!
- ▶ Visit a busy workshop where craftsmen create replicas of the famous Terracotta Warriors; watch them going about their age-old craft with astonishing speed and dexterity.

## 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 explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from the iconic Jin Mao Tower. Later, enjoy a panoramic cruise along the Huangpu River before dining on authentic Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 4: DISCOVER ZHUJIAJIAO

Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns and explore its many charms. Return to Shanghai for a stroll along the iconic Bund and bustling Nanjing Road.

### DAY 5: GUILIN TEA TASTING

Visit a picturesque tea plantation and explore among the tea bushes, learn about China's rich tea heritage and enjoy a tasting. Then ride a scenic cable car up Yao Mountain for views of Guilin's dramatic karst landscape.

### 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 COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Begin your day with an invigorating Tai Chi class led by a local master, before spending the rest of the morning exploring the countryside. Later, enjoy a soothing Chinese reflexology massage, followed by an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 8: REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin, stopping to discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites at Reed Flute Cave. Later, stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture.

### DAY 9: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian and explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, where you'll gain insight into the city's historic role as the starting point of the Silk Road. In the evening, dine on Shui Jiao dumplings, followed by a vibrant Tang Dynasty dancing performance.

### 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, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then enjoy a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.



Explore Guilin's tea gardens



Discover Beijing's Summer Palace

### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing. China's capital, cultural centre and a treasure trove of sights, beneath layers of modernity this fast-paced mega city hides three millennia worth of tumultuous but glorious history. Wander through Beijing's ancient hutongs – narrow alleyways steeped in centuries of history – and meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture.

### 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. Stop by a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

### DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

### DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Don't miss Zhangjiajie, where over 3,000 towering limestone pinnacles rise from hidden ravines and forested valleys, a landscape so striking it inspired the film *Avatar* and earned UNESCO World Heritage status.

### ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 days from £910pp

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## CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

### 2026 DATES

09 Aug - 22 Aug	£4,090	11 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,990
31 Aug - 13 Sep*	£3,990	25 Oct - 07 Nov	£3,990
06 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,990	11 Nov - 24 Nov*	£3,890
05 Oct - 18 Oct*	£3,990		

### 2027 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,990	29 Aug - 11 Sep	£4,190
04 Apr - 17 Apr	£4,090	05 Sep - 18 Sep	£4,090
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16 May - 29 May	£4,090	17 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,090
08 Aug - 21 Aug	£4,190	31 Oct - 13 Nov	£3,990

### 2028 DATES

12 Mar - 25 Mar	£4,090	27 Aug - 09 Sep	£4,290
02 Apr - 15 Apr	£4,290	03 Sep - 16 Sep	£4,290
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14 May - 27 May	£4,290	15 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,290
06 Aug - 19 Aug	£4,290	29 Oct - 11 Nov	£4,190

\* Departure days of the week vary.

### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £580
- Tipping paid locally RMB 580 (2026), RMB 610 (2027), RMB 630 (2028)

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

# MAJESTIC YANGTZE

14 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

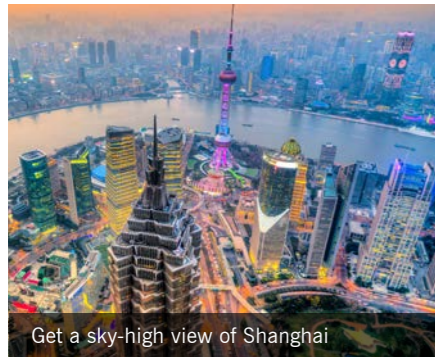
## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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

Discover the Yangtze River on your four-night cruise

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Get a sky-high view of Shanghai

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Soaring above Shanghai's Pudong skyline, Jin Mao Tower blends modern engineering with traditional Chinese design. Head to the top for sweeping views over the Huangpu River and historic Bund.
- ▶ Explore the narrow cobbled lanes of Ciqikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture.
- ▶ Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.

## 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

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from Jin Mao Tower. 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. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO YICHANG

Take the bullet train to Yichang and board your home for the next four nights – a relaxing cruise along the majestic Yangtze River.

### 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, enjoy a range of shore excursions and onboard entertainment. Take a scenic side trip to either the tranquil Shennong or Goddess Stream, where smaller boats allow for deeper exploration of lush gorges and hidden valleys.

### DAY 8: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

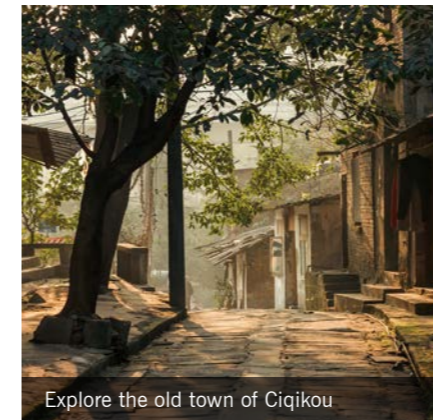
Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese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

### DAY 9: PANDAS

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

### DAY 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, and visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town, stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting, then walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.



Explore the old town of Ciqikou



Feel peaceful at the Temple of Heaven

### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

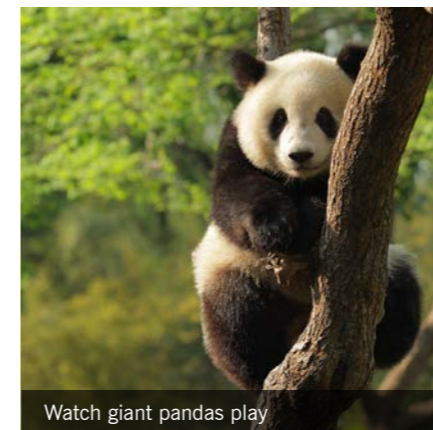
Board the bullet train to Beijing, a fast-paced capital where modern life meets 3,000 years of rich, tumultuous history.

### 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. Later, stroll through the peaceful grounds of the Temple of Heaven, where emperors once prayed for good harvests. As evening falls, enjoy a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show – a thrilling display of skill, strength, and tradition.

### DAY 13: 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



Watch giant pandas play

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

### DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian and 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

Departure days of the week vary

### 2026 DATES

20 Jul - 02 Aug	£4,290	05 Oct - 18 Oct	£4,190
03 Aug - 16 Aug	£4,290	16 Oct - 29 Oct	£4,190
10 Aug - 23 Aug	£4,290	25 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,190
31 Aug - 13 Sep	£4,190	26 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,190
04 Sep - 17 Sep	£4,190	04 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,990
18 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,190	09 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,990

### 2027 DATES

10 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,990	19 Jul - 01 Aug	£4,190
17 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,090	02 Aug - 15 Aug	£4,190
22 Mar - 04 Apr	£4,190	09 Aug - 22 Aug	£4,190
29 Mar - 11 Apr	£4,290	16 Aug - 29 Aug	£4,190
31 Mar - 13 Apr	£4,290	30 Aug - 12 Sep	£4,290
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07 Jun - 20 Jun	£4,190	03 Nov - 16 Nov	£4,090
12 Jul - 25 Jul	£4,190	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£3,990

### 2028 DATES

08 Mar - 21 Mar	£4,090	22 May - 04 Jun	£4,390
20 Mar - 02 Apr	£4,290	05 Jun - 18 Jun	£4,290
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12 May - 25 May	£5,390	20 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,290
15 May - 28 May	£4,490	01 Nov - 14 Nov	£4,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £760
- Tipping paid locally RMB 700 (2026), RMB 735 (2027), RMB 760 (2028)

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# NATURAL TREASURES OF CHINA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,090**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy lively Changsha
- ✓ Explore spectacular Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Meet adorable giant pandas
- ✓ Discover Nine Villages Valley
- ✓ Walk Black Mountain Valley
- ✓ Admire the Dazu Rock Carvings

Discover the turquoise lakes of the Nine Villages Valley

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfast (B), 12 lunches (L) & 10 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See Chongqing come to life at night

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Wait until dark, then board your cruise and glide between the Jialing and Yangtze rivers, watching thousands of lights pour down the cliffs and set the city's extraordinary stacked skyline ablaze on the water.
- ▶ Indulge in the traditional street foods of Chongqing's night markets, where stalls are piled high with sizzling meats, fiery noodles and fragrant local snacks.
- ▶ Enjoy a cruise along the Tuojiang River, drifting past old villages and stilted wooden houses that line the water's edge – a peaceful way to take in a different perspective of the town's timeless beauty.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHANGSHA

Fly overnight to Changsha, the capital city of Hunan province. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE CHANGSHA

A city with a three millennia long history and a thoroughly modern look and feel, Changsha exudes an energetic and friendly vibe. Step into its past at the Yuelu Academy, a long-time hub of learning at the foot of Mount Yuelu. Later, travel to Zhangjiajie and embark on a night tour of the '72 Qilou', exploring its weird and wonderful architecture. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie is a triumph of nature. Begin your explorations with a ride up the remarkable Bailong glass elevator. Embedded into the mountain, the elevator soars up the mountain side to a towering height of 326 metres in just two minutes. Soak up the amazing views from the top before taking a cable car back down to earth. Later, enjoy a scenic train journey through the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: THE GLASS BRIDGE

Brace yourself for an exhilarating walk across Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge, a glass-bottomed bridge 300 metres above the ground that stretches 430-metres over the Grand Canyon. Later, enjoy a picturesque sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: EXPLORE FENGHUANG

Soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car which, at seven kilometres, is China's longest. At the summit, marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', reached by 999 steep steps and take a thrilling walk along a glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Then, travel by road to Fenghuang (Phoenix) Ancient Town, a quaint, scenic town rich in culture and natural beauty. Visit the residence of Shen Congwen, considered one of China's greatest modern writers, and enjoy an evening at your leisure to wander the old streets, which are beautifully illuminated at night. (B,L)

### DAY 7: CRUISE THE TUOJIANG RIVER

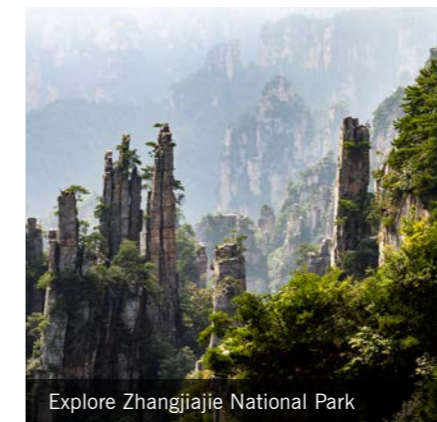
Enjoy more of Fenghuang this morning, before relaxing on a cruise, passing through the charming landscapes around the Tuojiang River. Then, board the bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: VISIT GIANT PANDAS

Visit the famous Panda Conservation Base to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, enjoy people watching in People's Park, where locals play games of mahjong and parents search for suitors at Matchmaker's Corner. Head to the local food markets for dinner at your leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 9: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Board the bullet train to be whisked off to Jiuzhaigou, or 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 deposits. (B,L,D)



Explore Zhangjiajie National Park



Stroll the historic streets of Fenghuang Ancient Town

### DAY 10: EXPLORE JIUZHAIGOU

The Nine Villages Valley area, named after nine Tibetan settlements dotting the valley, is a World Biosphere Reserve and China's most awe-inspiring national park. Renowned for its turquoise lakes, verdant forests, and majestic waterfalls, spend the day taking in the natural wonders of Long Lake, Five-Colored Lake, and Nuorilang Falls. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: VISIT SHUZHENG VILLAGE

Visit Shuzheng Village, one of nine ethnically Tibetan villages in the park, before enjoying a scenic walk from Rhinoceros Lake to Reed Lake passing Tiger Lake. Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan style meal. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: TRAVEL TO CHONGQING

Board the bullet train to Chongqing. As night falls, wander the food markets with your local guide, sampling the best Sichuanese snacks, before boarding a cruise to drift between the Jialing and Yangtze rivers and watch the city's extraordinary stacked skyline light up. Cruise past the iconic Hongya Cave, an impressive 11-storey stilt building constructed in traditional Bayu style. (B,L)

### DAY 13: BLACK MOUNTAIN VALLEY

Take a day trip out to Heishan Valley, also known as Black Mountain Valley. This serene and picturesque area is brimming with dramatic mountains, deep valleys, waterfalls and sheer cliffs, along with an impressive 13-kilometre-long gorge. Enjoy time to explore the area, then return to Chongqing. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: ADMIRE THE DAZU CARVINGS

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you'll 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. Return to Chongqing and tuck into a delicious, farewell hot pot dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: FLY CHONGQING TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Journey to Tibet's spiritual heart of Lhasa, walking the sacred Barkhor Circuit among pilgrims and prayer chants, visiting the 7th-century Jokhang Temple and Sera Monastery, before exploring the magnificent Potala Palace, the 'Crown Jewel' of Tibet, with its thousands of rooms, intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes.

### LHASA SHORT STAY

4 days from £900pp

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

### 2026 DATES

09 Sep - 23 Sep **£5,090** 14 Oct - 28 Oct **£5,090**

### 2027 DATES

07 Apr - 21 Apr **£5,190** 01 Sep - 15 Sep **£5,190**  
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 12 May - 26 May **£5,190** 27 Oct - 10 Nov **£5,190**

### 2028 DATES

05 Apr - 19 Apr **£5,390** 30 Aug - 13 Sep **£5,390**  
 12 Apr - 26 Apr **£5,390** 13 Sep - 27 Sep **£5,390**  
 03 May - 17 May **£5,390** 11 Oct - 25 Oct **£5,390**  
 10 May - 24 May **£5,390** 25 Oct - 08 Nov **£5,390**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,390 (Changsha - Chongqing)
- Single room from £650
- Tipping paid locally RMB 840 (2026), RMB 880 (2027), RMB 905 (2028)



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# WONDERS OF CHINA

16 DAYS FROM

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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



Walk the Great Wall – one of the New Seven Wonders of the World

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try a refreshing local brew in Xian

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Swap tea for hops with a visit to one of Xian's local breweries. Take a behind-the-scenes look at how the beers are brewed, then sample a glass or two fresh from the source.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse of the residents' day to day life.
- ▶ Cruise the Huangpu River, the perfect way to take in Shanghai's contrasts – the colonial architecture of the Bund and the modern skyscrapers of Pudong.

## 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. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, unwind in the peaceful surrounds of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Ming architecture. Wander through Beijing's ancient hutongs – narrow alleyways steeped in centuries of history – and meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture, then dine on a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall, which stretches over 4,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory to learn about this treasured stone, long revered in Chinese culture as a symbol of good fortune and prosperity. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture.

### DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

### DAY 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 visit the workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town, before rounding off the day with a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

### DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

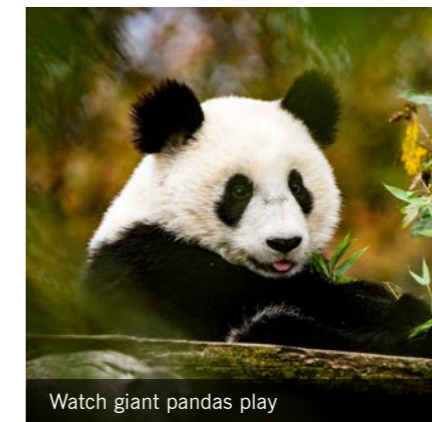
A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong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

### DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

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



Admire the landscapes of the Li River



Watch giant pandas play

### 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, stopping en route to discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll around Ronghu Lake and the Ancient South Gate.

### DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from the iconic Jin Mao Tower. Walk along the iconic Bund before a dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

### LOOKING TO TRAVEL PRIVATELY?

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Discover the highlights of Taiwan, from the serene shores of Sun Moon Lake and ancient streets of Tainan to ornate temples, Taipei 101 and the world's finest collection of Chinese art.

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Cruise the magnificent Yangtze River



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## 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

Departure days of the week vary

### 2026 DATES

09 Aug - 24 Aug	£4,790	04 Oct - 19 Oct	£4,790
01 Sep - 16 Sep	£4,790	11 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,790
08 Sep - 23 Sep	£4,790	16 Oct - 31 Oct	£5,490
09 Sep - 24 Sep	£5,590	29 Oct - 13 Nov	£4,690
11 Sep - 26 Sep	£4,790	01 Nov - 16 Nov	£4,590
13 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,790	08 Nov - 23 Nov	£4,490

### 2027 DATES

28 Feb - 15 Mar	£4,390	06 Jun - 21 Jun	£4,690
07 Mar - 22 Mar	£4,490	18 Jun - 03 Jul	£4,690
12 Mar - 27 Mar	£4,590	11 Jul - 26 Jul	£4,790
19 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,690	01 Aug - 16 Aug	£4,790
26 Mar - 10 Apr	£4,790	08 Aug - 23 Aug	£4,790
01 Apr - 16 Apr	£5,690	31 Aug - 15 Sep	£4,890
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### 2028 DATES

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21 May - 05 Jun	£4,990	05 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,690

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally from RMB 810 - 900

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# GEMS OF CHINA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,690**

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel on a bullet train
- ✓ Cruise the mighty Yangtze
- ✓ Explore spectacular Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights

Explore the magical landscapes of Zhangjiajie

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Take Tianmen's 'Walk of Faith'

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Take a deep breath and step out on Tianmen Mountain's famed glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Hugging a cliff face, follow it around the mountain for unparalleled views of Zhangjiajie's mountains, valleys, and forests.
- ▶ From hand-stretched noodles to barbecued meat on skewers, Xian's Muslim Quarter is a street food haven! As you explore these atmospheric streets and soak up the history, why not grab a delicious snack or two, to keep your energy up?
- ▶ Brace yourself for jaw-dropping views as you walk across Zhangjiajie's spectacular glass bridge, suspended 300m above the forested valley below.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY 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: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, where you will discover the magnificence of the Forbidden City and find a complex full of imperial treasures. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs, then soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven. In the evening, enjoy the local delicacy, Peking duck.

### DAY 4: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Next, visit a jade factory to see how this revered stone, treasured across China, is skillfully crafted. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, strolling through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Catch a bullet train to ancient Xian, the capital city of several of China's most important dynasties. 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 an exuberant Tang Dynasty dancing show.

### DAY 6: MEET THE 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, stroll on the city wall and enjoy a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Board the bullet train to Chengdu, the 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.

### DAY 8: VISIT GIANT PANDAS

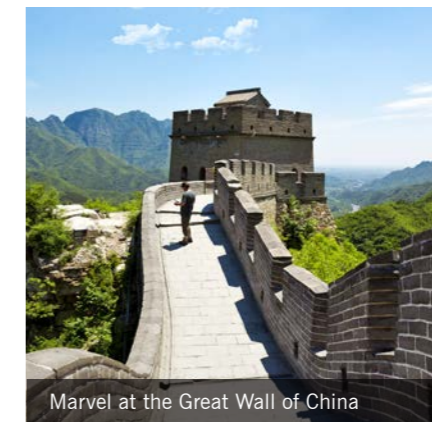
Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, drive to Chongqing where you will board your Yangtze River cruise.

### DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Spend the next three days cruising through some of China's most spellbinding scenery. There'll be shore excursions to enjoy, such as a visit to Mount Shuanggui to explore the picturesque scenery of a national forest park, and a relaxing boat trip along the scenic Goddess Stream. The Three Gorges themselves can be admired from the deck of the cruise ship, with the dramatic scenery an absolute highlight of your trip. On the



See giant pandas in Chengdu



Marvel at the Great Wall of China

final day, you'll get to visit the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric dam and a staggering feat of engineering. Then, disembark your Yangtze River Cruise and drive to the breathtaking Zhangjiajie, stopping at the strange buildings of 72 Qilou.

### DAY 12: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie is a triumph of nature. Begin your explorations with a ride up the remarkable Bailong glass elevator. Embedded into the mountain, the elevator soars up the mountain side to a towering height of 326 metres in just two minutes. Soak up the amazing views from the top before taking a cable car back down to earth. End the day with a scenic sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a turquoise expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery.

### DAY 13: THE GLASS BRIDGE

Explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave. Then, brace yourself for an exhilarating walk across Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge, the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge stretching 430-metres over the Grand Canyon.

### DAY 14: ASCEND TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car which, at seven kilometres, is China's longest. At the summit, marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', reached by 999 steep steps, and take a thrilling walk along a glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Transfer to the airport for your evening flight to Shanghai.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today, visit the peaceful Yu Garden, wander the atmospheric alleys of the old town, and stop at a silk mill. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historic Bund, then take in sweeping views from atop the Jin Mao Tower. This evening, enjoy a panoramic cruise along the Huangpu River and dine on classic Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore China's biggest and best cities and sights, including the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, the giant pandas, a cruise on the Yangtze and Shanghai. To top it all off, we've added the breathtaking scenery of Zhangjiajie National Park, a true natural wonder.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2026 DATES

25 Aug - 09 Sep	£4,990	24 Oct - 08 Nov	£5,790
29 Aug - 13 Sep	£5,790	28 Oct - 12 Nov	£4,890
11 Sep - 26 Sep	£4,990	30 Oct - 14 Nov	£4,890
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16 Oct - 31 Oct	£4,990	11 Nov - 26 Nov	£4,690
18 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,990		

### 2027 DATES

07 Mar - 22 Mar	£4,690	01 Sep - 16 Sep	£5,190
16 Mar - 31 Mar	£4,790	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£5,990
31 Mar - 15 Apr	£5,090	07 Sep - 22 Sep	£5,190
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22 Aug - 06 Sep	£5,290		

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
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## 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

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Witness debating monks at Sera Monastery

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Watch the monks at Sera Monastery debate complex philosophical questions with lively and intense gestures and hand claps.
- ▶ Experience an evening immersed in Tibetan traditions with a captivating performance of native dance and music.
- ▶ Taste your way through one of Tibet's most beloved dishes - momos! These dumplings, filled with meat or vegetables, are a staple of Tibetan cuisine. Enjoy them fresh, steamed or fried, for a true taste of the local flavours.

## 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

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

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

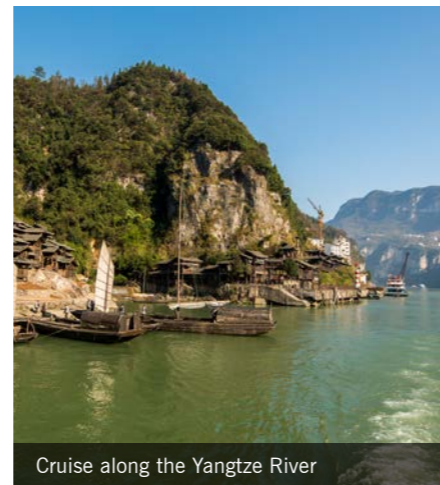
Take the bullet train to Xian. Explore the streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy a performance 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, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town, then stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting.

### 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.



Cruise along the Yangtze River



Stroll along Xian's city walls



Watch pilgrims complete their spiritual circuit around Lhasa's sacred sites

### 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. Visit a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop, before enjoying 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 Base 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 bullet train 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. Today's sightseeing begins with a visit to the classical Yu Garden, followed by a stop at a silk mill to learn about this treasured craft. Stroll through the bustling streets of the old town before heading to Jin Mao Tower for sweeping views of Shanghai's striking blend of colonial charm and modern skyscrapers. Take a leisurely walk along the Bund, the city's iconic waterfront promenade, then cap off the day with a panoramic Huangpu River cruise and a delicious dinner of Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

## CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

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## 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

Departure days of the week vary

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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See the Great Wall and Warriors
- ✓ Experience nature in Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ See Chongqing's pandas
- ✓ Admire ancient rock carvings at Dazu



Watch the dazzling lights illuminate the futuristic 'cyberpunk' skyline of Chongqing

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- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Ascend Zhangjiajie's glass elevator

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Feel your pulse race as you rise through Zhangjiajie's towering sandstone pillars and swirling mists on the Bailong Elevator, the world's tallest outdoor lift, which soars to a height of 326 metres.
- ▶ Soak your body and refresh your mind at one of Chongqing's top hot spring resorts. Set amid tranquil gardens, choose from fifty naturally heated pools, some infused with Chinese medicinal herbs and essential oils, a practice carried out here since ancient times.
- ▶ Watch Chongqing's skyline come to life in a magical light show, where over 5,000 synchronised drones choreograph a stunning performance above the city's soaring riverside towers.

## ITINERARY

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

Arrive in 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: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory (there is an opportunity to shop for a small, handcrafted piece), then spend the afternoon exploring the gardens of the Summer Palace, a Qing Dynasty lakeside retreat known for its exquisite architecture.

### DAY 4: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Start the day in the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens, filled with priceless artefacts. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the warren-like hutongs, Beijing's historic neighbourhoods, and discover what it is like to live in these traditional areas. Later, dine on a delicious local delicacy, Peking duck.

### DAY 5: ANCIENT XIAN

Board the bullet train to Xian, capital city of multiple ancient dynasties. Take a walking tour of the lively Muslim Quarter, a heaven for foodies and knick-knack lovers, while gaining insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling dinner and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

One of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors stand ready for battle around the, as yet unexcavated, tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Spend the morning viewing their ranks then visit a workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Stroll the beautifully preserved city walls that encircle Xian's old town, pausing for a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 7: FLY TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Fly to Zhangjiajie and delve into an ethereal landscape where over 3,000 sandstone pillars cloaked in vibrant green vegetation rise from misty folds of subtropical forest.

### DAY 8: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

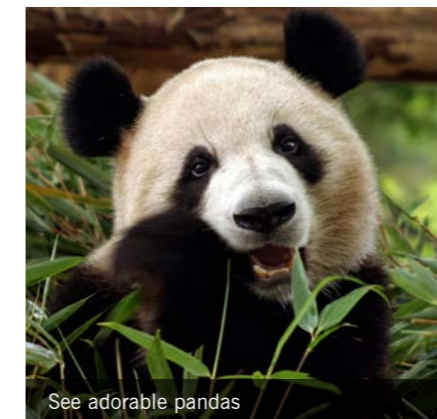
Begin the day with a ride in the remarkable Bailong glass elevator. Embedded into the mountain, the elevator soars up a 326-metre mountainside in as little as two minutes! Soak up the amazing views of the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain and Helong Park before taking a cable car down. End the day at Jinbian Stream.

### DAY 9: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car and marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', which stands at the top of 999 steep steps. For the brave, take a thrilling walk along a glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'.

### DAY 10: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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



See adorable pandas



Ride China's longest cable car to the peaks of Tianmen Mountain

### DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

From the Three Gorges Dam, a massive feat of engineering, 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, including the Three Gorges themselves, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

### DAY 14: MEET THE PANDAS

Disembark your cruise vessel in Chongqing, a futuristic city where tradition meets innovation. Visit China's most beloved icon, the giant panda then head to one of the city's top hot spring resorts to relax in the naturally heated pools or enjoy some free time to explore the bustling Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street.

### DAY 15: DAZU ROCK CARVINGS

Travel to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings, to view the thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. This evening, enjoy the Glamorous Drone Show, where over 5,000 drones illuminate the night sky in a mesmerising display of colour and precision.

### DAY 16: DISCOVER CHONGQING

Start the day exploring the charming old quarter of Ciqikou, where narrow alleyways are lined with traditional teahouses, craft shops and tempting local snacks. Continue to Liziba Intersection, where metro trains famously glide straight through a residential high-rise. In the evening, board a scenic river cruise along the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers, watching the city come alive as night falls.

### DAY 17: FLY CHONGQING TO THE UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...

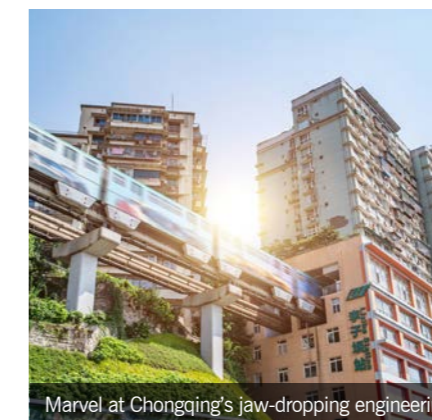


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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the ancient Terracotta Warriors to the futuristic 'cyberpunk' city of Chongqing, journey through thousands of years of China's epic history, from imperial dynasties to the ultramodern, on this fascinating tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

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- ✓ Face the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor circuit
- ✓ Watch monks debate at Sera
- ✓ Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- ✓ Witness sunrise over Mt Everest
- ✓ Explore magnificent Potala Palace



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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus a simple guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Overnight on the Qinghai-Tibet train

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Overnight on the 21-hour sleeper train between Xining and Lhasa. Barren plateau, snow-capped peaks, desert, grassland, and lakes will all pass your window before crossing the Tanggula Pass which at 5,231 metres is the highest point of any railway in the world.
- ▶ Visit the Tsang Traditional Folk House, a beautifully preserved example of Tibetan architecture. Try a cup of 'chang', a traditional Tibetan barley wine shared during festivals and gatherings.
- ▶ Watch the sun's rays spread over the rugged, snowy peak of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, in what must surely be considered one of the most dramatic and spectacular places to watch the sunrise (weather permitting).

## ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Xian, an ancient city with an illustrious history. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: 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. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XINING

Board the five-hour bullet train to Xining, the capital city of Qinghai province in western China. See the 618-metre-long hand-painted thangka at the Qinghai Tibet Cultural Centre, then explore the local night markets. (B,L,D)



Try delicious momos, a local favourite

### DAY 5: OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO LHASA

Spend the morning exploring the sacred Kumbum Monastery, also known as Ta'er Temple. Later transfer to the railway station to embark on one of the most adventurous rail journeys of all, the 21-hour overnight train to Lhasa onboard the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. (B,L)

### DAY 6: ARRIVE LHASA

Continue riding the highest railway in the world today, crossing vast high-altitude landscapes beneath 5,000-metre-plus peaks, and traversing the breathtaking Tanggula Pass (5,231 metres) on your journey across the 'roof of the world'. Arrive in Lhasa this afternoon, the heart and soul of Tibet. The rest of the day is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (D)

### DAY 7: JOKHANG TEMPLE

Lhasa is a modern city growing fast, but among the old streets at its heart, you will feel a million miles from today's world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims before entering the Jokhang Temple. Inside, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Continue to the great monastery of Sera, where you'll see a famous monk debate. This evening, enjoy a tasty Tibetan dinner and dance performance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: POTALA PALACE

Visit the magnificent Potala Palace, the world's largest monastery and the seat of the Dalai Lama. Then, visit Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside of the city. (B,L)



Explore Tibet's sacred monasteries



Watch the sunrise over Mt. Everest's North Face

### DAY 9: TRAIN TO SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, this 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 10: SHIGATSE

Visit Shalu and Tashilhunpo Monastery, which was founded in 1447 by the first Dalai Lama. Join the pilgrims on their 'kora' – a circumambulation of the sacred building. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: EVEREST BASE CAMP

Rise early to drive through incredible Himalayan scenery to Rongbuk Township. Here, with Mount Everest (called Qomolangma in Tibetan) dominating the horizon, you can stop by the world's highest post office and the Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under the gaze of the mountain's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). Stay overnight in a simple Tibetan guesthouse. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER EVEREST

Get up at dawn to see the most glorious sunrise over Everest (weather permitting). Return to Shigatse, via the Tso La Pass and Gyatso La Pass for awe-inspiring views. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13: GYANTSE

Travel to the charming town of Gyantse, where you'll visit the Kumbum and the Tsang Traditional Folk House to see a traditional kitchen and taste some local snacks and homebrewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: TSEDANG

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri, where legend tells the Tibetan people were born. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace is said to have been the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue to Tradruk Monastery and the King's Tomb. Return to Lhasa. (B,L)

### DAY 16: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, transferring to your hotel on arrival. The rest of the day will be at leisure for you to relax or explore, with a farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

### DAY 17: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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20 May - 05 Jun	£5,690	07 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,690

### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,890 (Xian – Chengdu)
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- Tipping paid locally RMB 895 (2026), RMB 940 (2027), RMB 970 (2028)



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## 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) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy a morning street food tour

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 free to soak up the local culture. (D)

### 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 area. (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. Stop by a jade factory, then spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing Street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, join 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. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park then soak up the harmonious ambience at the Temple of Heaven. (B,L)

### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the former capital city, Xian. Enjoy an evening at your leisure. (B)

### DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

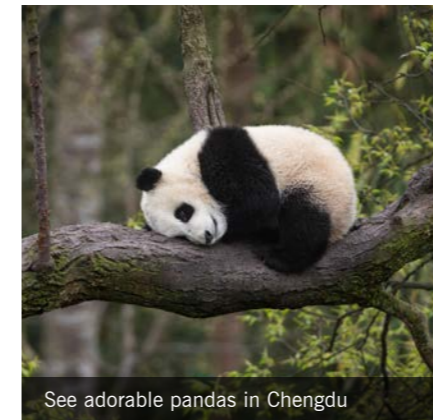
Housed in three immense hangars, the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Stop by the workshop of the craftsmen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

### DAY 8: CITY WALL & BREWERY (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to walk on the beautifully preserved city wall, then stop by a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting. Later, an optional Tang Dynasty show is available. (B)

### 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 adorable pandas in Chengdu



Wander Beijing's hutongs



Explore charming Zhujiajiao (optional)

### DAY 10: LESHAN BUDDHA (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to relax in Chengdu or take the option of visiting Leshan's Giant Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. A short boat trip will give you an even better perspective. (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. 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 take a bullet train to Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

### DAY 15: DISCOVER 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, marveling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying a morning meal as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks, and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town, and a silk mill. In the afternoon, head to the Jin Mao Tower for panoramic city views. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, 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

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2026 DATES

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04 Sep - 20 Sep	£4,190	09 Oct - 25 Oct	£4,190
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### 2027 DATES

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27 Aug - 12 Sep	£4,390		

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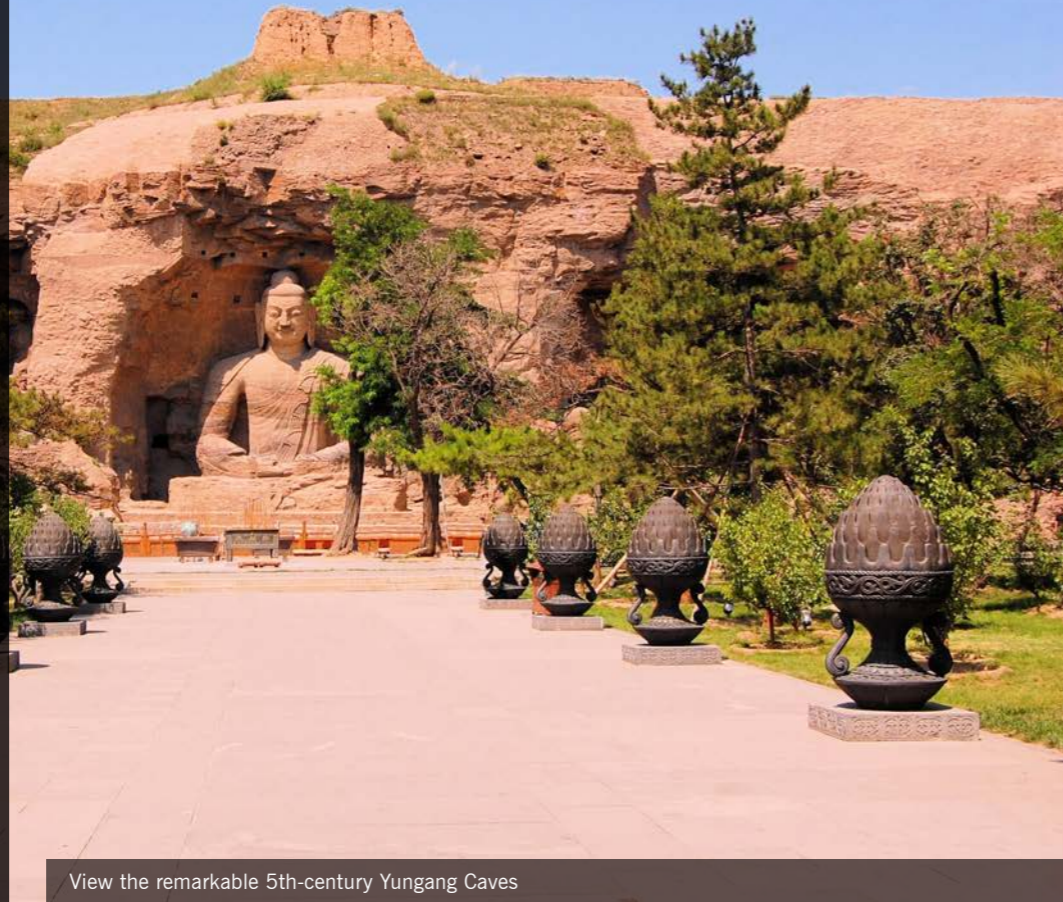
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ALL MEALS

## 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



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## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Learn the long-practised art of calligraphy, trying the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – a meaningful way to connect with local culture.
- ▶ Experience a centuries-old tradition in Taiyuan as chefs expertly craft hand-pulled noodles before your eyes. Learn the history behind this beloved dish, try your hand at the technique, and then enjoy the delicious results.
- ▶ 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

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

### DAY 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). 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. End the day with a Shanxi noodle-making lesson.

### 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.



Explore the Hanging Temple in Datong

### 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 historic 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 exhibits and ancient artifacts at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and taking part in a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

### DAY 13: LONGMEN GROTTOES

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

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

### DAY 16: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with skyscrapers and old temples. Visit the Yu Garden, stop in the old town, take in panoramic views from the Jin Mao Tower, and admire colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, take your seats for the spectacular ERA acrobatic show.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall



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- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi - do the same at 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.

## 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

Wander the vibrant streets of Tianzifang, stop by a silk mill, then explore the futuristic district of Pudong. Head up Jin Mao Tower for sweeping views of Shanghai's dramatic skyline. 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 WINE TASTING

Travel to the water town of Wuzhen, known for its timber buildings and narrow canals. Enjoy a Chinese wine tasting experience before continuing to the garden city Hangzhou.

### DAY 7: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Cruise on Hangzhou's West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores. Later, browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to enjoy a cup of organic green tea and learn the tea making process, from bush to brew.

### DAY 8: REED FLUTE CAVE

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Visit Reed Flute Cave to admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

### 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 a local market.

### DAY 10: TAI CHI LESSON

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Begin your day with an invigorating Tai Chi class led by a local master, before heading out to explore the surrounding countryside. Later, relax with a soothing Chinese reflexology massage, then enjoy a free leisurely afternoon.

### DAY 11: CHENGDU

Return to Guilin by road then board the bullet train to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province.



Visit Hangzhou, the heartland of China's Longjing green tea

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## 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.



Cruise along Suzhou's Grand Canal

### 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

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

### DAY 15: CALLIGRAPHY LESSON

Try your hand at traditional Chinese calligraphy then board the bullet train to Beijing, China's capital.

### DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Start the day at the tranquil Temple of Heaven, then explore Tiananmen Square and the grand Forbidden City, once home to emperors for over 500 years. This evening, enjoy a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show.

### DAY 17: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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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
- ✓ See Karola Glacier



See the imposing Shigatse fortress, once home to the Panchen Lamas

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L) & 11 dinners (D)
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Learn the art of pictographic writing

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Wander the Barkhor circuit around the sacred Jokhang Temple, browsing market stalls and watching traditionally dressed pilgrims complete their journey.
- ▶ No visit to Tibet is complete without trying yak butter tea. Shared in homes and monasteries alike, this warming blend of tea, yak butter and salt has sustained Tibetans through harsh mountain winters for centuries.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest and visit 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

Explore Weishan Ancient Town, where life has remained largely unchanged for over a century, before heading to Weibaoshan, one of Taoism's most sacred mountains, where forested slopes are dotted with over twenty temples. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these historic sites. (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 cable car, 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

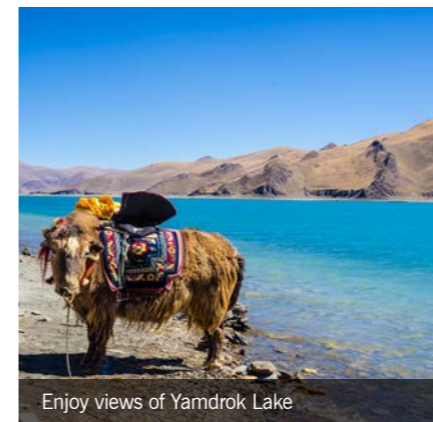
Visit Songzanlin Monastery before hiking 2-3 hours to Napa Hai. Here you are surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Next, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes.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



Explore Lijiang's old quarter



Enjoy views of Yamdrok Lake



Wander the colourful monastery of Songzanlin

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

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

### DAY 12: POTALA PALACE

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

Travel across Tibet's dramatic plains to the town of Gyantse. Journey over the Gampala Pass, stopping to take in sweeping views of Yamdrok Lake and the towering Karola Glacier. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: GYANTSE KUMBUM

Explore the Gyantse Kumbum, located within Pelkor Monastery, before visiting a traditional folk house to sample home-brewed 'chang'. Continue to Dzong Castle, then drive on to Shigatse. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: SHIGATSE

Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery and join the pilgrims on their evening

'kora' of the monastery. Enjoy some free time to explore the local markets. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16: LHASA

Return to Lhasa for an evening free at your own leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 17: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

### DAY 18: 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 19: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Wednesday

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05 Sep - 23 Sep **£5,390** 10 Oct - 28 Oct **£5,390**

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10 Apr - 28 Apr **£5,390** 21 Aug - 08 Sep **£5,390**

08 May - 26 May **£5,390** 04 Sep - 22 Sep **£5,390**

29 May - 16 Jun **£5,390** 09 Oct - 27 Oct **£5,390**

### 2028 DATES

08 Apr - 26 Apr **£5,490** 19 Aug - 06 Sep **£5,490**

06 May - 24 May **£5,490** 02 Sep - 20 Sep **£5,490**

27 May - 14 Jun **£5,490** 07 Oct - 25 Oct **£5,490**

### Flight and supplement information

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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze and Li rivers
- ✓ Explore the spectacular Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Marvel at high tech Chongqing



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## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Refresh your body and mind at one of Chongqing's top hot spring resorts. Choose from fifty naturally heated pools infused with Chinese medicinal herbs and essential oils.
- ▶ Swap Chinese tea for hops with a visit to one of Xian's local breweries. After a walk on the city walls, sip on a refreshing beer or two and learn about how the beers are brewed.
- ▶ Watch Chongqing's skyline come to life in a magical light show, where over 5,000 synchronised drones choreograph a stunning performance above the city's soaring riverside towers.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin the day in the emblematic Tiananmen Square before making your way across it and into the imperial magnificence of the sprawling Forbidden City to discover its many treasures. Then, take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of a warren-like hutong neighbourhood and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, dine on a delicious local delicacy, Peking duck.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory (there is an opportunity to shop for a small, handcrafted piece), then spend the afternoon exploring the gardens of the Summer Palace, a Qing Dynasty lakeside retreat known for its exquisite architecture.

### DAY 5: ALLEYS OF XIAN'S MUSLIM QUARTER

Board the bullet train to Xian, capital city of multiple ancient dynasties. Take a walking tour of the lively Muslim Quarter, a heaven for foodies and knick-knack lovers, while gaining insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling dinner and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

One of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors stand ready for battle around the, as yet unexcavated, tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Spend the morning viewing their ranks then visit a workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Stroll the beautifully preserved city walls that encircle Xian's old town, pausing for a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. Later, wander among the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Reed Flute Cave.

### DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

Wind your way down the Li River surrounded by some of China's most picturesque landscapes. Sit back, relax and savour the glorious rural scenes of lush paddy fields, grazing buffalo and local fishermen, all backed by towering karst peaks. Arrive in Yangshuo, a charming town amid this beauty.

### DAY 9: TAI CHI IN YANGSHUO

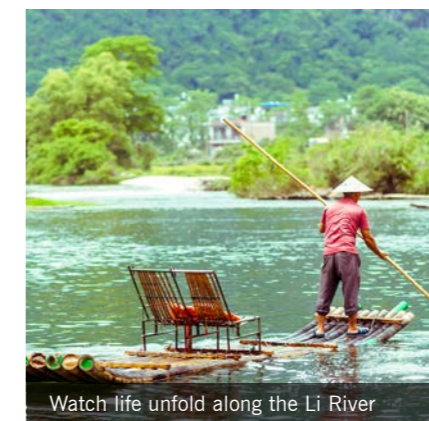
Yangshuo sits in an exquisite position on the banks of the Li, surrounded by emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the morning with a Tai Chi lesson, before heading out to explore the countryside further. This afternoon is yours to spend as you wish.

### DAY 10: CHONGQING HOT SPRINGS

Hop on a bullet train to Chongqing, a futuristic city where tradition meets innovation. You can spend the afternoon soaking in the mineral-rich waters of one of the city's top hot springs resorts, something that has been



See Chongqing's skyline come alight



Watch life unfold along the Li River

practised here for thousands of years or enjoy the bustle of Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street with its plentiful shops, food stalls and other entertainments.

### DAY 11: DRONE SHOW

Travel to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings, to view the thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. This evening, enjoy the Glamorous Drone Show, where over 5,000 drones illuminate the night sky in a mesmerising display of colour and precision.

### DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

Start the day by visiting China's beloved bear, the iconic giant panda, at Chongqing's Panda House. Next, wander the charming cobble stone streets of Ciqikou, lined with teahouses, craft shops and tempting snacks. Continue to Liziba Intersection, where metro trains famously glide straight through a residential high-rise. Later, board your Yangtze River Cruise, home for the next three nights.

### DAY 13: CRUISE THE YANGTZE

Set sail on the mighty Yangtze River. Spend the day relaxing onboard or disembark to see the elegant pavilions of Mount Shuanggui and view the cliff brush writings of Song Dynasty calligraphers.

### DAY 14: THE THREE GORGES

Enter the breathtaking landscapes of the Three Gorges. You'll pass first into Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty and forest-covered mountains, then Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic of the three. Take a relaxing cruise along the Goddess Stream in a smaller vessel.

### DAY 15: THREE GORGES DAM

Pause to visit the Three Gorges Dam, appreciating its scale from the viewing area before learning more about the project in the small museum. Disembark your river cruise ship and continue the journey by road to Zhangjiajie, a UNESCO Global Geopark.

### DAYS 16-18: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

Lose yourself in breathtaking Zhangjiajie, a landscape of thousands of towering quartz-sandstone columns draped in greenery and often swathed in swirling mists. Over the next three days, you'll discover something spectacular around every corner! Ride the remarkable Bailong glass elevator, take a scenic train through the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery, hold your nerve on the Glass Bridge, cruise Rainbow Lake and soar up to the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car, where you can marvel at Tianmen Cave and test yourself on the 'Walk of Faith', a thrilling glass skywalk. Fly to Shanghai.

### DAY 19: BUSTLING SHANGHAI

Visit the peaceful Yu Garden and the atmospheric alleys of the old town then admire the magnificent colonial architecture along the historic Bund, before visiting a silk mill. Next, head to the top of Jin Mao tower for incredible views of the city. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and get a taste for Shanghaiese cuisine at your farewell dinner.

### DAY 20: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Uncover the best of China, from its most iconic sights to up and coming gems! With the natural landscapes of the Li and Yangtze rivers and Zhangjiajie, alongside the vibrant cityscapes of Beijing, Chongqing and Shanghai, you'll get the best of both worlds.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Monday

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07 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,490	21 Oct - 09 Nov	£5,490
08 Oct - 27 Oct*	£5,490		

### 2027 DATES

10 Mar - 29 Mar	£5,590	02 Jun - 21 Jun	£5,690
17 Mar - 05 Apr	£5,690	01 Sep - 20 Sep	£5,790
31 Mar - 19 Apr	£5,790	08 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,790
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12 May - 31 May	£5,790	27 Oct - 15 Nov	£5,790
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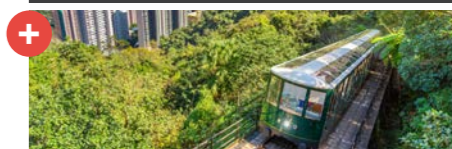


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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Stroll the characterful streets of Lijiang

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Meet locals of the Naxi minority

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Put your feet up and experience the ancient art of Chinese reflexology. This therapeutic treatment focuses on pressure points to relieve tension, boost circulation, and restore balance - perfect after a busy day of exploring!
- ▶ 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.

## 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

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Enter into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, through the Gate of Supreme Harmony to a vast complex of over 900 buildings covering an area of 180 acres. Later, wander through the Temple of Heaven, a vision of Ming design and harmony, then savour a dinner of Peking duck, Beijing's cherished local delicacy.

### 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. Stop by a jade factory to learn about this sacred stone then spend the afternoon in the idyllic garden of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture. In the evening, take your seat for a spectacular Chinese acrobatic show.

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian and walk the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter. In the evening, enjoy 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 visit a workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town then quench your thirst with a beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 7: REED FLUTE CAVE

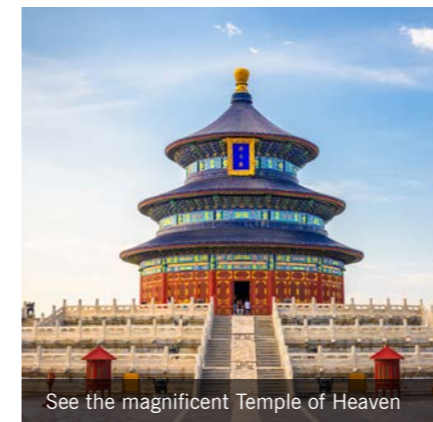
Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Explore the Reed Flute Cave and admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

### DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

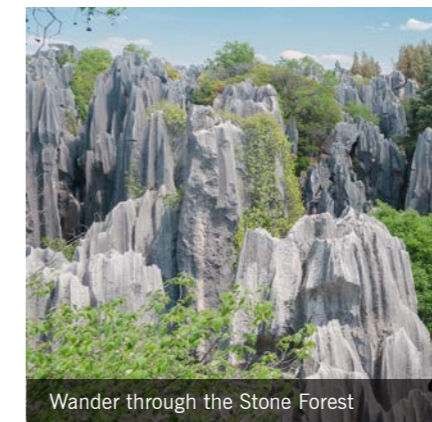
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

### DAY 9: TAI CHI LESSON

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Begin your day with an invigorating Tai Chi class led by a local master, before spending the rest of the morning exploring the countryside. Later, enjoy a soothing Chinese reflexology massage, followed by an afternoon at leisure.



See the magnificent Temple of Heaven



Wander through the Stone Forest

### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and board the scenic bullet train 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 treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on a local dish, 'Across the Bridge' noodles.

### 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. Spend time exploring this picturesque area at leisure. Later, return to Lijiang.

### DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises of 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.

### DAY 16: GIANT 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. Transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel for the next three nights.

### 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 bullet train 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. Explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill, take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from the iconic Jin Mao Tower and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy delicious Shanghaiese cuisine for your farewell dinner.

### DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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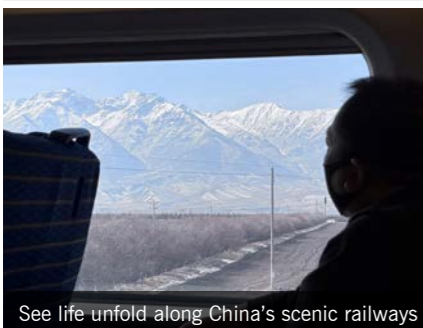
- ✓ Ascend spectacular Mount Huang
- ✓ Experience nature in Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Visit Zhaoxing Dong village
- ✓ See pandas, Great Wall and Warriors



See the sunrise illuminate Huangshan, China's most beautiful mountains

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



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## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 Yu Garden, a silk mill, and the quaint old town before admiring the colonial architecture along the Bund. Then board the super-fast Maglev train, one of only a few in the world, and be whisked along at top speeds of up to 300 km/h. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

### DAY 4: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Board the bullet train to Huangshan City, then take a cable car to the summit of Mount Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, for an overnight stay at the mountain top. Soak up the magnificent views of the ragged peaks, rock formations, thousand-year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist that have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 5: MOUNT HUANG SUNRISE

Wake before dawn to fully appreciate the beauty of Mount Huang's mesmeric landscapes (and mists!) in the red and orange hues of sunrise. This afternoon, head back down the mountain by cable car and visit the atmospheric town of Tunxi. Wander narrow cobbled streets lined with pretty little shops

selling anything from local snacks and tea to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings.

### DAY 6: DUMPLINGS

Travel to Hongcun, a 900-year-old UNESCO-listed village, known for its striking, well-preserved Hui-style architecture. Discover more about its fascinating shape and its water systems before a cooking class in which you'll learn to make pouch dumplings, a local delicacy.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHANGSHA

Board a bullet train to Changsha. A city with a three millennia long history and a thoroughly modern look and feel, Changsha exudes an energetic and friendly vibe. This evening, stroll through the bustling night markets, where the air is thick with the aromas of sizzling street food.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE CHANGSHA

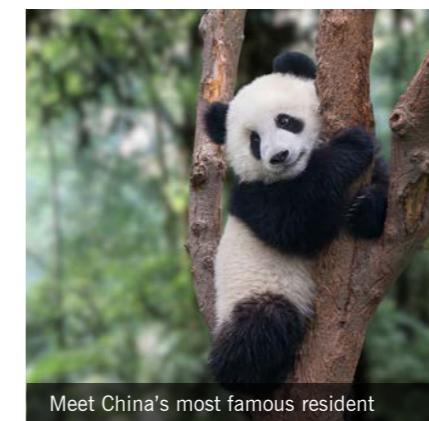
Visit the fascinating Yuelu Academy, a long-time hub of learning at the foot of Mount Yuelu. Later, travel to Zhangjiajie National Park by road and prepare to be awestruck by its otherworldly landscapes.

### DAY 9: ZHANGJIAJIE

Today you'll explore the breathtaking Yuanjiajie, renowned for its towering pillars and misty valleys. Ride the remarkable Bailong glass elevator; embedded into a cliff face, the elevator shoots up a 326-metre mountain side in as little as two minutes! Soak up the amazing views of the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue your explorations at Emperor Mountain, before descending by cable car.



Wander the terraces around Zhaoxing village



Meet China's most famous resident

### DAY 10: TIENMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up to the heights of Tianmen Mountain by scenic cable car where you can marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', standing atop a 999-step staircase above you. For the brave, take a thrilling walk on a glass skywalk, the 'Walk of Faith'.

### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Board a bullet train to Guilin, departing one spectacularly scenic area to arrive in another.

### DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Disembark and wander Yangshuo's cobbled streets and vibrant markets. Later, relax with a Chinese reflexology massage.

### DAY 13: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

This morning, explore the bucolic landscapes around Yangshuo, where limestone karst cliffs and pinnacles tower over a patchwork of paddy fields. This afternoon is yours to spend as you wish.

### DAY 14: ZHAOXING VILLAGE

Return to Guilin by road and board a bullet train to Zhaoxing. This large and well-preserved Dong village, considered one of the most beautiful villages in China, gives a fascinating glimpse into the life and culture of this ethnic minority people. You'll be welcomed into the village with a special ceremony before having a free afternoon to explore, then see the town lit up at night.

### DAY 15: RICE TERRACES

Travel to the top of a remarkable set of stepped rice terraces close to Zhaoxing. Take a walk through the terraces to different vantage points, admiring their engineering and, depending on the time of year, their vibrant colour or moody reflections of the sky above. This afternoon enjoy a batik workshop, a local living tradition, and create something special to take home.

### DAY 16: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Board a bullet train to Chengdu. Chengdu is a harmonious blend of modernity and tradition, where teahouses, spicy cuisine, and a relaxed pace of life create an inviting and culturally rich urban landscape.

### DAY 17: PANDAS!

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Base to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years.

### DAY 18: EXPLORE XIAN

One of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors stand ready for battle around the, as yet unexcavated, tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Spend the morning viewing their ranks then visit a workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Stroll the beautifully preserved city walls that encircle Xian's old town, pausing for a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling dinner and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on an extraordinary rail journey through China's diversity of landscapes and cultures, pausing at ancient towns, natural wonders, iconic sights and mega-cities as you go to explore, discover and experience the things that make China the country that it is today.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

### 2027 DATES

09 Apr - 30 Apr	£5,590	10 Sep - 01 Oct	£5,590
07 May - 28 May	£5,590	08 Oct - 29 Oct	£5,590
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### 2028 DATES

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05 May - 26 May	£5,790	06 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,790
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### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,890 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £1,190
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1060 (2027), RMB 1090 (2028)



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### DAY 19: TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board a train to Beijing, China's historic capital city.

### DAY 20: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Start the day in the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens, filled with priceless artefacts. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the warren-like hutongs, Beijing's historic neighbourhoods, and discover what it is like to live in these traditional areas. Later, dine on delicious local delicacy, Peking duck.

### DAY 21: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside of Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory, then spend the afternoon wandering the gardens of the Summer Palace.

### DAY 22: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Take in Guilin's iconic karst peaks along the Li River

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Practise Tai Chi with a master

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Discover the captivating charm of Suzhou as you glide through its tranquil waterways, enjoying a boat ride along the storied Grand Canal, where the essence of the city's rich history and vibrant culture comes to life.
- ▶ Watch the long-practised art of calligraphy, with a demonstration in the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing, it is the perfect way to connect with local culture.

## 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 to discover a complex full of imperial riches. Spend the afternoon soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

### DAY 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, 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: HUTONGS

Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop to see where they are intricately

recreated. Later, quench your thirst with a beer tasting at a local brewery. Tonight, dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy a dazzling Tang Dynasty dance performance.

### DAY 7: ANCIENT CITY WALL

Take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then try your hand at traditional Chinese calligraphy. 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.

### DAY 9: CHENGDU GIANT PANDAS

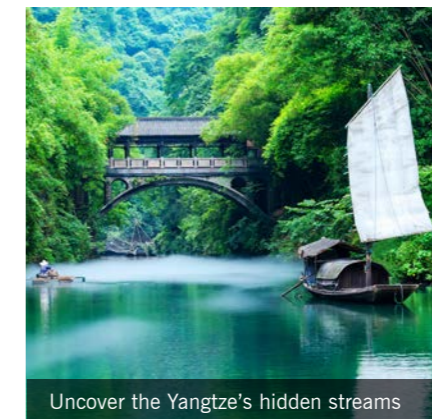
Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Sip tea in a traditional teahouse before wandering the atmospheric Wide and Narrow Alleys. This evening, dine on flavourful Sichuan cuisine.

### DAY 10: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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



Enter the magnificent Forbidden City



Uncover the Yangtze's hidden streams

### 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: DISCOVER GUILIN

Disembark in Chongqing and then board the bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy a walk around Ronghu Lake and Shanhu Lake to admire the Sun and Moon pagodas.

### 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: TAI CHI LESSON

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Begin your day with an invigorating Tai Chi class led by a local master, before spending the rest of the morning exploring the countryside. Later, enjoy a soothing Chinese reflexology massage, followed by an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 17: TEA TASTING

Travel back to Guilin, stopping at a tea plantation to explore among the tea bushes, enjoy a tasting and learn about China's rich tea heritage. Then ride a scenic cable car up Yao Mountain for panoramic views of Guilin's dramatic karst landscape.

### 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.

### DAY 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit a silk mill, stroll through the classical Yu Garden and old town, then take in sweeping views from Jin Mao Tower. Later, enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River.

### DAY 21: MORE SHANGHAI

Explore Nanjing Road and Tianzifang, the city's best shopping areas, and admire the colonial architecture of the Bund. End the day with a dazzling ERA acrobatic show.

### DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## 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

Departure days of the week vary

### 2026 DATES

08 Aug - 29 Aug	£5,290	05 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,290
31 Aug - 21 Sep	£5,290	12 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,290
05 Sep - 26 Sep	£5,290	19 Oct - 09 Nov	£6,290
07 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,290	26 Oct - 16 Nov	£5,090
12 Sep - 03 Oct	£5,290		

### 2027 DATES

13 Mar - 03 Apr	£5,090	17 Jul - 07 Aug	£5,290
22 Mar - 12 Apr	£5,290	07 Aug - 28 Aug	£5,290
03 Apr - 24 Apr	£6,390	30 Aug - 20 Sep	£5,290
05 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,290	04 Sep - 25 Sep	£5,390
12 Apr - 03 May	£5,390	06 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,390
19 Apr - 10 May	£5,390	11 Sep - 02 Oct	£5,390
03 May - 24 May	£5,390	04 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,390
08 May - 29 May	£6,390	11 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,290
10 May - 31 May	£5,390	18 Oct - 08 Nov	£6,390
17 May - 07 Jun	£5,290	25 Oct - 15 Nov	£5,290
12 Jun - 03 Jul	£5,190	01 Nov - 22 Nov	£4,990

### 2028 DATES

11 Mar - 01 Apr	£5,290	15 Jul - 05 Aug	£5,490
20 Mar - 10 Apr	£5,490	05 Aug - 26 Aug	£5,490
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### Flight and supplement information

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- Single room from £1,150
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## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Take in the drama of Shanghai's epic skyline

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about traditional Bai tie-dyeing

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Learn the time-honoured art of tie-dyeing, a cherished handicraft of the Bai ethnic group in Dali, through a demonstration showcasing the traditional techniques.
- ▶ Put your feet up and experience the ancient practice of Chinese reflexology. This therapeutic treatment focuses on pressure points to relieve tension, boost circulation, and restore balance - perfect after a busy day of exploring!
- ▶ 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.

## 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.

### DAYS 3-4: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, head to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles, a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

### DAY 5: BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Explore Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road.

### DAYS 6-7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Take part in a calligraphy lesson 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 then quench your thirst at a local brewery.

### 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

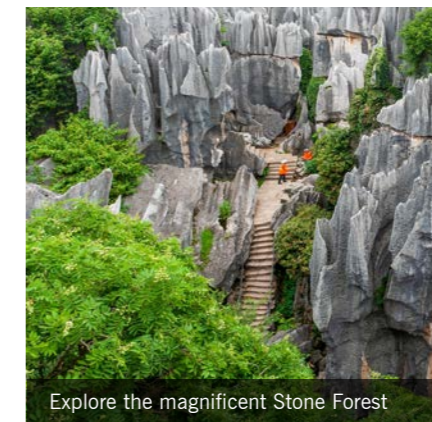
Dali offers a peek at the China of times gone by. Over the next two days, explore Xizhou village and the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, discover Dali's ancient quarter and Three Pagodas, then take a bullet train to Kunming.

### 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.



Discover rural Yangshuo



Explore the magnificent Stone Forest

### DAY 17: JOURNEY TO GUILIN

Bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin. Stroll along Ronghu Lake past the Ancient South Gate and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas.

### DAY 18: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

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### DAY 20: REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin, stopping to discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites at Reed Flute Cave.

### DAYS 21-22: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

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

### DAY 23: HISTORIC SUZHOU

Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit Suzhou's Humble Administrator's Garden - typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

### DAY 24: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Enjoy time for shopping along the Bund and Nanjing Road, then take in sweeping views of glittering Shanghai from the Jin Mao Tower, and again from the water on a panoramic Huangpu River cruise. Tonight, enjoy classic Shanghaiese cuisine.

### DAY 25: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Today, explore the classical Yu Garden, wander the old town, and visit a silk mill. Round out the tour with the thrilling ERA acrobatic show.

### DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

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05 Aug - 30 Aug	£5,990	16 Sep - 11 Oct	£5,890
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# 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 spectacular Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Stay in mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River



Explore spectacular Songzanlin Temple in 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



Connect with Tibetan communities

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Take a deep breath and step out on Tianmen Mountain's famed glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Hugging a cliff face, follow it around the mountain for unparalleled views of Zhangjiajie.
- ▶ Watch the monks at Sera Monastery debate complex philosophical questions with lively and intense gestures and hand claps.

## ITINERARY

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**DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING**  
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**DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL**  
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure for an appreciation of its magnitude and for ancient engineering capabilities. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

**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**  
China's Terracotta Army with its enigmatic ranks of warriors and horses, has long intrigued visitors. Spend the morning viewing them before visiting a workshop where they are expertly recreated. After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

**DAY 7: REED FLUTE CAVE**  
Fly to Guilin and visit 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**  
Start the day learning the flowing movements of Tai Chi from a local master. Explore the picturesque countryside then enjoy free time.

**DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING**  
Take a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

**DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST**  
Take a fascinating wander through the towering limestone pillar formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. This evening, dine on the local dish, 'Across the Bridge' noodles.

**DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO LIJIANG**  
Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

**DAY 13: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN**  
The magnificent 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 its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.



Explore Buddhist monasteries



Discover the otherworldly peaks of Zhangjiajie

**DAY 14: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**  
Journey to the extraordinary 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

**DAY 15: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN**  
Visit a Tibetan-style village for a glimpse of a rural way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore Songzanlin Monastery and tour the old town.

**DAY 16: 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 17: 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 the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and explore the sacred Jokhang Temple. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

**DAY 18: POTALA PALACE**  
The Potala Palace towers over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). Explore the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, and later the nearby Norbulingka that served as his summer retreat.

**DAY 19: 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.

**DAY 20: PANDAS**  
Visit the adorable resident pandas of Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

**DAYS 21-23: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**  
Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and drive to Zhangjiajie, a scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars.

**DAY 24: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE**  
Zhangjiajie's forest of towering sandstone pillars is nature at its most surreal. Ride the Bailong glass elevator skyward, soak up the incredible views before a scenic train through the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery.

**DAY 25: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN**  
Soar up Tianmen Mountain on China's longest cable car. At the summit, climb 999 steps to the dramatic Tianmen Cave, 'Heaven's Door', and brave the thrilling glass 'Walk of Faith'. Later, fly to Shanghai.

**DAY 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**  
Explore China's great metropolis, visiting the Yu Garden, old town, and a silk mill, before ascending Jin Mao Tower and admiring colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a farewell meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

**DAY 27: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK**  
Fly to the UK, arrive home the same or following day.

**CLASSIC**  
CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING

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

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# SILK ROAD EXPLORER

- 27 DAYS FROM
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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



Discover Crescent Moon Spring, an oasis in the heart of the Singing Sand Dunes

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Explore Kashgar's Sunday Bazaar

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Wander through the bustling Sunday Bazaar in Kashgar, one of the largest and most vibrant markets in the region. Soak up the lively atmosphere as locals trade everything from spices and silks to livestock and handcrafted wares.
- ▶ Delicious Lanzhou noodles have been made for centuries in a very unique way - hand-stretching. Trying them in Lanzhou beef noodle soup is a must!
- ▶ Visit a traditional, nomadic Kazakh family in their yurt home, where you'll learn more about this minority community and their culture.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Gaze over the ranks of the Terracotta Warriors, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a walk along the ancient city wall and down the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter, then have dumplings for dinner.

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Begin the day with a visit to the ancient City Wall Park and Sculptures of the Silk Road before boarding the bullet train to Lanzhou.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Take a walk along the Yellow River before heading 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 delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand-stretched dough.

### DAY 6: BINGLING CAVES & XIAHE

Cross Liujiaxia Lake by speedboat and head into the green hills to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple, with their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya, before continuing to Tibetan Xiahe.

### DAY 7: LABRANG MONASTERY

Visit Labrang Monastery, a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens for a taste of Tibetan mystery. Explore Xiahe town and enjoy a traditional Tibetan lunch including momos, the much-loved Tibetan dumplings.

### DAYS 8-9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

Drive back to Lanzhou with the afternoon free to explore at your leisure. The following day, board the bullet train to Zhangye West, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road.

### DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

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

### DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

### DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

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

### DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES

Visit the Mogao Grottoes, a collection of temples and sanctuaries that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.

### DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

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



Wander the sacred Labrang Monastery



Walk the Great Wall at its dramatic westernmost point in Jiayuguan

### 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. In the afternoon, visit Grape Valley, located in the Turpan region, which produces over 80% of China's grapes and raisins.

### 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 Kazakh Folk Cultural Village and spend some time learning about their way of life.

### DAY 24: URUMQI

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

### DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 26: IMPERIAL 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 then 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.

## GO BEYOND CHINA

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.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Friday

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## TOUR TICKLIST

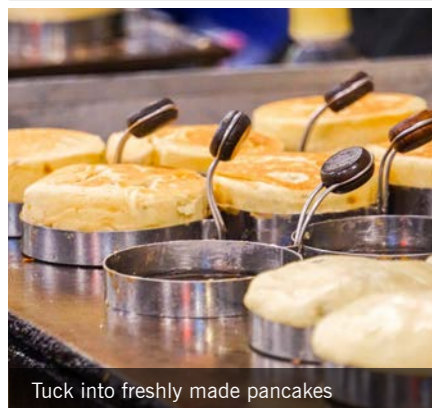
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore charming Dali & Shaxi
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ See Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge



See the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in Lijiang

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts (B), 16 lunches (L) & 6 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Tuck into freshly made pancakes

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Learn the long-practised art of calligraphy, trying the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – a meaningful way to connect with local culture.
- ▶ Explore the picturesque Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall and marvel at the spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Approach by boat to take full advantage of the incredible scenery.

## 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. (D)

### 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 spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Qianmen Street. In the evening, there is 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 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

See the Temple of Heaven, then take the bullet train to Xian. (B,L)

### DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning marveling at the life-like warriors and horses, learning their fascinating history. Later, walk on the 9-mile city wall surrounding Xian's old town, take part in a calligraphy lesson, and explore the lively Muslim Quarter. (B,L)

### DAY 8: MOUNT HUA (OPTIONAL)

The day is free at leisure to explore Xian or opt to explore the dramatic peaks of Mount Hua, one of China's most sacred mountains. (B)

### DAY 9: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Take the bullet train to Chengdu. (B)

### DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS

Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming bears up close. Later, walk around People's Park, Matchmaker's Corner, Wide and Narrow Alley, and stop by a local teahouse for a cup. (B,L)

### DAY 11: FLY TO LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. (B)

### DAY 12: 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 13: 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 14: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Discover Lijiang's historic old town. Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills and learn about the minority people who call it home. Drive to Dali. (B,L)



Wander the charming streets of Shaxi Ancient Town

### DAY 15: CANGSHAN CABLE CAR (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional cable car up Cangshan Mountain to explore. (B)

### DAY 16: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Also stroll along Foreigner's Street and enjoy time at leisure. In the afternoon, drive to Kunming. (B,L)

### DAY 17: STONE FOREST

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

### DAY 18: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Take the bullet train to Guilin, explore the Reed Flute Cave, and walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 19: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Today, you have the option to hike through the remarkable Longji Rice Terraces. Walk among the layered fields, enjoy sweeping views and learn about the centuries-old farming traditions of the Zhuang and Yao communities who still tend them today. Otherwise, spend time in Guilin. (B)

### DAY 20: 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 Ruyi Peak for epic views. (B,L)

### DAY 21: 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 22: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Take the bullet train to Chongqing. Explore the charming old town of Ciqikou at leisure before boarding 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, then travel by bullet train from Yichang to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

### DAY 26: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a morning walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets, stopping for pancakes on the way. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk mill, 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)

## 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.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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Hike to the Longji Rice Terraces (optional)

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## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire majestic Mount Fuji



Gaze at the Terracotta Army



Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin

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CHINA, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



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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!

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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Pay your respects in Hiroshima

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Spend a moment in reflection at the observation deck of Hiroshima's Orizuru Tower. Here, take in poignant views over the Peace Memorial Park, the A-Bomb Dome and the beautiful skyline of this resilient coastal city.
- ▶ 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.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin your day at the tranquil Temple of Heaven, admired for its bold colours, intricate carvings and elegant symmetry. Then, wander through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and learn about daily life in old Beijing. Continue to Tiananmen Square, a space steeped in history, before stepping into the sprawling Forbidden City – a maze of historic halls, courtyards and hidden treasures that once housed China's emperors.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to Xian. Visit the bustling Muslim Quarter before feasting on a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance 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, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll along Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city wall, then stop by a local brewery to sample a selection of beers.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy a light walking tour around scenic Ronghu Lake, admire the striking Sun and Moon Pagodas, and explore the lively Pedestrian Street.

### 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

Begin the day exploring Yangshuo's stunning countryside, then return to Guilin via Reed Flute Cave to admire its vibrant stalagmites and stalactites.

### DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, a stroll through the old town and learning about the age-old silk production process at a silk mill. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the Bund and Nanjing Road. This evening view the city 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 inside Osaka Castle before a short cruise to admire the castle façade and views of the city. At lunchtime, visit the lively Dotonbori district, known for its street food and casual restaurants. The afternoon is free to explore Osaka.

### 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 resilient city with a powerful sense of peace and progress.

### 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, which pays homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

### DAY 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 Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, known for its 10,000 torii gates. Later, head to Nishiki Market, nicknamed 'Kyoto's Kitchen', with its lively market specialising in snacks and storecupboard essentials. Later, experience the rituals of a Japanese tea ceremony and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

### DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, hop on the ferry across Lake Ashi before riding the Komagatake Ropeway cable car. Savour views of the surrounding landscape and, weather permitting, the breathtaking cone of Mount Fuji. Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's iconic capital.

### 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 Buddhist Senso-ji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. End your tour with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay.

### DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...

### CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 days from £2,690pp

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

### 2026 DATES

19 Oct - 07 Nov **£8,190** 02 Nov - 21 Nov **£8,190**

### 2027 DATES

08 Mar - 27 Mar	<b>£8,690</b>	06 Sep - 25 Sep	<b>£8,590</b>
15 Mar - 03 Apr	<b>£8,790</b>	13 Sep - 02 Oct	<b>£8,590</b>
22 Mar - 10 Apr	<b>£8,790</b>	20 Sep - 09 Oct	<b>£8,590</b>
29 Mar - 17 Apr	<b>£8,790</b>	04 Oct - 23 Oct	<b>£8,590</b>
05 Apr - 24 Apr	<b>£8,790</b>	11 Oct - 30 Oct	<b>£8,590</b>
12 Apr - 01 May	<b>£8,790</b>	18 Oct - 06 Nov	<b>£8,590</b>
03 May - 22 May	<b>£8,590</b>	25 Oct - 13 Nov	<b>£8,590</b>
10 May - 29 May	<b>£8,590</b>	01 Nov - 20 Nov	<b>£8,590</b>

### 2028 DATES

06 Mar - 25 Mar	<b>£8,990</b>	04 Sep - 23 Sep	<b>£8,890</b>
13 Mar - 01 Apr	<b>£9,090</b>	11 Sep - 30 Sep	<b>£8,890</b>
20 Mar - 08 Apr	<b>£9,090</b>	18 Sep - 07 Oct	<b>£8,890</b>
27 Mar - 15 Apr	<b>£9,090</b>	09 Oct - 28 Oct	<b>£8,890</b>
03 Apr - 22 Apr	<b>£8,990</b>	16 Oct - 04 Nov	<b>£8,890</b>
10 Apr - 29 Apr	<b>£8,990</b>	23 Oct - 11 Nov	<b>£8,890</b>
08 May - 27 May	<b>£8,890</b>	30 Oct - 18 Nov	<b>£8,890</b>

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £7,390 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,440
- Tipping paid locally in China: RMB 520 (2026), RMB 545 (2027), RMB 560 (2028)



### MORE INFORMATION

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# CHRISTMAS IN CHINA

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,290**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enter the Forbidden City through the Gate of Supreme Harmony

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Wander Shanghai's Christmas markets

## SPECIAL FESTIVAL EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Celebrate Christmas Day in style as you explore Shanghai's festive markets, cruise along the sparkling Huangpu River, and indulge in the city's rich culinary scene.
- ▶ Ring in New Year's Eve with a stroll through Beijing's hutongs. As evening falls, soak up the lively atmosphere and raise a festive toast to welcome the year ahead.
- ▶ Start the New Year with an unforgettable walk along the Great Wall, soaking up sweeping views, crisp mountain air and a celebratory champagne toast.

## 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: CHRISTMAS DAY

Your Christmas Day explorations begin with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden and a walk through the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Next, take a stroll along the Bund to admire the magnificent colonial architecture, followed by a visit to a silk mill. Enjoy lunch at the renowned Lost Heaven, one of Shanghai's must-try restaurants, and then wander through one of the city's festive Christmas markets. Later, cruise on the mighty Huangpu River for spectacular views of the Shanghai skyline. This evening, enjoy a German-style feast.

### 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 for a wander through the vibrant arts district of Tianzifang.

### DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

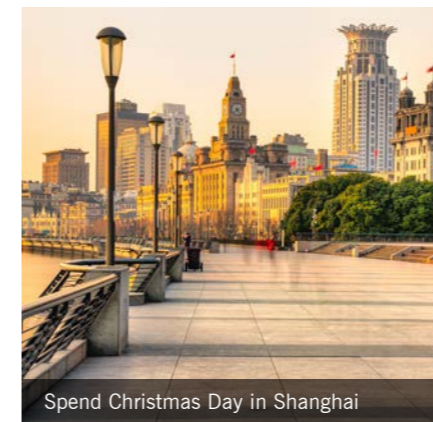
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital with a history spanning 3,100 years. This afternoon, stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting, then walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls.

### 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. Learn about the meticulous restoration efforts that revived this archaeological wonder, and visit the workshop where skilled craftsmen 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, dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



Enjoy Peking Duck on New Year's Day



Spend Christmas Day in Shanghai



Begin your New Year's Day with a walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 7: PANDAS

Travel to a unique conservation park, home to the rare Qinling four – giant pandas, golden monkeys, crested ibises and takins. Spot over 20 other native species, including red pandas and black bears, and meet Qizai, the world's only known brown giant panda.

### DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's capital city. A spectacular Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

### DAY 9: NEW YEAR'S EVE

Begin with a walk through Tiananmen Square, a vast symbol of modern history, before stepping into the Forbidden City, a magnificent UNESCO-listed palace complex of over 900 buildings that once housed China's emperors. Later, celebrate the year's end with dinner and drinks in Beijing's atmospheric hutongs.

### DAY 10: NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE GREAT WALL

Start the New Year with a walk along China's most iconic landmark – the Great Wall. Take in the breathtaking scenery as you explore this mighty feat of engineering and enjoy a champagne toast on the wall. This afternoon, stop by a jade factory to learn about the precious stone, then wander the elegant gardens and tranquil lakefront of the Summer Palace. Round off the day with a classic Peking duck dinner, a festive welcome to the year ahead.

### DAY 11: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Stopover in Hong Kong for iconic viewpoints, historic temples and delicious dim sum.

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 days from £390pp

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See adorable giant pandas

CLASSIC CHINA



PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

### 2026 DATES

23 Dec - 02 Jan **£4,290**

### 2027 DATES

23 Dec - 02 Jan **£4,390**

### 2028 DATES

23 Dec - 02 Jan **£4,490**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Shanghai - Beijing)
- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 530 (2026 & 2027), RMB 545 (2028)



### MORE INFORMATION

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NEW

# CHRISTMAS ON THE YANGTZE & NEW YEAR IN HONG KONG

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,790**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy Chongqing's festive décor
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Feel Hong Kong's New Year buzz
- ✓ Spend Christmas on the Yangtze



Ring in the New Year cruising through Hong Kong's iconic Victoria Harbour

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Celebrate Christmas on the Yangtze River

## SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Celebrate Christmas cruising down the majestic Yangtze River. Sail past dramatic gorges and riverside villages while enjoying festive meals, holiday cheer, and an upgraded amenities package, including lounge access and drinks.
- ▶ Experience the electrifying energy of Hong Kong on New Year's Eve. Join the city's biggest celebration counting down till the New Year aboard a Victoria Harbour cruise and toast with champagne as the skyline lights up.
- ▶ Soar seven kilometres up Tianmen Mountain on China's longest cable car to the breathtaking 'Heaven's Door' and test your courage on the thrilling glass skywalk. In winter, misty peaks and crisp air create a serene, otherworldly atmosphere.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: MEET CHONGQING'S PANDAS

Today you'll explore the best of what this fascinating and unique city has to offer. Begin with a visit to one of China's most beloved icons, the giant panda, then watch a metro train pass through a high-rise at the innovative Liziba Intersection. Spend the afternoon relaxing in the naturally heated pools of one of Chongqing's top hot spring resorts or explore the bustling Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street. Finally, enjoy dinner with sweeping views of Hongyadong and the city skyline, as its neon lights come to life.

### DAY 4: DAZU ROCK CARVINGS

Travel to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you'll 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. Return to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise, your home for the next three nights.

### DAYS 5-6: CHRISTMAS ON THE YANGTZE

Celebrate Christmas aboard the Yangtze River over two scenic days. Sail past dramatic gorges and charming riverside villages while enjoying festive meals and holiday cheer

with your fellow travellers. Take advantage of enhanced amenities such as morning coffee and tea, a cabin on the upper Bridge deck, nightly turndown service, access to the Executive Lounge, access to the à la carte dining room, and house wine, beer, and soft drinks included at lunch and dinner.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Disembark in Yichang and travel by road to Zhangjiajie, a scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest.

### DAY 8: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

Begin the day with a ride in the remarkable Bailong glass elevator. Embedded into a cliff face, the elevator shoots up the mountain side to a towering height of 326 metres in as little as two minutes! Soak up the amazing views of the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue your exploration at Emperor Mountain and Helong Park, before descending by cable car.

### DAY 9: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car which, at seven kilometres, is one of the world's longest. Atop the mountain, marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', standing proudly at the top of 999 steep steps and take a thrilling walk along a glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Later, brace yourself for another exhilarating walk across Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge, a glass-bottomed bridge spanning 430 metres over the magnificent Grand Canyon.



Soar up Tianmen Mountain

CHRISTMAS ON THE YANGTZE & NEW YEAR IN HONG KONG

CLASSIC CHINA

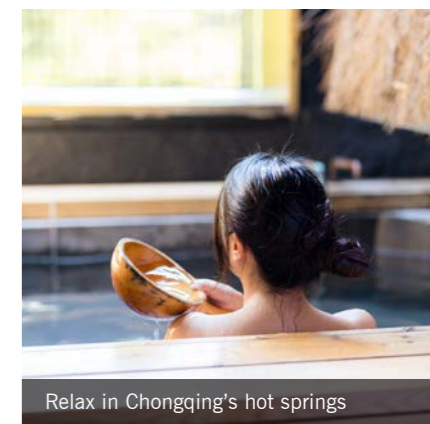


PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A festive journey through four of China's most extraordinary places – neon-lit Chongqing, the Yangtze gorges, Zhangjiajie's stone peaks, and Hong Kong. Christmas on the river. New Year's Eve in champagne and harbour light.



Relax in Chongqing's hot springs

### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO HONG KONG

Drive to Changsha and board a 3-hour bullet train to Hong Kong, the famous skyline growing bigger and more impressive as you approach the city.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE LANTAU ISLAND

Discover the charms of Lantau Island, beginning your journey with visits to the renowned Wong Tai Sin Temple and Tin Hau Temple. Next, take a spectacular cable car ride to the Ngong Ping Plateau, home to the majestic Grand Buddha and Po Lin Monastery. Explore the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and monastery before enjoying a vegetarian lunch. Conclude your day's adventure with a scenic cable car ride back to the city.

### DAYS 12-13: NEW YEAR IN HONG KONG

Enjoy a relaxed morning then explore Hong Kong. Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views of Hong Kong's iconic skyline. Continue to the sun-kissed shores of Repulse Bay before heading to Aberdeen Fishing Village, where traditional sampans and houseboats offer a glimpse into the city's maritime heritage. Later, enjoy an evening harbour cruise with stunning skyline views, watching the New Year's light show illuminate the sky at midnight!

Start the new year with a leisurely morning of free time. In the afternoon, take a walking tour through Kowloon's vibrant Tsim Sha Tsui area, exploring the bustling Temple Street markets and lively shops along Nathan Road. Finish the day and the tour with a farewell dinner.

### DAY 14: FLY HONG KONG TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Discover Mongolia's wild winter landscapes, from dog sledding through Terelj National Park to spotting rare Przewalski's horses at Khustai, and sharing a meal with a nomadic family.

### MONGOLIA WINTER ESCAPE

6 days from £1,890pp

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Discover Lantau Island

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

### 2026 DATES

20 Dec - 02 Jan **£5,790**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,090 (Chongqing - Hong Kong)
- Single room from £1,390
- Tipping paid locally RMB 755



### MORE INFORMATION

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As the dates and final itinerary for this tour are dependent on Yangtze River Cruise sailings, please call for our Christmas 2027 and 2028 departures.



See giant pandas in Chongqing

# CHINA: WINTER WONDERLAND

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,890**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Harbin's Ice & Snow Festival
- ✓ Stay overnight at the Great Wall
- ✓ See the adorable giant pandas
- ✓ Feast on China's best delicacies
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel by bullet train



See the spectacular ice sculptures of the Ice and Snow Festival in Harbin

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Toast the New Year on the Great Wall

## SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Ring in the New Year with a champagne toast on the secluded and lesser visited Jinshanling section of the Great Wall.
- ▶ Explore the Christmas markets, cruise the mighty Huangpu River and indulge in Shanghai's gastronomic delights on Christmas Day.
- ▶ Spend New Year's Eve in Gubei Watertown at the foot of the Great Wall where you can while away the afternoon wandering the charming, cobbled streets or relaxing in a hot spring before walking on the illuminated wall as night falls.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY 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: CHRISTMAS DAY

Your Christmas Day explorations begin with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden and a walk through the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Next, take a stroll along the Bund to admire the magnificent colonial architecture, followed by a visit to a silk mill. Enjoy lunch at the renowned Lost Heaven, one of Shanghai's must-try restaurants, and then wander through one of the city's festive Christmas markets. Later, cruise on the mighty Huangpu River for spectacular views of the Shanghai skyline. This evening, enjoy a German-style feast.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

This morning, explore the Xintiandi area, a lively district known for its 1920s-style shikumen architecture, trendy boutiques, and stylish cafes. Then transfer to the airport for your flight to Chengdu, home of the beloved giant panda.

### DAY 5: VISIT THE GIANT PANDAS

Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base, where you can see and learn about China's celebrated bear. Then, savour the joy of people watching in People's Park, visiting a teahouse and the famous Matchmaker's Corner where parents look for suitable suitors for their children. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Sichuanese hot pot meal.

### DAY 6: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Board the bullet train to ancient Xian, China's ancient capital. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

### DAY 7: SEE THE TERRACOTTA ARMY

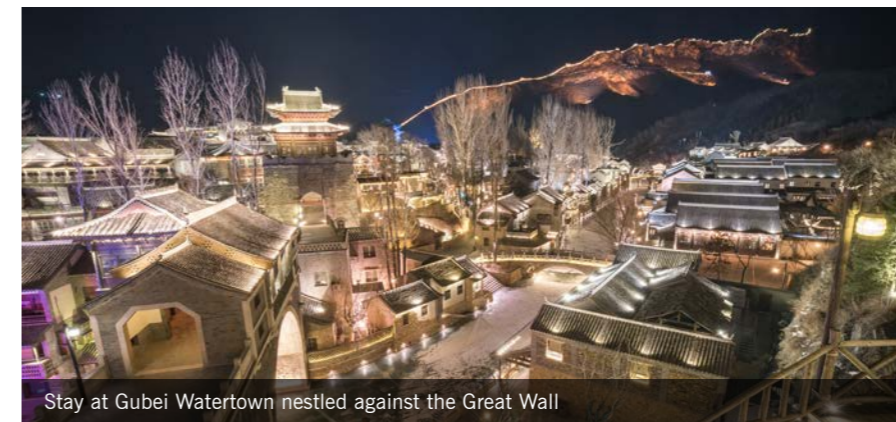
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

### DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Take the speedy bullet train to Beijing, China's eminent capital city. Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, and visit a local family.

### DAY 9: NEW YEAR'S EVE

This morning, explore the Summer Palace, the lavish retreat of the Qing emperors before travelling to the charming Gubei Watertown, a beautifully recreated ancient town nestled against the backdrop of the Simatai section of the Great Wall. The afternoon is at leisure - you may wish to wander the town's canals, relax at a hot spring resort, or get cozy at a local teahouse. As the sun goes down, soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a series of illuminations light up this ancient wonder. Stroll along the top before returning to the town to bid farewell to the past year with a delicious dinner.



Stay at Gubei Watertown nestled against the Great Wall

### DAY 10: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading to the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall, a much less frequented but spectacular part of the structure. Here you'll take a walk, passing stark but magnificent landscapes, potentially frosted with snow, pausing at a particularly scenic spot for a glass of champagne. Return back to Beijing by road and enjoy an evening at leisure.

### DAY 11: VISIT THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony to discover a complex filled with imperial treasures. Journey by bullet train to Harbin, home to the annual Harbin Ice and Snow Festival.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE HARBIN FESTIVAL

Today you will visit the Song Hua River, where you can observe ice water swimming, ice windsurfing and other amazing winter activities. Head across to Sun Island, located in the middle of the river. This is a popular outdoor retreat for locals to simply relax, picnic and enjoy the outdoors. This evening, mingle with people from all over the world at the joyous Ice Lantern Festival and admire thousands of spectacular ice-carved animals, plants, and buildings set in the beautifully illuminated festival grounds.

### DAY 13: VISIT ICE AND SNOW WORLD

This morning enjoy the festivities at Ice and Snow World, viewing the many sculptures on display, usually depicting traditional Chinese fairy tales or world famous monuments. Decide to take part in a range of optional

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Mongolia's winter steppe stretches vast and frozen under an open sky. Mush through Terelj National Park by dog sled, seek out the world's last wild horses at Khustai, and sit down to a meal with a nomadic family.

### MONGOLIA WINTER ESCAPE

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activities like an ice maze, ice bars and skating (at your own expense). Later tour the city centre, filled with grand European-style buildings, including Central Avenue and Sophia Cathedral.

### DAY 14: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Transfer to the train station for your return bullet train journey to Beijing. This evening, tuck into a farewell meal of delicious local delicacy, Peking duck.

### DAY 15: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

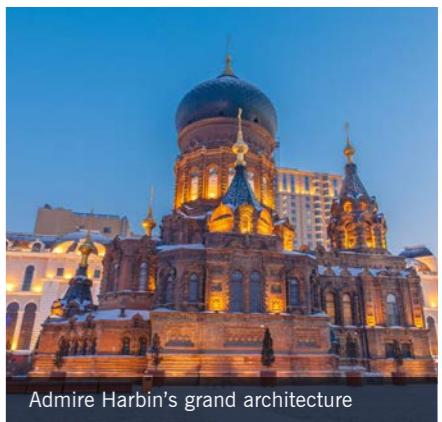


PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embrace the magic and experience a different side of China. As it transforms itself into a wonderful winter wonderland, spend the season enjoying the company of like-minded people and exploring its many treasures.



Admire Harbin's grand architecture

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2026 DATES		
23 Dec - 06 Jan	£5,890	
2027 DATES		
23 Dec - 06 Jan	£5,990	06 Jan - 20 Jan* £5,690
2028 DATES		
23 Dec - 06 Jan	£6,090	05 Jan - 19 Jan* £5,790

\*Departing after Christmas. See website for full itinerary.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,990 (Shanghai - Beijing) Single room from £1,110
- Tipping paid locally RMB 840 (2026), RMB 885 (2027), RMB 915 (2028)

## MORE INFORMATION

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Marvel at illuminated ice sculptures

NEW

# CHONGQING: CHINA'S CITY OF TOMORROW

8 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,390**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

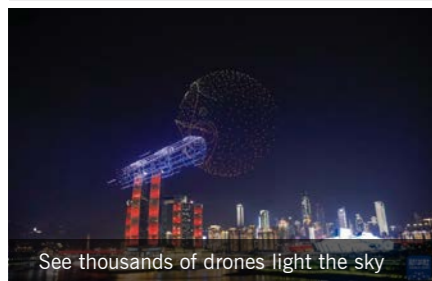
- ✓ Explore atmospheric Ciqikou
- ✓ Try an ear seeding experience
- ✓ Practise guided meditation
- ✓ Soak in famous hot springs
- ✓ Admire the Dazu Rock Carvings



Watch the dazzling lights illuminate the futuristic 'cyberpunk' skyline of Chongqing

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See thousands of drones light the sky

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Every Saturday night, thousands of drones fill the sky above Chongqing in a breathtaking aerial display, choreographed alongside the city's glittering skyscrapers to bring local landmarks, cultural symbols and even local cuisine to life.
- ▶ Each morning, a master will guide you through the slow, meditative movements of qigong, the ancient Chinese practice of balancing breath, movement and inner energy to increase strength and peace of mind.
- ▶ Go behind the scenes at some of Chongqing's most innovative companies, meeting the teams driving breakthroughs in robotics and intelligent manufacturing for a fascinating glimpse into the operations of the future.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHONGQING

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

### DAY 3: ICE BREAKER

This morning, come together for an ice-breaking session, prepared to get to know the rest of the group and to share your expectations of this experience. Then, you'll be joined by a master who will begin to teach you 'Ba Duan Jin', a form of traditional qigong therapeutic exercise, that features a series of eight gentle movements designed to improve health and wellbeing. This will be followed by a session of ear seeding, a form of acupressure on and around the ear. Head out into Chongqing, pausing at Liziba to watch the light rail train pass through a residential block before ascending to the Cloud Eye Observation Deck for panoramic views of the city. Later, step from ultramodern to historic with a stroll through the quaint cobble streets of Ciqikou Ancient Town.

### DAY 4: CHANGAN AUTOMOBILE

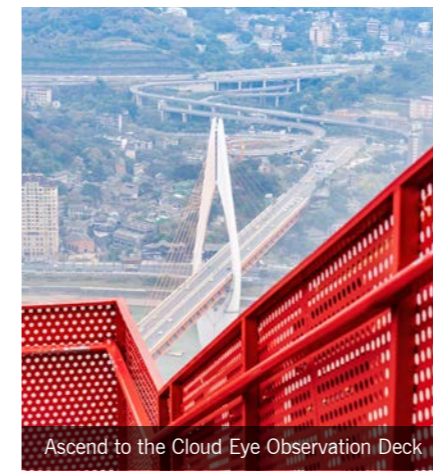
Start the day with a meditation session before returning to your Ba Duan Jin practice with a master. Visit the headquarters of Chongqing Changan Automobile Company Limited for a fascinating tour into the workings of this state-owned manufacturing giant. This evening, enjoy a relaxing soak in the hot spring bath facilities close to the hotel.

### DAY 5: JIANGXIAOBAI DISTILLERY

After this morning's meditation practice, partake in a session of Wu Qin Xi. Another system of ancient qigong exercise, the master will teach you the five forms, based on the movements of five animals – tiger, deer, bear, monkey and bird. Meet the teams at Jiangxiaobai Distillery and Jiangxiaobai Baijiu Factory to hear about their new marketing strategy. Then, take a walk through Shibati (Eighteen Stairs), one of Chongqing's traditional style districts, and climb the historic stone-paved stairway that gives the area its name. Later, stop by Chongqing's Panda House to visit China's most beloved icon, the giant panda. Dinner tonight will be at SpaceLab at Raffles City, a space-themed restaurant that combines technology and entertainment.



Go behind the scenes at top factories



Ascend to the Cloud Eye Observation Deck



Explore the UNESCO Dazu Rock Carvings

### DAY 6: OPPO FACTORY

Continue your meditation practice and learning the five forms of Wu Qin Xi with a master for guidance. Discover more about Chongqing's position as a hub of robotics and intelligent manufacturing with a tour of OPPO, a behind-the-scenes look at this Intelligent Eco Tech Park, before visiting the Robot Exhibition Hall followed by the AI and Robot Application Centre for an interactive experience. Tonight, recharge mind and body with a local speciality, a hot pot.

### DAY 7: DAZU ROCK CARVINGS

Take part in a final meditation session, before a master arrives to take you through some tai chi postures for an invigorating start to the day. Leave the city to visit the magnificent



Learn qigong with a master

Dazu Rock Carvings; made between the 9th and 13th centuries, there are thousands of beautifully preserved Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols to admire in a spectacular hillside setting. Return to Chongqing where, this evening, you'll get to enjoy the Glamorous Chongqing Drone Show. Thousands of synchronised drones fly in an unmissable, immersive audiovisual spectacular.

### DAY 8: FLY CHONGQING TO UK

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



Marvel at Liziba station

**CLASSIC**  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Chongqing, a powerhouse of technological advancement, offers the perfect setting for forward-thinking leaders. Go behind-the-scenes at some of China's most dynamic companies while also restoring mind and body through the age-old wisdom of Chinese medicine.



Try hot pot, a local speciality

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

### 2027 DATES

09 May - 16 May **£4,390**

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Beijing – Chongqing)
- Single room from £380
- Tipping paid locally RMB 470



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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Spend four days uncovering Beijing's imperial treasures, from the vast Forbidden City and Summer Palace to the iconic Great Wall.

### BEIJING IN FOCUS

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NEW

# CHINA WELLNESS & WISDOM RETREAT

8 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,590**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

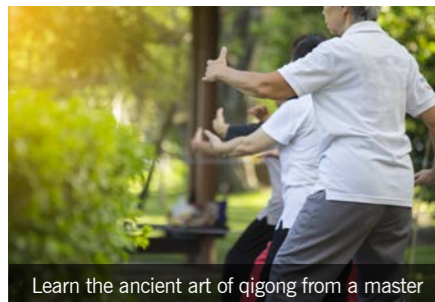
- ✓ Visit the adorable pandas
- ✓ Enjoy a reflexology session
- ✓ Practise guided meditation daily
- ✓ Soak in famous hot springs
- ✓ Partake in traditional medicine sessions



Uncover the ancient wisdom and healing ways hidden within modern Chongqing

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn the ancient art of qigong from a master

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enjoy morning classes in different forms of qigong, ancient Chinese moving meditation, with a master. Said to increase the flow of qi in the body and increase strength and inner peace, it is an invigorating way to start the day.
- ▶ A traditional medicine system rooted in Miao ethnic culture and wisdom, visit the Miao Medicine Clinic to discover how the Miao use natural herbs and unique therapies.
- ▶ On Saturday nights, the skies over downtown Chongqing fill with drones flying in an intricate ariel display. This immersive audiovisual spectacular is choreographed to show city landmarks, cultural symbols and even local cuisine.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHONGQING

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

### DAY 3: EAR SEED & PULSE DIAGNOSIS

Meet the rest of the group and spend a few minutes getting to know your fellow travellers. Then, you'll be joined by a master who will begin to teach you 'Ba Duan Jin', a form of traditional qigong therapeutic exercise, that features a series of eight gentle movements. Next, enjoy an ear seeding session, a form of acupressure on and around the ear and have a traditional Chinese medicine pulse diagnosis. Here, a practitioner will feel your pulse at your wrist and assess the balance of qi and blood in your body and provide some brief insights into your overall health.

Later, head out into Chongqing, pausing at Liziba to watch the light rail train pass through a residential building before stopping at the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo to watch the adorable antics of the resident giant pandas. End the day with a stroll through the quaint cobble streets of Ciqikou Ancient Town.



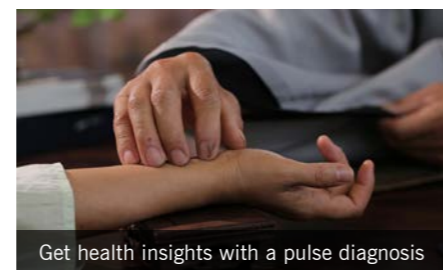
Enjoy a traditional reflexology treatment

### DAY 4: REFLEXOLOGY

Start the day with a meditation session led by a certified instructor, then partake in a session of Wu Qin Xi. Another system of ancient qigong exercise, the master will teach you the five forms, based on the movements of five animals – tiger, deer, bear, monkey and bird. Discover the benefits of reflexology, having the pressure points on your feet worked on by a practitioner to promote relaxation and wellbeing. Tonight, bathe in one of Chongqing's plentiful hot springs to soak up the benefits of the mineral-rich waters.

### DAY 5: MIAO MEDICINE CLINIC

Leave Chongqing for Jiuli City, a cultural park that showcases the rich heritage and culture of the Miao ethnic minority people. Explore the area, visiting scenic spots and cultural points of interest before spending time at the Miao Medicine Clinic where you'll discover more about the traditional healing techniques of the Miao. Then, sit down to a long-table banquet, experiencing the "mountains and flowing streams" drinking ceremony and tasty Pengshui delicacies.



Get health insights with a pulse diagnosis



COACH



Visit Jiuli City to learn the traditions of the Miao people

CHINA WELLNESS & WISDOM RETREAT

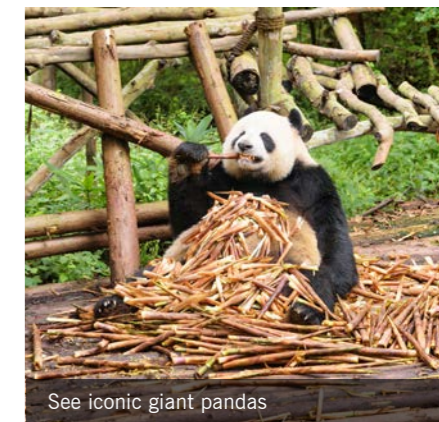
CLASSIC  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A one-time departure to discover the age-old practices of Chinese medicine and enhance your wellbeing, while exploring the contrasts of modernity and rich culture and the heritage of Chongqing and its surroundings.



See iconic giant pandas

### DAY 6: MEDITATION & TAI CHI

Find calm in your morning meditation session before a master arrives to take you through some invigorating tai chi postures. Return to Chongqing.

### DAY 7: GLAMOROUS DRONE SHOW

Settle down for a final meditation session before being refreshed on the eight movements of Ba Duan Jin by a master. The afternoon is yours to spend as you wish. Later, regroup to dine on a nourishing local speciality, hot pot, before enjoying the Glamorous Chongqing Drone Show. Thousands of synchronised drones fly in an intricate aerial display over the city in an unmissable, immersive audiovisual spectacular.

### DAY 8: DEPART CHONGQING

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Sail 3 nights down the legendary Yangtze River, gliding through the towering Three Gorges, exploring the ancient 'Ghost City' of Fengdu and marvelling at the world's largest hydroelectric dam.

**PURE YANGTZE DOWNSTREAM**  
4 days from £530pp

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

### 2027 DATES

09 May - 16 May **£3,590**

### Flight and supplement information

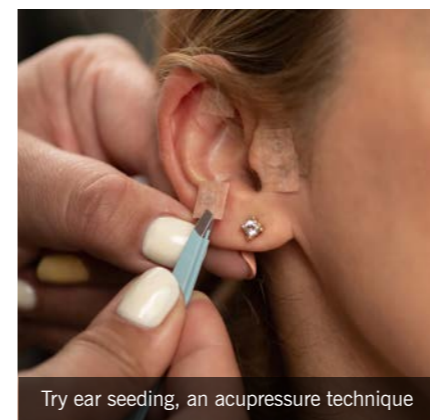
- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,890 (Beijing – Chongqing)
- Single room from £340
- Tipping paid locally RMB 470



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Try ear seeding, an acupressure technique



Relax in Chongqing, the hot spring capital of China

# TAIWAN BY RAIL

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £3,790
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

- ### TOUR TICKLIST
- ✓ Discover vibrant Taipei
  - ✓ Explore along the Pingxi Line
  - ✓ Cruise scenic Sun Moon Lake
  - ✓ Visit a night market
  - ✓ Ride a high-speed train



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train

- ### PRICE INCLUDES
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
  - International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees



Get a taste of Alishan's home grown coffee

- ### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES
- ▶ The verdant Alishan region is not only known for tea but also for its rich, handpicked coffee. Visit Yuyupas Indigenous Culture Park to sample Alishan's distinctive mountain-grown coffee, surrounded by scenic plantations and forested hills.
  - ▶ Originally constructed for logging, the Alishan Forest Train runs through a scenic mountain resort and nature reserve, passing villages, waterfalls, tea plantations and mountain wilderness. It is the highest narrow-gauge mountain railway in Asia.
  - ▶ Venture into Sun Moon Lake's night market, wandering with your guide along the waterfront promenade. Stop to enjoy dessert, like red bean mochi, taro balls in warm syrup, or bubble tea.

### ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Taiwan's capital, Taipei, and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the remainder of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture. Taipei is a laidback yet vibrant city, blending ultramodern style with rich heritage. It's a bastion of Taiwan's unique fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei, starting with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks including many from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Then explore the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a grand monument dedicated to the former leader. Later, take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city.

#### DAY 4: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

Travel to Ruifang for a day tour along the scenic Pingxi Line, a historic eight-mile railway once used for coal transport. Today, it winds through mountain cliffs, streams, waterfalls, and old mining towns. Stop to explore along the way, including Pingxi Old Street, Shifen Waterfall, and Shifen Old Street, where you'll witness the beautiful tradition of locals releasing sky lanterns with their wishes. End the day in Jiufen, a picturesque town of lantern-lit lanes, teahouses, and sweeping ocean views, then return to Taipei.

#### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

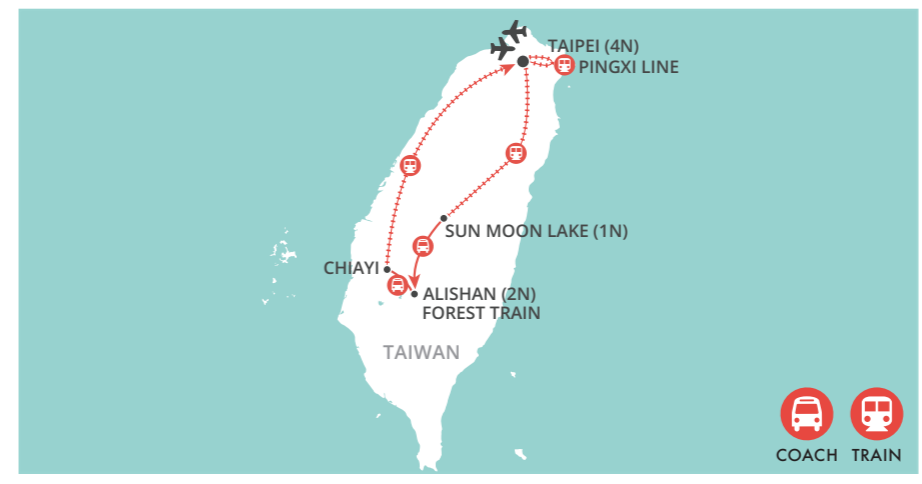
This morning take a train to the picturesque Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Explore the imposing Wenwu Temple, perched on the lake's shore with beautiful views. Head out onto the lake itself on a cruise and relax into panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond. After dinner, wander to the local night market for a sweet treat to end the day.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO ALISHAN

Take a final glimpse at Sun Moon Lake's beauty before heading to the Bantaoyao Craft Park. A former pottery factory, here you'll discover the history of traditional Taiwanese ceramics, learning about the craftsmanship that made this site a cornerstone of the region. Continue to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can discover more about the indigenous Tsou Tribe. Take part in a tea and coffee tasting, sampling leaves and beans grown and handpicked in Alishan's lush mountain farms.



Visit the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall



COACH TRAIN



Explore tea plantations



Walk the atmospheric lanes of Jiufen

#### DAY 7: BOARD THE FOREST TRAIN

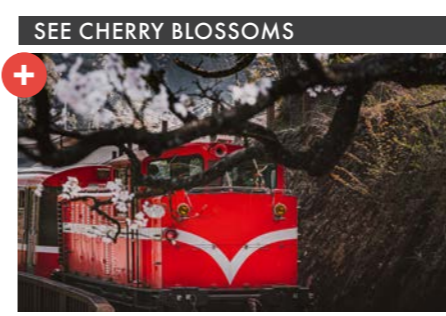
Rise early this morning for spectacular dawn views (weather permitting). Then explore the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area with a ride on the Forest Train – the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia – as it winds through scenic mountain forests. Continue your sightseeing on foot around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree.

#### DAY 8: RETURN TO TAIPEI

The morning begins in Fenqihu, a mountain village of old merchant lanes and railway nostalgia. From here, take the high-speed train north to Taipei, the island's green interior blurring past at 300km per hour. The 18th-century Longshan Temple offers a quietly moving final encounter with Taiwan's spiritual life, then sit down for a farewell dinner.

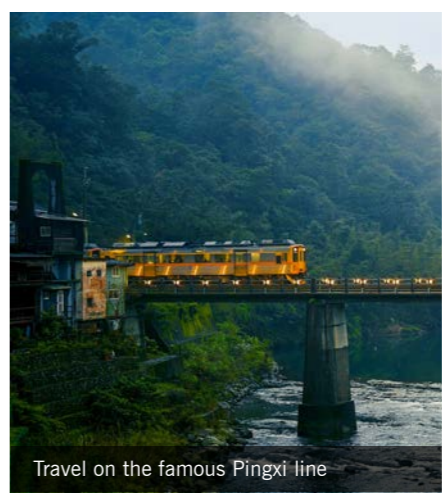
#### DAY 9: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

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

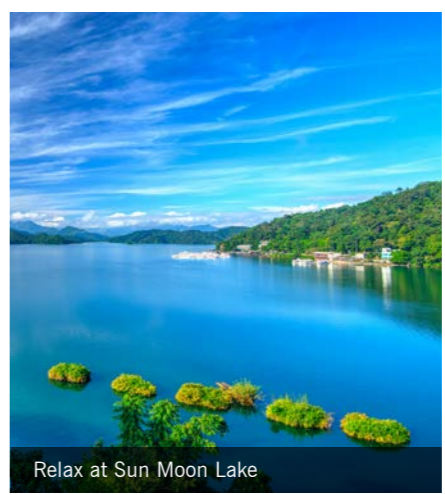


SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Travelling in March offers the chance to experience the magic of Alishan as its cherry blossoms burst into bloom.



Travel on the famous Pingxi line



Relax at Sun Moon Lake

TAIWAN BY RAIL

## CLASSIC TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING

### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A less explored nation with its captivating combination of old and new, natural beauty and high-tech modernity, exploring Taiwan on an itinerary that features two historic railways and a journey on a high-speed train, is a glorious adventure.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Thursday

2026 DATES			
14 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,790	04 Nov - 12 Nov	£3,790
2027 DATES			
10 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,990	08 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,890
24 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,990	13 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,890
07 Apr - 15 Apr	£3,890	03 Nov - 11 Nov	£3,890
05 May - 13 May	£3,890		
2028 DATES			
22 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,090	06 Sep - 14 Sep	£3,990
05 Apr - 13 Apr	£4,090	11 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,990
03 May - 11 May	£3,990	01 Nov - 09 Nov	£3,990

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Taipei - Taipei)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$55 (2026), US\$60 (2027 & 2028)

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**CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA**  
5 days from £2,690pp

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# TREASURES OF TAIWAN

14 DAYS FROM

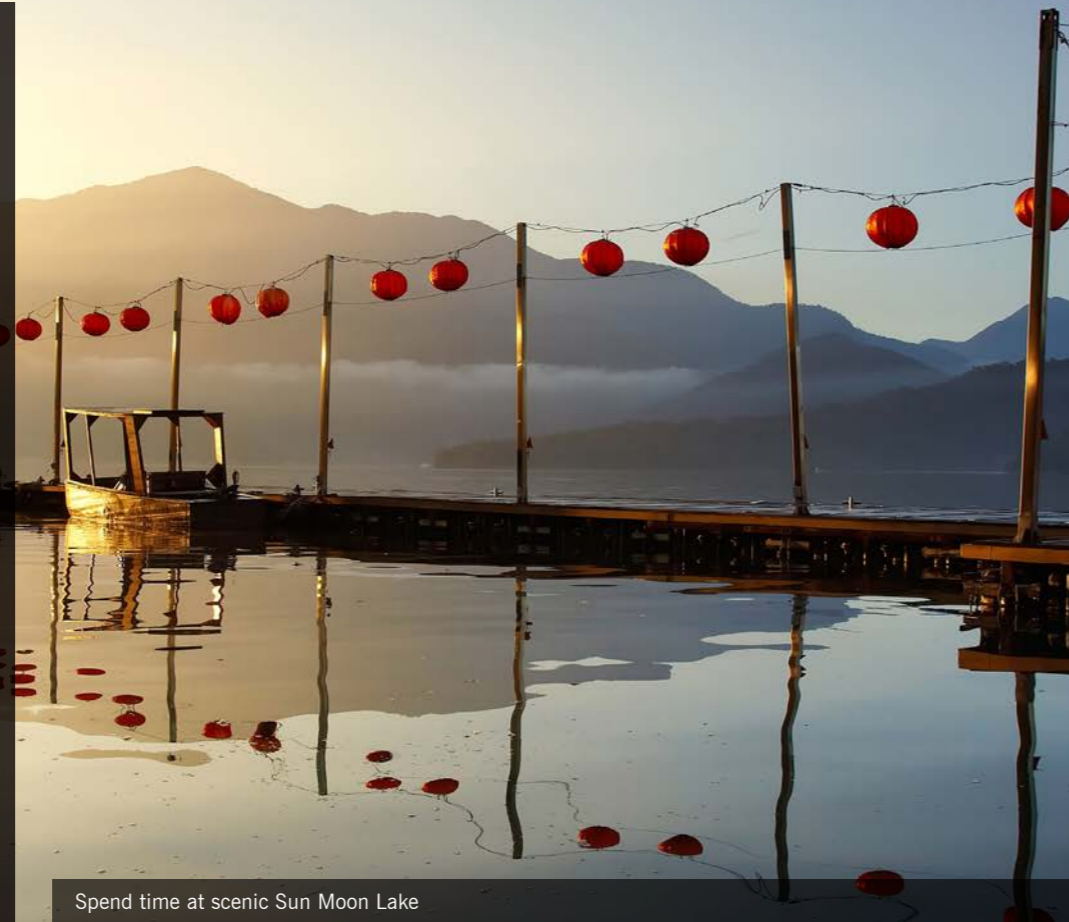
PER PERSON £5,090

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

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
- ✓ Bathe in Taitung's hot springs



Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

## 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

## 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: DISCOVER TAIPEI

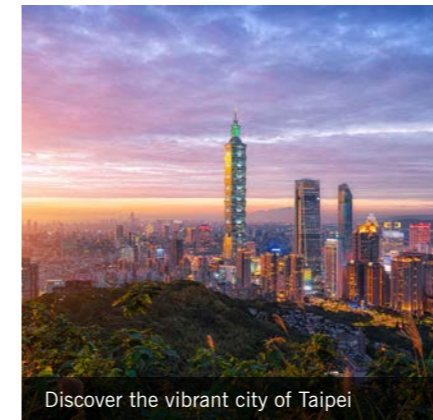
Nestled in a basin ringed by mountains, Taipei is a city of striking contrasts. Sleek skyscrapers and buzzing night markets standing alongside centuries-old temples and grand civic monuments. Begin your explorations at the Martyrs' Shrine, with its elaborate changing-of-the-guard ceremony, the soaring colonnades of CKS Memorial Hall, and the incense-thick air of Longshan Temple. Later, ascend the iconic Taipei 101 for views that stretch across the entire city basin.

### DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

Explore the National Palace Museum, then 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 indigenous 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. After dinner, venture to the night market for a sweet treat to end the day.



Discover the vibrant city of Taipei



Soak up the breathtaking coastline of Kenting National Park

### 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, and renowned for its preservation of traditions and rich folk culture. You will start by exploring 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 and Tiger Pagodas and the Spring and Autumn Pavilions 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. After exploring, tuck into a street food tour at the local night market.

### DAY 9: SHEDING NATURE PARK

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

### DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIHOPEN

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 HUALIEN

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: TAROKO GORGE ARCHWAY

With much of Taroko Gorge closed for earthquake repairs, today offers a gentler encounter with its dramatic scenery. Enter through the monumental archway, stop at the Visitor Center, then head deeper into the gorge to Tianxiang Recreation Area, where a short trek up to Xiangde Temple rewards with peace, incense, and sweeping valley views. **For the latest on gorge reopening, visit our website.**

### DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Qingshui Cliff for beautiful views and visit the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, where a few tastings will be in order. Return to Taipei and 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.



Relax in Taitung's hot springs

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – you'll have plenty of time to make the most of them as your hotel has hot spring pools for you to enjoy!
- ▶ Indulge in the traditional street foods of Kenting's vibrant night markets, with an array of sizzling meats, spicy noodles and all sorts of tasty snacks.
- ▶ 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.



Admire the striking Dragon and Tiger pagodas

CLASSIC  
TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Circle the island on an unforgettable journey through Taiwan's energetic cities, timeless traditions, and stunning natural wonders. From the buzz of Taipei to the serenity of Kenting, this tour is perfect for travellers who want to experience it all.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

### 2026 DATES

12 Sep - 25 Sep £5,090 10 Oct - 23 Oct £5,090

### 2027 DATES

10 Apr - 23 Apr £5,090 11 Sep - 24 Sep £5,090

08 May - 21 May £5,090 09 Oct - 22 Oct £5,090

### 2028 DATES

08 Apr - 21 Apr £5,190 09 Sep - 22 Sep £5,190

06 May - 19 May £5,190 07 Oct - 20 Oct £5,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,290 (Taipei - Taipei)
- Single room from £1,490
- Tipping paid locally US\$60 (2026), US\$70 (2027 & 2028)



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Get a taste of Kenting's street food

# SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£6,890**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Sip green tea in Boseong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Watch the iconic NANTA show
- ✓ Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- ✓ Spend time in Gyeongju, 'the museum without walls'



Visit the magnificent Gyeongbok Palace

## 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



Visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Embark on an informative and unique adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- ▶ As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
- ▶ Experience NANTA, the beloved Korean comedy show. Acrobatics and pantomime tell the story of three cooks frantically preparing a wedding banquet, their kitchen gear doubling as improvised instruments beating out irresistibly fun folk rhythms.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces. Begin your adventure with a cable car ride up Namsan Peak to enjoy panoramic city views from N Seoul Tower. Next, attend a hands-on cooking class and enjoy your freshly-made dish for lunch. This afternoon, head to Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Finally, visit the UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Shrine, housing the spirit tablets of the royal Joseon Dynasty.



Explore the grounds of Bulguksa Temple

### DAY 4: FORESTS & GARDENS

Depart Seoul and travel to the bamboo forest of Juknokwon. Next, head to Damyang where you'll discover the beauty of Soswaewon. This private garden built in the 16th century in the traditional style features essential elements to bring harmony, such as flowing water, trees and grasses. Continue to Gwangju, an artistic city with a fascinating political history.

### DAY 5: BOSEONG & JOGYESAN

Drive one hour to Boseong, renowned for its green tea plantations and beautiful landscapes. Visit a tea plantation and enjoy a tasting before lunch. Drive on to Naganeupseong Fortress Village, where you can admire the traditional hanok houses and learn how locals preserve their deep-rooted heritage. Continue to Jogyesan Mountain and explore the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple Complex. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is known for its tranquil atmosphere and many cultural treasures. Overnight in the seaside city of Yeosu.



Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk

### DAY 6: YEOSU & BUSAN

Explore Yeosu, a charming seaside city. Ride the Marine Cable Car over beautiful scenery before visiting Odongo Island to enjoy its array of wild flowers before lunch. This afternoon, take a panoramic drive to reach Busan, a dynamic coastal city in the southeast.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

Laidback Busan is full of character; a bustling yet friendly city set between the hills and sea. Start the day at Busan's Diamond Tower for wide views across the city, harbour and surrounding mountains. Continue to BIFF Street, a lively cultural district known for street food and film festival heritage. After lunch, head to the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass walkway suspended above the sea. Visit Dongbaekseom Island at the edge of Haeundae Beach and follow the coastal boardwalk. Continue by road to Gyeongju.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical depth, Gyeongju is often called 'the museum without walls'. Once the capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, it is home to a variety of tombs, temples, statues and ruins. Begin at the UNESCO-listed Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple, enduring examples of Buddhist art and architecture. Later, explore the Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, where grassy burial mounds mark the resting place of Silla royalty. After dinner, take a quiet stroll around Anapji Pond.

### DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

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

### DAY 10: SEORAKSAN NATIONAL PARK

Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Take the cable car to the mountaintop and then hike to Gwongneung Fortress. After lunch, enjoy a two-hour round-trip hike through the valley to Biryong Falls, surrounded by lush forest. End your day with a visit to Sinheungsa Temple before returning to the hotel.

### DAY 11: THE NANTA SHOW

Transfer to Gangneung for the bullet train to Seoul. After lunch, enjoy the famous NANTA – an award-winning non-verbal comedy, and the longest-running show in Korean history.

### DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today as tickets to the DMZ are limited\*. Explore the various sites of the DMZ, including the Third Infiltration Tunnel, Imjingak Park, Dora Observatory & Station, and the iconic Freedom Bridge. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market before dinner.

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

### DAY 13: FLY SEOUL TO THE UK

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

## SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

South Korea is a land of contrasts, with something for everyone – from ancient palaces to city lights and hikes in UNESCO-listed national forests. Uncover its complex history and natural beauty on this fascinating two-week tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

### 2026 DATES

26 Oct - 07 Nov **£6,890** 02 Nov - 14 Nov **£6,890**

### 2027 DATES

29 Mar - 10 Apr **£6,990** 11 Oct - 23 Oct **£6,990**

05 Apr - 17 Apr **£6,990** 18 Oct - 30 Oct **£6,990**

12 Apr - 24 Apr **£8,490** 25 Oct - 06 Nov **£6,990**

10 May - 22 May **£6,990** 01 Nov - 13 Nov **£6,990**

### 2028 DATES

27 Mar - 08 Apr **£7,290** 09 Oct - 21 Oct **£7,290**

03 Apr - 15 Apr **£7,290** 16 Oct - 28 Oct **£7,290**

10 Apr - 22 Apr **£8,890** 23 Oct - 04 Nov **£7,290**

01 May - 13 May **£7,290** 30 Oct - 11 Nov **£8,890**

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- Land only from £6,190 (Seoul - Seoul)
- Single room from £1,450
- Tipping paid locally US\$70 (2026-2027) US\$80 (2028)

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### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

In March and April, if conditions permit, travellers can enjoy the spectacular pink displays of the delightful Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival on Day 6.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...

#### JEJU ISLAND

4 days from £580pp

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# CENTRAL ASIA

Central Asia is entwined with legends of the Silk Road, the ancient trading route along which goods, ideas, philosophies and religions moved between the East and the West.

This is a land where mountains and desert dominate the landscapes, where beautiful blue domes and towering minarets watch over ancient cities, and legendary names litter a rich history – Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, to name just a few.

Enigmatic and mysterious, each country in the region brings its own unique appeal. So, whether you choose to explore just one spectacular Central Asian nation in-depth or to embark on an expedition that features many, you can be safe in the knowledge that exploring here guarantees one thing – glorious adventure!

# BEST OF MONGOLIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

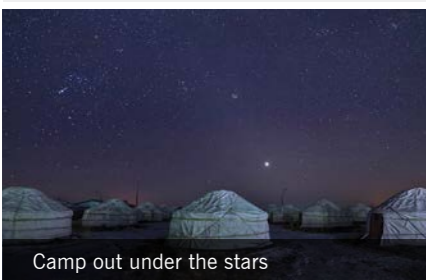
- ✓ Walk around Turtle Rock
- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Discover Bayanzag's 'Flaming Cliffs'
- ✓ Visit Orkhon Waterfall
- ✓ Spot the famous takhi
- ✓ Witness a mini-Naadam festival



Savour the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star hotel plus premium ger camps & a standard camp
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Camp out under the stars

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Experience the nomadic lifestyle in comfort, staying in premium ger camps with private en suite bathrooms. After a day of adventure, unwind beneath the star-strewn skies of the Gobi Desert.
- ▶ Spot takhi, or Przewalski's horse – a species once extinct in the wild – amid the rolling steppes and rugged hills of Khustai National Park.
- ▶ Experience a thrilling mini Naadam Festival at your remote ger camp, where you'll witness Mongolia's 'Three Manly Games' — wrestling, horse racing, and traditional archery, which you can even try yourself. A simple yet unforgettable glimpse into nomadic life.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to your hotel and depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Here, you'll get to witness the monk's morning chants and learn more about Mongolian Buddhism. Then head to the heart of the city to stand in Genghis Khan Square and view the fascinating exhibitions of the National Museum of Mongolia. This evening, enjoy a lively cultural show that features traditional songs, dances and music.

### DAY 4: TEREJ NATIONAL PARK

Leave the city and travel into the hinterland to discover the picturesque scenery of Terej National Park. En route, stop at the impressive Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex – the largest of its kind in the world. Continue your journey to Terej National Park, where you'll walk around the iconic Turtle Rock and visit the serene Aryabal Temple. Unwind at your premium ger camp, enjoying leisure time with stargazing and sauna facilities.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO THE GOBI DESERT

Transfer to the airport and fly to Dalanzadgad, the gateway to the Gobi Desert. Begin your sightseeing in a comfortable, air-conditioned 4WD with a visit to a local market, then drive to the Yol Valley in the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park. Take a scenic walk through a narrow gorge surrounded by towering rock formations. Spend the night in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 6: THROUGH GOBI DESERT

Drive through breathtaking desert landscapes, spotting camel herds and their herders as you go, to reach the spectacular Khongoryn Els, an area of towering sand dunes. Explore the dunes, with an optional climb to the top for panoramic views over the desert. Dine tonight under the starry Gobi sky and spend the next two nights in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 7: KHONGORYN ELS

Spend a full day exploring the beauty of Khongoryn Els, some of the world's most spectacular sand dunes. Take a short hike to admire the contrasts between the shifting sands and green oases and visit a nomadic camel herding family to learn about their way of life. In the afternoon you'll have free time to explore as you wish before returning to the ger camp for a traditional Mongolian dinner.

### DAY 8: FLAMING CLIFFS

Drive through magnificent landscapes to reach Bayanzag, the Flaming Cliffs, to admire these red sandstone formations. Take a walk through the Gobi Dinosaurs Cemetery, keeping a look out for fossils, before a guided walk to discover more about the area's rich paleontological history. Overnight in a premium ger.

### DAY 9: ONGIIN HIID

Set out across the stark scenery of the Gobi to Ongiin Khiid, a monastery on the banks of the Ongi River. Wander around the ruins of two historic monasteries which were once among the largest in Mongolia and take a walk around the site to learn more about the area's past. Continue the drive into Mongolia's green heartlands and settle into your standard ger for the next two nights.



Wander around Turtle Rock



Admire the beautiful Orkhon Waterfall

### DAY 10: EXPERIENCE MONGOLIA'S HERITAGE

Today, immerse yourself into Mongolia's rich traditions and nomadic heritage, witnessing a mini Naadam Festival, featuring the traditional 'Three Manly Games'. Watch a wrestling competition, a horse race and learn the art of archery. This evening, sit down to an authentic Mongolian stone-grilled mutton feast.

### DAY 11: ORKHON WATERFALL

Visit the Orkhon Waterfall, then drive to Karakorum, once the seat of Genghis Khan's great empire. Explore the the Karakorum Museum, which offers a comprehensive insight to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Orkhon River Valley. Spend two nights in a premium ger.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE KARAKORUM

Step back in time at the sacred Erdene Zuu Monastery, Mongolia's oldest Buddhist monastery. Take a gentle walk to the Orkhon River Valley viewpoint, offering sweeping panoramas across this vast UNESCO-listed landscape, before continuing to Turtle Stone Hill, a curious landmark.

### DAY 13: KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

Arrive in Khustai National Park, home to Mongolia's famous takhi, or Przewalski's horse. Once extinct in the wild, this population of wild horses were reintroduced to their native habitat in the 1990s, and you can spot them today alongside other native wildlife. Settle into your premium ger camp among the beauty of the rolling steppe.

### DAY 14: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Spend the morning discovering the magnificent nature of Khustai National Park before transferring back to your hotel in Ulaanbaatar. This afternoon is free for you to shop for souvenirs or to explore the city at your own pace. Tonight, there will be a farewell dinner at a traditional Mongolian restaurant with live folk music – the perfect end to your Mongolian adventure.

### DAY 15: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

Fly to UK, arriving home the same day.

## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...

### BEIJING STOPOVER

3 days from £400pp

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Discover the sand dunes of Khongoryn Els

## CLASSIC MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Designed for comfort and depth, this epic adventure covers Mongolia's top sights while allowing time to truly soak in the country's rugged beauty. Expect long but rewarding days of travel through this extraordinary region.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2026 DATES			
13 Jul - 27 Jul	£6,290	12 Sep - 26 Sep	£5,990
25 Jul - 08 Aug	£6,290	14 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,990
22 Aug - 05 Sep	£6,290		

2027 DATES			
26 May - 09 Jun	£6,490	24 Jul - 07 Aug	£6,790
29 May - 12 Jun	£6,490	11 Aug - 25 Aug	£6,590
16 Jun - 30 Jun	£6,790	21 Aug - 04 Sep	£6,590
19 Jun - 03 Jul	£6,790	11 Sep - 25 Sep	£6,490
14 Jul - 28 Jul	£6,790	15 Sep - 29 Sep	£6,490

2028 DATES			
24 May - 07 Jun	£6,590	22 Jul - 05 Aug	£6,890
27 May - 10 Jun	£6,590	09 Aug - 23 Aug	£6,690
14 Jun - 28 Jun	£6,890	19 Aug - 02 Sep	£6,690
17 Jun - 01 Jul	£6,890	09 Sep - 23 Sep	£6,590
12 Jul - 26 Jul	£6,890	13 Sep - 27 Sep	£6,590

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,990 (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)
- Single room from £910
- Tipping paid locally USD 85 (2026 & 2027), USD 95 (2028)



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NEW

# BEST OF MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£7,390**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ See the 'Flaming Cliffs'
- ✓ Walk around Turtle Rock
- ✓ Spot the famous takhi
- ✓ Stay in authentic ger camps



See the festivities unfold at Mongolia's legendary Naadam Festival

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star hotel plus premium ger camps & a standard camp
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Watch the three manly sports ignite

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ The Naadam Festival represents the heritage of Mongolia with competitors participating in archery, wrestling and horseback riding. Enjoy the opening ceremony and cheer for the participants alongside locals.
- ▶ Spend an afternoon with a nomadic family, learning a little about their unique way of life. They will guide you through a tasting of airag, a spirit made from fermented mare's milk, and prepare khorkhog, a traditional barbecue meal prepared with hot stones.
- ▶ Venture into the sweeping plains of Khustai and watch as herds of rare Przewalski's horses, or takhi, roam the steppe. This remarkable conservation success offers a glimpse into Mongolia's untamed past.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Here, observe the monk's morning chants and learn more about Mongolian Buddhism. Then head to the heart of the city to explore Sukhbaatar Square and view the fascinating exhibitions of the Chinggis Khaan Museum. This evening, enjoy a lively folklore concert that features traditional songs, dances and music.

### DAY 4: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Leave the city and travel into the hinterland to discover the picturesque scenery of Terelj National Park. Start with a walk to the Temple of Meditation and around the iconic Turtle Rock working up an appetite for lunch at a ger camp. Pause at the impressive Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex before returning to Ulaanbaatar.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO THE GOBI DESERT

Transfer to the airport and fly to the Gobi Desert. Drive to the Yol Valley in the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park. Take a scenic walk through Yoliin Am, a narrow gorge of ice formations and towering rocks. Spend the night in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 6: THROUGH THE GOBI DESERT

Drive through breathtaking desert landscapes, spotting camel herds and their herders as you go, to reach the spectacular Khongoryn

Els, an area of towering sand dunes. Explore the dunes on foot, climbing to the top for panoramic views over the desert. Dine tonight under the vast and starry Gobi sky and relax in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 7: KHONGORYN ELS

Spend a full day exploring the beauty of Khongoryn Els, some of the world's most spectacular sand dunes. Take a short walk to admire the contrasts between the shifting sands and green oases and visit a nomadic camel herding family to learn about their way of life. Here, you can taste camel milk yogurt, a Gobi Desert delicacy. In the afternoon, discover the 'singing' sand dunes.

### DAY 8: FLAMING CLIFFS

Drive through magnificent landscapes to reach Bayanzag, the Flaming Cliffs, to admire these red sandstone formations. Take a walk through the Gobi Dinosaurs Cemetery, keeping a look out for fossils, before a guided walk to discover more about the area's rich paleontological history.

### DAY 9: ONGIIN HIID

Set out across the stark scenery of the Gobi to Ongiin Khiid, a monastery sat on the banks of the Ongi River. Wander around the ruins of two historic monasteries which were once among the largest in Mongolia and take a walk around the site to learn more about the area's past. Spend the night by the river in a standard ger camp.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE KARAKORUM

Drive across the steppe to Karakorum, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the Orkhon Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which includes



Wander the singing sand dunes



Watch the Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag glow at sunset

the ruins of Genghis Khan's capital Karakorum and the fascinating Karakorum Museum.

### DAY 11: ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY

This morning, visit Erdene Zuu in time to witness the monks doing their morning chants, a deeply resonant experience. Later, visit a nomadic family who will guide you through an airag (fermented mare's milk) tasting and show you how to prepare the traditional Mongolian barbecue dish, khorkhog.

### DAY 12: KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Khustai National Park, home to Mongolia's famous takhi, or Przewalski's horse. Once extinct in the wild, this population of wild horses were reintroduced to their native habitat in the 1990s. Enjoy an early evening viewing of these majestic creatures before travelling on to your premium ger camp, set among the beauty of the rolling steppe.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

This morning, enjoy a fun and fascinating demonstration of nomadic culture at your ger camp, featuring horsemanship, traditional dance and wrestling. After lunch, drive back to Ulaanbaatar.

### DAY 14: NAADAM FESTIVAL DAY 1

Travel to the Central Stadium where the highlight of your Mongolia adventure is about to begin! Mingle with locals and nomads as you watch the opening ceremony, with its procession of athletes, officials and monks before the games begin! Today, you can see archery, the first of the traditional three 'manly sports', and ankle bone shooting competitions.

### DAY 15: NAADAM FESTIVAL DAY 2

This morning, travel out to Khuin Doloon Khudag for the Naadam Festival horse racing – a thrilling set of long-distance endurance races across the open steppe. Return to the Central Stadium this afternoon for the Mongolian wrestling which, along with horse racing, makes up the three 'manly sports' of the festival. Tonight, a farewell dinner offers the perfect opportunity to reflect on this once-in-a-lifetime experience with your fellow travellers.

### DAY 16: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

Fly to UK, arriving home the same day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Stopover in Beijing to tackle one of the world's great hikes, trekking the Great Wall's most dramatic and lesser-visited stretches. With an expert guide, journey from rugged Gubeikou and Jinshanling to the wild peaks of Jiankou, finishing at the beautifully restored Mutianyu.

### GREAT WALL ADVENTURE

5 days from £1,120pp

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2027 DATES

28 Jun - 13 Jul **£7,390** 08 Jul - 23 Jul\* **£7,390**

### 2028 DATES

26 Jun - 11 Jul **£7,690** 06 Jul - 21 Jul\* **£7,690**

\*Itinerary in reverse, visit website for full details.

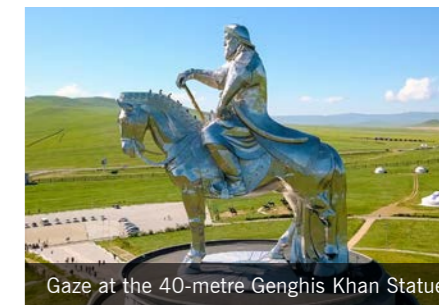
### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,390 (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)
- Single room from £1,390
- Tipping paid locally USD 110 (2027), USD 120 (2028)

## MORE INFORMATION

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Gaze at the 40-metre Genghis Khan Statue

# CHINA & MONGOLIA HEARTLANDS

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,890

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ See pandas in Chengdu
- ✓ See the iconic warriors and Great Wall
- ✓ Explore the 'mini-Gobi'
- ✓ Spot the famous takhi
- ✓ Stay in a ger camp



Soak up the sunset over Mongolia's sweeping steppe

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches, 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star hotel plus premium ger camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18 in Mongolia



Find wild Przewalski's horse roaming

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Spot takhi, or Przewalski's horse – a species once extinct in the wild – amid the rolling steppes and rugged hills of Khustai National Park.
- ▶ Experience the nomadic lifestyle in comfort, sleeping in ger camps with private en suite bathrooms, then unwind beneath the star-filled skies of the Mongolian steppes.
- ▶ Spend some time with a nomadic family, learning a little about their unique way of life. Together you will prepare a traditional Mongolian meal, them guiding you through the preparations and process, before you all sit down to eat together.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from Jin Mao Tower. 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. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO YICHANG

Take the bullet train to Yichang and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, your home for the next four nights.

### DAYS 5-7: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

From the Three Gorges Dam, a massive feat of engineering, cruise upstream as nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, including the Three Gorges themselves, with a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream plus a range of shore excursions.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Disembark your cruise in Chongqing and take a stroll through old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties, and its 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!

Visit Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base and see China's iconic bear up close and, most likely, chomping on bamboo. Pop into the museum to learn more about the reserve's conservation projects. Later, take a bullet train to Xian, an ancient imperial capital. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

### DAY 10: THE TERRACOTTA ARMY

One of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors stand ready for battle around the, as yet unexcavated, tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Spend the morning viewing their ranks then visit a workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Stroll the beautifully preserved city walls that encircle Xian's old town, pausing for a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery.

### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's stately capital, where modern life meets 3,000 years of rich, tumultuous history.

### DAY 12: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Start the day in the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens, filled with priceless artefacts. Then, at the serene Temple of Heaven, admire



elegant architecture that reflects Chinese cosmology. This evening, watch a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show, a thrilling display of skill, strength and tradition.

### DAY 13: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside of Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory, then spend the afternoon wandering the gardens of the Summer Palace. Bid farewell to China with Beijing's most famous dish, Peking duck.

### DAY 14: FLY TO MONGOLIA

Fly to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Head to the heart of the city to walk around Sukhbaatar Square then view the fascinating exhibits of the Chinggis Khaan Museum. This evening, enjoy a lively folklore concert that features traditional songs, dances and music.

### DAY 16: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Leave the city and travel into the hinterland to discover the picturesque scenery of Terelj National Park, pausing en route at the impressive 46-metre-tall Genghis Khan statue. At Terelj, fuel up on lunch at a ger camp before walking through its scenic beauty to the iconic Turtle Rock and the Temple of Meditation. Return to Ulaanbaatar.

### DAY 17: TRAVEL TO KARAKORUM

Depart Ulaanbaatar and cross the Central Mongolian Steppe. Reach the Bayan Gobi sand dunes, a 'mini-Gobi Desert', and explore among the 10-metre-high dunes that sit among the vast plains of the steppe. After lunch at a ger camp, continue to Karakorum where, on arrival, you'll discover the history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site at the Karakorum Museum, followed by a walk to Turtle Stone Hill.

### DAY 18: EXPERIENCE ERDENE ZUU

This morning, visit Erdene Zuu in time to witness the monks doing their morning chants, a deeply resonant experience. Then, visit a nomadic family who will guide you through the preparation of a traditional Mongolian dish, which you will then sit down and enjoy together. Travel to Khustai National Park, home to Mongolia's famous takhi, or Przewalski's horse, once extinct in the wild. Enjoy an early evening viewing of these majestic creatures before travelling on to your premium ger camp, set among the beauty of the rolling steppe.

### DAY 19: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Head back to Ulaanbaatar, watching the shift between landscapes out of the window as you go. On arrival, enjoy lunch and then a free afternoon. This evening, a farewell meal is the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow travellers.

### DAY 20: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

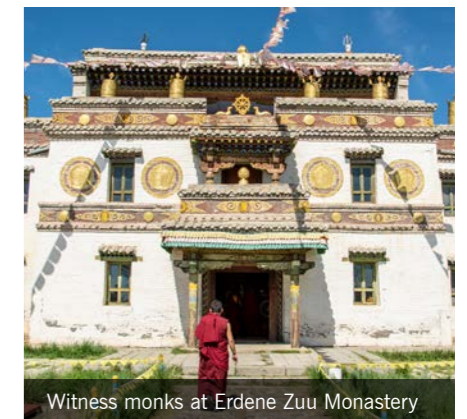
CLASSIC  
CHINA, MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Next door neighbours but worlds apart, explore the best of China and Mongolia in comfort, from epic history and world-famous monuments to vast landscapes and the timeless nomadic way of life that has endured for centuries.



Witness monks at Erdene Zuu Monastery

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2027 DATES

17 May - 05 Jun	£6,890	16 Aug - 04 Sep	£6,890
07 Jun - 26 Jun	£6,890	01 Sep - 20 Sep	£6,890

### 2028 DATES

15 May - 03 Jun	£7,190	14 Aug - 02 Sep	£7,190
05 Jun - 24 Jun	£7,190	30 Aug - 18 Sep	£7,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,090 (Shanghai – Ulaanbaatar)
- Single room from £1,290
- Tipping paid locally RMB 735 & USD 70 (2027), RMB 760 & USD 80 (2028)



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Walk on the mighty Great Wall

NEW

# SPIRIT OF KYRGYZSTAN

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,890**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore capital Bishkek
- ✓ View the glorious Jeti-Oguz Valley
- ✓ Take part in traditional cooking classes
- ✓ Stay on the shore of Issyk Kul
- ✓ Walk through Skazka Canyon



Explore the valley floor of Jeti-Oguz Gorge

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation plus yurt with ensuite
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 20



Taste Kurut, a local cheese delicacy

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Stop in the village of Tup for a tour and a tasting of the region's famous Kyrgyz cheese, kurut, a hard, salty cheese ball made from dried, fermented milk.
- ▶ Experience the nomadic lifestyle in comfort, staying in a spectacularly located yurt camp with private en suite bathroom. You'll wake up to the sounds of nature on the shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, nestled among glorious mountain scenery.
- ▶ Soak in a mineral-rich hot springs with views of the surrounding mountains, just as the Karakol locals do. A simple, traditional way to relax and recharge.

## ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the day is yours to relax before dinner.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day surrounded by the dramatic landscapes of Ala-Archa National Park, a spectacular alpine haven in the Tian Shan Mountains. Enjoy a leisurely walk among rugged peaks, sparkling streams, and breathtaking gorges. Return to Bishkek for lunch, then discover the city's highlights: Central Square, the iconic Manas Monument, and a bustling bazaar.

### DAY 4: ISSYK KUL LAKE

Depart Bishkek and visit the Museum of Nomadic Civilisation, a fascinating trove of artefacts that tell the story of Central Asia's nomadic peoples through history. Continue to the sparkling northern shores of Issyk Kul, the world's second-largest mountain lake. Enjoy a boat ride to fully appreciate the beauty of your surroundings.

### DAY 5: JOURNEY TO KARAKOL

Journey east along the shoreline of Issyk Kul to Karakol, stopping in the village of Tup for a tour and a tasting of the region's famous Kyrgyz cheese, kurut. Next, stop at a farm to learn about the breeding of thoroughbred horses and giant Arashan rams, then spend the afternoon soaking in a local hot spring, an essential part of the Karakol lifestyle. This evening, join a welcoming Dungan family for a delicious home-cooked dinner.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE KARAKOL

Enjoy an active morning with a walk through the picturesque Karakol Gorge, before returning to the city to visit the Dungan Mosque and Russian Orthodox Church, known for their unusual construction. This afternoon, visit a social enterprise that supports local women and promotes the products they produce, such as jam, dried fruit and felt souvenirs. Tonight, dine on lagman — hand-pulled noodles tossed with spiced lamb, a dish that sits at the heart of Uyghur culture.

### DAY 7: JETI-OGUZ GORGE

You may wish to rise early this morning to visit the Karakol Animal Market, a bustling spectacle each Sunday that draws local farmers and traders, offering a rare and memorable glimpse into rural Kyrgyz life. Travel along the scenic southern shore of Issyk Kul to the village of Tamga. En route, visit the spectacular Jeti-Oguz Gorge, famed for its striking red sandstone formations. Take a walk to spot the 'Broken Heart' and towering 'Seven Bulls', while admiring sweeping views. Arrive at your camp for the next two nights and settle into your cosy yurt. Later, learn from the camp chef how to make 'manty', a delicious local favourite of spiced minced meat dumplings.

### DAY 8: SKAZKA CANYON

Visit Skazka Canyon and enjoy a walk among its dramatic red rock formations, discovering why it is also known as 'Fairytale Canyon'. Continue to Kadji-Sai village to meet a local family of musicians, joining them for a traditional lunch accompanied by a lively folklore performance. In the afternoon, walk through the dense spruce forest and alpine



Come face to face with a Kyrgyz eagle hunter



Experience nomadic life in a yurt camp

meadows of Barskoon Gorge to reach the famous 'Tears of the Snow Leopard' waterfall.

### DAY 9: MEET AN EAGLE HUNTER

Travel to Chon-Kemin Nature Park. Along the way, meet an eagle hunter and see the training process of these magnificent birds. Stop in Kyzyl-Tuu, a village famous for its skilled artisans, learn about the traditional craft of yurt-making. After lunch, continue to Chon-Kemin where you'll have a hands-on class on how to make the hearty Kyrgyz dish of tash kordo. Take a walk in a nature park while your food cooks, before dining on the results.

### DAY 10: RETURN TO BISHKEK

Learn to make boorsok, traditional Kyrgyz bread, enjoying what you prepared with breakfast. Travel to Bishkek with a stop at Burana Tower, an 11th-century minaret offering panoramic views of the Chuy Valley and explore the open-air museum with ancient balbals. Then, enjoy a demonstration of ulak tartysh, the thrilling traditional horse game of Kyrgyzstan's nomadic peoples. Return to Bishkek where you'll have some free time before a farewell dinner.

### DAY 11: FLY BISHKEK TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SILK ROAD UNCOVERED

Continue your journey with our Ultimate Uzbekistan tour, tracing the ancient Silk Road through legendary cities, ornate mosques and bustling bazaars.

Visit page 98 for more details about the Silk Road Uncovered: Uzbekistan & Kyrgyzstan tour.



Wander the striking 'Fairytale Canyon'

SPIRIT OF KYRGYZSTAN

CLASSIC  
KYRGYZSTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Kyrgyzstan is the ideal destination for adventurous spirits. Designed for comfort and depth, experience age-old traditions, meet friendly locals and glimpse the timeless lifestyle of nomadic peoples against a backdrop of towering mountains and vast plains.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

### 2027 DATES

26 Apr - 06 May	£3,890	20 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,890
10 May - 20 May	£3,890	04 Oct - 14 Oct	£3,890
24 May - 03 Jun	£3,890	18 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,890
06 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,890		

### 2028 DATES

24 Apr - 04 May	£4,090	18 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,090
08 May - 18 May	£4,090	02 Oct - 12 Oct	£4,090
22 May - 01 Jun	£4,090	16 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,090
04 Sep - 14 Sep	£4,090		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Bishkek – Bishkek)
- Single room from £480
- Tipping paid locally USD\$100



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# ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Toprak Kala Fortress
- ✓ Explore Bukhara's monuments
- ✓ Discover Registan Square
- ✓ Shop at Chorsu Bazaar
- ✓ Go wine tasting in Samarkand
- ✓ Stroll through Ichan Kala



Visit Registan Square, Samarkand's breathtaking centrepiece

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 20



Visit a family-run ceramics workshop

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Visit the workshop of the renowned Rakhimov family and discover the rich history of Uzbek ceramics. Explore their unique collection of exquisite handcrafted pieces and see traditional techniques brought to life.
- ▶ Enjoy a wine tasting at Bagizagan Winery in Samarkand, sampling a selection of local vintages. Explore the wine museum and learn about the rich history of winemaking in this historic Silk Road region.
- ▶ Step into the bustling world of Uzbekistan's bazaars, where vibrant colours, rich aromas, and lively chatter fill the air. Wander through stalls brimming with handwoven carpets, intricate ceramics, spices, and local delicacies.

## ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Tashkent. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER TASHKENT

Explore the historic old town, visiting Barak Khan Madrassah and Tila Shaikh Mosque, home to precious Islamic archives. Wander the vibrant Chorsu Bazaar, then visit a ceramics workshop. Finish the day in modern Tashkent at Amir Temur Square and the strikingly decorated Tashkent Metro.

### DAY 4: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

Rise early for your flight to Nukus. Begin your day at the Igor Savitskiy Museum, often called the 'Louvre of the Desert', home to Russian avant-garde art, Soviet-era masterpieces, and fascinating Karakalpak treasures. Then, drive 200km to Khiva, stopping at Chalpi Kala, an ancient Zoroastrian funerary site, and Toprak Kala, the historic fortress town of Khorezm.

### DAY 5: UNESCO ICHAN KALA

Step inside Ichan Kala, Uzbekistan's first UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore Kukhna Ark Fortress, the turquoise Islom-Khodja Minaret, and Pakhlavan Makhmud Mausoleum. Visit Madrassah Rakhimkhon, the striking Kalta Minor Minaret, and the 19th-century Tash Hauli Palace. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance.

### DAY 6: THE KYZYL KUM DESERT

Travel across the iconic Kyzyl Kum Desert, the 'Red Sands,' along the ancient Silk Road. Enjoy photo stops of the desert landscapes

and a visit to the Amudarya River, the legendary Oxus. Arrive in Bukhara in the late afternoon, ready to explore this historic city.

### DAY 7: HISTORIC BUKHARA

Uncover Bukhara's highlights, from the serene Lyab-i Hauz to the mighty Ark Fortress and the impressive Poi Kalan Complex. Visit a master suzani maker to watch a plov cooking demonstration before enjoying it for lunch, then wander the workshops showcasing centuries-old traditions of block printing, embroidery and goldwork.

### DAY 8: TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

This morning, explore Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the former summer residence of the emir, a stunning blend of Russian and local architectural styles. Later, travel by train to Samarkand, arriving in the late afternoon and ready to begin your next adventure.



Discover historic Bukhara



See the ruins of the Toprak Kala fortress



Marvel at the tilework of Khiva's Ichan Kala

### DAY 9: REGISTAN SQUARE

Explore the highlights of Samarkand, starting at the iconic Registan Square with its three stunning madrassahs: Ulug-Bek, Tilya-Kori, and Sher-Dor. Visit Gur Emir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane, and the grand Bibi-Khanum Mosque. Wander the Silk Road bazaar, admire the Shahi Zinda necropolis, and end the day with a tour and tasting at Bagizagan winery.

### DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel 90km south of Samarkand to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of conqueror Amir Timur. Explore the city's highlights, including the ruins of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus-Tilavat cemetery, and Kok-Gumbas Mosque, before returning to Samarkand in the afternoon.



Browse vibrant stalls of a traditional bazaar

### DAY 11: RETURN TO TASHKENT

Explore Ulugbek's 15th-century Observatory, where the great astronomer once mapped the stars, then uncover the ruins of Afrosiab, the ancient settlement that predates Samarkand itself. Enjoy some free time for last minute shopping before boarding a scenic train to Tashkent, watching the landscapes shift along the way. Arrive in the capital for a final farewell dinner.

### DAY 12: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

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

COMBINE THIS TOUR WITH NEIGHBORING KYRGYZSTAN  
See page 98.



Try local wine in Samarkand

## CLASSIC UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy this in-depth tour throughout Uzbekistan, famous for its ancient cities, beautiful mosques and mausoleums, as you travel the ancient trade route - the Silk Road. Explore among spectacular scenery, discovering architectural wonders and epic history.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Tuesday

### 2027 DATES

16 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,690	10 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,690
30 Apr - 11 May	£3,690	24 Sep - 05 Oct	£3,690
14 May - 25 May	£3,690	08 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,690
27 Aug - 07 Sep	£3,690		

### 2028 DATES

14 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,890	08 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,890
28 Apr - 09 May	£3,890	22 Sep - 03 Oct	£3,890
12 May - 23 May	£3,890	06 Oct - 17 Oct	£3,890
25 Aug - 05 Sep	£3,890		

### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Tashkent - Tashkent)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally USD\$100

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# SILK ROAD UNCOVERED: UZBEKISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore ancient Silk Road cities
- ✓ Wander the bustling Chorsu Bazaar
- ✓ Enjoy a Samarkand wine tasting
- ✓ Take part in traditional cooking classes
- ✓ Stay on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation plus yurt with en suite
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 20



Learn to make delicious borsook

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Step into a local kitchen and learn to make borsook, the beloved fried dough of Central Asia, kneading, shaping and frying your way to a taste of authentic nomadic tradition.
- ▶ Wander through Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan's bustling bazaars, where stalls are brimming with handwoven carpets, intricate ceramics, spices, and local delicacies.
- ▶ Glimpse the lifestyle of Central Asia's nomadic people by sleeping in traditional yurt accommodation. While your tent will have an en suite bathroom, you'll still get the thrill of spending the night in a vast landscape, rising to spectacular views in the morning.

Explore the shores of Kyrgyzstan's magnificent Issyk-Kul

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TASHKENT

Fly overnight to Tashkent, Uzbekistan's diverse and intriguing capital city. The rest of the day is yours to relax or begin your explorations.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER TASHKENT

Explore the historic old town, wander the vibrant Chorsu Bazaar, then visit the Rakhimov family ceramics workshop. Finish the day in modern Tashkent at Amir Temur Square and ride the strikingly decorated Tashkent Metro.

### DAY 4: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

Rise early for your flight to Nukus. Begin your day at the Igor Savitskiy Museum, home to Russian avant garde art, Soviet-era masterpieces, and fascinating Karakalpak treasures. Then, drive to Khiva, stopping at Chalpiq Kala and Toprak Kala en route.

### DAY 5: ITCHAN KALA

Step inside Itchan Kala, Uzbekistan's first UNESCO World Heritage site. Here you can explore sights like Kukhna Ark Fortress, the turquoise Islom-Khodja Minaret, and the striking Kalta Minor Minaret. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Khoresmian folklore performance.

### DAY 6: CROSS KYZYL KUM DESERT

Travel across the iconic Kyzyl Kum Desert, following the ancient Silk Road. Arrive in historic city of Bukhara in the late afternoon.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE BUKHARA

Spend a full day exploring Bukhara's historic centre on foot. Begin at the Lab-i-Khauz ensemble and continue to the city's landmarks and hidden gems. Enjoy lunch at the home of a master suzani maker and explore his

workshop. Later, visit the Ark Fortress and more treasures, concluding at the Hunarmand workshops, to see artisans at work on traditional crafts.

### DAY 8: TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

This morning, explore Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the former summer residence of the emir. Later, travel by train to Samarkand, arriving in the late afternoon.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE SAMARKAND

Explore the highlights of Samarkand, starting at the iconic Registan Square with its three stunning madrasahs. Visit Gur Emir, the mausoleum of the great conqueror Tamerlane, and the grand Bibi-Khanum Mosque. Wander the Silk Road bazaar, admire the Shahi Zinda necropolis, and end the day with a tour and tasting at Bagizagan winery.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER SHAKHRISABZ

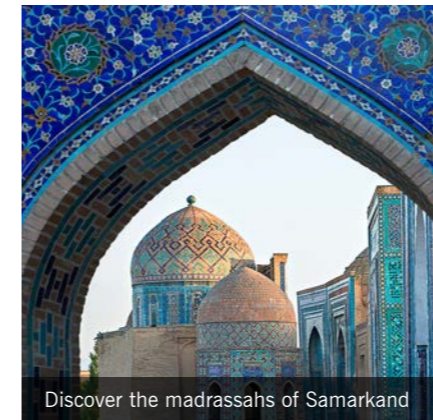
Travel south of Samarkand to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane. Explore the city's highlights, including the ruins of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus-Tilavat cemetery, and Kok-Gumbas Mosque, before returning to Samarkand in the afternoon.

### DAY 11: RETURN TO TASHKENT

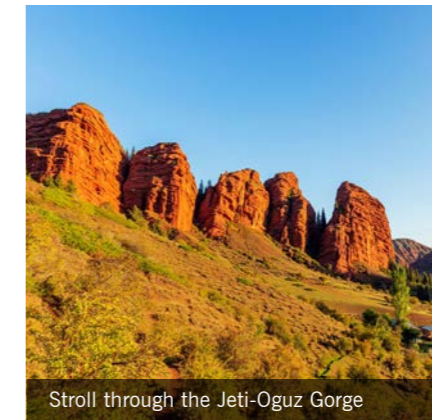
Explore Ulugbek's 15th-century Observatory and the ancient settlement of Afrosiab. Enjoy some free time in Samarkand before continuing by train to Tashkent.

### DAY 12: GOODBYE UZBEKISTAN, HELLO KYRGYZSTAN

Transfer to the airport and fly to Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the day is free until a welcome dinner in the evening.



Discover the madrasahs of Samarkand



Stroll through the Jetti-Oguz Gorge

### DAY 13: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day surrounded by the dramatic landscapes of Ala-Archa National Park. Enjoy a leisurely walk among rugged peaks, sparkling streams, and breathtaking gorges. Return to Bishkek for lunch, then discover the city's highlights: Central Square, the iconic Manas Monument, and a vibrant bazaar.

### DAY 14: ISSYK KUL LAKE

Depart Bishkek and visit the Museum of Nomadic Civilisation. Continue to the sparkling northern shores of Issyk Kul, the world's second-largest mountain lake. Enjoy a boat ride to fully appreciate the beauty of your surroundings.

### DAY 15: JOURNEY TO KARAKOL

Journey east along the shoreline of Issyk Kul to Karakol, stopping in the village of Tup for a tour and a tasting of the region's famous Kyrgyz cheese, kurut. Next, stop at a farm to learn about the breeding of thoroughbred horses and giant Arashan rams before stopping for a soak in a local hot spring, an essential part of the Karakol lifestyle. This evening, join a welcoming Dungan family for a delicious home-cooked dinner.

### DAY 16: EXPLORE KARAKOL

An active morning sees you taking a walking excursion through the picturesque Karakol Gorge before returning to the city to visit the Dungan Mosque and Russian Orthodox Church. This afternoon, visit a social enterprise that supports local women and take part in a production master class. Tonight, dine on lagman, the dish at the heart of the Uyghur culture.

### DAY 17: JETI-OGUZ GORGE

Travel along the scenic southern shore of Issyk Kul to the village of Tamga. En route, visit the spectacular Jetti-Oguz Gorge for a walk to see its striking red sandstone formations. Arrive at your yurt camp accommodation where, later, you will join the camp chef to make manty, spiced minced meat dumplings.

### DAY 18: SKAZKA CANYON

Visit Skazka Canyon and enjoy a walk among its dramatic red rock formations. Continue to Kadji-Sai village for lunch with a local family of musicians, accompanied by a lively folklore performance. In the afternoon, explore Barskoon Gorge and see the famous 'Tears of the Snow Leopard' waterfall.

### DAY 19: MEET AN EAGLE HUNTER

Travel to Chon-Kemin Nature Park. Along the way, meet an eagle hunter and see the training process of these magnificent birds. Stop in Kyzyl-Tuu, a village famous for its skilled artisans, and learn about the craft of yurt-making. At Chon-Kemin learn how to make traditional Kyrgyz dish tash kordo. Take a walk in a nature park while your food cooks, before dining on the results.

### DAY 20: BAKE TRADITIONAL BREAD

Learn to make boorsook, traditional Kyrgyz bread, enjoying what you prepared with breakfast. Travel to Bishkek with a stop at Burana Tower, an 11th-century minaret offering panoramic views of the Chuy Valley. Then, watch skilful riders play the Kyrgyz traditional horse game ulak tartysh, the

## CLASSIC

UZBEKISTAN, KYRGYZSTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Prepare for an epic adventure entwined with the legends of the Silk Road as you explore Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. En route, you'll discover fabled cities, cross vast mountain and desert landscapes and soak up rich, ancient cultures.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

### 2027 DATES

16 Apr - 06 May	£6,590	10 Sep - 30 Sep	£6,590
30 Apr - 20 May	£6,590	24 Sep - 14 Oct	£6,590
14 May - 03 Jun	£6,590	08 Oct - 28 Oct	£6,590
27 Aug - 16 Sep	£6,590		

### 2028 DATES

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28 Apr - 18 May	£6,990	22 Sep - 12 Oct	£6,990
12 May - 01 Jun	£6,990	06 Oct - 26 Oct	£6,990
25 Aug - 14 Sep	£6,990		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,990 (Tashkent - Bishkek)
- Single room from £1,020
- Tipping paid locally USD\$200



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national game of nomadic peoples. Return to Bishkek where you'll have some free time before a farewell dinner.

### DAY 21: FLY BISHKEK TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



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# JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

27 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Uncover historic Silk Road
- ✓ Experience Karakol's market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Visit fascinating Kazakhstan
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand



Gaze into the fiery depths of the Darvaza Gas Crater

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches, 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation plus yurt
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders
- Maximum group size of 18



Meet a Kyrgyz eagle hunter

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz tradition – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.
- ▶ Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes, a native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- ▶ Get a true taste of Kyrgyz life at the famously chaotic Karakol Sunday Market, where local farmers and nomads gather each week to trade livestock.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KYRGYZSTAN

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, visit Ala Archa National Park where you will take a leisurely hike through this alpine area, offering spectacular views of glaciers, waterfalls and high summits. Go on to enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bishkek and visit Manas Monument, Old Square and Parliament House plus much more.

### DAY 4: CHON KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Chon Kemin National Park, where you will have the chance to walk through the foothills as well as experience local village life.

### DAY 5: KOCHKOR VILLAGE

Journey to Kochkor Village, a local centre of felt handicrafts, before making your way to the village of Tamga, where you will spend the night with local shepherds in their camp. Sleep in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

### DAY 6: EAGLE HUNTING

Today you will meet with a berkutchi, a golden eagle hunter, to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Afterwards, travel to Karakol, stopping at Barskoon Gorge on the way to see the 'Tears of the Leopard' waterfall.

### DAY 7: JETI-ORGUZ

Visit the Przhnevsky Museum and see the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jeti-Orghuz where you can

walk through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone, all before joining a local Dungan or Uygur family for dinner.

### DAY 8: SUNDAY MARKET

Rise early for Karakol's bustling Sunday market. In the afternoon, drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles, before crossing the border into Kazakhstan, finishing the day in the country's largest city, Almaty.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE ALMATY

Enjoy an orientation walk that takes in the Park of 28 Panfilov Guardsmen, the Central State Museum, Republic Square and the Ili Alatau mountains.

### DAY 10: FLY TO DUSHANBE

Today is at leisure until your late afternoon flight to Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

### DAY 11: DUSHANBE

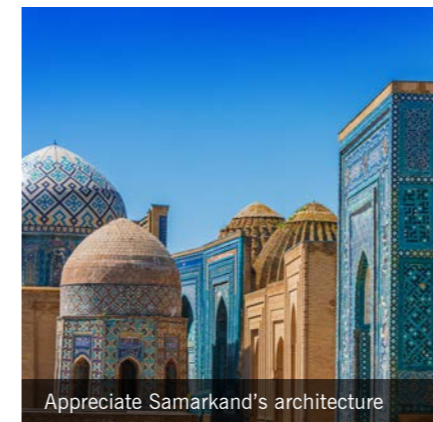
Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoil Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the historical Fortress of Hissor.

### DAY 12: LAKE ISKANDERKUL

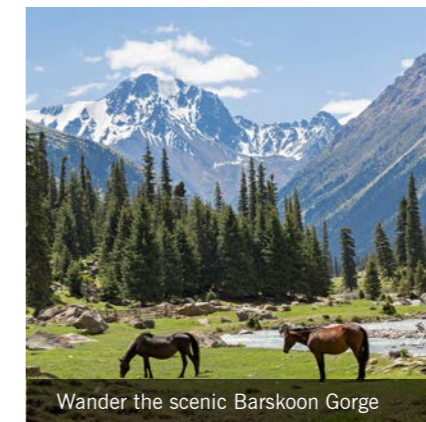
Travel into the mountains to the shores of Iskanderkul to soak up the spectacular scenery. Continue to Khujand.

### DAY 13: DISCOVER KHUJAND

Stroll through the vibrant Panjshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th-century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square. Cross the border into Uzbekistan, arriving in the city of Tashkent.



Appreciate Samarkand's architecture



Wander the scenic Barskoon Gorge

### DAY 14: UNCOVER TASHKENT

Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Barak Khan Madrassah, Kukeldash Madrassah and the Tila Shaikh Mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and enjoy free time to wander, before visiting the ceramic workshop of Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov, and explore the history of ceramics. Lastly, ride the iconic Tashkent Metro and admire the opulently decorated stations.

### DAY 15: REGISTAN SQUARE

Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse of some of the magnificent sights in the spectacular Registan Square.

### DAY 16: SAMARKAND

This morning, see Gur Emir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane. Then, wander through a bustling local market and pause to visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque. Visit the Ulugh Beg, an observatory founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest in the Islamic world.

### DAY 17: SHAKHRISABZ

Drive to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, and visit the Ak-Sarai Palace, the Dorus Tilayat Cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. Journey on to the holy city of Bukhara.

### DAY 18: HISTORIC BUKHARA

Spend the day exploring one of the most famous and spectacular Silk Road cities, with visits to Madrassah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Poi Kalon Minaret and Mosque and the Ark of Bukhara.

### DAY 19: MORE BUKHARA

Head out of Bukhara to Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the summer residence of the former Emir of Bukhara. Visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi Mausoleum, a famous Sufi spiritual leader of this region in the 14th century. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 20: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert to Khiva, a magical Silk Road city still hidden behind its 10th-century walls. En route you'll make a stop on the picturesque banks of the Amudarya River.

### DAY 21: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

### DAY 22: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

Cross into Turkmenistan and drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezm Empire in the 12th-13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Fly to Ashgabat this evening, the nation's capital.

### DAY 23: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

This morning is free to relax before a visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses. Visit the Kipchak complex, the largest mosque in Turkmenistan, then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

### DAY 24: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

Rise early and fly to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv, a major archaeological site of Central Asia.

## GO BEYOND

KYRGYZSTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Retrace legendary journeys on this unforgettable Central Asian adventure through the 'Five Stans' visiting Silk Road gems, charming villages and remote landscapes while soaking up the mystical old-world atmosphere.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Friday

### 2027 DATES

09 May - 04 Jun	£9,290	19 Sep - 15 Oct	£9,290
16 May - 11 Jun	£9,290	26 Sep - 22 Oct	£9,290
12 Sep - 08 Oct	£9,290		

### 2028 DATES

07 May - 02 Jun	£9,690	17 Sep - 13 Oct	£9,690
14 May - 09 Jun	£9,690	24 Sep - 20 Oct	£9,690
10 Sep - 06 Oct	£9,690		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £8,690 (Bishkek - Ashgabat)
- Single room from £1,210
- Tipping paid locally USD 160 (2027), USD 230 (2028)



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### DAY 25: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Fly back to Ashgabat to explore both ancient and modern sides of the city visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Ertoghul Ghazi Mosque. Drive to the Darvaza Gas Crater to walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames. Return to Ashgabat.

### DAY 26: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

Learn about the Turkmenistan's important cotton and gas industries before a visit to the UNESCO-listed Old Nisa Fortress, a stronghold of the ancient Parthian Empire. After lunch continue to the colourful Russian Bazaar and the National Carpet Museum.

### DAY 27: FLY ASHGABAT TO UK

Fly to UK, arriving home the same day.



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If you've not cruised before, you're in for a real treat. Travelling in style, having to unpack just the once, modern cruise ships provide accommodation, dining and bar choices that outshine any hotel. Add the huge choice of entertainment, leisure and relaxation options available and you'll begin to understand why cruising is so popular.

## EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY TOURING

Where the oceans end, we begin. Connecting seamlessly with your cruise, the land element of your holiday will take you places cruise ships just cannot reach. Fully escorted by our famous National Escorts all the way, we'll show you the iconic attractions and hidden gems, immersing you in the local culture the way only we can.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

On your Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour holiday everything you need for an unforgettable holiday is included, beginning with return flights from the UK and all connecting transfers. Cruises include outside staterooms, dining, drinks and onboard entertainment. Your Wendy Wu Tour includes four-star hotels, all meals, touring with guides, sightseeing and entrance fees. You'll only need to budget extra for a range of optional shore excursions from the ship whilst cruising.

## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Royal Caribbean International has been innovating at sea since 1969, with each new ship pushing the boundaries of design and technology. Today, it offers adventurous travellers an elevated experience with exciting onboard activities, exceptional dining, impressive entertainment, and top-tier accommodations.

## NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE (NCL)

NCL has been providing an award-winning onboard experience for over 57 years with a wide range of activities, entertainment, and relaxation options for every type of traveller. Guests should be ready to experience MORE, with more to see and more to enjoy from live shows to spa treatments, with added perks when combining their cruise with a Wendy Wu tour.

## CELEBRITY CRUISES

Celebrity Cruises offers a uniquely elevated holiday experience, combining the intimacy and service of smaller ships with the variety and excitement of larger ones. Guests can enjoy exceptional experiences and exclusive onboard benefits when booking together with a Wendy Wu tour.

## AZAMARA

Since 2010, Azamara has offered immersive travel experiences with smaller ships that access unique ports and allow longer, often overnight stays. This approach lets guests explore destinations more deeply and connect with local cultures in a way larger cruise lines can't.

## HOLLAND AMERICA

With 150+ years of exceptional service, Holland America offers a refined cruising experience, blending classic elegance with modern comfort. Known for its mid-sized ships, diverse dining, and enriching onboard programs, it allows guests to explore the world in style while enjoying attentive service and thoughtfully curated itineraries.

## STAR CLIPPERS

Star Clippers offers an authentic sailing experience aboard elegant tall ships, combining the romance of traditional seafaring with modern comforts. With access to smaller ports and a relaxed, intimate atmosphere, guests can enjoy a more authentic and adventurous way to explore the world.

## PRINCESS

Princess Cruises is one of the best-known names in cruising and offers a premium experience focused on personalised service and immersive travel. Sailing to hundreds of destinations worldwide, they combine innovative onboard features with world-class dining, entertainment, and culturally rich experiences that bring each destination to life.

## HX EXPEDITIONS

With small, purpose-built ships and expert expedition teams, guests can experience wildlife, culture and nature up close. Science, sustainability and exploration are at the heart of every journey.

# CHINA BY LAND, JAPAN BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,890

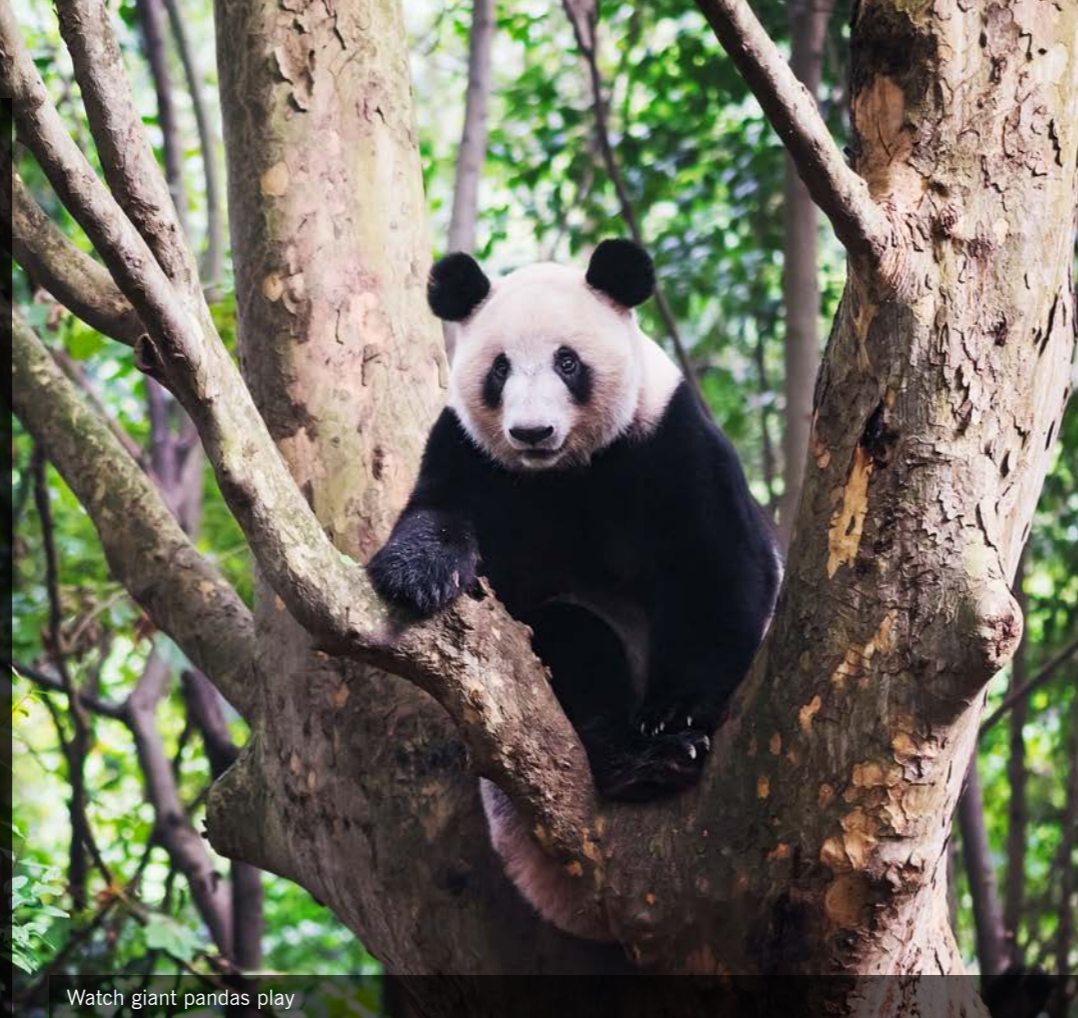
FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

8 NIGHT ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE INCLUDED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise from Shanghai to Shanghai
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army



Watch giant pandas play

### PRICE INCLUDES

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



### ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

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#### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ Selected soft drinks & all meals onboard
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ 200 USD onboard credit per person

### ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Walk through Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a complex full of imperial riches. Then, find harmony in the symmetry of the Temple of Heaven. This evening, dine on local delicacy, Peking Duck.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

Travel out of the city to the magnificent Great Wall of China, learning a little about its long history before taking a short walk to fully appreciate this world-famous structure. Stop off at a jade factory before visiting the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs. This evening, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show.

#### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum and home to China's best preserved ancient city walls, walk the characterful streets to see the Yamen and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure (additional option: hands-on noodle making demonstration) before travelling to Xian by bullet train.

#### DAY 7: EXPLORE XIAN

Today, come face to face with the Terracotta Warriors, an army created to protect China's

first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, in the afterlife. Later, stroll Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls, before a dumpling demonstration, a delicious dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

#### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

After breakfast, walk through the atmospheric alleyways of the Muslim Quarter, lined with delicious street food stalls. Then, transfer to the station and board a bullet train to Chengdu. This evening, dine on a Sichuan hot pot, a local speciality, and watch a fascinating face changing show.

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE CHENGDU

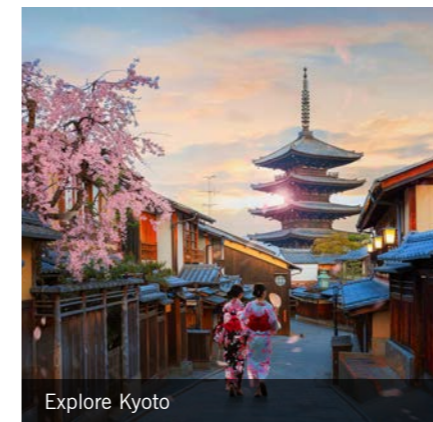
This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base to learn all about them and see them relaxing, playing and chomping on bamboo. The rest of the day is at leisure (additional option: volunteer at the Panda Base).

#### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO SHANGHAI

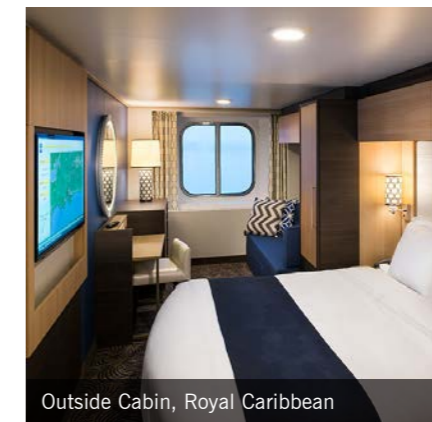
Fly from Chengdu to Shanghai. Transfer to your hotel then begin your explorations, strolling along the Bund to admire the Art Deco architecture and enjoying panoramic views of the city on a Huangpu River cruise.

#### DAY 11: BOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

After breakfast you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to Shanghai's cruise terminal, Baoshan, to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available



Explore Kyoto



Outside Cabin, Royal Caribbean

to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation or independently. Please note: sailing itinerary may vary depending on departure date.

#### DAY 12: CRUISE - AT SEA

Spend the day exploring the plentiful ways to be active or relax on your cruise ship as you sail across the East China Sea toward Japan.

#### DAYS 13-14: CRUISE EXPLORE OSAKA

Arrive in Osaka, a lively city that has earned the nickname 'Japan's kitchen' for its spectacular food, where you'll port for the next two days. Easily reachable from Osaka is Kyoto; Japan's capital for over 1,000 years, it is a treasure trove of history and timeless culture. A perfect balance of old and new, it's in exploring Kyoto that you can glimpse Japan's traditional soul.

#### DAYS 15-16: CRUISE - EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan's capital since 1868 and one of the world's largest cities, may seem a thoroughly modern cityscape at first glance, but look beyond the soaring towers and neon signs and find deeply rooted tradition and peaceful pockets of the past. You have two days docked here to get to know the city better - with so much to explore - from pop culture fuelled districts to atmospheric old temples - there is something for everyone!

#### DAYS 17-18: CRUISE - AT SEA

With two days at sea you are free to make the most of your cruise ship facilities. Relax by the pool, try out the restaurants and bars, and enjoy the range of activities and shows.

**DAY 19: ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI**  
Disembark the Spectrum of the Seas at Shanghai's cruise port, where you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Continue exploring the city today, visiting the peaceful Yu Garden, the quaint Old Town and the Xintiandi area, then learn all about silk production from silkworm to loom at a silk factory. This evening, dine on a traditional Shanghainese meal.

#### DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Walk on the Great Wall of China

## CRUISE & TOUR

CHINA, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey from China to Japan, and back again, on this Far Eastern expedition. Contrast the history and culture of these two ancient nations and see their biggest treasures with your own eyes.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Itineraries and departure days of the week vary

2026 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
01 Sep - 21 Sep <sup>1</sup>	21	£4,890	£5,190
14 Oct - 03 Nov <sup>1</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290
2027 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
09 Feb - 01 Mar <sup>2</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290
19 Mar - 08 Apr <sup>3</sup>	21	£5,090	£5,390
13 Apr - 03 May <sup>2</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290
08 Jun - 28 Jun <sup>2</sup>	21	£5,590	£5,890
06 Jul - 26 Jul <sup>2</sup>	21	£5,990	£6,290
24 Aug - 13 Sep <sup>2</sup>	21	£5,090	£5,390
24 Aug - 13 Sep <sup>2</sup>	21	£6,690	£7,350

### CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - Shanghai | At Sea | Sakaiminato | Maizuru (Kyoto) Niigata | Hakodate | At Sea | At Sea | Shanghai
- 2 - As shown
- 3 - Shanghai | At Sea | Kobe | Kobe | Tokyo | Tokyo At Sea | At Sea | Shanghai

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,690
- Land only from £4,240
- Tipping paid locally from RMB 720
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 148

Dedicated solos departure



### MORE INFORMATION

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### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ A Sichuan hot pot consists of a big, bubbling pot of oil placed in the centre of the table, with a variety of raw meat and vegetables for diners to skewer and cook in the flavourful liquid.
- ▶ Gasp at the abilities of Beijing's Chinese acrobatic spectacular! Featuring contortionism, juggling, plate spinning and more, all the action will keep you on the edge of your seat.
- ▶ A delicious and symbolic bite, learn how to make dumplings in Xian, folding and cooking up a storm, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

NEW

# ICONS OF CHINA & JAPAN

## CRUISE & TOUR

25 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£6,590**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

FROM 8 NIGHTS ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE INCLUDED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stand on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Explore vibrant Tokyo

Discover the Terracotta Warriors

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



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### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ All meals onboard
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- ▶ 200 USD onboard credit per person

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: 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: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside of Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China; today you'll get to stand on this iconic structure. Visit a jade factory (there is an opportunity to shop for a small, handcrafted piece), then spend the afternoon wandering the gardens of the magnificent Summer Palace.

### DAY 4: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Cross the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens. Later, admire the Confucian design of the harmonious Temple of Heaven.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum and home to China's best preserved ancient city walls, walk the characterful streets to see the Qing Dynasty Yamen building and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure, with the option of taking part in a fun, hands-on noodle making class (additional expense). Board a bullet train to Xian, capital city of multiple bygone dynasties and terminus of the ancient Silk Road trading route.

### DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

Stand before one of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors; spend the morning viewing their ranks. Then visit a workshop where they are intricately recreated followed by a stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved city walls. Later, enjoy a dumpling making class, dining on the results for dinner, and a Tang Dynasty dancing show.

### DAY 8: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Take a walking tour of Xian's lively Muslim Quarter, discovering some fascinating history as you go. Board a bullet train to Chengdu.

### DAY 9: PANDAS

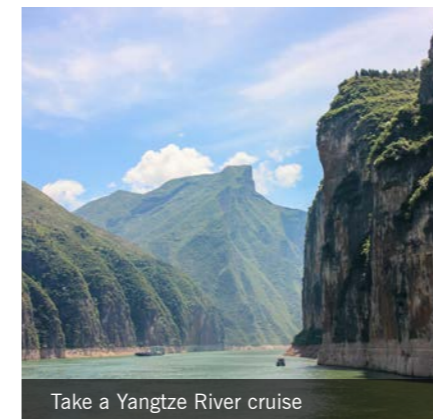
Today is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base, located outside the city at the foot of the mountains that are the bears' natural habitat, to learn all about pandas and to see them relaxing, playing, and chomping on bamboo. Choose to take part in a panda volunteer experience while you're here (additional expense).

### DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

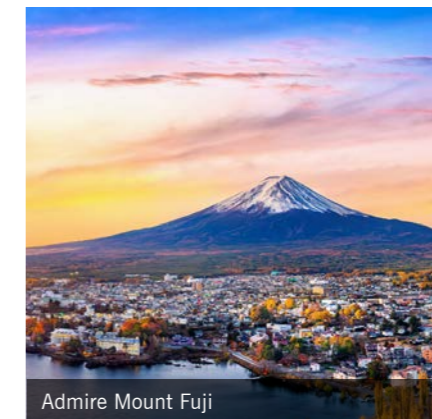
Transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel. As you cruise downstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, including the Three Gorges themselves, small boat trips down attractive side streams and the massive feat of engineering that is the Three Gorges Dam.

### DAY 13: TRAIN TO SHANGHAI

Arrive at Yichang and disembark your cruise vessel. Board a bullet train to Shanghai.



Take a Yangtze River cruise



Admire Mount Fuji

### DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Explore China's great metropolis, visiting the Yu Garden and the quaint old town before admiring the colonial architecture along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

### DAY 15: BOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

Transfer to Baoshan cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

### DAY 16: CRUISE – AT SEA

Make the most of the plentiful activities available aboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

### DAY 17: CRUISE – JEJU

Welcome to South Korea! Port at Jeju Island, South Korea's favourite holiday port. A volcanic island of rugged peaks, lush forest and white sand beaches, it is an excellent place to explore a wealth of unique ancient traditions.

### DAY 18: CRUISE – FUKUOKA

On the north coast of the island of Kyushu, the city of Fukuoka is not only full of fascinating history, it is also the gateway to plentiful natural beauty, historic sights, and some wonderful local food.

### DAY 19: CRUISE – AT SEA

### DAY 20: CRUISE – KOBE

Arrive in Kobe, a port city nestled between mountains and the sea, best known for its

world renowned beef – where better to try it? Also reachable from Kobe is Kyoto. Japan's capital for over 1,000 years, it is a treasure trove of history and timeless culture.

### DAY 21: CRUISE – AT SEA

### DAY 22: CRUISE – SHIMIZU (MT FUJI)

Port at Shimizu, a city of medieval castle ruins, ancient pine groves and traditional gardens. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji or exploring the series of fascinating cultural sights around its base.

### DAY 23: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

Disembark the Spectrum of the Seas. You'll be met by a guide and transferred to your hotel; the rest of the day is free.

### DAY 24: EXPLORE TOKYO

The day begins in a pocket of deep tradition, Senso-ji, the city's oldest temple, before ascending the Tokyo Skytree. Enjoy a sushi making masterclass before feasting on your creations for lunch. Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine and taste local treats on Takeshita Street and stop at the world-famous Shibuya Crossing.

### DAY 25: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

ICONS OF CHINA & JAPAN

## CRUISE & TOUR

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Travelling between two great capitals, experience China's historic and cultural highlights by land and river cruise before boarding a Royal Caribbean cruise ship in Shanghai to cross the East China Sea to Japan for more natural beauty and rich culture.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Itineraries and departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
25 Apr - 19 May <sup>1</sup>	25	£6,590	£6,990
27 Sep - 23 Oct <sup>2</sup>	27	£7,190	£7,590

### CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - As shown
- 2 - Shanghai | At Sea | Seoul | At Sea | Sakaiminato | At Sea | Hakodate | Muroran (Sapporo) | At Sea | Tokyo | Tokyo

### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,990
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- Tipping paid locally RMB 910
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 148



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Make iconic dumplings

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Learn to make China's iconic dumplings at a cooking class with a professional chef. Make everything from scratch, kneading the dough, rolling it out and pinching in the fillings. Then it's time to cook these bitesize delights before devouring them.
- ▶ Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base where you can not only see this adorable bear up close but learn more about the conservation projects that saw giant pandas downgraded from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable'.
- ▶ Learn to tell your nori from your nigiri in a sushi making masterclass! With plenty of tricks and tips, you'll learn to roll the perfect makizushi and much more before feasting on your creations for lunch.

# CHINA BY RAIL, JAPAN BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

28 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£8,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

11 NIGHT NORWEGIAN CRUISE INCLUDED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Cruise the spectacular Li River
- ✓ Cruise Hong Kong to Tokyo
- ✓ Explore Tokyo's best bits



Walk on the Great Wall of China

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts, 25 lunches & 26 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus NCL cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



### NORWEGIAN JADE

Onboard the Norwegian Jade, every moment is unforgettable! From vibrant entertainment to the wide range of delicious complimentary and speciality restaurants, there is so much to explore. Relax in a hot tub, the spa and by the pool, watch a show, or live it up in the casino or at a unique bar or lounge. You can always find a moment of calm in your comfortable, refurbished stateroom before heading out to do it all over again.

#### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ NCL's 'Free at Sea Package', with enhanced beverages including premium spirits, upgraded speciality dining options and more!
- ▶ Access to the relaxing hot tubs and pools on deck
- ▶ Range of shows, classes and trivia activities to get involved in.

### ITINERARY

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#### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum, walk the characterful streets and see China's best preserved old city wall.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure (additional option, payable locally: hands-on noodle making demonstration) before travelling to Xian by bullet train.

#### DAY 7: EXPLORE XIAN

This morning, come face to face with the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors and learn more about their purpose. Later, stroll Xian's 14th-century city wall, before a dumpling demonstration, a dumpling banquet and Tang Dynasty show.

#### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Board a bullet train to Chengdu. This evening, dine on a delicious Sichuan hot pot, a local speciality, and watch a fascinating face changing show.

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE CHENGDU

This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda, with a visit to the Dujiangyan Panda Research Base (additional option, payable locally: volunteer at the Panda Base). Return to Chengdu where you'll take a stroll around People's Park.

#### DAY 10: TRAIN TO GUILIN

Board a bullet train to the city of Guilin, beautifully set on the Li River.

#### DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

Float gently through the dramatic karst scenery of the Li River to reach the charming town of Yangshuo. Next, explore Yangshuo, wandering the cobbled streets and browsing the local market. This evening, enjoy the Impression of Liu Sanjie show.

#### DAY 12: AROUND YANGSHUO

Spend the morning exploring the spectacular countryside around Yangshuo. Return to Guilin via the impressive Reed Flute Caves.

#### DAY 13: TRAIN TO HONG KONG

All aboard the bullet train to Hong Kong! On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring this incredible city.

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE HONG KONG

Spend the day exploring under the iconic skyline of Hong Kong. You'll ride the tram up Victoria Peak, visit Man Mo Temple, explore



the West Kowloon Cultural District and enjoy a dim sum lunch.

#### DAY 15: BOARD THE NORWEGIAN JADE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Hong Kong's cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

#### DAY 16: CRUISE - EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG

Welcome to Taiwan! Dock in the port of Kaohsiung, a city considered Taiwan's cultural hotspot, with plenty of excellent museums, waterside parks and cafes to discover.

#### DAY 17: CRUISE - EXPLORE TAIPEI

Pause at the port of Keelung which gives easy access to Taiwan's capital, Taipei. A modern city full of a timeless culture that blends Chinese, Japanese, Southeast Asian and Western influences, you'll find plenty to explore.

#### DAY 18: CRUISE - EXPLORE ISHIGAKI

Enter the tropical waters of Japan's Okinawa prefecture, arriving at the island of Ishigaki. Gaze over the pure blue waters of Kabira Bay, discover the beautiful coastline or relax on white sand beaches.

#### DAY 19: CRUISE - AT SEA

Spend this day at sea making the most of the Norwegian Jade's excellent range of facilities and activities. Try the different restaurants, watch live performances featuring a talented cast of performers and musicians or browse the shopping boutiques for souvenirs.

#### DAY 20: CRUISE - EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Nagasaki is best known for the events of the 9th of August 1945 but there is so much more to it. Backed by rolling hills and forested islands, with unspoilt beaches, European-style architecture, and ancient roots, it is a delight to explore.

#### DAY 21: CRUISE - EXPLORE KAGOSHIMA

Today's port of call is the sunny city of Kagoshima, nestled at the foot of Sakurajima Volcano. While the city itself has historic castles and traditional gardens to explore, there are also volcanic hot springs to soak in and delicious local food to try.

#### DAY 22: CRUISE - EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Arrive at Hiroshima. The first city in the world to feel the power of the atomic bomb in 1945, Hiroshima has emerged from the

ashes as a cosmopolitan and peaceful place. Consider visiting the tranquil Peace Park to learn about and reflect on the past.

#### DAY 23: CRUISE - EXPLORE KOCHI

Port at Kochi. A surfer hang out with a UNESCO Global Geopark coastline, plentiful great outdoors and a magnificent 400 year old castle, Kochi is a wonderful place to while away a day.

#### DAY 24: CRUISE - EXPLORE KYOTO

Arrive in Kobe, one of the closest ports to the timeless city of Kyoto, Japan's capital for over 1,000 years and a treasure trove of history and culture. Spend the day exploring among ancient architecture, soaking up a rich, age-old culture or sampling some of the city's culinary delights.

#### DAY 25: CRUISE - MOUNT FUJI

Port at Shimizu. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji or exploring the series of fascinating cultural sights around its base.

#### DAY 26: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

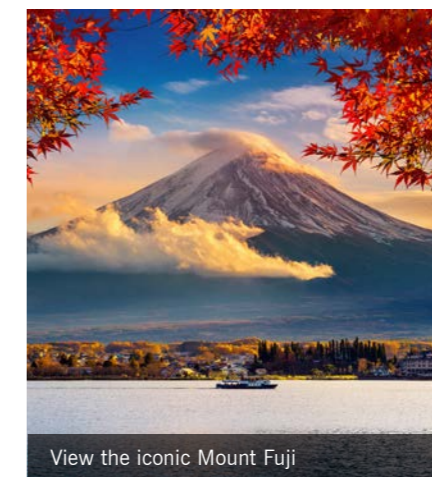
Bid farewell to the Norwegian Jade. Met by a guide, you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo where the rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 27: DISCOVER TOKYO

Embark on a full day exploration of Tokyo, starting at vibrant Sensoji, the city's oldest temple, before ascending the towering Tokyo Skytree. Enjoy a sushi making masterclass and dine on your creation for lunch, fuel for an afternoon that features the Meiji Jingu Shrine.

#### DAY 28: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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



View the iconic Mount Fuji

CHINA BY RAIL, JAPAN BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

CHINA, HONG KONG, TAIWAN, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

All aboard this exciting adventure by rail and ship! Travel across China by high-speed train, taking in the must-see sights as you go before cruising from Hong Kong to Japan (via Taiwan) to explore the history and culture of this amazing archipelago.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2027 DATES	Outside	Balcony
08 Feb - 07 Mar	£8,990	£10,190

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 142 for details)
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- Single room from £3,290
- Land only from £8,190
- Tipping paid locally from RMB 740 + HKD 100
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 220

### MORE INFORMATION

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Balcony cabin, Norwegian Jade

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ With the magnificent karst scenery of the Li River as the backdrop, Impression Sanjie Liu is a light, music and dance spectacular set on the water. Featuring folk music from along the river, this large-scale performance is in perfect harmony with the incomparable nature around the town of Yangshuo.
- ▶ Part of the ancient Chinese ritual of yum cha ('drink tea'), dim sum are the little bites that are eaten with Chinese tea, often served in bamboo baskets or plates with three or four steamed, fried or baked bitesize pieces designed to be shared. There is no experience more 'Hong Kong' than feasting on these delights!
- ▶ True sushi is an artform, a foodie reflection of the cultural values of respect for nature, craftsmanship, and community. Supervised by a sushi chef, take part in a sushi making class in Tokyo picking up basic sushi skills before sitting down with your fellow travellers to dine on the results.

# BEIJING TO SINGAPORE

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### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise from Hong Kong to Singapore
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore Hong Kong



Explore the Temple of Heaven

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- 4 star accommodation, plus Celebrity cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



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A ship with star power, the Solstice was the first of Celebrity's stylish Solstice-class ships. Known for its "Lawn Club" on the top deck, there are also pools, a theatre, plenty of food options and the spectacular Sky Lounge with its huge bank of windows.

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- ▶ Classic Drinks package including alcohol
- ▶ Balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ All meals onboard

### ITINERARY

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

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Walk through Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a complex full of imperial riches. Then, find harmony in the symmetry of the Temple of Heaven. This evening, dine on local delicacy, Peking Duck.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

Travel out of the city to the magnificent Great Wall of China, learning a little about its long history before taking a short walk to fully appreciate this world-famous structure. Stop off at a jade factory before visiting the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs. This evening, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show.

#### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum and home to China's best preserved old city walls, walk the characterful streets to see the Yamen and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure (additional option: hands-on noodle making demonstration) before travelling to Xian by bullet train.

#### DAY 7: EXPLORE XIAN

Today, come face to face with the Terracotta Warriors, an army created to protect China's

first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, in the afterlife. Later, stroll Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls, before a dumpling demonstration, a delicious dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

#### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

After breakfast, walk through the atmospheric alleyways of the Muslim Quarter, lined with delicious street food stalls. Then, transfer to the station and board a bullet train to Chengdu. This evening, dine on a Sichuan hot pot, a local speciality, and watch a fascinating face changing show.

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE CHENGDU

This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base to learn all about them and see them relaxing, playing and chomping on bamboo. The rest of the day is at leisure (additional option: volunteer at the Panda Base).

#### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO HONG KONG

Fly from Chengdu to Hong Kong. Transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

#### DAY 11: EXPLORE HONG KONG

Spend the day exploring under the iconic skyline of Hong Kong. Ride the tram up Victoria Peak for breathtaking views and a fascinating walking tour. Return to Central and ride the Central Escalator to Tai Kwun, the city's new artistic hub. Continue to Hollywood Road and Man Mo Temple. Enjoy a dim sum lunch, then head for the West Kowloon Cultural District.



#### DAY 12: BOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

After breakfast you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to Hong Kong's cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

#### DAY 13: CRUISE - AT SEA

Spend the day getting to know the plentiful activities available on your cruise ship.

#### DAY 14: CRUISE - EXPLORE HANOI

Port in Halong Bay for Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. Halong Bay itself is a spectacular UNESCO-listed seascape of limestone karst towers and cliffs, while Hanoi is a metropolis where you can discover layer upon layer of history on grand, bustling streets.

#### DAY 15: CRUISE - HANOI

Spend today at port in Halong Bay, making the most of the excellent facilities onboard your cruise ship.

#### DAY 16: CRUISE - EXPLORE HUE

Port at Chan May to explore the imperial history of Hue or the relaxed vibes of Danang.

#### DAY 17: CRUISE - AT SEA

As you sail southwards along Vietnam's coastline, continue living the high life on your cruise ship.

#### DAY 18: CRUISE - EXPLORE SAIGON

Port at Phu My and delve into the frenetic vibrancy of the city of Saigon.

#### DAY 19: CRUISE - AT SEA

Today, why not sip a drink at one of your cruise ship's bars, try out a new sport or visit the spa, as you sail across the Gulf of Thailand.

#### DAY 20: CRUISE - EXPLORE BANGKOK

Arrive at Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand's vibrant and heritage-filled capital city.

#### DAY 21: CRUISE - BANGKOK

Spend today at port in Bangkok or enjoying your cruise ship's many amenities.

#### DAY 22: CRUISE - EXPLORE KOH SAMUI

Discover this tropical paradise island with its waving palms, white sands, and azure waters.

#### DAY 23: CRUISE - AT SEA

Savour your final day at sea, making sure to do all your favourite cruise ship activities as you cross into Malaysian waters.

#### DAY 24: ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE

Disembark the Celebrity Solstice at Singapore's cruise port, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 25: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

Embark on a full day tour of Singapore. Begin in the historic neighbourhoods of Chinatown and Kampong Glam then pass Parliament House on the way to Merlion Park where you'll get excellent views over Marina Bay. Arrive at the Fullerton Hotel via a hidden walkway for a delicious afternoon tea. Cruise the Singapore River as the sun sets then, post dinner, explore the magnificent Gardens by the Bay.

#### DAY 26: FLY SINGAPORE TO UK

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

## BEIJING TO SINGAPORE

### CRUISE & TOUR

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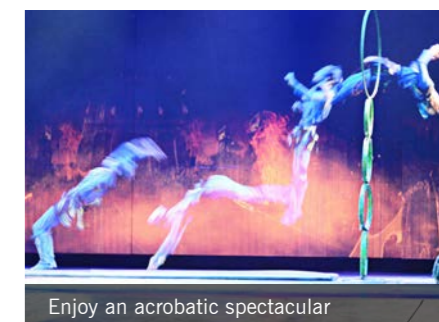
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### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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- ▶ Filling, delicious and a symbol of comfort, hope and prosperity, China loves dumplings! In Xian, learn how these tasty morsels are folded and cooked, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.
- ▶ Part of the ancient Chinese ritual of yum cha ('drink tea'), dim sum are the little bites that are eaten with Chinese tea, often served in bamboo baskets or plates with three or four steamed, fried or baked bitesize pieces designed to be shared. There is no experience more 'Hong Kong' than feasting on these delights!

# SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. A short stay 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.

The short stays and stopovers that you'll find on the following pages can be added to the start or end of your tour, or can be booked as independent packages. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# BEIJING STOPOVER

3 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Learn about jade
- ✓ Visit the iconic Tiananmen Square



Admire magnificent views whilst walking along the Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£400	£720
Superior	£410	£730
Deluxe	£550	£900

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 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 Capital Airport or Beijing railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER BEIJING

Rise early this morning and drive around one hour from the city to the Juyongguan Pass. Here you can take a walk on the Great Wall of China, appreciating the wall itself and the dramatic scenery. Stop at a jade factory to learn about this precious stone, then continue to the symbolic heart of Beijing. Stroll across Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City covering an area of 180 acres. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through Yu Gardens
- ✓ Explore the famous Bund
- ✓ Shop at Nanjing Road
- ✓ Learn about silk



Admire Shanghai's dazzling skyline

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£430	£790
Superior	£440	£800
Deluxe	£530	£980

### 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 Pudong or Hongqiao Airport, or the railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Spend the day uncovering Shanghai's highlights, starting with a stroll through the peaceful pavilions and ponds of Yu Garden, followed by time to explore the bustling Old Town. Walk along the iconic Bund, admiring the impressive colonial architecture that lines the Huangpu River, then enjoy the vibrant energy of Nanjing Road, Shanghai's busiest shopping street. Visit a silk mill to learn about the intricate process behind one of China's most famous exports. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART SHANGHAI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Shanghai Pudong or Hongqiao Airport, or to the railway station. (B)

# BEIJING IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Wander through Nanluoguxiang



Walk through the imperial courtyards of the Forbidden City

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£580	£1,080
Superior	£590	£1,100
Deluxe	£770	£1,330

### 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 Capital Airport or Beijing railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL

This morning, visit China's most iconic landmark – the Great Wall. Take a chairlift or cable car to the summit of the Mutianyu section, where you can stroll along the wall and admire the sweeping views. Descend by toboggan or cable car, then visit a jade factory to learn about this treasured stone. Later, enjoy a peaceful walk through the beautiful gardens of the Summer Palace. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, wander through Nanluoguxiang, one of Beijing's oldest hutongs. Soak up the vibrant atmosphere with quirky shops, cafes, and classic street snacks like tanghulu. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# MT HUANG SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy spectacular views from Mount Huang

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£830	£1,170

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Huangshan City, 1 night Mount Huang)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: SHANGHAI TO HUANGSHAN CITY

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and together you will transfer to the station to board the bullet train to Huangshan City.

### DAY 2: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Ascend to the summit of Mount Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, by cable car for an overnight stay atop the mountain. Enjoy the spectacular views of the oddly shaped peaks, rock formations, thousand year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist, all of which have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L)

### DAY 3: TUNXI ANCIENT TOWN

Take the cable car down to the base of the mountain and explore the ancient town of Tunxi. The narrow cobbled streets are lined with charming shops selling everything 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 Hongcun Village and learn about local life, before transferring to the station to board your bullet train to Shanghai, where arrangements end. (B,L)

# 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	£870	£1,470

### 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

This package is available in reverse.

Additional transfer supplement for Beijing Daxing Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

### DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing Railway Station and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore at your leisure.

### DAY 2: JINSHANLING - GUBEI WATERTOWN

After breakfast, transfer to the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall for a hike along one of the most scenic and lesser-visited stretches of the Wall. Built across towering rural hilltops, Jinshanling's dramatic views and striking watchtowers give visitors some of the best views in China. You will be hiking a distance of about 5km today taking between 2-3 hours. After the hike, continue to nearby Gubei Watertown, set at the foot of Simatai Great Wall. Check in to your traditional-style accommodation and

enjoy dinner. Before the day ends, explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall by night - a truly atmospheric experience. Much of this section remains unrestored, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: GUBEIKOU - JINSHANLING - BEIJING

Hike 10km along a quieter, more rugged section of the Wall from Gubeikou to Jinshanling, taking around 5-6 hours. Far from the crowds, this stretch is full of dramatic views, crumbling watchtowers, and quiet moments to take it all in. After the hike, transfer 2 hours to your hotel in Beijing where arrangements will end. (B,L)

# CHENGDU SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See pandas play
- ✓ Wander Wide and Narrow Alley
- ✓ Stroll through People's Park



Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£470	£850
Superior	£475	£860
Deluxe	£650	£1,190

### Price includes:

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

Additional transfer supplement for Chengdu Tianfu Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

### DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu Shuangliu Airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can meet China's most celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, wander through the lively Wide and Narrow Alley and visit the matchmaking corner in People's Park, where parents gather to find suitors for their children. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART CHENGDU

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Chengdu Shuangliu Airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# GREAT WALL ADVENTURE

5 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Hike from Gubeikou to remote Jiankou
- ✓ Stay overnight in rural mountain villages



Spend three days hiking remote sections of the Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,120	£1,850

### Price includes:

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

Additional transfer supplement for Beijing Daxing Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

### DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing Railway Station and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure.

### DAY 2: GUBEIKOU & JINSHANLING

After an early start, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall to begin your 3-day hiking adventure. Hike 10km, passing the towering 24-Eyes Tower with panoramic views. Continue to Jinshanling, where you'll settle into a simple courtyard hotel for the night. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: JINSHANLING TO WOHUSHAN

Hike 8km east from Jinshanling, stopping at the Five-eye Tower for breathtaking views

of Simatai. After lunch, head to the remote Wohushan section, rarely visited by tourists, where you'll trek through rugged terrain and ancient watchtowers. Overnight at a local guesthouse in Xizhazi Village. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: JIANKOU WEST & MUTIANYU

Start your day hiking the wild Jiankou section, known for its rugged beauty and photogenic views. Afterward, enjoy a visit to the well-preserved Mutianyu section, completing your final 10km of hiking. Return to Beijing in the afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART BEIJING

Transfer from your hotel to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing Railway Station for your onward journey. (B)

# ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

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	£910	£1,410
Deluxe	£1,050	£1,560

### 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 airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. Embark on a night tour of the '72 Qilou', exploring its weird and wonderful architecture.

### 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. End the day with a sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng. (B,L)

### DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE

Explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave. Then, brace yourself for an exhilarating walk across Zhangjiajie's Glass Bridge, the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge stretching 430-metres over the Grand Canyon. (B,L)

### DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN

Take a cable car to the beautiful Mount Tianmen and walk on the thrilling glass skywalk. Visit Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door' and Jun Sheng Sandstone painting gallery. Later, transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B,L)

# GUILIN & YANGSHUO

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit the Reed Flute Caves
- ✓ Cruise the stunning Li River
- ✓ Spend time in rural Yangshuo



Cruise along the Li River

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£670	£1,060
Superior	£690	£1,070
Deluxe	£830	£1,260

### 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 airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. Later, explore the Reed Flute Caves to see the brightly lit stalagmites and stalactites.

### 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 before visiting Yangshuo's bustling market. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART GUILIN

Return by road to Guilin and then transfer to Guilin airport or railway station. (B)

# CHONGQING SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Marvel at Liziba Station
- ✓ Views from Cloud Eye Observatory
- ✓ Feast on a hot pot lunch
- ✓ Wander Chongqing night market



Visit Hongya Cave, Chongqing's iconic stilted building

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£430	£810
Deluxe	£520	£920

### Price includes:

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

### DAY 1: ARRIVE CHONGQING

Make your way to Chongqing airport or railway station to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER CHONGQING

Start the day at Liziba Station, where light rail trains dramatically pass through residential buildings, before heading to Eling Park and the creative spaces of Eling Factory. Drive through Chongqing's famous looping overpasses, then enjoy a traditional hot pot lunch. In the city centre, visit Liberation Tower and the Kuixing Buildings, followed by a ride up to the Cloud Eye Observatory—soaring 520 metres high—for panoramic views. This evening, dive into the buzzing

atmosphere of Hongya Cave and its street food market for dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: DEPART CHONGQING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Chongqing airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Jiuzhaigou's forests, waterfalls and lakes
- ✓ Explore Huanglong Valley
- ✓ Speed through Sichuan on a bullet train



Admire crystal clear lakes in Nine Villages Valley

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,550	£2,480
Deluxe	£1,870	£3,140

### 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
- 1st class bullet train seats

Note: Huanglong is only accessible from 1 April to 31 October.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Bullet train to Jiuzhaigou. Transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Nine Villages Valley, stopping at the 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, and pristine waterfalls. (B,D)

### DAY 3: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Explore the 16-kilometre Nine Villages Valley, a botanical gallery that is heavily forested and home to many protected species. Entering the valley is like being transported into a different world, where crystal clear lakes gather at the foot of every waterfall. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU

Return by road to Jiuzhaigou railway station for your onward bullet train to Chengdu. Your arrangements end on arrival. (B)

# HARBIN ICE & SNOW FESTIVAL

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Ice and Snow World
- ✓ Visit Sun Island
- ✓ Enjoy the Ice Lantern Festival
- ✓ Wander Central Avenue



Explore the annual Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,490	£2,520
Deluxe	£1,640	£2,860

### Price includes:

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

Note: This short stay is available from mid-December to late February.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HARBIN

Make your way to Harbin airport or railway station where will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and prepare for the magical Harbin Ice and Snow Festival. Running from December to February, it is the world's largest ice and snow festival.

### DAY 2: ICE AND SNOW WORLD

Head to the popular Ice and Snow World, to wander among the illuminated full-size buildings built entirely of ice and astounding snow and ice sculptures. Later, tour the city centre, filled with grand European-style buildings, including Central Avenue and Sophia Cathedral. (B,L)

### DAY 3: SNOW LANTERN FESTIVAL

Visit the Songhua River, where you can observe ice water swimming, ice windsurfing and other winter activities. Then, head across to Sun Island, to see the enormous snow sculptures set in its landscaped grounds. Later, mingle with people from all over the world at the Ice Lantern Festival, to admire more spectacular ice carvings brought to life through beautiful illuminations. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HARBIN

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# LHASA SHORT STAY

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	£900	£1,630
Deluxe	£1,090	£2,010

### Price includes:

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

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Make your way to Lhasa airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to allow for acclimatisation.

### DAY 2: SACRED LHASA

Sightseeing today includes a stroll around Barkhor Circuit where traditional dress, market stalls selling religious trinkets, and the sound of chanted prayers by locals and pilgrims alike create a fascinating and vibrant atmosphere. At the heart of Barkhor, visit Tibet's most sacred temple, the 7th-century Jokhang Temple, before heading to Sera Monastery which has around 600 resident monks. (B,L)

### DAY 3: POTALA PALACE

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city, with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. Later, visit Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, home to several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART LHASA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# SPIRITUAL TIBET

6 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- ✓ Marvel at the Potala Palace
- ✓ Explore Gyantse & Shigatse
- ✓ See Tibet's vast wilderness



Explore the magnificent Gyantse Kumbum

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,610	£3,220

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Lhasa, 1 night Gyantse, 1 night Shigatse)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
- Tibet Entry Permit

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Arrive in Lhasa where you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Lhasa is not only Tibet's capital but its heart and soul. This afternoon, join the traditionally dressed pilgrims on their circuit of the Barkhor and peruse the many market stalls.

### DAY 2: POTALA PALACE

The official seat of the Tibetan government perched atop Marpo Ri (Red Hill) the Potala Palace is Lhasa's most magnificent sight – spend the morning exploring its many rooms. Later, visit the Jokhang, Tibetan Buddhism's most sacred temple. (B,L)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO GYANTSE

Travel by road to Gyantse taking an exceptionally scenic route through the

Tibetan hinterland. Climb up to the mighty 14th-century dzong (fort) for wonderful views back over the city, and visit the monastic complex of Pelkor Chode. (B,L)

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SHIGATSE

Travel on to Shigatse. Visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery, the seat of the Panchen Lama, a miniature walled city sprawled down a hillside to the west of the city. (B,L)

### DAY 5: RETURN TO LHASA

Depart Shigatse and return to Lhasa by road, pausing to admire the views over the spectacular Yamdrok-Tso Lake. (B)

### DAY 6: DEPART LHASA

Transfer from your hotel to the airport, where your arrangements end. (B)

# YANGTZE RIVER UPSTREAM

5 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Shennong Stream
- ✓ Xiaoguanshan Folk Park



Discover the narrow gorges and towering cliffs of the Shennong Stream

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Cabin on Main Deck	£560	£990

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (4 nights on 4-star cruise ship – Victoria Jenna or Victoria Anna)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private transfers
- Shared shore excursions with English-speaking guide

Note: Available mid-March to mid-November. See page 144 for cruise details and upgrade options.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE YICHANG

Arrive at Yichang airport or railway station where you'll be met and transferred to Maoping Docks to board your Yangtze River cruise ship, beginning an unforgettable four-night journey upstream through some of China's most breathtaking scenery.

### DAY 2: THREE GORGES DAM

Step ashore to visit the world's largest hydroelectric project, the monumental Three Gorges Dam. Enjoy panoramic views from a scenic lookout before cruising through Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the Three Gorges. Optional excursions may include the ship lift or local cultural visits. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: THE THREE GORGES

Transfer to smaller vessels for a tranquil cruise along the dramatic Shennong Stream,

then reboard and continue upstream through the majestic Wu and Qutang Gorges, famed for their soaring cliffs and striking scenery. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: XIAOQUANSHAN FOLK PARK

Relax onboard or explore Xiaoguanshan Folk Culture Park, a fascinating reconstruction of ancestral homes and temples rescued from the Three Gorges reservoir. Optional excursions may include Shibaozhai, Mount Shuanggui, or Fengdu's Ghost City. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING

Disembark in Chongqing this morning and transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# YANGTZE RIVER DOWNSTREAM

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Goddess Stream
- ✓ Mount Shuanggui



Admire the striking scenery of Qutang Gorge

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Cabin on Main Deck	£530	£930

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights on 4-star cruise ship – Victoria Jenna or Victoria Anna)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private transfers
- Shared shore excursions with English-speaking guide

Note: Available mid-March to mid-November. See page 144 for cruise details and upgrade options.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE CHONGQING

Arrive in Chongqing airport or railway station where you will be met and transferred to board your Yangtze River cruise ship for a three-night voyage through China's heartland.

### DAY 2: MOUNT SHUANGGUI

Enjoy a relaxed day cruising the Yangtze. Disembark for a guided shore excursion to Mount Shuanggui, famous for its elegant pavilions and cliffside calligraphy. Optional excursions may include Fengdu's Ghost City or a spectacular live show. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: THE THREE GORGES

Sail through the dramatic Wu and Qutang Gorges, then transfer to a smaller vessel for an unforgettable journey along the tranquil Goddess Stream. Gaze at soaring cliffs and untouched forest scenery from the water. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART YICHANG

Step ashore to visit the monumental Three Gorges Dam and learn about the scale and impact of this modern marvel. Disembark and transfer to Yichang railway station or airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# TAIPEI STOPOVER

3 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover bustling Taipei
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Explore the National Palace Museum
- ✓ Visit a night market

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£330	£590
Superior	£360	£660
Deluxe	£430	£790

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 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.



Explore vibrant Taipei

### 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: DISCOVER TAIPEI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel this morning to commence a full-day tour by public transport. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader, housing two of his Cadillacs, personal documents and artefacts from his daily life. Next, take

the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a breathtaking bird's-eye view over this spectacular city. Later, explore the National Palace Museum to admire one of the world's finest collections of Chinese imperial treasures and artefacts (closed on Monday's). Finish the day browsing the sights, sounds and flavours of a vibrant local night market before returning to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART TAIPEI

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

# CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See bustling Taipei
- ✓ Visit Ita Thao native village
- ✓ Relax at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Uncover ancient Tainan

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£980	£1,850
Superior	£1,090	£2,050
Deluxe	£1,220	£2,390

### 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.



Discover the characterful streets of Tainan

### DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's vibrant capital, Taipei, where you'll be transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

Journey into the heart of the island to one of Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda, and the village of Ita Thao, home to the indigenous Thao tribe. (B)

### DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Travel south to Tainan, the old capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort and visit Chihkan Tower and the Confucius Temple. (B)

### DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI

Travel back to Taipei by high-speed train. Explore more of Taipei, watching the Changing of the Guards at the CKS Memorial Hall, visiting Longshan Temple and the Martyr's Shrine. See Taipei 101 and discover the collections of the National Palace Museum. This evening is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

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

# TAIWAN EXPRESS

8 DAYS

Embark on an adventure through the best bits of Taiwan with three thrilling railway experiences - two on heritage lines – the Pingxi Line and the Alishan Forest Express – and one on the super-fast Taiwan High Speed Rail. You'll also have plenty of time to uncover the island's rich culture, visiting heritage sights, admiring scenic spots and dining on plenty of delicious, traditional foods.

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Explore beautiful Alishan
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,490	£4,390

### Price includes:

- 3-4 star accommodation (4 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 2 nights Chiayi)
- 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 flying with China Airlines.



Indulge in Taipei's street food



Explore Alishan's tea gardens



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest train

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's vibrant capital, Taipei, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 2: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

After breakfast, head to Taipei railway station by metro. Board the train to Ruifang, where you start your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line. There are 12 stations on Pingxi Line and your guide will recommend the best places to hop on and off to explore the country villages and waterfalls. A stop at Shifen Old Street is a must for all travellers, where you can purchase a sky lantern to carry wishes and hopes for the future. Return to Taipei by train. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei with your local guide, using the city's public transport system. Start with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks that showcase 8,000 years of Chinese history, before admiring the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, take to the skies via a high-speed elevator up to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city. Later, explore the 18th-century Longshan Temple, and in the evening, visit one of Taipei's night markets, famous for their snack-focused, tasty street food. (B,L)

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel to Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Visit the imposing Wenwu Temple, built on the shore of the lake with beautiful views. Set sail on a cruise of the lake itself soaking up spectacular panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond. (B)

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO CHIAYI

Travel to Bantaoyao Craft Park, a former pottery factory where you'll take part in a mosaic workshop - learning the proper technique and decorating your own tile. Lunch today will be traditional hot pot, cooking various meats and vegetables in a delicious broth. This afternoon, visit the Museum of Old Taiwan Tiles. (B,L)

### DAY 6: RIDE THE FOREST TRAIN

Travel to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can learn about the indigenous Tsou Tribe and enjoy a coffee or tea tasting experience. Then begin your exploration of the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area and ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train, the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia, as it winds through dense forest. Continue your sightseeing around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree. (B)

### DAY 7: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Journey back to Taipei, pausing en route at the fascinating Changhua Roundhouse, a railway roundhouse built in 1922. You'll also visit Lukang Old Street, known for its many temples and atmospheric narrow lanes. Then, transfer to Changhua train station to board a high-speed train to Taipei, reaching speeds of up to 300km per hour. On arrival you'll transfer to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 8: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

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

# TRANS-MONGOLIAN RAILWAY & THE GOBI DESERT

7 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ride the Trans-Mongolian Railway
- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ See Bayanzag Flaming Cliffs
- ✓ Visit a nomadic family

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£3,390	£4,990

### Price includes:

- 4 star accommodation plus ger with en suite
- Based on shared 4-berth sleeper cabin. Supplement for private use applicable.
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

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For a similar itinerary with a flight from Beijing to Ulaanbaatar, rather than overnight train, please see Mongolia & the Gobi Desert on our website.



Ride the Trans-Mongolian Railway



See the 46-metre statue of Genghis Khan



Discover the singing sand dunes of Khongoryn Els

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: OVERNIGHT ON THE TRANS-MONGOLIAN RAILWAY

Early this morning transfer to Beijing's railway station for your 31-hour journey to Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar. As the train departs the city, watch the landscape transform from bustling urban sprawl to rolling farmland, dramatic mountain ranges, and the vast expanse of the Gobi Desert.

### DAY 2: ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR

Wake up aboard the train. Watch the landscapes roll past the window, from wide-open steppe to desert plains, remote villages, camel herders, and endless horizons. Arrive in Ulaanbaatar in the early afternoon and stretch your legs with an afternoon walking tour taking in the vibrant Central Square and the National Museum of Mongolia. Check into your Ulaanbaatar hotel. (D)

### DAY 3: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, visit Gandan, the country's largest Buddhist monastery, before travelling to Terelj National Park. En route, stop to marvel at the 46-metre-tall Genghis Khan Statue, one of Mongolia's most striking modern monuments. After lunch, explore the park's most famous landmarks – Big Turtle Rock and the Meditation Temple – before returning to Ulaanbaatar. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: THE GOBI DESERT

Take a short flight to the South Gobi and visit the Gobi Museum before exploring the dramatic Yoliin Am Gorge on foot, often filled with glistening ice even in summer. Continue to the towering Khongoryn Els Sand Dunes; you may wish to climb the dunes as the sun sets, before dinner at your ger camp. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: BAYANZAG FLAMING CLIFFS

Enjoy a relaxed morning amid the dunes before travelling to the Bayanzag Flaming Cliffs. Explore the striking red sandstone formations, walk among ancient saxaul trees, and visit a local nomadic family to learn about their way of life and get hands-on preparing a traditional Mongolian dish for dinner. Later, witness the cliffs glow in shades of gold and crimson at sunset. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly back to Ulaanbaatar and visit the Bogd Khan's Winter Palace and the Zaisan Memorial Hill for panoramic city views. In the evening, enjoy a captivating Mongolian folklore concert featuring traditional throat singing, music, and dance, followed by a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# MONGOLIA WINTER ESCAPE

6 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Sleep soundly in cosy, heated gers
- ✓ Explore Terelj National Park
- ✓ Spot rare Przewalski's horse
- ✓ Visit a nomadic family

Prices are from per person

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,990	£2,790

### Price includes:

- 4 star accommodation plus ger with en suite
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Experience the magic of Mongolia's frozen winter steppe

### DAY 1: ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR

Make your way to Ulaanbaatar airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. (D)

### DAY 2: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Terelj National Park, stopping en route at the monumental Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue. Continue to Big Turtle Rock and the Meditation Temple, then check into your cosy, heated ger with private en suite, nestled in the heart of Terelj's dramatic winter landscapes. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: TERELJ DOG SLEDDING

Experience Mongolia's wild side on a day of outdoor adventures including dog sledding and traditional archery. Warm up with a hearty lunch and return to the ger camp for dinner under the vast winter sky. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

Journey to Khustai National Park, home to the rare Przewalski horse (Takhi) and red deer. Explore the park's sweeping landscapes and learn about conservation efforts. Overnight in a private ger camp. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: NOMADIC FAMILY VISIT

Today, visit a local nomadic family and gain an insight into traditional winter life on the steppe. Learn to cook authentic Mongolian dishes, which you'll enjoy for lunch, before returning to Ulaanbaatar. Those interested can enjoy time for shopping. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner and reflect on your unforgettable adventure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# HEART OF MONGOLIA

7 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Terelj National Park
- ✓ Walk the Bayan Gobi sand dunes
- ✓ Discover the history of Karakorum
- ✓ Visit a nomad family

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,790	£3,890

### Price includes:

- 4 star accommodation plus ger with en suite
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

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Explore Erdene Zuu, Mongolia's oldest Buddhist monastery

### DAY 1: ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR

Transfer from the airport or railway station, then take a short walk through Central Square and visit the National Museum. (D)

### DAY 2: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Visit Gandan Monastery before travelling to Terelj National Park, stopping at the towering Genghis Khan Statue. Enjoy an overnight stay in a heated ger with private en suite. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

Explore Turtle Rock and the Temple of Meditation, then drive to Khustai National Park, home to the rare Przewalski horse, to spot wildlife and learn about conservation efforts. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: BAYAN GOBI & KARAKORUM

Travel to Karakorum via the Bayan Gobi sand dunes, visiting the Karakorum Museum and Orkhon Valley. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY

Visit Erdene Zuu Monastery and, if lucky, witness morning chants, then meet a nomadic family and help prepare a traditional lunch. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Visit the Bogd Khan Winter Palace and Zaisan Memorial Hill before an evening of Mongolian folklore and a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

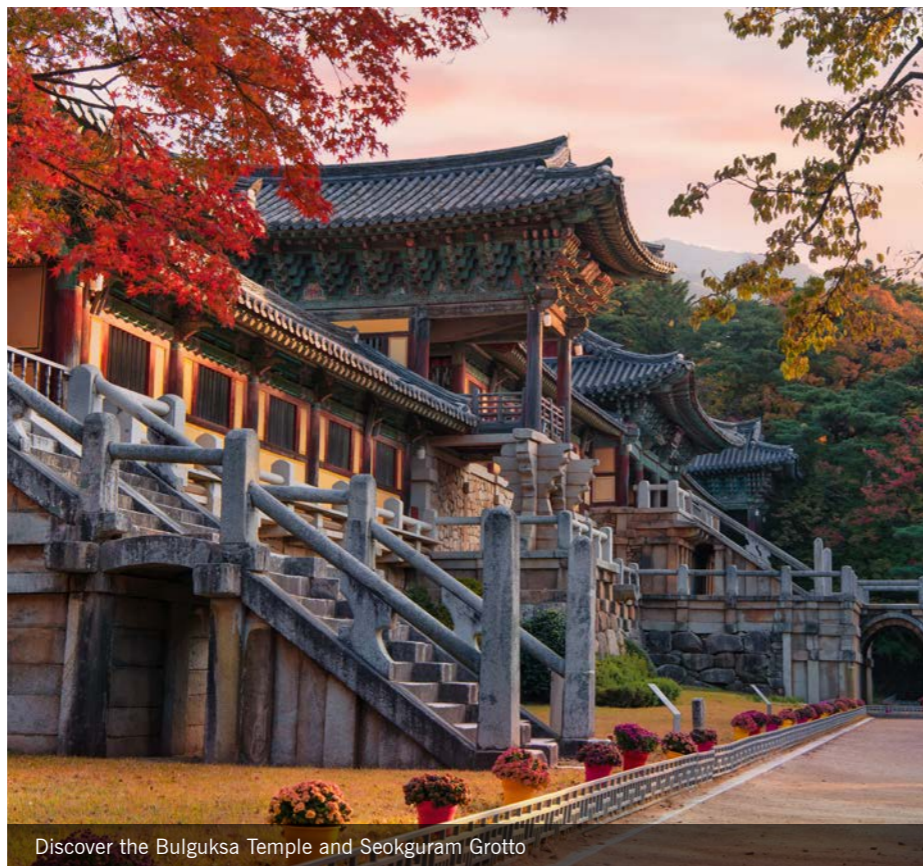
Transfer to the airport or railway station in time for your onward journey. (B)

# CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto

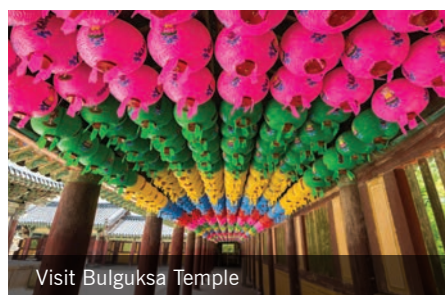
Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,690	£4,290
Superior	£2,940	£4,740
Deluxe	£3,540	£5,440

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 Short Stay 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. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore the city's temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Perhaps take advantage of 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 (closed on Tuesdays). Explore the palace grounds and witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Stop by Gwangjang Market, where you may like to sample some of Seoul's best street food (payable locally). Finally, visit the hillside Namsan Park and its N Seoul Tower. Please note you may visit an alternative park in cherry blossom season, depending on your guide's recommendation. (B)

### DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul station for the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju; a cross-country journey of approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this UNESCO-listed city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, the easternmost of Korea's historic Three Kingdoms. The Silla Kingdom, which existed from 57BC to 935AD, peaked between the 7th and 9th centuries. Today, the city of Gyeongju is a living museum,

brimming with Silla heritage sites from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and enjoy lunch before discovering historic Gyeongju. Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO-listed site of 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. Later, enjoy the views around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

### DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul, where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

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

# SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Wander through Jogyesa Temple
- ✓ Visit the iconic N Seoul Tower
- ✓ Stroll through Hanok Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£760	£1,090
Superior	£890	£1,290
Deluxe	£1,340	£1,890

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 Short Stay is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Travel to Seoul, South Korea's energetic capital. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. The rest of day is at leisure. Foodies, take note: the street snacks here are second to none!

### DAY 2: SEOUL

Head to the pick-up point to begin your full-day seat-in-coach city tour. Pass by the Blue House, former residence of the Korean president. Continue to Gyeongbok Palace to witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony before exploring the Palace itself (closed on Tuesdays). Stop by a Zen temple before lunch.

Later, stroll along traditional Insadong Street, browse Gwangjang Market and visit Namsan Tower for panoramic views over the city. Your final stop is Hanok Village with its traditional houses and unique way of life. (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

4 DAYS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Meet Jeju's female free divers, the Haenyeo
- ✓ Explore Jeju Stone Park
- ✓ Discover Gotjawal Forest's unique ecology
- ✓ Admire Sunrise Peak and the volcanic Mount Halla

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£580	£690
Superior	£890	£1,190
Deluxe	£990	£1,240

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



Explore beautiful Jeju Island

### DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Make your way to South Korea's largest island, Jeju. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER JEJU ISLAND

Transfer independently to the pick-up point to begin your full day 'seat-in-coach' tour of Jeju Island (East course). Start at Jeolmul Recreational Forest, followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, visit Gwangchigi Beach before witnessing the work of the Haenyeo, Jeju's female free divers who harvest shellfish for a living. More than 90% of them are aged between 60 and 90 years old. Afterwards, admire Seongsan Sunrise Peak before exploring Jeju Stone Park. Continue to the drop-off point, from which you can return to the hotel independently. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE JEJU ISLAND

Transfer independently to the pick-up point to begin your second full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island (South West and Hallasan Coast course). Stop by Hyeopjae Beach before visiting the Gotjawal, an atmospheric forest that has grown over historic lava flows to create a unique ecology. Visit the O'Sulloc Tea Museum before lunch. Later, admire Mount Songak and Jusangjeolli Hexagon Lava Cliff before ending the day at Mount Halla. Transfer to the drop-off point, and travel back to the hotel independently. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

Your day is at leisure until your 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.

Explore Hong Kong

## HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and a ride on the longest outdoor covered escalator. Take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

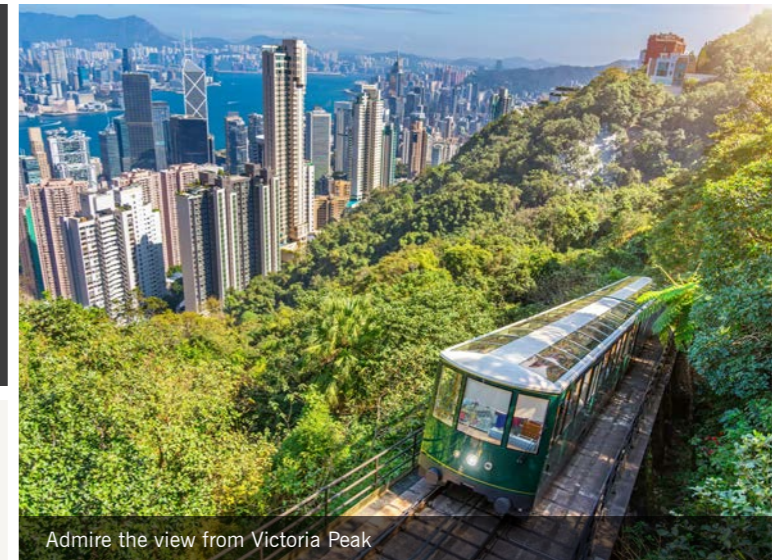
### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

Join an exciting half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong! Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views. Stroll through vibrant 'Old Town

Central' via the world's longest outdoor escalator, then explore Tai Kwun, a cultural and artistic landmark nestled within historic walls. Visit the century-old Man Mo Temple before concluding your adventure with a dim sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Admire the view from Victoria Peak

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£650
Superior	£420	£760
Deluxe	£540	£910

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Shared 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 help you explore two aspects of Hong Kong life, on this tour you'll not only see the sights of the city but discover the natural beauty of Lantau Island, home of the Grand Buddha.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

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sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B,L)

### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Discover the charms of Lantau Island, beginning your journey with visits to the renowned Wong Tai Sin Temple and Tin Hau Temple. Next, take a spectacular cable car ride to the Ngong Ping Plateau, home to the majestic Grand Buddha and Po Lin Monastery. Explore the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and monastery before enjoying a delightful vegetarian lunch. Conclude your adventure with a scenic cable car ride back to the city. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



See the Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

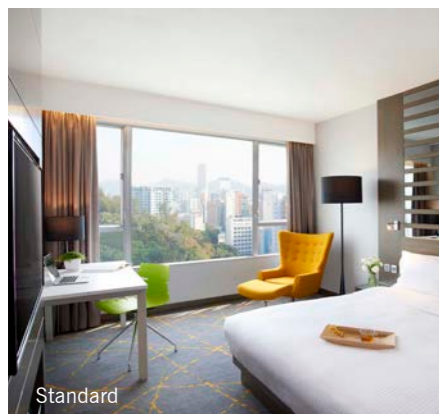
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£740	£1,190
Superior	£840	£1,390
Deluxe	£990	£1,590

Price includes:

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

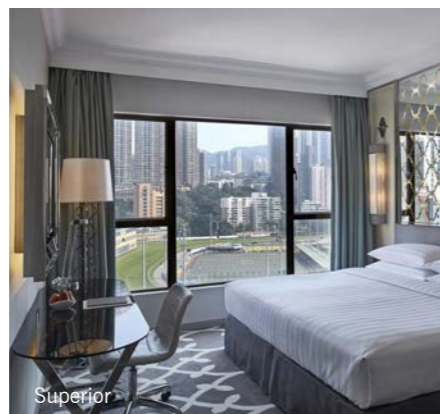
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## KOWLOON HOTELS



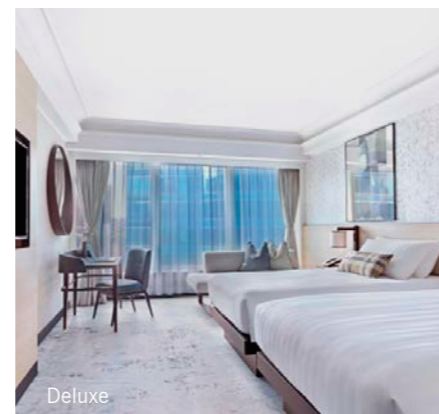
Standard

**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.



Superior

**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.



Deluxe

**HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★**  
Harbour Grand Kowloon is conveniently located on the Kowloon waterfront, offering unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour. Facilities include five restaurants, a lounge, a spa, and a seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool.

## HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS

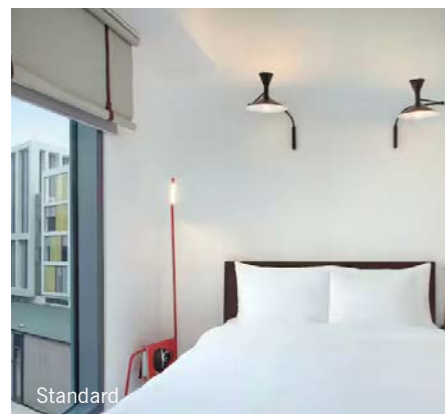
# DUBAI STOPOVERS

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.



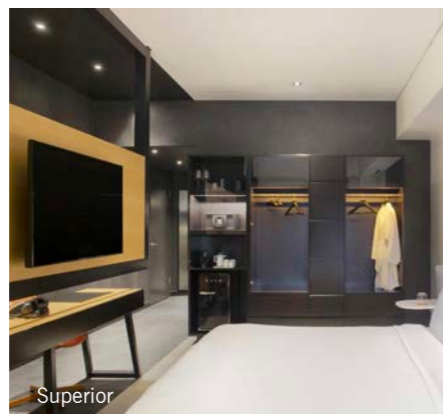
Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



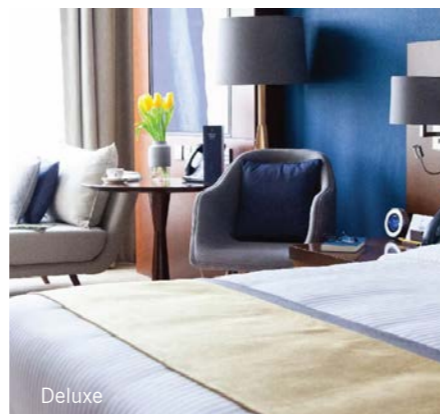
Standard

**HAMPTON BY HILTON AL SEEF ★★★**  
This hotel sits along Dubai Creek in the heart of old Dubai. It is surrounded by restaurants and shops, making it the perfect base for exploring the city’s historic and cultural sites, with the Museum of Illusions nearby.



Superior

**CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★★★★**  
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located beside Dubai Creek, steps away from the boardwalk, which means you are spoiled for choice of shops and restaurants. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Deluxe

**VOCO HOTEL DUBAI ★★★★★**  
Located minutes away from top attractions. The hotel sits a short drive from Mall of the Emirates and offers quick access to Dubai Marina, Palm Jumeirah, and the Al Barsha Metro Station.

## 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 shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Begin in Bastakiya’s historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. 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! Drive by the iconic Burj Al Arab before a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. 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)



Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£240	£420
Superior	£270	£480
Deluxe	£280	£590

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Shared 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 tour that begins in Bastakiya’s historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks before driving by the iconic Burj Al Arab and enjoy a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. 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 barbeque dinner accompanied by live entertainment including an enchanting belly dance and Tannoura performance. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£360	£580
Superior	£400	£660
Deluxe	£430	£720

Price includes:

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

Please note the live entertainment is limited during the holy month of Ramadan in observance of local traditions and customs.

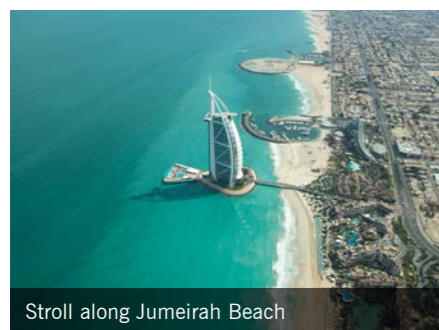
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# DUBAI BEACH STAY

With its year-round warm weather, huge choice of excellent hotels and resorts, and glorious stretches of beach, Dubai is the ideal choice for a sun-soaked stopover. Whether you're looking for relaxation, recreation or a mix of the two, you'll find it on and beyond these soft white sands and glittering turquoise seas.

Relax on the golden beaches of Dubai



Stroll along Jumeirah Beach



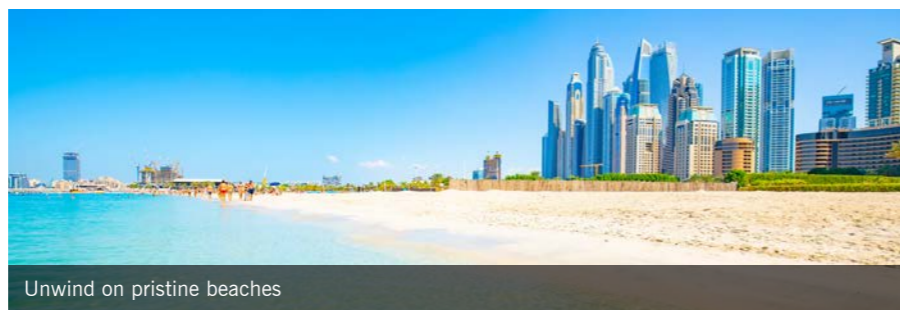
Wrapped in desert and fronted by the calm waters of the Persian Gulf, Dubai brings an evocative combination of urban and beach. Beneath that shimmering skyline you'll find a culture that blends ultramodernity with profound tradition, while the sands beyond, be they beach or desert, offer full-on adventure or all-out relaxation.

Choosing to stay by the beach gives you access to it all – spend your days with sand between your toes, venture into the city's air-conditioned mega-malls, explore the atmospheric old town, or head out to the desert for adrenaline-fuelled activities and

experience timeless desert traditions. Your time spent here is whatever you want it to be.

Beyond its iconic skyline, Dubai is home to a vibrant culinary scene, drawing flavours and influences from across the globe, alongside lively beachfront promenades and tranquil waterfront escapes. Traditional souks sit alongside contemporary attractions, offering a glimpse into both the past and the future of this ever-evolving destination.

Seasonal events, cultural festivals, and year-round sunshine further enhance its appeal, making it a place that can be enjoyed in every season.



Unwind on pristine beaches

# RADISSON BEACH RESORT PALM JUMEIRAH

NEW

5 DAYS



Enjoy poolside lounging with Arabian Gulf views

Prices are from per person, based on low season

ROOM TYPE	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Premium Room Sea View	£920	£1,830

Price includes:

- 4 star accommodation (4 nights)
- Breakfast included daily
- Return airport transfers

The Radisson Beach Resort Palm Jumeirah delivers a relaxed yet stylish beachfront escape in the heart of Palm Jumeirah. Blending contemporary comfort with vibrant coastal energy, enjoy sea-view rooms, a stunning infinity pool overlooking Dubai's skyline, and direct access to the buzzing beachfront, lined with dining and entertainment. Spend your days unwinding by the private beach, indulging in wellness experiences, or exploring nearby attractions, while evenings unfold with sunset cocktails and dining by the water.



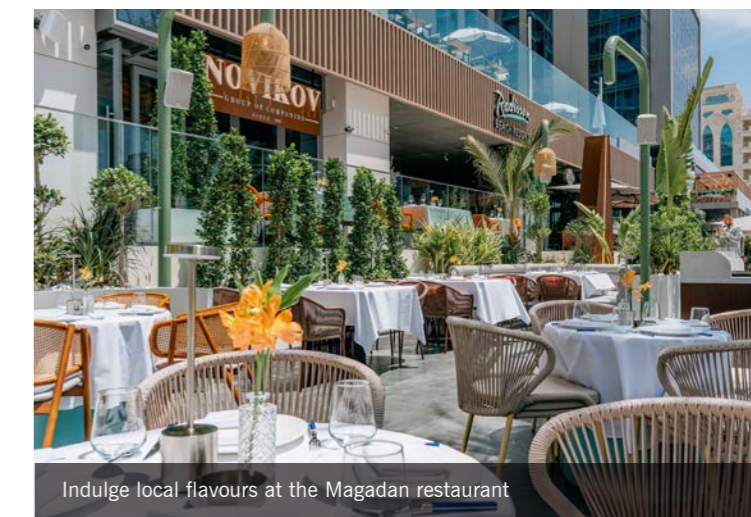
Relax at the stylish beach club

At Radisson Beach Resort, Premium Sea View Rooms offer elevated views across the Palm and Arabian Gulf, complemented by a relaxed beachfront setting, easy access to facilities, and a comfortable, well-appointed base ideal for a more leisurely stay.

Upgrade options are available on request.



Premium Room with Sea View



Indulge local flavours at the Magadan restaurant

# BANGKOK & HUA HIN BEACH STAY

6 DAYS

Hua Hin is an ideal destination for those wanting some well-earned beach time. An intriguing intermingling of seaside, city, colourful buildings and markets, it's the perfect place to wind down.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK**

Upon arrival in Bangkok, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 2: BANGKOK CITY & HUA HIN**

Embark on a half-day tour of Bangkok's most iconic sites, visiting Wat Traimit, and the Grand Palace, including the sacred Temple of the Emerald Buddha. After the city tour, drive approximately 3 hours south to the coastal city of Hua Hin. (B)

**DAYS 3-5: FREE TIME IN HUA HIN**

Spend three days all out relaxing, perhaps with a visit or two to some local markets. There are plenty of places to taste the varied and delicious flavours of Thai street food, which is a must do! (B)

**DAY 6: DEPART HUA HIN**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Bangkok airport for your onward flight. (B)

NEW



Relax on the golden sands of Hua Hin Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Best Western Plus Carapace Hua Hin, Deluxe Seaview Room	£620	£1,110
Wora Bura Hua Hin, Grand Deluxe Room	£640	£1,150

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (1 night Bangkok, 4 nights Hua Hin)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guide and entrance fee

# PHUKET BEACH SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Thailand's beaches are the stuff of legend and Phuket is its most popular resort. Lapped by the warm waters of the Andaman Sea, Phuket, the largest of Thailand's many paradise islands, offers endless miles of immaculate sands.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE PHUKET**

Arrive in Phuket and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring all that Phuket has to offer.

**DAYS 2-3: FREE TIME IN PHUKET**

Spend the rest of your trip enjoying some quality downtime on this paradise island. When you've finished soaking up the sunshine, the island offers many activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing and plenty of water sports. Or you could stay in town and explore the local markets. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART PHUKET**

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



Stroll along Phuket's beautiful Karon Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Kata Palm, Superior Room	£230	£420
Beyond Kata, Superior Room	£390	£730
The Nai Harn Phuket, Grand Ocean View Room	£690	£1,350

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Phuket)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

# CHONGQING WELLNESS

5 DAYS

In Chinese medicine, the key to your health and wellbeing is keeping your 'qi' balanced. On this tour, you can not only discover some of these age-old practices but enhance your wellbeing as you do so and explore the contrasts of modernity and rich culture and heritage of Chongqing as you do so.

**TOUR TICKLIST**

- ✓ Learn Ba Duan Jin qigong
- ✓ Explore Ciqikou Old Town
- ✓ Watch a face-changing show
- ✓ Discover Traditional Chinese Medicine
- ✓ Soak in mineral-rich hot springs

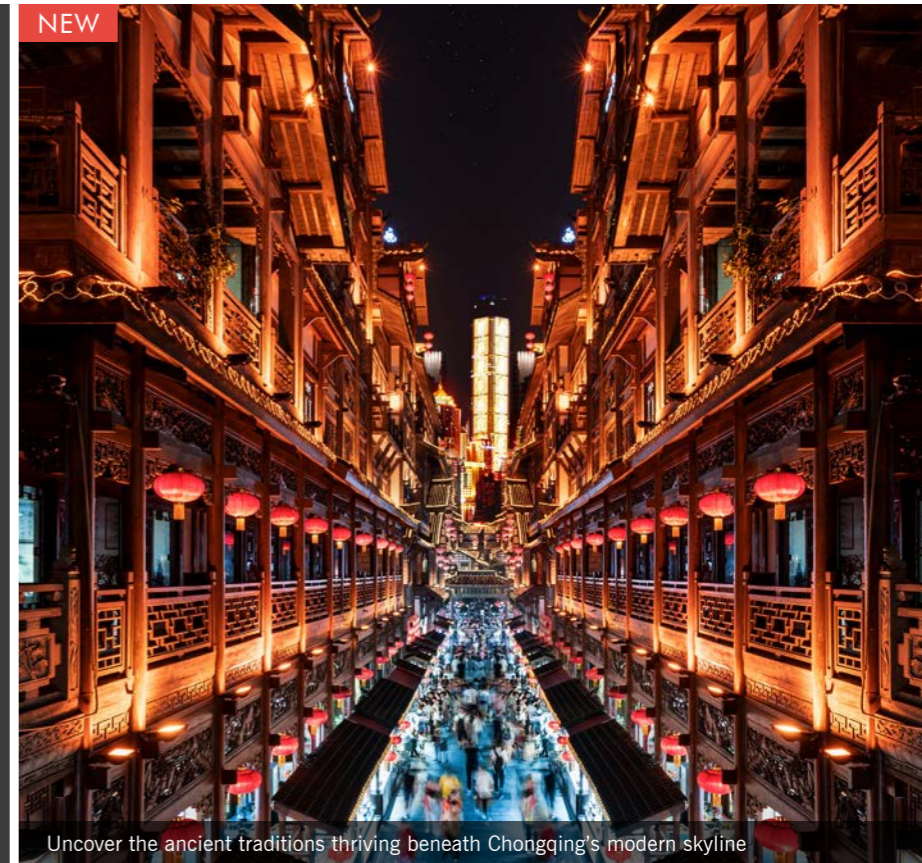
Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,440	£2,520

**Price includes:**

- Accommodation (4 nights Chongqing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

NEW



Uncover the ancient traditions thriving beneath Chongqing's modern skyline

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: ARRIVE CHONGQING**

Arrive in Chongqing where you'll be met and transferred from the airport or railway station. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**DAY 2: TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE**

Begin your morning with Ba Duan Jin, a traditional form of qigong in which eight flowing movements work to energise the body and calm the mind. From there, head into Chongqing, pausing at Liziba to witness one of the city's most extraordinary sights – a light rail train threading its way through a residential building.

The rest of the day is given over to Traditional Chinese Medicine, offering a rare chance to understand how this ancient practice approaches health, balance, and wellbeing. Sample different teas, each chosen for its healing properties. A pulse diagnosis reads the speed, strength, and rhythm of your pulse to assess your qi and blood balance, finishing with tailored advice on diet and lifestyle. A traditional massage works along the body's meridians and acupuncture points to relieve tension and restore calm. Round off the afternoon pressing medicinal herbs into botanical specimens to keep as a memento of the day. Come evening, gather around the table for a classic Chongqing hot pot dinner.

**DAY 3: HOT SPRINGS**

Start the morning with another session of Ba Duan Jin before heading to Ciqikou Old Town. Wander its laneways, pause for tea at a traditional teahouse, and enjoy a performance of the legendary face-changing show – a breathtaking Sichuan art form in which performers switch elaborately painted masks in the blink of an eye. The afternoon is yours to unwind at one of Chongqing's best hot springs, with over 50 pools infused with mineral-rich water and essential oils.

**DAY 4: HEISHAN VALLEY**

Today venture out of the city to Heishan Valley. In Chinese tradition, time spent in nature is believed to restore the body's vital energy and bring the mind back into balance. Take a leisurely walk through this peaceful landscape, breathing in the fresh mountain air and letting the sounds of rushing streams and birdsong restore your sense of calm. Return to Chongqing as evening falls and board your Two Rivers Cruise with VIP tickets, drifting past the illuminated cliffside stilted houses of Hongyadong – one of the city's most spectacular night-time sights.

**DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING**

After breakfast, you'll be transferred from your hotel to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.



Learn the ancient art of qigong

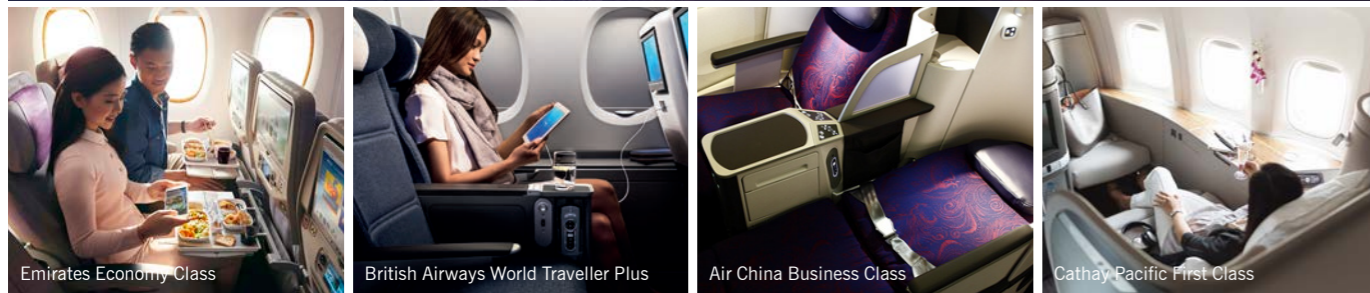


Discover the healing power of Chinese herbs

# Flying in style

Your journey begins before you even land. At Wendy Wu Tours, our carefully selected airline partners are chosen for their exceptional service, comfort and value, so you can sit back, relax and arrive ready for the adventure ahead.

All escorted group tour prices include return international economy class flights, and if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



# Fly from your Local Airport

We offer one of the widest choices of regional departures, so you can start your holiday from your nearest airport. Fly from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast with no supplement to pay.

Our experienced travel consultants have extensive knowledge of airlines and fare options and will always do their utmost to secure the best-value and most convenient flights for those living outside the London area.

Please note that regional departures are subject to airline availability and are offered on selected routes only. In some cases, fare supplements may apply for certain tour dates and departures.

Please call our reservations team for a quote if you'd like to fly from an airport not listed here.

# Preferred Airline Partners



## CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific offers daily flights from both London and Manchester to its Hong Kong hub, with connections across Asia Pacific. A multiple award-winner at the Skytrax World Airline Awards, including World's Best Inflight Entertainment, enjoy elevated dining and a world-class entertainment experience on board.

Explore vibrant Hong Kong with our stopover packages on pages 134-135.



A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

## AIR CHINA

Air China, China's national flag carrier, offers daily direct flights from London to Beijing, with onward connections across China, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. As a Star Alliance member, enjoy a smooth and well-connected journey to your destination. See pages 120-122 for our Beijing and Great Wall stopover options.



## BRITISH AIRWAYS

British Airways offers direct flights from London Heathrow to Shanghai, with a wide range of connecting regional flights from across the UK. Enjoy premium service, including the World Traveller Plus cabin, and the iconic British Airways experience from take-off to touchdown.

As a British Airways preferred partner, we can offer you their most competitive fares.



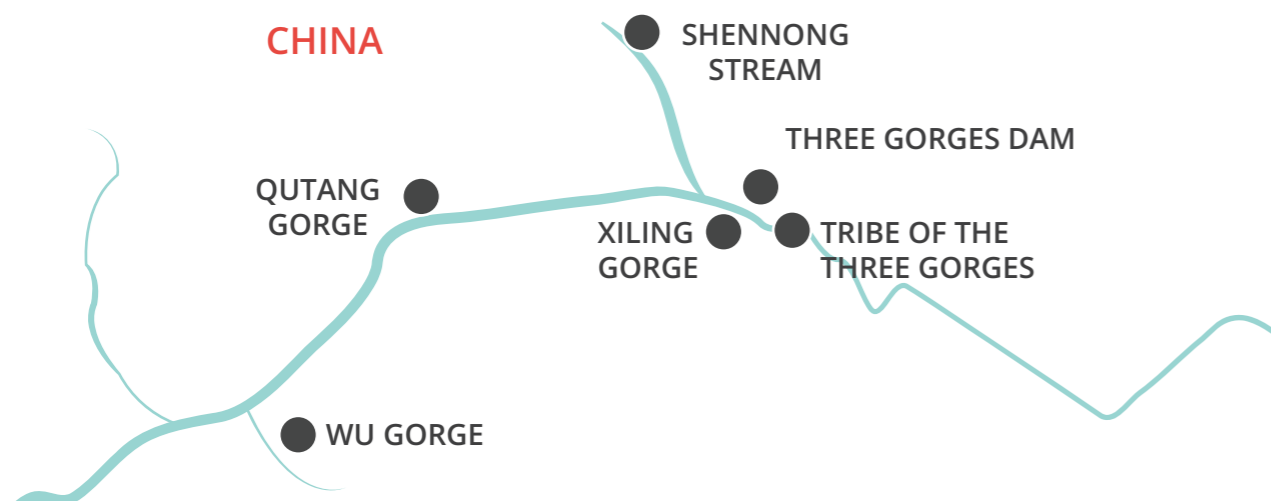
## EMIRATES

Fly to Beijing and Shanghai via Dubai, connecting from eight UK airports including London Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Enjoy exceptional inflight service, award-winning entertainment and a more generous seat pitch.

Discover Dubai's beaches, golden deserts and towering skyscrapers along the way — see our stopover packages on pages 136-139.

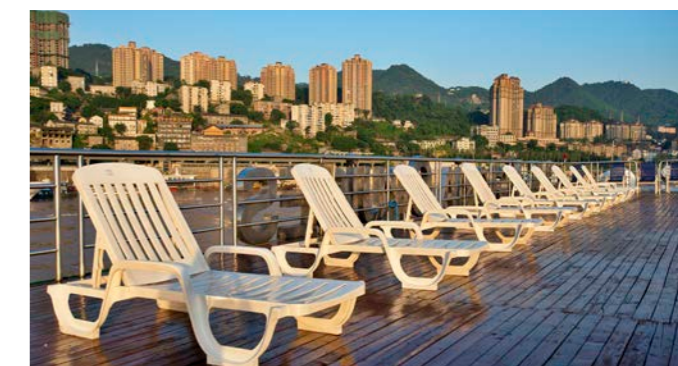
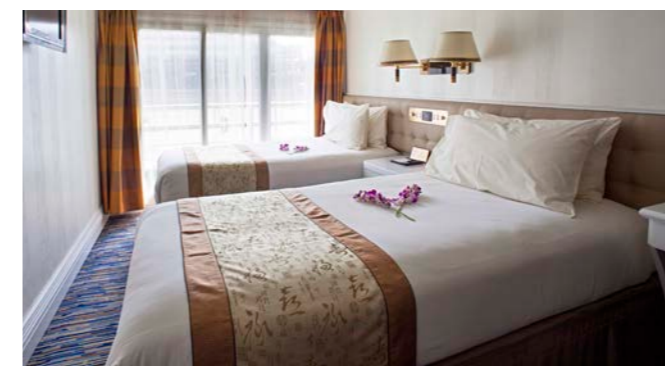
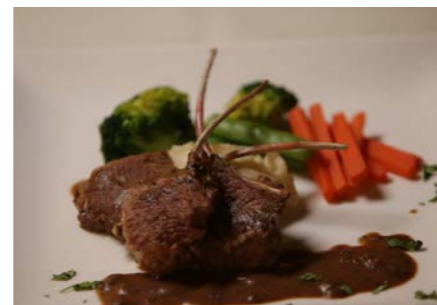
# THE YANGTZE CHINA

Asia's longest river, stretching nearly 4,000 miles from the glaciers of the Tibetan plateau to the East China Sea, the Yangtze River has been pivotal in the historical, cultural and economic development of China. Cruising the river you'll see everything from modern cities, incredible natural splendour (including the Three Gorges), historic temples and farmland still tended by conical hatted farmers with teams of buffalo.



## Victoria Anna

One of five ships in Victoria Cruise's fleet, the beautiful Victoria Anna first set sail in 2006, and was refurbished in 2019. This modern and elegant vessel offers the perfect home away from home as you sail the magical Yangtze.



### YOUR JOURNEY

The Yangtze River has been the lifeline of China for millennia. It was on these river banks that some of the earliest Chinese cultures existed, and ever since it has been essential for China's agriculture, transportation and the development of the country's economy.

Cruising the mighty Yangtze slows down the pace of your tour of China and helps you to see this incredible country from a new perspective. All you have to do is sit back and admire the steady flow of history and heritage that survives along the Yangtze's banks as you wind your way through impressive gorges and cliffs. Sailing through the magnificent Three Gorges is a real highlight, with cliffs rising dramatically from the steadily flowing waters, each bend in the river offering a new breath-taking panorama.

### ABOUT VICTORIA CRUISES

Sail through the heart of China in comfort and style with our trusted partner Victoria Cruises, the longest-running American-managed cruise line on the Yangtze River.

Blending comfort with cultural depth, Victoria Cruises offers expert-led shore excursions to the mighty Three Gorges Dam, centuries-old cliffside temples, and vibrant riverside towns.

We use all five of the ships in the Victoria Cruises' fleet – Anna, Jenna, Katarina, Sabrina and Isabella. We've chosen the Victoria Anna to showcase your experience onboard on the opposite page, but all five ships share similar features. You can expect stylish, outward-facing cabins with private balconies located on the main deck, plenty of onboard entertainment, delicious regional cuisine, and English-speaking staff throughout.

### AMENITIES PACKAGE

With an amenities package upgrade, you can further enhance your Yangtze experience with a few special extras, including:

- ▶ Upgrade to a higher deck
- ▶ Access to exclusive à la carte dining
- ▶ Private afternoon tea in the Executive Lounge
- ▶ Welcome fruit basket in your cabin
- ▶ Nightly turn-down service
- ▶ Daily refreshments and pre-dinner Happy Hour
- ▶ House wine and beer served with dinner

Please enquire with our Reservations team for full inclusions and pricing details. Cabin and deck upgrades are available on request.

### YOUR STATEROOM

Relax in a spacious Superior cabin on the Main Deck, featuring a private outward-facing balcony with panoramic views of the stunning Yangtze River. Enjoy the convenience of complimentary Wi-Fi and an en suite bathroom with both a shower and bathtub, providing ultimate comfort throughout your journey.

### FACILITIES ON BOARD

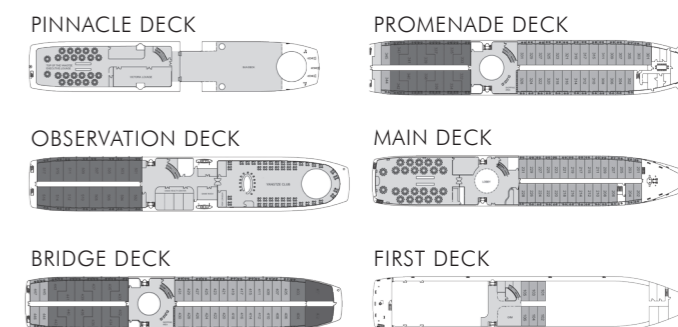
From a grand atrium with sweeping views to a sun deck, fitness centre, and spa, the Victoria Anna has everything you need for a comfortable journey. Explore the library, attend cultural lectures, or simply unwind in the observation lounge.

A daily shore excursion is also included, taking you off the ship to explore the sights along the river. Alternatively, stay onboard to relax, admiring the views from deck or your private balcony.

### WINE & DINE

When it comes to mealtimes, enjoy buffet meals in the elegant Dynasty Dining Room offering expertly crafted international and Chinese dishes, or upgrade with an amenities package for exclusive access to the à la carte restaurant.

### DECK PLANS



#### UPGRADE TO 5-STAR CENTURY OASIS

Discover our 5-star Yangtze River cruise option, the Century Oasis, only available on Upgraded Departures. Scan the QR code or visit our website to find out more.

# Hotels

Our group tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour, or to allow access to a more unique and memorable location.

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

## SAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN CHINA



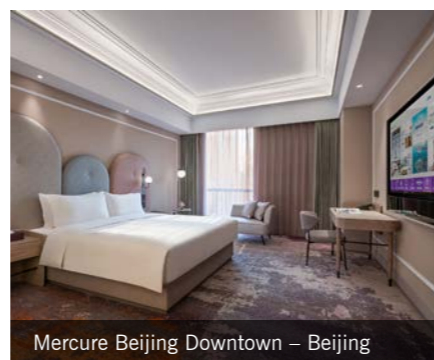
DoubleTree by Hilton – Shanghai



Expert Village Courtyard Hotel – Zhangjiajie



Lanxi International Hotel – Xian



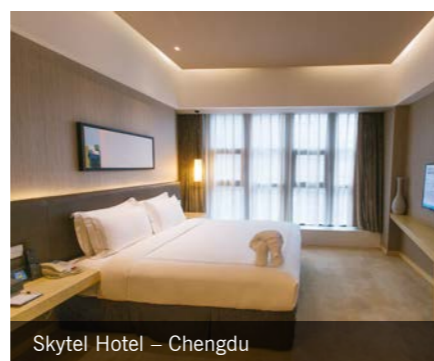
Mercure Beijing Downtown – Beijing



Grand Rezen Hotel – Yangshuo



Lijiang Waterfall Hotel – Guilin



Skytel Hotel – Chengdu

Please note that there is no universal hotel classification system, and standards of facilities and service may differ from those in the UK. A sample list of hotels is available on each tour page of our website, and full accommodation details will be provided in your final travel documents.

# China for all seasons

Our tours span the length and breadth of China, taking you through a variety of regions and climates. Depending on the time of year and your chosen route, you may experience two or more seasons in a single journey. For those travelling across the country, the best times to visit are during spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November), when the weather is comfortable and the landscapes are at their most vibrant.

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

ZHANGJIAJIE			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	0	8	53
Feb	2	10	53
Mar	7	15	84
Apr	13	22	111
May	18	24	145
Jun	22	28	189
Jul	23	30	200
Aug	22	30	137
Sep	17	26	79
Oct	11	21	74
Nov	6	15	57
Dec	2	10	36

## Guilin

Guilin's southern location blesses it with mild weather on average. Spring is hot, while summer is rainy, humid and foggy. Autumn is cool and pleasant, and winter can be breezy with occasional drizzle during the rainiest months.

## Zhangjiajie

Zhangjiajie has four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and rainy, while winters are cool and snow can be expected. Spring and autumn are the most pleasant times to visit, offering misty mountain scenery that inspired the floating peaks.

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!

# Your China questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

### Q. Where can I find detailed tour information?

**A.** Before booking, please read the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your chosen tour, available on our website. Here you'll find everything you need to know, from time spent on your feet and journey times to accommodation standards. Final documents including a day-by-day itinerary, hotel list, flight tickets, visa (if applicable) and travel guide will be sent two weeks before departure.

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to.

### Q. How do I get my visa?

**A.** When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. Our Operations team will contact you around 10 weeks prior to your departure date to guide you through the visa process.

**China** – 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/>

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

**A.** 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.

### Q. How fit do I need to be?

**A.** All of our group tours are assigned a Physical Rating, with the specific requirements for each tour clearly outlined in the Detailed Tour Itinerary on our website. Please don't hesitate to contact us for advice. Our Private Tours are also available for those who need a more flexible itinerary.

### Q. When is the best time to visit?

**A.** China, Central Asia, Mongolia and Taiwan are destinations for all seasons, each offering something unique throughout the year. As a general guide, Spring (Mar–May) and Autumn (Sep–Nov) are ideal across most of China and Taiwan, with pleasant temperatures and stunning landscapes. Mongolia and Central Asia can drop well below freezing in winter, making April to October the most comfortable time to visit.

As our tours cover vast and varied regions, you may find yourself journeying through more than one season along the way, so come prepared for all weathers.

### Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

**A.** We have several options to suit solo travellers. Our dedicated Solo Departures are reserved exclusively for single travellers and include a private double room and airport lounge access on departure from UK, all included in the tour price. If you'd prefer to join a standard departure, you can add the single room supplement for a room of your own. Alternatively, our 'Happy to Share' option will match you with a same-gender travel companion, removing the supplement entirely. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests must be made more than 75 days before departure.

### Q. Will I have a guide with me throughout my trip?

**A.** Yes – on any group tour of 10 or more passengers, a dedicated National Escort will be with you from the moment you arrive to the moment you depart. Smaller groups of less than 10, Private Tours and Short Stays are looked after by our expert local guides at every location.

### Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

**A.** If your tour includes domestic flights or train journeys, your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg, with a 5kg limit for hand luggage, in line with local transport regulations. If your tour does not involve domestic flights or trains, your baggage allowance will follow your international airline's policy, though we recommend packing only what you can comfortably carry.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying at?

**A.** Every hotel on our tours has been hand-picked for its comfort, amenities and location. You'll mainly stay in four-star properties, though we occasionally choose a characterful lodge or three-star-plus hotel where it adds something special to the experience or opens up a more unique destination. A sample hotel list is available on each tour page on our website, with your confirmed hotels included in your final documents.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

**A.** Our Classic tours average around 20 passengers with a maximum of 28, while our Go Beyond tours and Solo Departures are smaller, averaging 14 with a maximum of 18. You may cross paths with other Wendy Wu Tours groups at some destinations.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 10 passengers. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size with local guides only if viable to do so.

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

**A.** For dietary requirements, special occasions or any other requests, please let us know at the time of booking and we'll do everything possible to help. While we can't guarantee every request, we'll always do our best to accommodate you.

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

**A.** Children aged 12 and over are welcome on all group tours. For younger children, our Private/Tailormade Holidays are suitable for all ages.

### Q. When are Chinese public holidays?

**A.** The Chinese New Year holiday runs from 6–11 February 2027 and 26 January–1 February 2028. The Labour Day public holiday falls around 1 May in both 2027 and 2028, typically extending to a 4–5 day break. The National Day Golden Week takes place from 1–7 October each year. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

### Q. What currency should I take to China?

**A.** The currency in China is the Chinese Renminbi (RMB), also known as Yuan (CNY). Whilst cash and card payments are accepted in some stores, it is mobile payment apps, namely WeChat and Alipay, that are widespread throughout the country, from metropolitan department stores to the rural market stalls.

Make sure you have sufficient funds for personal expenses such as drinks, entrance fees, and souvenirs.

Scan the QR code below for our helpful guide outlining the currency used in China, how to download and use mobile payment apps, alternative payment methods, and how much you can expect to spend on a Wendy Wu tour in China.

Scan to view our Guide to Paying in China



## WHILE ON TOUR

### Q. What sort of transportation is included?

We use a mix of transport to make the most of your journey.

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

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On Classic tours we also operate a seat-and-a-half policy on coaches, giving you extra space and comfort throughout. In rural Mongolia, we use 4WD land cruisers to comfortably navigate the terrain. On our Private/Tailormade Tours, we use vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**Rail:** Most tours in China include bullet train travel, with second-class seats included unless stated otherwise. Trains have western-style toilets throughout along with a food cart selling basic snacks and drinks.

**River:** Some tours include cruises, from large ships on the Yangtze to smaller boats on the Li River, Grand Canal and West Lake. You'll need to be comfortable boarding and disembarking independently, as handrails and assistance may not always be available.

### Q. Which cabins are used on the Yangtze River cruise vessels?

**A.** We use outward facing en-suite cabins equipped with a balcony. Please visit page 144 for more details about the Yangtze River cruise.

### Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

**A.** Tipping is expected throughout Asia (excluding Japan), but knowing when and how much can be tricky. For your convenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on group tours where your National Escort manages everything on your behalf, ensuring amounts are fair for local people and stress-free for you. The contribution is stated on each tour page and confirmed in your final documents.

Any additional tipping is entirely at your discretion – restaurant staff, porters and river guides always appreciate a personal thank-you for exceptional service. For groups of fewer than 10, contributions will be slightly higher. On Private Tours and Extensions, we recommend allowing £10 per person, per day.

Tipping in China can be paid in cash or via mobile payment app.

### Q. Are meals included?

**A.** On our Classic tours, all meals are included, from dinner on your first evening right through to breakfast on your departure day. For Go Beyond, Private Tours and Short Stays, included meals are detailed in your itinerary. Drinks are not included on any tour.

Throughout your journey you'll enjoy a wonderful variety of local dishes, with occasional Western options, typically served at local restaurants. In more remote areas, menus may be simpler but no less authentic.

### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

**A.** We strongly recommend drinking bottled water only throughout your trip.

### Q. Will my luggage be carried for me?

**A.** Luggage transfers from coach to hotel lobby are included on all group tours. Train station platforms are accessible via lifts and escalators, though you will need to carry your own bags on and off trains. Your National Escort will assist where possible, and local porters can be hired at most stations.

### Q. What are the tour hours?

**A.** Tours generally start at around 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally an earlier start is required to meet a flight departure or to visit a sight at its very best.

### Q. Are there any optional excursions?

**A.** Our Classic tours include full days of sightseeing, so you can experience all the must-see sights and create unforgettable memories. Occasionally, when time permits, we may offer an After-Hours Experience, such as evening show, for those who want a little extra excitement. These experiences are not mandatory, will be outlined in your final documents, and can be paid for locally in cash (or mobile payment app in China).

On your Yangtze River cruise, a daily shore excursion is included, with an optional additional excursion available locally, subject to river conditions.

### Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

**A.** China and Central Asia offer some of the world's most colourful and rewarding shopping experiences, from silk mills, spice bazaars, hand-woven carpets and intricate ceramics. We build time into our itineraries for local exploration, and your National Escort will be happy to help you find the best spots and negotiate a good price. As always, enjoy the experience and shop wisely.

### Q. Who will I be travelling with?

**A.** Our groups are made up of like-minded travellers from the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, typically ranging in age from 40 to 65 – though passengers of all ages travel with us. What everyone has in common is a love of travel and adventure.

### Q. Can I access the internet and my usual apps in China?

**A.** Internet access is available throughout China, though some Western apps and platforms are blocked due to government restrictions, including Google services (Gmail, Google Maps), Facebook and WhatsApp. Some travellers choose to download a VPN (Virtual Private Network) before departure to access blocked apps, though we strongly advise researching the legal implications as VPN usage is subject to Chinese government regulations. eSIM providers such as Airalo offer built-in VPN capabilities.

Scan to view our Guide to Accessing Internet in China



## Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK and Ireland. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



# Travel with purpose

For the last 25 years we've been taking groups of travellers to unique and spectacular places, and know full well how impactful, inspiring and horizon-broadening exploring the world can be. Over the years we have been building as many mutually beneficial, sustainable and responsible relationships as possible in the destinations that we visit, so they too are able to thrive.



## Local Economic Empowerment

We believe travel should positively benefit the communities we visit. That's why we prioritise locally-owned restaurants, hotels, and experiences that support local businesses and create sustainable livelihoods.

When traveling with us, you help empower local artisans, entrepreneurs, guides, drivers and so many others, ensuring that tourism leaves a positive, lasting impact.

## Respectful Cultural Experiences

We are committed to fostering meaningful, authentic, and respectful interactions with the communities we visit. Our tours are designed to celebrate local traditions, honour cultural heritage, and support experiences led by local experts. We encourage travellers to engage with an open mind, follow local customs, and contribute to the preservation of cultural identity in a responsible way.

## Lower Impact Travel

We are reducing our environmental impact by building more rail journeys into our itineraries, and promoting low-season travel. Trains offer a greener alternative to flying, lowering carbon emissions while providing a more immersive travel experience. By promoting more departures in the low season, we also help ease pressure on popular destinations, support local economies year-round, and create a more sustainable way to explore the world.

## Sustainable Tourism Education

We believe responsible travel starts with awareness. That's why we provide our travellers with practical tips on reducing their environmental impact and supporting communities in a meaningful way. Through pre-departure resources and on-tour guidance, we empower our travellers to make informed, sustainable choices that help protect the destinations we visit for future generations.

# 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.

## WENDY'S LOYALTY CLUB

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

### Bronze

Enjoy £100pp off your next booking after completing your first tour with us.



### Silver

Receive £150pp off your 3rd and 4th bookings once you've travelled with us twice.



### Gold

Save £200pp off your 5th and 6th bookings after four tours with us.



### Platinum

Unlock £250pp off every booking once you've travelled with us six times.



These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.

## RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Recommend us to a friend, and if they book, we'll give you an extra £50 off your next booking with us as a token of our appreciation.



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

# Essential Booking Information

Before you book with Wendy Wu Tours, please take a moment to read this summary along with the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your tour and our full Booking Conditions (available on our website). When you book with us it's on the understanding that you've read and understood these.

## Your Financial Protection

Your holiday is in safe hands. For flight-based holidays, we hold an ATOL licence (No. 6639), issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, meaning your money is protected if anything goes wrong. You'll receive an ATOL Certificate when you book, clearly outlining exactly what's covered.

For non-flight package holidays, we're a proud member of ABTA (No. W7994), providing further peace of mind through a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association.

## Book With Confidence

Your holiday also falls under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, meaning we are fully responsible for the proper performance of your entire package. In the unlikely event of insolvency, your payments are protected and – where transport is included – your safe return home is guaranteed.

Book with confidence. Your holiday is protected every step of the way.

## Payment

To secure your booking, we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £350 per person. The remaining balance is due at least 75 days before departure. In some cases (for example flight upgrades) a higher deposit may be needed.

## Travel Documents

For most destinations, you'll need a passport with at least 6 months' validity and two blank pages. While we assist and cover the cost of pre-arranged travel visas for UK and Irish passport holders (unless otherwise specified), you are ultimately responsible for ensuring you have the correct passport and visas to travel.

## Health & Travel Insurance

Please arrange any recommended vaccinations in good time before your trip. You'll also need suitable travel insurance in place before booking.

## Changing Your Booking

If you need to make changes before paying your balance, there's a £50 admin fee plus any additional costs incurred, such as non-refundable flights or cruise deposits.

## Cancelling Your Booking

If you need to cancel, the following charges usually apply:

- 75+ days before departure: loss of deposit
- 42–74 days: 30%
- 28–41 days: 60%
- 15–27 days: 90%
- 14 days or less: 100%

Some parts of your trip may be non-refundable – if this is the case, we will explain it to you when you book.

## If We Need to Change Your Holiday

Occasionally, we may need to make changes to your holiday. If this happens, we'll let you know as soon as possible. If it's a major change, you can choose a different holiday or receive a full refund.

## Special Requests

If you have any special requirements (such as dietary needs), please let us know before booking. We'll do our best to accommodate them, though we can't guarantee every request.

## Fitness & Medical Conditions

Each tour has a 'physical rating' and the activity levels are described in the tour's Detailed Tour Itinerary. It is your responsibility to check these carefully and be sure you can participate without adverse effect on the group.

## Booking Conditions

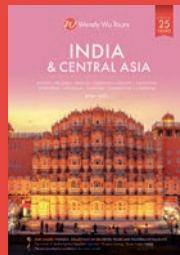
You can find the full Booking Conditions on our website or via the QR code. They include important additional details, so please read them carefully before booking.



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- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Visa service included
- Holder of Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA
- Winner of industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years in a row

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