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The winner of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 14 years running – Globe Travel Awards

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# WELCOME TO CHINA!

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

## CLASSIC

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

## GO BEYOND

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

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

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

## CRUISE & TOUR

Combining an ocean cruise with a 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.

## TAILORMADE

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

## SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling in a group of ten or more, we can arrange your own, independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. Please see page 93 for more details.



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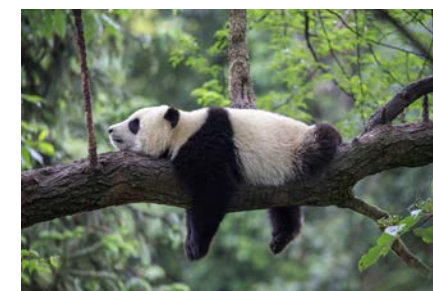
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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 14 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

## OUR EXPERTISE

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

## OUTSTANDING GUIDES

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

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

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

## VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is our hassle-free visa process, with the costs included in the price. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

## FANTASTIC OFFERS

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

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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

## AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## OUR ONLY GOAL

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

## TIPPING MADE EASY

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

Welcome to the 2025-2026 edition of our China brochure! As usual it is packed with an excellent selection of carefully crafted tours, each designed to take you on a wonderful adventure through this most enchanting destination.

China is a land of discovery, filled with everything that the discerning traveller could wish for – landmark sights (hello Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Forbidden City), majestic nature, action-packed cities and an astonishing and ancient culture. So, as is only right in a land this rich in heritage, every tour is full of activities and experiences that will help you get in touch with the authentic essence of China. They feature things like the age-old practice of Tai Chi, the art of calligraphy or visiting the traditional family home of one of China's many ethnic minorities. It's these sorts of highlights that mean you can feel safe in the knowledge that whichever holiday you choose, you are sure to return home with a wealth of wonderful memories.

In the pages of this brochure, you'll find four brand new group tours, Gems of China (page 26), Natural Treasures of China (page 56), Tibetan Railroad (page 64) and China: Winter Wonderland (page 46). Two feature the awe-inspiring landscapes of Zhangjiajie, one takes you across the Tibetan plateau on the world's highest railway, and the other is a once-in-a-lifetime Christmas and New Year adventure. There are also two tours that are part of a whole new Wendy Wu Tours concept, 'Cruise & Tour', which allows you to combine a fully inclusive, wonder-packed China tour with an ocean cruise. Everything – flights, cruise, and touring – is organised by us, so all you have to do is pick the right one for you.

I must just mention our wonderful National Escorts, who are the very heart and soul of our tours. Born and raised in China, they will share in-depth, intimate, and unique knowledge of their home country with you, throughout your visit. They'll take care of you every step of the way, allowing you to simply relax and enjoy the journey.

We hope you enjoy discovering your perfect adventure in the pages of this brochure and look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours





# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY


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

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

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

## GETTING AROUND

The majority of your daily travels will be by air conditioned coach on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary and you'll enjoy a seat and a half of space to stretch out in. You'll also enjoy relaxing river cruises and fun local curios like cyclos and rickshaws.

For longer journeys you may find yourself flying or enjoying a relaxing rail journey. Tours that feature a significant amount of rail travel or an iconic train journey are highlighted with an  on the contents page.

Lastly why not combine your tour with an extended cruise on our Cruise & Tour Holidays? A seamless blend of our

award-winning tours and carefully selected ocean journeys, this is a wonderful way to explore your chosen country from every perspective.

## SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and complimentary cocktails on arrival! See tours: In Pursuit of Pandas (p.16), A China Experience (p.18), Glories of China (p.20), Majestic Yangtze (p.22), Wonders of China (p.24) and Magnificent China (p.38) in this brochure or check our website at [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk) for more information.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 94) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

## PHYSICAL RATING

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. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, please refer to the Tour Dossier (or 'Detailed Itinerary') available for download on the tour pages of our website.



### 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 demands of each tour are different, we recommend you check your Tour Dossier (or 'Detailed Itinerary') carefully before booking and contact us or your agent if you're unsure.



# You're in safe hands

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



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

*Catherine Prior*

## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

## OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- ✓ Are experienced and qualified in guiding tours
- ✓ 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



# Award-winning expertise

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



# Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud to be the holder of a feefo Gold 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.



98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



# Our Price Promise

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

## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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

## 100% NO SURCHARGE PROMISE

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

## WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE

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




# Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

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

### TAI CHI

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



### BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI

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



### HUTONGS TOUR

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

### ERA SHOW

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




### WEIBAOSHAN MEDITATION

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

### CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION

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.



### MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

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





# Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

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

## WENDY'S TOP 8 CHINA SIGHTS

### 1 BEIJING

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



### 2 XIAN

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



### 3 SHANGHAI

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



### 4 CHENGDU

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



### 5 YANGTZE RIVER

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



### 6 GUILIN

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



### 7 LIJIANG

Located among Yunnan's most dramatic mountain landscapes, Lijiang is well worth a visit, 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.







# CLASSIC TOURS

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

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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

## EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy, sharing the experience with a group of up to 28 fellow travellers. Solo departures have a maximum group size of 18 passengers.

## ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

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

## NATIONAL ESCORTS

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

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



# IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

- 9 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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Taste delicious Shui Jiao dumplings

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



See pandas at Dujiangyan Panda Base and Chengdu Panda Reserve

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Chinese architecture and orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, dine on Peking duck, a 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 this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. You will also have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. A thrilling fusion of athleticism and artistry at a Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

### DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

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

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

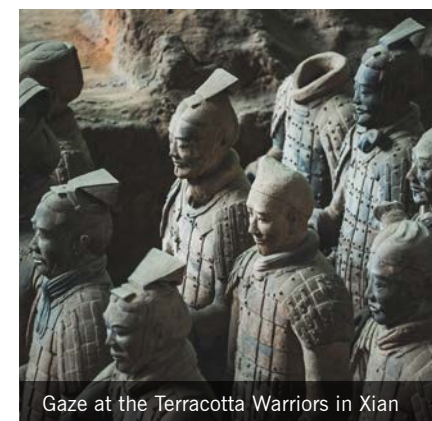
After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location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

### DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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



Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

### DAY 8: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Your second panda experience will take place at Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, located right in the city. An education centre and breeding facility, here you'll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of bamboo, sleep and play, and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Back in Chengdu, stop by a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

### DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

### LOOKING TO TRAVEL AT CHRISTMAS?

Visit page 44 to find out about our Christmas in China tour.



Walk the Great Wall

## IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

## CLASSIC CHINA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

### 2025 DATES

02 Mar - 10 Mar	£3,490	08 Jun - 16 Jun	£3,290
09 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,090	07 Sep - 15 Sep	£3,390
06 Apr - 14 Apr	£3,190	14 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,390
13 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,190	12 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,390
04 May - 12 May	£3,190	02 Nov - 10 Nov	£3,690
11 May - 19 May	£3,190	09 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,290

### 2026 DATES

22 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,090	09 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,590
05 Apr - 13 Apr	£3,190	06 Sep - 14 Sep	£3,490
12 Apr - 20 Apr	£3,190	13 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,490
19 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,590	11 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,490
10 May - 18 May	£3,390	18 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,490
17 May - 25 May	£3,290	01 Nov - 09 Nov	£3,790
07 Jun - 15 Jun	£3,290	08 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,290
12 Jul - 20 Jul	£3,590		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £380
- Tipping paid locally RMB 400

Dedicated solos departure

Call for our 2027 pricing and departures



Enjoy Peking duck in Beijing



# A CHINA EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn about jade, the sacred stone

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Jade has long been a sacred stone to the Chinese people, said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a jade factory where you can learn more about its origins, its importance and how it is crafted.
- 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!
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.



Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

## 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 factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner tonight will be traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

### DAY 4: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

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

### DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital with a history spanning 3,100 years. This afternoon, spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

### 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. End the day watching a thrilling Chinese acrobatic show.



Explore the Muslim Quarter



See the famous Terracotta Army



Walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

### DAY 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.

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Stroll along the Bund, Shanghai

## A CHINA EXPERIENCE

## CLASSIC CHINA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2025 DATES

25 Mar - 03 Apr	£3,190	26 Aug - 04 Sep	£3,590
05 Apr - 14 Apr	£3,290	06 Sep - 15 Sep	£3,490
12 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,290	13 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,490
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19 Jul - 28 Jul	£3,590		

### 2026 DATES

18 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,290	07 Aug - 16 Aug	£3,690
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08 Jul - 17 Jul	£3,690	07 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,390

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,490 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally RMB 450

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# GLORIES OF CHINA

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- PER PERSON £3,690
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- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



See Terracotta Army replicas being made

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- 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.
- 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.
- Meet the most famous residents on the Li River. With their conical hats, bamboo rafts, and winged business partners in a pre-dive stance, the cormorant fishermen transport you back to China's ancient past.



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

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 5: SEVEN STAR PARK

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

### DAY 6: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 7: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

### DAY 8: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

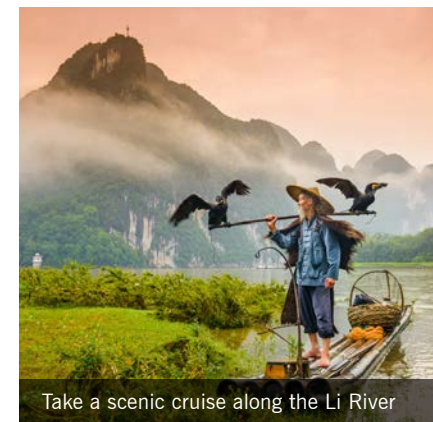
Return to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghuk Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. Visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer.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

### DAY 9: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

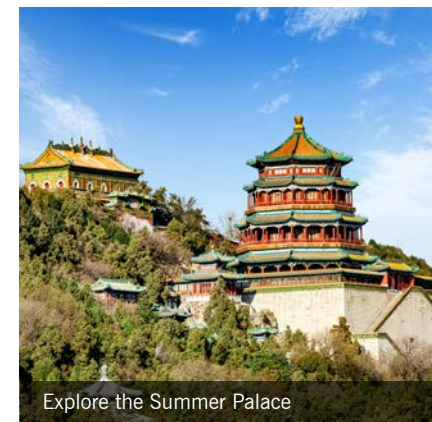
Fly to Xian and visit the Muslim Quarter before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

### 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.



Take a scenic cruise along the Li River



Explore the 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. Start exploring with a leisurely stroll through the warren-like hutongs, traditional neighbourhoods, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs.

### DAY 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...



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Cruise Shanghai's Huangpu River at night

## GLORIES OF CHINA

## 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 urban splendour of Shanghai, Beijing and Xian on this popular tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2025 DATES

15 Mar - 28 Mar	£3,690	09 Aug - 22 Aug	£4,190
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12 Jul - 25 Jul	£4,190		

### 2026 DATES

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10 May - 23 May	£3,990	25 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,190
17 May - 30 May	£3,990	04 Nov - 17 Nov	£4,190
09 Jun - 22 Jun	£3,990	11 Nov - 24 Nov	£4,090

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £550
- Tipping paid locally RMB 580

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# 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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Explore the old town of Ciqikou

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- 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.
- Explore the quirks of local culture in Chengdu at the fascinating 'Matchmaker's Corner', a place where parents search for potential suitors for their children.



Enjoy the beauty of the Yangtze River

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 4: MODERN PUDONG

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

### DAYS 5-7: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 8: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

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

### DAY 9: PANDAS

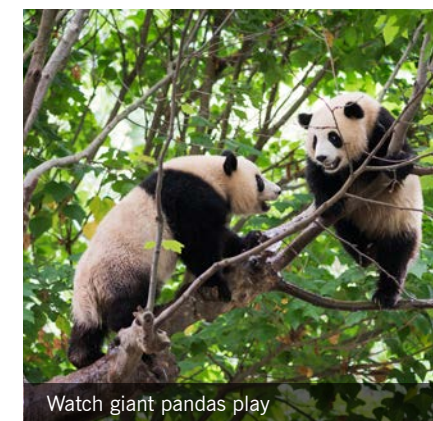
Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base, where you can see and learn about China's cherished pandas in a habitat mirroring their natural surroundings. Explore the museum to gain insights into the reserve's breeding efforts. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial 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. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and even buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.



Explore the delights of Shanghai



Watch giant pandas play

### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing. China's capital, a treasure trove of sights, beneath layers of modernity this fast-paced mega city hides three millennia worth of tumultuous but glorious 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. Also soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and end the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.



Walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 13: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy-Peking duck.

### DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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## MAJESTIC YANGTZE

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

### 2025 DATES

17 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,790	14 Jul - 27 Jul	£4,090
24 Mar - 06 Apr	£3,790	04 Aug - 17 Aug	£4,090
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19 May - 01 Jun	£3,890	05 Nov - 18 Nov*	£3,890
02 Jun - 15 Jun	£3,890	10 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,890

### 2026 DATES

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23 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,890	03 Aug - 16 Aug	£4,290
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\* Departing Wednesday returning Tuesday.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £730
- Tipping paid locally RMB 700

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# WONDERS OF CHINA

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## 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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover Beijing's hutongs

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- 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.
- The Li River is the perfect vantage point from which to soak up the dramatic beauty of the surrounding karst landscapes, as you'll discover on a peaceful cruise on its gentle waters.
- Savour traditional Shui Jiao (a Xian speciality), delicious, boiled dumplings with a range of savoury fillings served with a dipping sauce of vinegar and soy sauce. As you eat, you'll be immersed in the opulence of the Tang Dynasty through a exuberant dance show.

## 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. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

### DAY 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. You will then visit a jade factory to learn more about this precious stone – there is also the opportunity to buy handcrafted pieces. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture.

### DAY 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

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### 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.



Walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 13: YANGSHUO

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

### DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION

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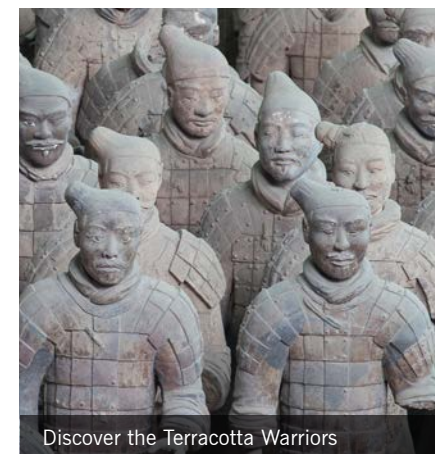
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Discover the Terracotta Warriors

## WONDERS OF CHINA

## CLASSIC CHINA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

### 2025 DATES

16 Mar - 31 Mar	£4,390	10 Aug - 25 Aug	£4,690
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24 May - 08 Jun	£4,590	25 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,690
07 Jun - 22 Jun	£4,590	01 Nov - 16 Nov	£4,590
19 Jun - 04 Jul*	£4,590	08 Nov - 23 Nov	£4,590

\* Departing Friday returning Saturday.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £750
- Tipping paid locally RMB 810

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# GEMS OF CHINA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,490**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



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?
- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in comfort.



Soak up the views of Zhangjiajie Forest Park

## 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. Stop at a jade factory to see how this precious stone is crafted; revered throughout China. 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, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

### 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 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, the dramatic scenery an absolute highlight of your trip. On the



Watch giant pandas play



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.

### DAY 12: 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, visit the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery with a ride on the scenic train. 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.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### MT HUANG EXTENSION

4 days from £830pp

### GUILIN & YANGSHUO EXTENSION

4 days from £620pp

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £380pp

Visit page 94 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today, visit the peaceful Yu Garden and the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historic waterfront Bund, before visiting a silk factory. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and dine on Shanghaiese cuisine.

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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CLASSIC  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore China's biggest and best cities and sights, including the Wall, Warriors, the giant pandas, a cruise on the Yangtze and Shanghai. Then, for some extra spectacular, we've thrown in the magical landscapes of Zhangjiajie National Park.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Thursday

### 2025 DATES

02 Apr - 17 Apr	<b>£4,490</b>	10 Sep - 25 Sep	<b>£4,690</b>
11 May - 26 May*	<b>£4,590</b>	05 Oct - 20 Oct*	<b>£4,690</b>
03 Sep - 18 Sep	<b>£4,690</b>	02 Nov - 17 Nov*	<b>£4,490</b>

### 2026 DATES

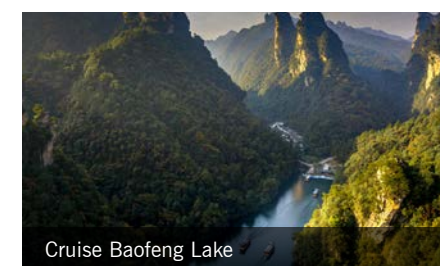
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01 Apr - 16 Apr	<b>£4,590</b>	02 Sep - 17 Sep	<b>£4,890</b>
08 Apr - 23 Apr	<b>£4,690</b>	09 Sep - 24 Sep	<b>£4,890</b>
06 May - 21 May	<b>£4,790</b>	07 Oct - 22 Oct	<b>£4,890</b>
03 Jun - 18 Jun	<b>£4,790</b>	28 Oct - 12 Nov	<b>£4,790</b>
08 Jul - 23 Jul	<b>£4,990</b>	04 Nov - 19 Nov	<b>£4,690</b>

\* Departing Sunday returning Monday.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £770
- Tipping paid locally RMB 875

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Cruise Baofeng Lake



# CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore Sera Monastery in Lhasa

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Stroll along Xian's city walls

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

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

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

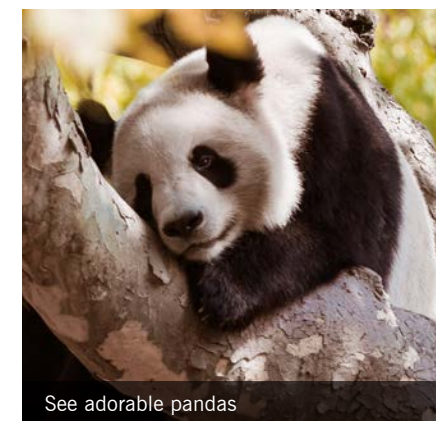
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors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

### DAY 7: MYSTICAL LHASA

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



See Tibetan monks



See adorable pandas



Admire the impressive Potala Palace

### DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

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

### DAY 9: POTALA PALACE

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

### DAY 10: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

### DAY 11: PANDAS

Begin today with a visit to Chengdu's Panda Conservation 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 flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

## CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

CLASSIC  
CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

### 2025 DATES

11 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,890	12 Sep - 27 Sep	£4,790
09 May - 24 May	£4,890	10 Oct - 25 Oct	£4,790
22 Aug - 06 Sep	£4,890		

### 2026 DATES

10 Apr - 25 Apr	£4,990	21 Aug - 05 Sep	£5,090
08 May - 23 May	£5,090	11 Sep - 26 Sep	£5,090
05 Jun - 20 Jun	£5,090	09 Oct - 24 Oct	£5,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,090 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £860
- Tipping paid locally RMB 875

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## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### GREAT WALL HIKE

2 days from £860pp

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £380pp

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# ANCIENT CHINA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,090

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Watch the age-old art of calligraphy

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- 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.
- Discover the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting, an intricate and beautiful craft that's been practised since the 6th century. After a demonstration of the techniques, try your hand at creating your own paper cutting.
- 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.



Explore the Hanging Temple in Datong

## 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) and a place of scenic magnificence. In Wutaishan's shadow, an alpine valley shelters many important monasteries, temples and sculptures, some dating back over 1,000 years. Here, visit the Bodhisattva Summit Temple and Xiantong Buddhist Temple. Continue to Taiyuan, the capital and largest city in Shanxi Province and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, constructed during the Ming Dynasty.

### DAY 9: TAIYUAN AND PINGYAO

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



View the Yungang Grottoes

### 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 watching a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

### DAY 13: LUOYANG

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

### DAY 14: SHAOLIN TEMPLE

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

### DAY 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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, east and west colliding on streets lined with skyscrapers and old temples. Visit the classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, take your seats to see the 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 factory. Taste delicious, traditional Shanghainese cuisine for dinner.

### DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

ANCIENT CHINA

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

### 2025 DATES

07 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,090	08 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,090
05 May - 22 May	£4,090	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,090

### 2026 DATES

06 Apr - 23 Apr	£4,190	07 Sep - 24 Sep	£4,290
11 May - 28 May	£4,190	05 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,290

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,390 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £720
- Tipping paid locally RMB 860

## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION

5 days from £1,290pp

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £380pp

### ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £290pp

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# CHINA DELIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Start the day with a Tai Chi class

## ► 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.
- Visit a plantation and learn all about the process of cultivating, plucking, processing and producing that wonderful beverage, tea! There will also be a taster, to keep you refreshed.
- Cruise on the historic Grand Canal, built over 1,000 years ago to transport goods around the kingdom, through the picturesque old town of Suzhou.



Visit a tea plantation in Hangzhou

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 4: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 5: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

### DAY 6: WUZHEN

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

### DAY 7: 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 teamaking 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, then visit the South China Pearl factory.

### DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 10: TAI CHI LESSON

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



Explore rural Yangshuo

### DAY 11: CHENGDU

Board the bullet train to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, enjoy time at leisure or there is an option to watch a performance of Sichuan opera for the actors' famous 'face-changing'.

### DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

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

### DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

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

### DAY 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

### DAY 15: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

### DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Next, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

### DAY 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 by a jade factory to learn about this precious stone, which is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy - Peking duck.

### DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

## CHINA DELIGHTS

### CLASSIC CHINA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Cruise Suzhou's Grand Canal

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

### 2025 DATES

07 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,390	08 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,390
05 May - 22 May	£4,390	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,390

### 2026 DATES

06 Apr - 23 Apr	£4,590	07 Sep - 24 Sep	£4,590
11 May - 28 May	£4,590	05 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,590

### Flight and supplement information

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# CLASSIC CHINA

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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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Meet the Naxi locals

## ► 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.
- Sail high above the breathtaking landscapes of Yunnan into the majestic heights of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car, reaching an observation point at 4,500 metres and exploring a beautiful high-altitude meadow.
- A speciality dish of Yunnan province, tucked 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.



Discover the spectacular Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

## 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, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. In the evening, dine on the region's local delicacy, Peking duck, followed by an enthralling Chinese acrobatic show.

### DAY 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, said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

### DAY 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 horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

### DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Explore the Reed Flute Cave to admire its colourful stalagmites and stalactites, then visit the South China Pearl Factory.

### DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

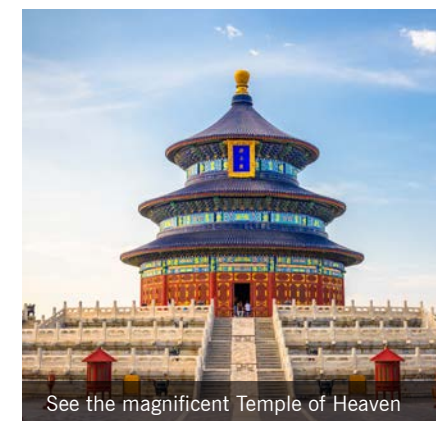
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

### DAY 9: TAI CHI LESSON

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

### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and board the scenic bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province.



See the magnificent Temple of Heaven



Wander through the Stone Forest

### DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. 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. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

### DAYS 17-19: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

2025 Departing Sunday returning Saturday  
2026 Departing Thursday returning Wednesday

### 2025 DATES

06 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,290	07 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,290
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### 2026 DATES

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14 May - 03 Jun	£5,490	08 Oct - 28 Oct	£5,590
21 May - 10 Jun	£5,490	29 Oct - 18 Nov	£5,590

### Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
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# CHINA BY RAIL

22 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Journey by high-speed bullet train

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Glide through China's diverse landscapes aboard bullet trains, experiencing speed, comfort, and modernity. Connect with locals and witness the country's dynamic transformation from the window.
- Spend the night atop Huangshan, the Yellow Mountain, to admire the beauty of its scenery, acclaimed in Chinese art and literature for centuries, in the different lights of the day.
- Visit the village of Xizhou where, as well as browsing the laden stalls of the bustling, local market, you'll be able to see members of the Naxi minority community in their colourful, traditional dress.



Admire views from Yellow Mountain

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 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, the old town and a silk factory. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund, before a trip on the super-fast electromagnetic Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and dine on delicious Shanghainese cuisine.

### DAY 4: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

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

### DAY 5: TUNXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

### DAY 6: ORANGE ISLAND

Journey by bullet train to Changsha, a vibrant metropolis steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. Explore the bamboo and sculpture gardens of Orange Island, where a towering 32-metre statue of Chairman Mao Zedong stands. As dusk falls, indulge in the lively night market's local delicacies, a taste of Changsha's culture.

### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

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

### DAY 8: DISCOVER GUILIN

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

### DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

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



Discover Baisha village



Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre

### DAY 11: EXPLORE KUNMING

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

### DAY 12: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

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

### DAY 13: ENCHANTING DALI

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

### DAY 14: LIJIANG OLD QUARTER

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

### DAY 15: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

The 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. Later, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

### DAY 16: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

### DAY 17: GIANT 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: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

### DAYS 19-20: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

## CHINA BY RAIL

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

### 2025 DATES

04 Apr - 25 Apr	£5,790	10 Oct - 31 Oct	£5,790
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02 Apr - 23 Apr*	£5,990	03 Sep - 24 Sep*	£5,990
07 May - 28 May*	£5,990	08 Oct - 29 Oct*	£5,990
21 May - 11 Jun*	£5,990	15 Oct - 05 Nov*	£5,990

\* Departing Thursday returning Thursday.

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- Single room from £1,150
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### DAY 21: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 22: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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



Explore Jade Dragon Snow Mountain



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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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit a traditional tea house in Chengdu

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Enjoy a trip down the Li River

## 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. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. 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: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

### DAY 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. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a Tang Dynasty dance show.

### DAY 7: ANCIENT CITY WALL

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

### DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

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

### DAY 9: CHENGDU GIANT PANDAS

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



See the life-size Terracotta Warriors

### 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.

### DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 14: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

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

### DAY 15: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 16: YANGSHUO

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



Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden

### DAY 17: DISCOVER GUILIN

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

### DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 19: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

### DAYS 20-21: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

## MAGNIFICENT CHINA

## CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

### 2025 DATES

20 Mar - 10 Apr	£4,690	17 Jul - 07 Aug	£5,090
27 Mar - 17 Apr	£4,690	07 Aug - 28 Aug	£5,190
03 Apr - 24 Apr	£5,790	04 Sep - 25 Sep	£5,090
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08 May - 29 May	£4,790	09 Oct - 30 Oct	£5,090
22 May - 12 Jun	£4,790	23 Oct - 13 Nov	£5,090
12 Jun - 03 Jul	£4,890	30 Oct - 20 Nov	£5,990

### 2026 DATES

14 Mar - 04 Apr	£4,990	18 Jul - 08 Aug	£5,390
23 Mar - 13 Apr	£4,990	08 Aug - 29 Aug	£5,390
06 Apr - 27 Apr	£6,190	31 Aug - 21 Sep	£5,290
11 Apr - 02 May	£5,090	07 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,290
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11 May - 01 Jun	£5,090	12 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,290
18 May - 08 Jun	£5,090	19 Oct - 09 Nov	£6,390
13 Jun - 04 Jul	£5,190	26 Oct - 16 Nov	£5,290

### Flight and supplement information

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# GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

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ALL MEALS

## 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

Explore charming Suzhou

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Cruise the mighty Huangpu River

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Cruise on the waters of the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of the Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.
- 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.

## 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

Exploring 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

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

### DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

### DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

### DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

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

### DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

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

### DAYS 14-15: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-goneby. 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



See the Three Pagodas in Dali

### DAY 17: JOURNEY TO GUILIN

Bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin.

### 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.

### DAY 19: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

### DAY 20: EXPLORE GUILIN

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

### DAYS 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

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden – typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

### DAY 24: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

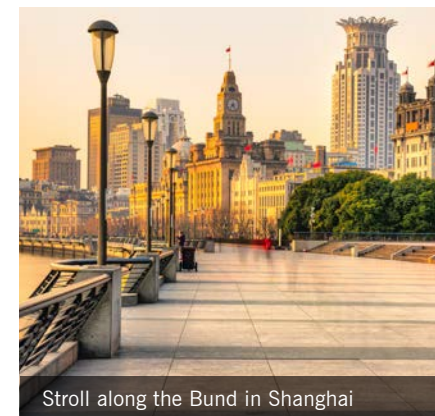
Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, Nanjing Road and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.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

### DAY 25: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Stroll along the Bund in Shanghai

## GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

CLASSIC  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2025 DATES			
13 Mar - 07 Apr	£5,290	05 Jun - 30 Jun	£5,490
20 Mar - 14 Apr	£5,290	07 Aug - 01 Sep	£5,690
03 Apr - 28 Apr	£5,390	04 Sep - 29 Sep	£5,590
10 Apr - 05 May	£5,390	18 Sep - 13 Oct	£5,590
01 May - 26 May	£5,390	09 Oct - 03 Nov	£5,590
08 May - 02 Jun	£5,390	16 Oct - 10 Nov	£5,590
15 May - 09 Jun	£5,390		
2026 DATES			
16 Mar - 10 Apr	£5,690	05 Aug - 30 Aug	£5,990
23 Mar - 17 Apr	£5,690	02 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,890
01 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,790	09 Sep - 04 Oct	£5,890
08 Apr - 03 May	£5,790	16 Sep - 11 Oct	£5,890
22 Apr - 17 May	£5,790	07 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,990
06 May - 31 May	£5,890	14 Oct - 08 Nov	£5,990
13 May - 07 Jun	£5,890	21 Oct - 15 Nov	£5,990
03 Jun - 28 Jun	£5,890		

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,150
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,250

Call for our 2027 pricing and departures



# ULTIMATE CHINA

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Meet Tibetan locals

## ► 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.
- Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 to 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.
- Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cang Mountains and sailing past its multiple islands, many replete with colourful temples.



Explore spectacular Songzanlin Temple in Zhongdian

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven and enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

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

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

### DAY 7: 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

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

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

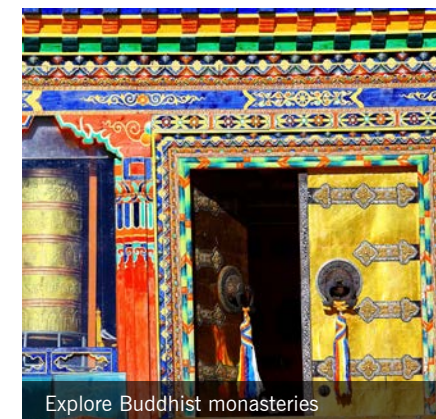
Take a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

### DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

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

### DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO DALI

Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China and discover the magnificent Three Pagodas.



Explore Buddhist monasteries



Admire the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

### DAY 13: ENCHANTING DALI

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

### DAY 14: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit Shaxi village.

### DAY 15: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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.

### DAY 16: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

### DAY 17: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

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

### DAY 18: MYSTICAL LHASA

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

### DAY 19: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism.

There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

### DAY 20: POTALA PALACE

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

### DAY 21: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children.

### DAY 22: PANDAS

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

### DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and board the bullet train to Shanghai.

## ULTIMATE CHINA

## 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.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

### 2025 DATES

05 May - 31 May	£6,590	01 Sep - 27 Sep	£6,590
12 May - 07 Jun	£6,590	06 Oct - 01 Nov	£6,590

### 2026 DATES

13 May - 08 Jun	£6,890	05 Oct - 31 Oct*	£6,990
20 May - 15 Jun	£6,890	12 Oct - 07 Nov*	£6,990
31 Aug - 26 Sep*	£6,990		

\* Departing Wednesday returning Monday.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,890 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,250
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1365

### DAY 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

### DAY 27: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



# CHRISTMAS IN CHINA

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,190

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy Peking Duck for Christmas dinner

## SPECIAL FESTIVAL EXPERIENCES

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



Enter the Forbidden City through the Gate of Supreme Harmony

## 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: CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 4: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

### DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

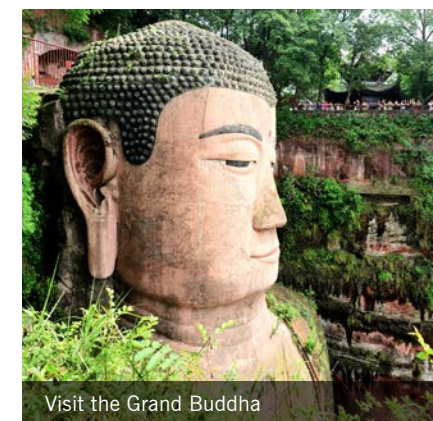
Board the bullet train to Xian, an illustrious and age-old city and one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Arrive and enjoy a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved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

### 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. Next, wander through the Muslim Quarter's bustling streets filled with aromatic food stalls and historic mosques. Enjoy the evening at leisure or join an optional tour of Xian's illuminated streets.

### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

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



Visit the Grand Buddha



See Pandas in Chengdu on New Year's Eve

### DAY 8: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

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

### DAY 9: NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH PANDAS

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

### DAY 10: CHENGDU

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

### DAY 11: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SHANGHAI EXTENSION

3 days from £430pp

### HARBIN ICE & SNOW FESTIVAL

3 days from £1,480pp

### ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £290pp

Visit page 94 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Start your Christmas Day with a walk on the Great Wall

## CHRISTMAS IN CHINA

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

### 2025 DATES

23 Dec - 02 Jan £4,190

### 2026 DATES

23 Dec - 02 Jan £4,290

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,490 (Beijing - Chengdu)
- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 440



NEW

# CHINA: WINTER WONDERLAND

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,790

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



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 to afternoon wandering the charming, cobbled streets or relaxing in a hot spring before walking on the illuminated wall as night falls.



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

## 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 factory. 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 with its 1920's-style shikumen buildings. 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

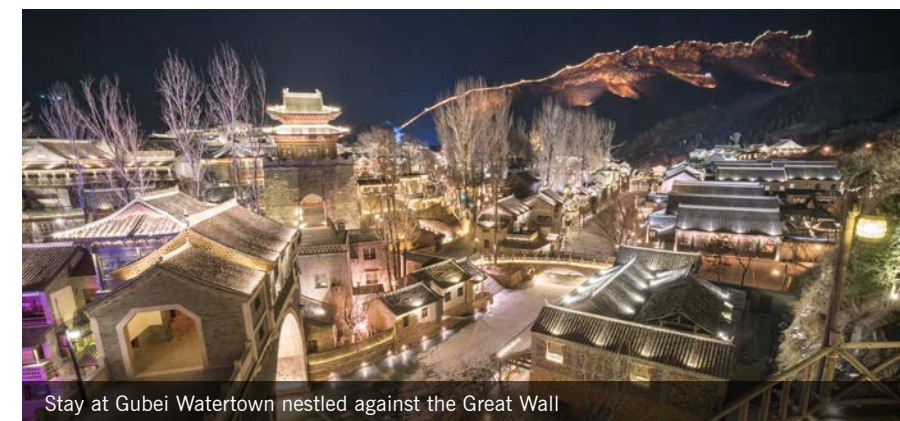
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully 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. Later, explore the hutongs and have dinner with 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 journey 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.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £380pp

### ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £290pp

### SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION

5 days from £1,290pp

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Decide to take part in a range of optional 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.

CHINA: WINTER WONDERLAND

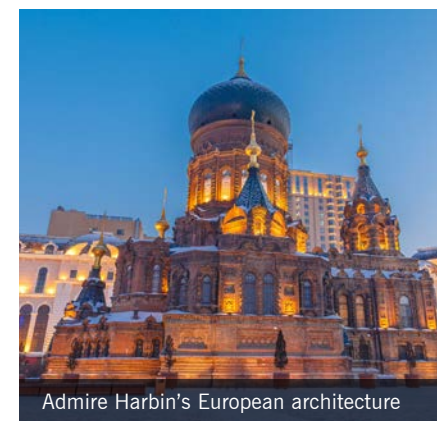
CLASSIC  
CHINA

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 European architecture

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

### 2025 DATES

23 Dec - 06 Jan £5,790

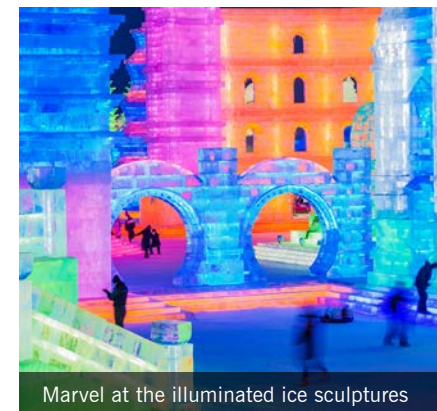
### 2026 DATES

23 Dec - 06 Jan £5,890

## Flight and supplement information

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# ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the historic hutongs of Beijing

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Visit the beautiful Osaka Castle

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

### DAY 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 on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

### DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

### DAY 8: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Begin today at the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory. Later, stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture.

### DAY 9: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

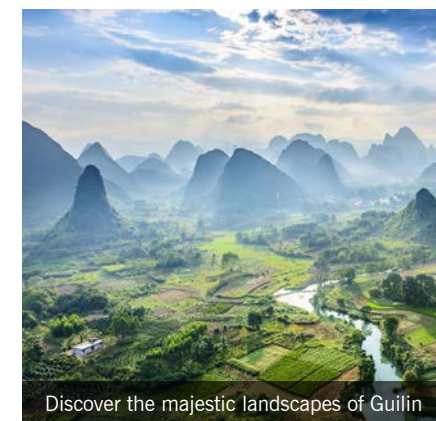
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local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

### DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Return to Guilin by road, then 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 factory. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the Bund and Nanjing Road. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin



Visit the manicured gardens of Korakuen

### DAY 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

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

### DAY 13: OSAKA CASTLE

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

### DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

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

### DAY 15: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. Return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, 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 Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO

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

### DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before 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 ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

### DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

### 2025 DATES

17 Mar - 05 Apr	£7,790	06 Oct - 25 Oct	£7,790
24 Mar - 12 Apr	£7,790	13 Oct - 01 Nov	£7,690
05 May - 24 May	£7,690	20 Oct - 08 Nov	£7,690
08 Sep - 27 Sep	£7,690	27 Oct - 15 Nov	£7,690

### 2026 DATES

09 Mar - 28 Mar	£8,390	11 May - 30 May	£8,090
16 Mar - 04 Apr	£8,390	07 Sep - 26 Sep	£8,090
23 Mar - 11 Apr	£8,390	14 Sep - 03 Oct	£8,090
30 Mar - 18 Apr	£8,390	05 Oct - 24 Oct	£8,090
06 Apr - 25 Apr	£8,390	12 Oct - 31 Oct	£8,090
04 May - 23 May	£8,190	02 Nov - 21 Nov	£8,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,890 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,270
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Gaze at the Terracotta Army



TREASURES OF TAIWAN

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DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓ Explore bustling Taipei

✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake

✓ Visit the Foguangshan Monastery

✓ Relax on the beach at Kenting

✓ Discover the Taroko Gorge

✓ Bathe in Taitung's hot springs

Visit Lotus Pond's colourful Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

PRICE INCLUDES

• 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners

• International flights and current taxes

• Domestic transportation

• 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation

• Touring with guides and entrance fees

Relax in Taitung's hot springs

► 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 Taipei'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.

Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

Discover the vibrant city of Taipei

TREASURES OF TAIWAN

CLASSIC  
TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

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

DAY 3: A DAY IN TAIPEI

Nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains, Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Begin your explorations of Taipei at the Martyrs' Shrine, CKS Memorial Hall, and Longshan Temple. Later, ascend the world-famous Taipei 101 for breathtaking city views. As evening falls, immerse yourself in local life with a street food tour at the bustling night markets.

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 aboriginal village of Tehua.

DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION

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

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, 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, Foguanshan. Lunch here will be a vegetarian feast, before you stroll over to the main shrine, the Buddhist Museum and Great Buddha Land, where you'll find a 36-metre Buddha watching over a garden of many smaller Buddhas. Finally, see the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan.

DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

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

DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIHPEN

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views throughout the journey. Continue to Chihpen, famous for its hot springs. On arrival, your afternoon will be free to relax and bathe in the thermal waters at your hotel. Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by a performance of traditional music and dance.

DAY 11: HEAD TO TAROKO

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

DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2025 DATES

12 Apr - 25 Apr	£4,990	13 Sep - 26 Sep	£4,990
10 May - 23 May	£4,990	11 Oct - 24 Oct	£4,990

2026 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr	£5,090	12 Sep - 25 Sep	£5,090
09 May - 22 May	£5,090	10 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,090

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# SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

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

- 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 and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
  - As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
  - 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 to beat out irresistibly fun folk rhythms.



Visit the magnificent Gyeongbok Palace

## 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 Seoul adventure at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class and make traditional bibimbap which you'll then enjoy for lunch. Also visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine and enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower. Tonight, be treated to a performance of Nanta – an award-winning non-verbal comedy and the longest running show in Korean history.



Explore the grounds of Seonamsa Temple

**DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN**  
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, where you'll spend some time discovering this artistic hub full of fascinating history.

**DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE**  
Head to Boseong, considered the best place in Korea to grow tea, and visit a green tea plantation, learning all about its production and enjoying a tasting. Continue to Suncheon for a stop at the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple complex is also home to a beautiful arched stone bridge. Also visit Naganeupseong Fortress Village for a glimpse at a more traditional Korean lifestyle and a chance to take part in a handkerchief dyeing experience.



Explore the bamboo forests of Juknokwon

**DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BUSAN**  
Head to Yeosu and ride the cable car over beautiful scenery and open water to Dolsan Island. Continue to Odongdo Island for more spectacular landscapes and take some time to appreciate the array of wild flowers that flourish here before travelling to the port city of Busan.

**DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN**  
The laidback to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Start the day at the Jagalchi Fish Market, and then see the city from above at Busan Tower. Also browse the wares at Gukje Market. After lunch, walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Continue by road to Gyeongju.

**DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU**  
A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed site – Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. After lunch, visit Gyeongju National Museum, explore Tumuli Park's, a collection of royal tombs, and take a stroll at Anapji Pond.

**DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE**  
Travel to Sokcho, stopping en route to explore the 1,300-year history of the Naksansa Temple, a seven-storey stone building complex overlooking the East Sea.

**DAY 10: EXPLORE MOUNT SEORAK**  
Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Take the cable car to the mountaintop and then hike to Gwongeumseong Fortress. After lunch, take a hike along the beautiful valley floor as well as an optional visit to the temple.

**DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL**  
Transfer to Gangneung and board the train bound for Seoul. On arrival, after lunch, there will be free time for those who wish to shop or further explore Seoul at leisure.

**DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ**  
Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today as tickets to the DMZ are limited\*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market.

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

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

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL \*\*

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

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



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- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army

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## 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

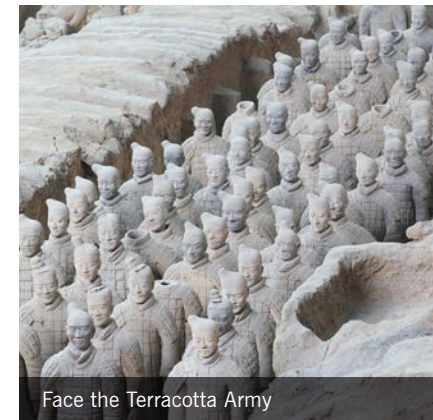
This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Chengdu Panda Research Base to learn all about them and see them relaxing, playing and chomping on bamboo. The rest of the day is at leisure (additional option: volunteer at the Panda Base).

### 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



Face the Terracotta Army



Explore Osaka

to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

### 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.

### DAY 13: CRUISE – EXPLORE KOBE

Arrive in Kobe, a port city nestled between mountains and sea, and the first place in Japan to open up to foreign trade after the collapse of the shogunate in 1868. The city is perhaps best known for its world-renowned Kobe beef – where better to try it?

### DAY 14: CRUISE – EXPLORE OSAKA/KYOTO

Arrive in Osaka, a brash, lively city that has earned the nickname 'Japan's kitchen' for its spectacular food. 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.

### DAY 15: 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.

### DAYS 16-17: 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 18: 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 19: 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 Shanghaiese meal.

### DAY 20: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



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## 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

Departure days of the week vary

2025 DATES	Outside	Balcony
04 Sep - 23 Sep	£4,790	£4,990
13 Nov - 02 Dec	£4,690	£4,890

2026 DATES	Outside	Balcony
11 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,690	£4,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,510
- Land only from £4,090
- Tipping paid locally RMB720
- Gratuities on cruise US\$126

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Savour Sichuan hot pot

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ A Sichuan hot pot is the perfect introduction to the food of China's west. A big bubbling pot of flavourful oil is placed in the centre of the table, with a variety of raw meat and vegetables, in small pieces, which diners skewer and cook in the oil. A delicious, and fun experience!
- ▶ Gasp at the artistic and athletic abilities of Beijing's must-see Chinese acrobatic spectacular! Featuring contortionism, juggling, plate spinning and much, much more, all the action will keep you on the edge of your seat.
- ▶ Filling, delicious and a symbol of comfort, hope and prosperity, China loves dumplings! In Xian, learning how these tasty morsels are folded and cooked, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.



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# BEIJING TO SINGAPORE

## CRUISE & TOUR

26 DAYS FROM

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FLIGHT INCLUSIVE  
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ALL MEALS

12 NIGHT CELEBRITY  
CRUISE INCLUDED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise from Hong Kong to Singapore
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore Hong Kong



Enjoy the views over Marina Bay, Singapore

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus Celebrity cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



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#### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ All drinks including alcohol
- ▶ Outside or 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 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 Chengdu Panda Research 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 of Tai Kwun, the city's new artistic hub. Continue to Hollywood Road and Man Mo Temple. Enjoy a dim sum making demonstration, before eating it for lunch, then head for the West Kowloon Cultural District. Later, admire the illuminations of the Victoria Harbour light show.



### DAY 12: BOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

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### DAY 13: CRUISE - AT SEA

With a day at sea, this is the perfect time to get to know the plentiful activities, ways to relax, places to eat, drink and be entertained 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

Arrive in Saigon, Vietnam.

### 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, Thailand's vibrant and heritage-filled capital city.

### DAY 21: CRUISE - BANGKOK

Spend today at port in Bangkok, enjoying your cruise ship's many amenities.

### DAY 22: CRUISE - EXPLORE KO 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 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

CHINA, HONG KONG, VIETNAM,  
THAILAND, SINGAPORE

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An expedition across Asia, by land and sea, travel from the rich history of Beijing, through China to Hong Kong, following the coast of Southeast Asia to reach the marvellous modern metropolis of Singapore.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2025 DATES	Outside	Balcony
07 Feb - 04 Mar	N/A	£7,590
2026 DATES	Outside	Balcony
03 Mar - 28 Mar	£7,090	£7,290

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £3,580
- Land only from £6,390
- Tipping paid locally RMB 510 + HKD 100 + SGD 15
- Gratuities on cruise £165

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Enjoy an acrobatic spectacular

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Gasp at the artistic and athletic abilities of Beijing's must-see Chinese acrobatic spectacular! Featuring contortionism, juggling, plate spinning and much, much more, all the action will keep you on the edge of your seat.
- ▶ Filling, delicious and a symbol of comfort, hope and prosperity, China loves dumplings! In Xian, learning how these tasty morsels are folded and cooked, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.
- ▶ A Hong Kong institution, dim sum are bite-sized delights served as part of the ritual of 'yum cha' (drink tea). Enjoy a dim sum demonstration, learning all about the different varieties, and how they are handcrafted and served. You'll dine on the delicious results for lunch.





# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 – 4 star accommodation & simple guesthouses in rural areas
- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and touring as stated
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

## UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

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

## SMALLER GROUPS

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

## EXPERT GUIDING

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



NEW

# NATURAL TREASURES OF CHINA

- 15 DAYS FROM
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- 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

## 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
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Taste delicious street foods

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Indulge in the traditional street foods of Chongqing's vibrant night markets, choosing from a huge selection of sizzling meats, spicy noodles and all sorts of tasty snacks made with fragrant spices.
- ▶ At one of the nine Tibetan villages of Jiuzhaigou, the Nine Villages Valley, meet a local family to gain insight into their daily life and cultural traditions. Then sit down to dine on traditional Tibetan cuisine.
- ▶ Ride China's longest cable car, soaring high up to the summit of Tianmen Mountain. For seven kilometres you'll fly over the spectacular landscapes of Zhangjiajie, arriving at the base of the 999 steps that lead to 'Heaven's Door'.



Soak up the picturesque landscapes of the Nine Villages Valley

## 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 National Park 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, followed by a picturesque sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng. (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. Then, soar up the heights of Tianmen Mountain by cable car which, at seven kilometres, is

the 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'. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: EXPLORE FENGHUANG

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

Relax 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 and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, savour the endless pleasure of people watching in Chengdu's People's Park, where you'll see locals playing lively games of mahjong and parents searching for suitable partners for their children in Matchmaker's Corner. Head to the local food markets for a 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)



Discover Zhangjiajie National Park



Explore the quaint Fenghuang Ancient Town

### DAY 10: EXPLORE JIUZHAIGOU

The Nine Villages Valley area, named after nine Tibetan settlements dotting the valley, stands as a World Biosphere Reserve and China's most awe-inspiring national park. Renowned for its stunning 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 the ethnically Tibetan village of Shuzheng, where you will spend some time with a local family who will give you an insight into their daily life. Walk along Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake, ending at Reed Lake – an excellent way to really appreciate the local scenery. Dine on traditional Tibetan cuisine for dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: TRAVEL TO CHONGQING

Board the bullet train to Chongqing. Visit the Hongya Cave to see the impressive architecture of the 11-storey stilt building, beautifully constructed in the traditional Bayu architecture style. In the evening, wander the night food markets with your local guide on hand to recommend the most delicious Sichuanese snacks! (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)

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SPIRITUAL TIBET

6 days from £1,590pp

### SHANGHAI EXTENSION

3 days from £430pp

### BEIJING EXTENSION

4 days from £630pp

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### 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)

NATURAL TREASURES OF CHINA

GO BEYOND  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Take an epic journey down a road less travelled to uncover China's incredible natural treasures. Among these landscapes you'll explore both ancient history and modern marvels, revealing a whole other side of this fascinating country.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

### 2025 DATES

02 Apr - 16 Apr	£4,890	03 Sep - 17 Sep	£4,990
14 May - 28 May	£4,890	15 Oct - 29 Oct	£4,990

### 2026 DATES

08 Apr - 22 Apr	£5,090	09 Sep - 23 Sep	£5,090
20 May - 03 Jun	£5,090	14 Oct - 28 Oct	£5,090

Book 'land only' in conjunction with our A China Experience tour (visit page 18).

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £620
- Tipping paid locally RMB 840

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Visit the Dazu Carvings



# CHINA EXPLORER

15 DAYS FROM

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MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

Hike the remote Jinshanling section of the Great Wall

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 9 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus basic guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Enjoy a traditional breakfast pancake

## ► 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.
- Enjoy a rush of adrenaline as you make your way over a magnificent landscape of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking suspended rope bridge at Jinji.
- Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car as night falls and a series of illuminations spectacularly light up this ancient wonder.

## ITINERARY

### 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. (D)

### DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

### DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN AND BEIJING'S HUTONGS

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

### DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

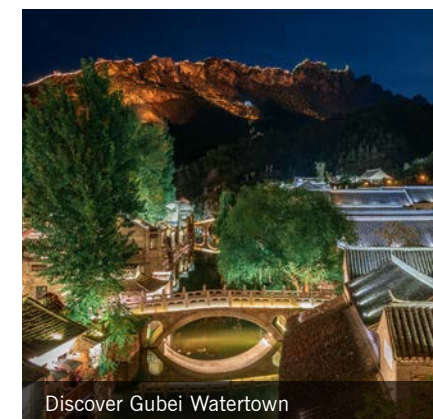
Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who have walked this incredible structure over hundreds of years. Your trek will last approximately four hours as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

### DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

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

### DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



Discover Gubei Watertown



Cycle along Xian's City Wall

### DAY 8: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

### DAY 9: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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

### DAY 10: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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

### DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

### DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

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

### DAY 14: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**ZHANGJIAJIE EXTENSION**  
4 days from £880pp

**MT HUANG EXTENSION**  
4 days from £830pp

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## CHINA EXPLORER

## GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Monday

### 2025 DATES

07 Apr - 21 Apr	£4,590	08 Sep - 22 Sep	£4,590
05 May - 19 May	£4,590	06 Oct - 20 Oct	£4,590

### 2026 DATES

06 Apr - 20 Apr	£4,790	07 Sep - 21 Sep	£4,790
11 May - 25 May	£4,790	05 Oct - 19 Oct	£4,790

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Visit the hutongs of Beijing



# SECRETS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA

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

- ### PRICE INCLUDES
- 14 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches (L) & 10 dinners (D)
  - International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - 4 star accommodation
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
  - Visa fees for UK passport holders



## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Marvel at the beauty of the Huanglong Pools in Nine Villages Valley

## ITINERARY

**DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING**  
Fly to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

**DAY 3: STONE FOREST**  
Spend the morning meandering through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, 'Across the Bridge' noodles. Tonight, there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan's performing arts. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI**  
Travel to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at the China of times-gone-by. Begin your tour by exploring the fascinating old quarter and lively market to soak up the local atmosphere. Next, visit the age-old Three Pagodas and later this evening, take a stroll down Foreigners' Street. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE**  
Spend the morning cruising the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to further explore the area. (B,L)

**DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG**  
This morning, explore Xizhou Village, where you can mingle with traditionally-dressed Naxi women, and browse its lively local market. Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: 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 beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty followed by a visit to the Embroidery School. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**  
Visit Tiger Leaping Gorge. At 3,000 metres deep and a breathtaking backdrop of towering, snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most spectacular natural sights. Return to Lijiang and explore the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets and traditional buildings. (B,L)

**DAY 9: FLY TO CHENGDU**  
Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. In the evening, wander the night food markets with your local guide on hand to recommend the most delicious Sichuanese snacks! (B,L)

**DAY 10: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA**  
Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. A short boat trip will give you an even better perspective. Later, continue to Mount Emei, or Emeishan, the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century. (B,L,D)



Visit the Grand Buddha in Leshan

**DAY 11: EXPLORE EMEISHAN**  
Take a cable car to the summit of Emeishan and admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and surrounding landscape. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: JIUZHAIGOU NATIONAL PARK**  
Transfer to Chengdu for your bullet train to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park). (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**  
Considered to be one of China's most beautiful areas, the newly reopened Nine Villages Valley is a pristine national park renowned for its rugged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests, and cascading waterfalls. This natural wonder, named after nine scattered Tibetan settlements, is a World Biosphere Reserve, home to unique flora and a diverse bird population. Enjoy the day exploring in awe and serenity. (B,L,D)



Admire beautiful and sacred Emeishan

**DAY 14: HUANGLONG POOLS**  
Travel to Huanglong Valley, where hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposit, tumble gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full of spectacular sights and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. Visit Huanglong Temple before your bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L)

**DAY 15: PANDAS**  
Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre learn about China's celebrated bears and see them up close. Later, stroll through People's Park, visit a traditional teahouse and see Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. This evening, dine on mouth-watering Sichuanese cuisine. (B,L,D)

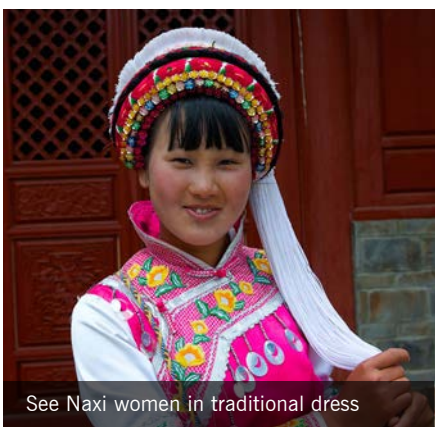
**DAY 16: FLY CHENGDU TO UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## SECRETS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA

## GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

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



See Naxi women in traditional dress

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2025 DATES			
12 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,890	15 Oct - 30 Oct*	£4,990
13 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,990		
2026 DATES			
08 Apr - 23 Apr*	£4,990	09 Sep - 24 Sep*	£4,990
20 May - 04 Jun*	£4,990	14 Oct - 29 Oct*	£4,990

\* Departing Wednesday returning Thursday. Book 'land only' in conjunction with our A China Experience tour (visit page 18).

- Flight and supplement information**
- Based on London Heathrow departures
  - Regional UK departures available
  - Flight upgrades available on request
  - Land only from £4,190 (Kunming – Chengdu)
  - Single room from £690
  - Tipping paid locally RMB 755

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



- BEIJING EXTENSION**  
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# ENCHANTING CHINA

17 DAYS FROM

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MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## 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
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Try local snacks in Xian

## ► 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?
- 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.



Walk the scenic Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall

## 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. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing Street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

### DAY 5: SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. 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

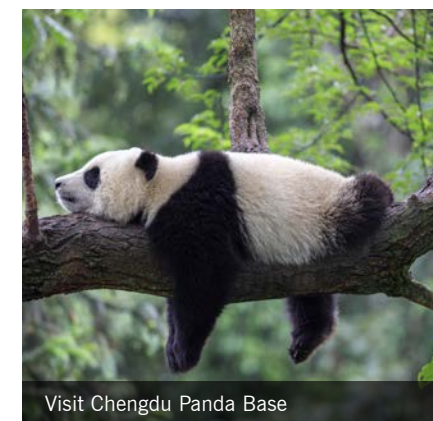
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Stop by the workshop of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

### DAY 8: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

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

### 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)



Visit Chengdu Panda Base



See the Terracotta Army

### DAY 10: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

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

### DAY 11: GIANT PANDAS

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

### DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

### DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

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

### DAY 15: 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, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

### DAY 16: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

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

### DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Take a Yangtze River Cruise

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PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2025 DATES

11 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,990	12 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,990
09 May - 25 May	£3,990	03 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,990
05 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,990	10 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,990

### 2026 DATES

10 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,090	11 Sep - 27 Sep	£4,190
08 May - 24 May	£4,190	09 Oct - 25 Oct	£4,290
04 Sep - 20 Sep	£4,190	16 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,290

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Land only from £3,290 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £920
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# TIBETAN RAILROAD

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- MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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



Ride the highest railway in the world

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts (B), 12 lunches (L) & 12 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation, plus 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 Tashilhunpo, the seat of the eminent Panchen Lama, and make a 'kora' (pilgrimage circuit) of this 15th century monastery with the pilgrims who have made sacred journeys from all over Tibet.
- 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)



See Tibetan Monks

### 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 out there, the 21-hour overnight train to Lhasa onboard the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. (B,L)

### DAY 6: ARRIVE LHASA

Riding the highest railway in the world, under the gaze of 5,000 metre plus mountain peaks, you'll cross a range of astonishing high landscapes and traverse the breathtaking Tanggula Pass (5,231 metres) on your journey across the 'roof of the world'. Arrive in Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet, in the afternoon. 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)



Discover the 108 chapels in Gyantse Kumbum Stupa

### 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 the Tibetan tent camp or guesthouse (depending on weather). (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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## GO BEYOND CHINA, TIBET

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Take the world's highest railway journey to reach the 'roof of the world' where you'll be immersed in the epic landscapes and spirituality of Tibet. Much of this tour is spent at altitude, including the experience of a lifetime – a visit to Everest Base Camp.



Gaze at Everest's North Face

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2025 DATES

09 May - 25 May	£5,390	05 Sep - 21 Sep	£5,390
23 May - 08 Jun	£5,390	10 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,390

### 2026 DATES

10 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,490	21 Aug - 06 Sep	£5,590
08 May - 24 May	£5,490	04 Sep - 20 Sep	£5,590
22 May - 07 Jun	£5,490	09 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,590

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,690 (Xian - Chengdu)
- Single room from £985
- Tipping paid locally RMB 895

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Visit Jokhang Temple in Lhasa



# TIBETAN WONDERS

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,790

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MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 15 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation, plus simple guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



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



Stand in awe before Mount Everest

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

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

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI

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

### DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION

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

### DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

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

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas.

Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

### DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA

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

### DAY 10: LHASA

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

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

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you will feel a million miles from the stresses and strains of the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is



Discover Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet



Explore the vast Potala Palace

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

### DAY 12: POTALA PALACE

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

### DAY 13: SHIGATSE

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

### DAY 14: NEW TINGRI

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

### DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST

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

### DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE

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

### DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE AND GYANTSE

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

### DAY 19: TSEDANG

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

### DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

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

### DAY 21: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

### DAY 22: PANDAS

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

### DAY 23: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

## TIBETAN WONDERS

## GO BEYOND CHINA, TIBET

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2025 DATES

05 Apr - 27 Apr	£5,790	06 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,790
10 May - 01 Jun	£5,790	11 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,790

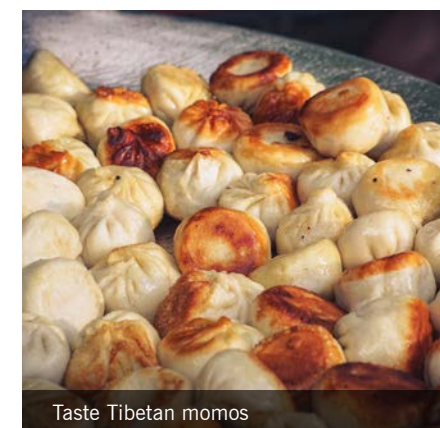
### 2026 DATES

04 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,990	22 Aug - 13 Sep	£6,090
09 May - 31 May	£5,990	05 Sep - 27 Sep	£6,090
23 May - 14 Jun	£5,990	10 Oct - 01 Nov	£6,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,090 (Kunming – Chengdu)
- Single room from £830
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,100

Call for our 2027 pricing and departures



Taste Tibetan momos



# SILK ROAD EXPLORER

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Eat local Lanzhou-style noodles

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Delicious Lanzhou noodles have been made for centuries in a very unique way - hand-stretching. A dough is twisted, folded and stretched into strands, the length and thickness of which depends on the number of times it is folded. Trying them in Lanzhou beef noodle soup is a must!
- Wander amongst the packed stalls of the atmospheric Shazhou Night Market in the Silk Road frontier city of Dunhuang, browsing delicious foods, fascinating local wares and a wealth of souvenirs.
- Visit a traditional, nomadic Kazakh family in their yurt home, where you'll learn more about this minority community and their culture.



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the day with a visit to the ancient City Wall Park and Sculptures of Silk Road. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

### DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

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

### DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

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

### DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY

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

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

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

### DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

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

### DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

### DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

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

### DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES

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



Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery

### DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

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

### DAY 15: TURPAN

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

### DAY 16: EXPLORE TURPAN

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

### DAY 17: KURLA

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

### DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD

Over the next three days travel along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Start with a visit to see the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyizil 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.



Discover Crescent Moon Spring

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

### DAY 24: URUMQI

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

### DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

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

### DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

### DAY 27: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

SILK ROAD EXPLORER

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

2025 DATES			
04 May - 30 May	£5,990	07 Sep - 03 Oct	£5,990
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31 Aug - 26 Sep	£5,990		

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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Visit Abakh Hoja Tomb in Kashgar



# CHINA: THE BIG ONE

28 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON  
£5,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE  
FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## 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



Wander the streets of Shaxi Ancient Town

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts (B), 17 lunches (L) & 6 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



The Great Wall at Huanghuacheng

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 5: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace, including the Long Corridor and 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

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

### DAY 7: CYCLING IN XIAN

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you nine miles around the city wall that enclose Xian's old town. Also wander through the ancient City Wall Park. (B,L)

### DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 9: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Take the bullet train to Chengdu. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'facechanging' show. (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 and Matchmaker's Corner, then stop by a local teahouse. (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)



Visit Yu Garden in Shanghai

### DAY 15: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

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

### DAY 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 and walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure. You may wish to stroll Zhengyang Street. (B,L)

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

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

### DAY 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 Moon Hill or 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

Visit the Reed Flute Cave and a pearl museum before taking a bullet train to Chongqing. Explore the charming old town of Ciqikou at leisure before boarding your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

### DAYS 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 breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

### DAY 27: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy the ERA show and a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D)

### DAY 28: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CHINA: THE BIG ONE

GO BEYOND  
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This flexible, slower-paced tour has time set aside for independent exploration or to involve yourself in a number of immersive options. As well as vibrant cities, discover the charms of beautiful Yangshuo, delightful Dali and quaint Lijiang.



See Dali's Three Pagodas

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

### 2025 DATES

07 Apr - 04 May	£5,390	01 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,490
05 May - 01 Jun	£5,390	06 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,490

### 2026 DATES

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04 May - 31 May	£5,690	05 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,690

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,690 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,220
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,375

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Soak up the culture in Zhujiajiao



# MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

- 21 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £7,590
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

- TOUR TICKLIST
- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
  - ✓ Discover Bayanzag's flaming cliffs
  - ✓ Venture to the Singing Sand Dunes
  - ✓ Visit Turtle Rock
  - ✓ Wander through Ulaanbaatar
  - ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands

- PRICE INCLUDES
- 19 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 19 dinners (D)
  - International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation & ger camps
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch traditional Mongolian dancing

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old music traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- The Naadam Festival represents the heritage of Mongolia with competitors participating in archery, wrestling and horseback riding. Enjoy the opening cultural performance, and cheer for the participants alongside the locals.
- Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a local family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.



See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' at the Naadam Festival

## 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 at leisure.

**DAY 3: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Later, explore the Museum of Mongolian History for insight into the culture of Mongolia. You will then visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

**DAY 4: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE COMPLEX**  
This morning, travel to Terej National Park stopping en route to visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex. Spend the afternoon exploring the area, enjoying the alpine scenery and seeing Turtle Rock.

**DAY 5: GOBI DESERT**  
This morning, fly to Dalanzadgad where you will visit the local market and dinosaur-themed garden before transferring by 4WD to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan (Three Beauty) National Park. You will then spend the day exploring Vulture Valley and the famed Eagle's Gorge, before driving back to the camp for a visit to a Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle.

**DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS**  
After an early start you will be travelling by 4WD to Khongoryn Els to explore the remarkable desert landscapes and beautiful sand dunes.

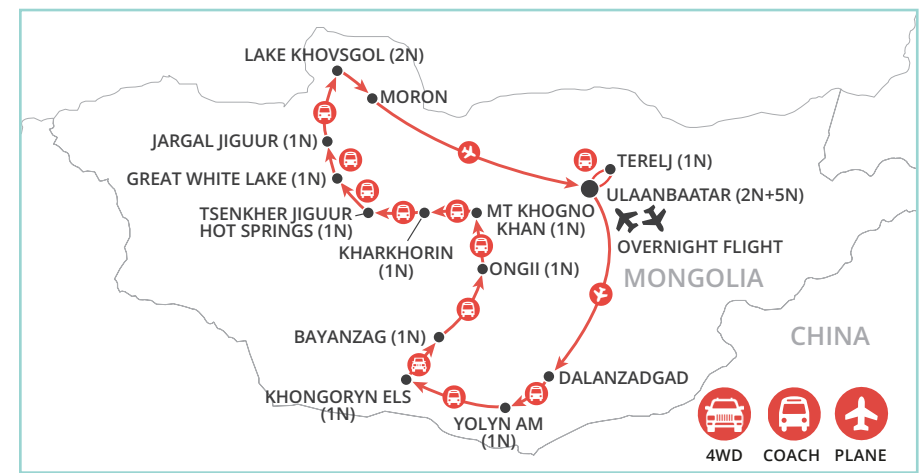
**DAY 7: BAYANZAG - FLAMING CLIFFS**  
This morning is at leisure for you to explore. After lunch, continue to Bayanzag - more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs'. This afternoon there will be a visit to the so-called dinosaur graveyard, an area in the desert littered with prehistoric bones and fossils.

**DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID**  
Today, journey to the banks of the Ongii River, travelling across vast plains. On arrival, visit the ruins of two famed monasteries, the Barlim Khiid to the north and the Khutagt Khiid to the south. Combined they form the complex known as Ongiin Khiid Monastery.

**DAY 9: MOUNT KHOGNO KHAN**  
Depart for Mount Khogno Khan to explore the remains of the 17th-century monastery, the Uvgun Khiids, located at the foot of the mountain. The monastery offers views of the spectacular scenery so enjoy some time to explore the monastery and its surroundings.

**DAY 10: KHARKHORIN**  
Drive to Kharkhorin, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the Orkhon Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which includes the ruins of Genghis Khan's capital Karakorum and the Erdene Zuu Monastery.

**DAY 11: TSENKHER**  
Enjoy the morning at leisure before continuing to Tsenkher Jiguur. On arrival you'll have more free time to relax in the hot springs and soak up the spectacular surroundings.



Stay in a Mongolian ger



Discover the spectacular Flaming Cliffs

**DAY 12: KHORGU TERKH**  
Today, you'll travel to the serene Great White Lake (Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur) to a ger camp that sits on its shores, overlooked by Khorgo Volcano. Take a walk up to the volcano's crater for wonderful views or wander the lake shores to spot birds and wildlife. There is also a visit to Zayaiin Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.

**DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR**  
Enjoy a walk around the shores of the lake and soak up the breathtaking scenery before heading on to Jargal Jiguur, also known as the 'home of the yaks', due to the many local families who herd these docile, hairy creatures.

**DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL**  
Today is a long drive through Mõron to Lake Khovsgol watching plains and glacial peaks pass by. Your ger camp is situated on the eastern shore of the lake. In the afternoon, take a walk to the forest and visit a reindeer breeding family, where you will get introduced to their way of life. You have the next day at leisure to explore freely.

**DAY 16: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
This morning, you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 17: NAADAM EVE**  
This morning, visit the Mongol Nomadic Show and Khustai National Park to learn about the nomads and their way of life. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar city for the Naadam Eve, visiting Central Square where you can view the Naadam Mongol costumes on display.

**DAY 18: NAADAM FESTIVAL**  
Today starts the highlight of your journey as you interact with locals and nomads, witnessing the Opening Ceremony of the Naadam Festival. The featured events you will see are wrestling, horseracing and archery. View the procession of the athletes, officials and monks as the first round of competitions in the wrestling tournament begin.

**DAY 19: HORSE RACE**  
Travel outside the city to enjoy the second day of the Naadam Festival. An exciting day unfolds as you view the cross-country horseracing, also known as 'tumnii ekh' (leader of ten thousand). Cheer along with the locals as the athletes compete in a carnival-like atmosphere.

**DAY 20: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
You have the day in Ulaanbaatar to explore as you wish. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Mongolian performance followed by dinner.

**DAY 21: DEPART ULAANBAATAR**  
Fly to UK, arriving home the same day.



Admire Lake Khovsgol

## MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

### GO BEYOND MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing vast, rolling plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long, but scenic drives.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2025 DATES			
23 Jun - 13 Jul	SOLD OUT		
07 Jul - 26 Jul	£7,590	Itinerary in reverse   20 days	
2026 DATES			
24 Jun - 14 Jul	£7,590		
06 Jul - 25 Jul	£7,590	Itinerary in reverse   20 days	

Note: This itinerary varies slightly each year. Visit our website for the latest details including the itinerary in reverse.

- Flight and supplement information**
- Based on London Heathrow departures
  - Regional UK departures available
  - Flight upgrades available on request
  - Land only from £6,790pp (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)
  - Single room from £920
  - Tipping paid locally US\$120



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Private tours are the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel independently, with groups of friends, for travellers with specific requirements. Our expertly crafted itineraries are tailored for parties of all sizes.

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# A GLIMPSE OF CHINA

## PRIVATE TOUR

10 DAYS FROM

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MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE 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

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) & 3 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees
- 1st class bullet train seats



Learn about the origins of jade

### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Jade has long been a sacred stone to the Chinese people, bringing fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a jade factory where you can learn more about its origins, its importance and how it is crafted.
- 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!
- 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?



Explore Shanghai

## 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 a wander through the Shanghai Museum and traditional Yu Garden, a stop in the bustling old town, and an opportunity to learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and Xintiandi precinct. View the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise – the skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold and make Shanghai unlike any other city in the world. (B,L)

### 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. (B,L)

### DAY 5: FEAST ON DUMPLINGS

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a specialty of the region, before a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

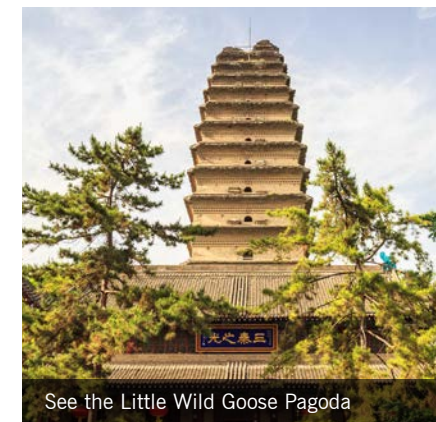
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated.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

### DAY 7: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

This morning, visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda and spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historic capital city. (B,L)



Visit the Forbidden City



See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda



Sample Shui Jiao dumplings

### DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. The sacred centre of the Chinese empire for 500 years and home to the Ming and Qing dynasties, the Forbidden City is a vast complex of over 900 buildings and covers an area of 180 acres. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through Beijing's hutongs, some dating back 700 years. These narrow alleys are known for their labyrinthine layout, traditional courtyard homes, and sense of community that has been preserved for centuries. Meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture and experience first-hand the unique hutong way of life. End the day watching an exciting Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)



Wander the Summer Palace gardens

### DAY 9: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Reaching the summit by a scenic chairlift or cable car ride, take a stroll along its ancient stones, admiring the magnificence of its construction and the dramatic scenery it crosses. Descend back down to the ground via a thrilling toboggan ride or by the more serene cable car. Visit a jade factory to discover this precious stone, believed to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

## A GLIMPSE OF CHINA

### PRIVATE CHINA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the sights, savour the delicious flavours and discover the culture of China's iconic trinity – Shanghai, Xian and Beijing – on this whistlestop private exploration.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Daily

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#### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Solo pricing on request
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NEW

# CHINA ADVENTURE

## PRIVATE TOUR

13 DAYS FROM

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MEALS AS STATED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel on a bullet train
- ✓ Visit the giant pandas
- ✓ Explore spectacular Zhangjiajie
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 3 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Walk Zhangjiajie's glass-bottomed bridge

### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Stand above Zhangjiajie's Grand Canyon, stepping out onto one of the world's highest glass bridges, which stands at 360 metres high and 430 metres long!
- Savour traditional Shui Jiao (a Xian speciality), delicious, boiled dumplings with a range of savoury fillings served with a dipping sauce of vinegar and soy sauce. As you eat, you'll be immersed in the opulence of the Tang Dynasty through an exuberant dance show.
- Explore the diverse and delicious street food of two of China's great cities – Beijing and Xian. With your guide on hand to point out the tastiest treats, wander between the stalls taking in the colours and breathing in the smells of freshly sizzling delicacies, trying things like steamed buns and pan-fried pancakes in Beijing and liang pi (cold noodles) and lamb skewers in Xian.



Journey to Tianmen Mountain

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to China's history-filled capital, Beijing. On arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Depending on timings, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Head right into the heart of the city and stroll across the vast expanse of Tiananmen Square, passing Chairman Mao's Mausoleum, to enter the treasure-filled Forbidden City. The Imperial Palace from 1420 to 1912, the Forbidden City was once the centre of the Chinese universe as the seat of the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasty – today you'll explore it as the largest and best-preserved collection of historic buildings in China. Later, visit the exquisite Temple of Heaven, a perfect example of Confucian design. This evening, soak up the sights, smells and delicious tastes on a tour of the Wangfujing street food market. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall stretches across the stark, northern reaches of the country tracing the southern end of Inner Mongolia. An often quoted saying in Beijing is 'you have not been to China until you have climbed the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall' – and this is exactly how you'll spend today. One of the best-preserved sections of the wall, its dense concentration of watchtowers making it particularly of note, the wall here is surrounded by thick woodland and features a cable car and toboggan ride. Return to Beijing via a jade factory and explore the Summer Palace, once the imperial family's summer escape, and its wonderfully landscaped gardens. (B,L)

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

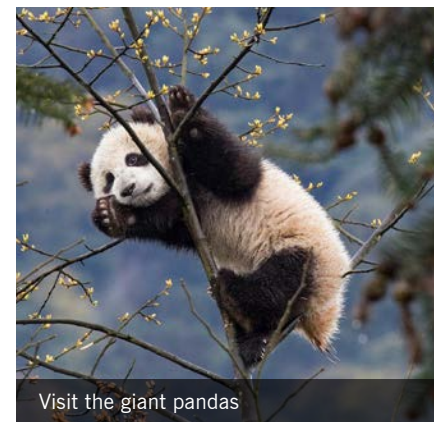
Transfer to the station and board a bullet train to be whooshed off to Xian. A city that can boast a truly illustrious past, Xian is one of China's most famous cities and has been for millennia. A terminus of the fabled Silk Road, Xian was imperial capital for 2,000 and 11 dynasties, it is best known as the gateway to the Terracotta Army. This evening, tuck into a delicious Shui Jiao dumpling feast and enjoy an exuberant performance of Tang Dynasty music and dance. (B,D)

### DAY 6: DISCOVER XIAN

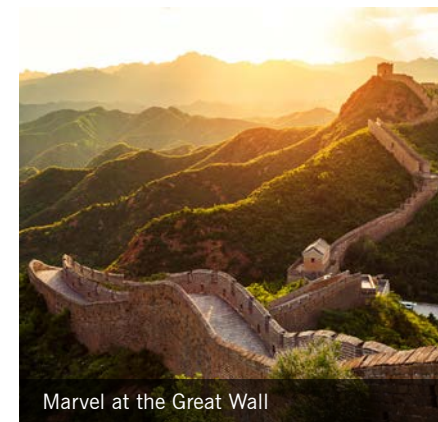
One of the world's greatest archaeological finds, the Terracotta Army was buried in battle formation for 2,000 years, until they were uncovered by farmers in 1974. Spend the morning discovering their history and purpose and studying each warrior's distinctive facial features. Return to Xian via a fascinating workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Then, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town before a street food tour of all the delicious eats available in the atmospheric Muslim Quarter. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Transfer to the station and board a bullet train, which will whisk you off to the laidback, Sichuan city of Chengdu. Home of the beloved giant pandas, this afternoon you'll visit the famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. (B,L)



Visit the giant pandas



Marvel at the Great Wall

### DAY 8: FLY TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Transfer to the airport and board a flight to one of China's most spectacular natural treasures, Zhangjiajie National Park. (B)

### DAY 9: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie 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, visit the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery with a ride on the scenic train. End the day with a scenic sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a turquoise expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery. (B,L)

### DAY 10: 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. (B,L)

### DAY 11: 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. (B,L)

### DAY 12: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Today, visit the peaceful Yu Garden, walk through the atmospheric alleys of the old town and explore the Xintiandi area with its 1920's-style shikumen buildings. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical waterfront Bund, before visiting a silk factory. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise – the skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold and make Shanghai unlike any other city in the world. (B,L)

### DAY 13: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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## CHINA ADVENTURE

### PRIVATE CHINA

### PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey from Beijing to Shanghai filling the time in between with some of China's greatest sights. Walk the wall, see the warriors, coo over the giant pandas, then venture into the natural grandeur of Zhangjiajie, where a whole wealth of adventures awaits.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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# PANDAS & YANGTZE CRUISE

## PRIVATE TOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

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MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE 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

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L) & 6 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees
- 1st class bullet train seats



Explore the old town of Ciqikou

### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Enjoy the beauty of the Yangtze River

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

### DAY 4: MODERN PUDONG

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

### DAYS 5-7: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

### 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. Later, board a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. (B,D)

### DAY 9: PANDAS

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. (B,L)

### DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and even buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits. (B,L,D)



Enter the magnificent Forbidden City

### DAY 11: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

### DAY 12: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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



Visit Chengdu's pandas



Walk on the Great Wall

### DAY 13: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Soar up to the summit on a scenic chairlift or cable car ride before strolling atop the wall, admiring the magnificence of its construction and the dramatic scenery it passes through. Descend back down to the ground via thrilling toboggan ride or opt for the more serene cable car. Stop by a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



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## PANDAS & YANGTZE CRUISE

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### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combining two of China's most popular experiences – the scenic beauty of the Yangtze and the adorable giant pandas, alongside Beijing and Shanghai, this private tour is the perfect China highlights package.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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# CHINA MARVELS

## PRIVATE TOUR

16 DAYS FROM

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### PRIVATE 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



Take in the scenic views of the Li River

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts (B), 13 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- 1st class bullet train seats



Discover Beijing's hutongs

### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse of day to day life.
- The Li River is the perfect vantage point from which to soak up the dramatic beauty of the surrounding karst landscapes, as you'll discover on a peaceful cruise on its gentle waters.
- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in comfort.

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Soar up to the summit by a scenic chairlift or cable car ride and walk on the ancient stones, immersing yourself in the magnificence of its engineering and the landscapes it crosses. Choose a thrilling descent by toboggan ride or the more serene cable car. Next, visit a jade factory to learn more about this precious stone. Long revered in China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering the traditional gardens and exquisite architecture as you go. (B,L)

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the Xian Museum for a glimpse into the rich heritage of the city before enjoying an evening at your own leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

### DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel. (B,L)

### DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

From the Three Gorges Dam, a man-made marvel and massive feat of engineering, cruise upstream. Enjoy the changing landscapes as nature takes over, culminating in the magnificent Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another and enjoy a series of shore excursions and a side trip along the Shennong or Goddess streams. (B,L,D)



Marvel at the ancient ingenuity of the Great Wall

### DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

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

### 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. (B,L)

### DAY 13: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman. End the day with a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas. (B,L)

### DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

### DAY 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Visit the charming Yu Garden, the old town, Xintiandi precinct, Pudong area and a silk factory before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. (B,L)

### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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16 May - 31 May	£5,290	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,490
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08 Jun - 23 Jun	£5,290	26 Oct - 10 Nov	£5,490
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15 Mar - 30 Mar	£5,090	20 Jul - 04 Aug	£5,590
22 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,090	02 Aug - 17 Aug	£5,590
29 Mar - 13 Apr	£5,090	09 Aug - 24 Aug	£5,590
05 Apr - 20 Apr	£5,390	30 Aug - 14 Sep	£5,590
12 Apr - 27 Apr	£5,390	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£5,590
24 Apr - 09 May	£5,390	06 Sep - 21 Sep	£5,590
26 Apr - 11 May	£5,390	13 Sep - 28 Sep	£5,590
08 May - 23 May	£5,390	18 Sep - 03 Oct	£5,590
10 May - 25 May	£5,390	25 Sep - 10 Oct	£5,590
15 May - 30 May	£5,390	11 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,590
17 May - 01 Jun	£5,390	16 Oct - 31 Oct	£5,590
24 May - 08 Jun	£5,390	18 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,590
07 Jun - 22 Jun	£5,390	25 Oct - 09 Nov	£5,590
19 Jun - 04 Jul	£5,390	01 Nov - 16 Nov	£5,390
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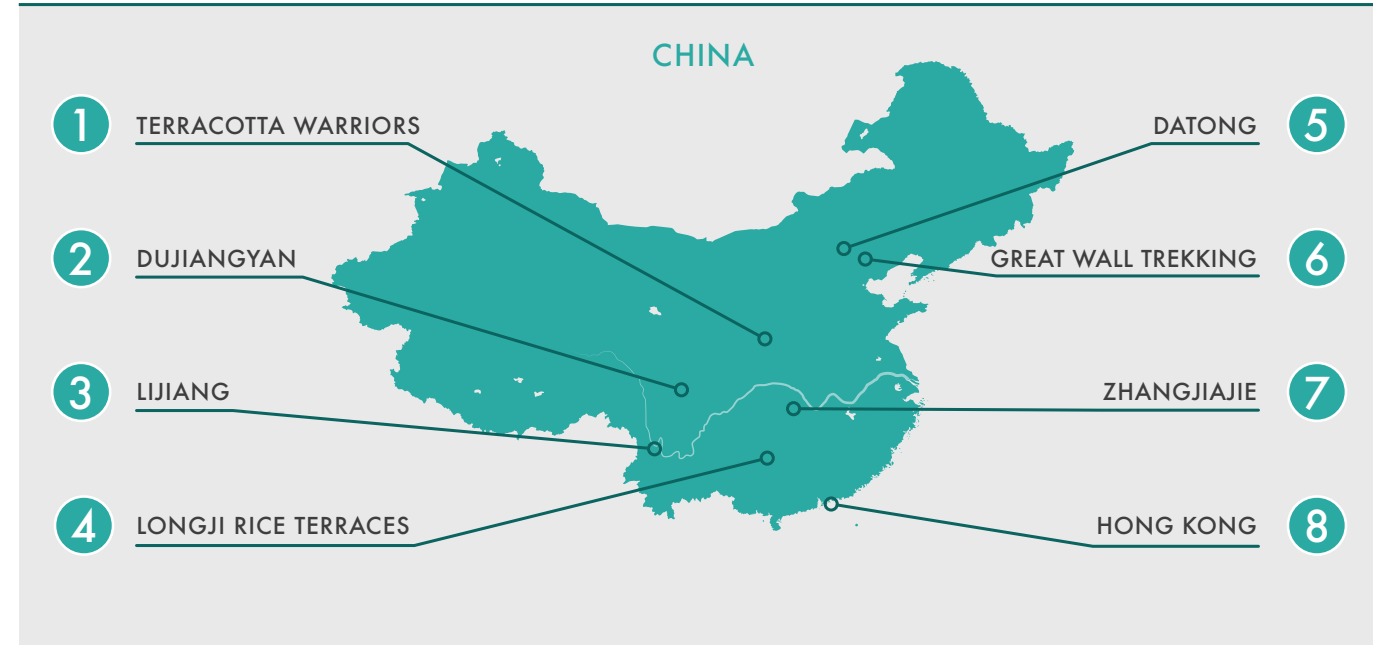
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# Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in China.



## 1 TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



## 2 DUJIANGYAN

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



## 3 LIJIANG

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

## 4 LONGJI RICE TERRACES

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



## 5 DATONG

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



## 6 GREAT WALL TREKKING

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



## 7 ZHANGJIAJIE

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



## 8 HONG KONG

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



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# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

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

The extensions 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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Suzhou & Hangzhou

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Kunming & Lijiang

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# BEIJING EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire Beijing's Summer Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£630	£1,180
Superior	£640	£1,190
Deluxe	£820	£1,430

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 airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Opt for a chairlift or cable car ascent to the summit. Stroll atop the wall to fully immerse yourself in its magnificent presence and the dramatic scenery it crosses. Descend with a thrilling toboggan ride or a serene cable car journey. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory to learn about the precious stone, which is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# GREAT WALL HIKE

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	£860	£1,450

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing 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: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

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

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

DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

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

# SHANGHAI EXTENSION

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Stroll the Bund

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£430	£790
Superior	£440	£810
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 airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Enjoy a full day of touring beginning with a relaxing stroll through Yu Garden, then head to the Old Town where cobblestone streets are lined with traditional shops. Visit the famous historical riverfront area known as the Bund, where you can admire the magnificent colonial architecture, and see the superb antiques and fine arts of the Shanghai Museum. Also visit the Silk Factory and see first-hand the process of producing this fine material. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART SHANGHAI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Cruise the tranquil West Lake

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,290	£2,390
Deluxe	£1,490	£2,770

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SUZHOU

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and together you will transfer to Suzhou. Also known as the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou is a town famous for its plethora of traditional landscaped gardens.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SUZHOU

Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and visit its inner sanctum with its 'master's study' of Ming-style furnishings and architecture. Take a stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage listed Lingering Garden, renowned for its ponds and stone bridges before taking a relaxing and peaceful cruise along a section of the Grand Canal. (B,L)

DAY 3: DRIVE TO HANGZHOU

Travel to the garden city of Hangzhou which is renowned for its beautiful natural scenery. Stroll through the local markets and experience oriental tea-tasting. (B,L)

DAY 4: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, the largest temple in southern China and the Six Harmonies Pagoda before enjoying a cruise on the tranquil West Lake. (B,L)

DAY 5: DRIVE TO SHANGHAI

Leave Hangzhou and return to Shanghai. Upon arrival at your Shanghai hotel your arrangements end. (B)



# GUILIN & YANGSHUO

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Cruise along the Li River

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£620	£990
Superior	£640	£1,010
Deluxe	£790	£1,210

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. Also visit the Pearl Factory and learn about the history of pearling in the South China Sea.

DAY 2: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view that will take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fisherman. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 3: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields surrounded by dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART GUILIN

Return by road to Guilin and then transfer to Guilin airport or railway station. (B)

# CHENGDU EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£690	£1,260
Superior	£710	£1,290
Deluxe	£910	£1,720

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can meet China's most celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, marvel at the ancient Chinese engineering ingenuity of the Dujiangyan Irrigation project. (B,L)

DAY 3: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# KUNMING & LIJIANG

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the Black Dragon Pool in Lijiang

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,320	£1,690

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE KUNMING

Make your way to Kunming airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: STONE FOREST

Spend the morning meandering through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Later, return to Kunming. (B,L)

DAY 3: BLACK DRAGON POOL

Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of

the surrounding mountains. Later, return to Lijiang and explore the ancient quarter, where the cobbled streets are lined with traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

DAY 4: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights with spectacular and breathtaking views. Later, return to Lijiang. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART LIJIANG

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# LHASA EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Gaze at the Potala Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£890	£1,620
Deluxe	£1,080	£1,990

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)



# CHONGQING, DAZU & WULONG

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore the natural beauty of Wulong National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£940	£1,720
Deluxe	£1,060	£1,950

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CHONGQING

Make your way to Chongqing airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DAZU

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Located in southeast Sichuan Province, Dazu is reputed as ‘the county of rock carving’. The steep hillsides of the Dazu contain an exceptional series of rock carvings dating from the 9th to the 13th century and are some of the best preserved in China. Here, you’ll find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces in over 70 sites. Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing. (B,L)

DAY 3: DISCOVER WULONG

Transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the day strolling through Wulong National Park. Wander amongst the dramatic karst landscapes, that include three naturally-formed stone bridges, narrow gorges, caves and limestone formations. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO CHONGQING

Return to Chongqing and enjoy a soak in some of the region’s incredible hot springs. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire crystal clear lakes in Nine Villages Valley

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,540	£2,440
Deluxe	£1,860	£3,090

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

Note: Huanglong is only accessible from 1 April to 31 October.

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU

Make your way to Chengdu airport or railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Bullet train to Jiuzhaigou. Upon arrival, transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage listed site of Nine Villages Valley visiting Huanglong Scenic Area en route. Located in the southern part of Minshan mountain range, the area is known for its colourful pools of limestone formations, snow-clad mountains, diverse forest ecosystems, pristine waterfalls and hot springs. (B,D)

DAY 3: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

Explore the 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)

# ZHANGJIAJIE EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore Zhangjiajie National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£880	£1,380
Deluxe	£1,020	£1,530

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)

# MT HUANG EXTENSION

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	£1,160

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE TUNXI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and together you will transfer to the station to board the bullet train to Tunxi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: 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 this ancient town of Tunxi. The narrow cobbled streets are lined with pretty little shops selling anything from local snacks and tea, to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings. Stay overnight in Tunxi. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART TUNXI

Begin the day with a visit to local villages and learn about local lifestyle before transferring to the station to board your bullet train to Shanghai where arrangements end. (B,L)



# 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	£1,480	£2,510
Deluxe	£1,640	£2,870

Price includes:

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

Note: This extension 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 Shong Hua 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)

# 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 Potala Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,590	£3,120

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 Tashilunpo 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)

# TAIPEI EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore vibrant Taipei

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£480	£920
Superior	£500	£990
Deluxe	£610	£1,180

Price includes:

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

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

DAY 2: TAIPEI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tapei to commence your tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, ascend to the observation deck at Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view over

this sprawling city. Later, explore Longshan Temple and then Dihua Street known for its many Chinese medicine shops. Finish the day at the National Palace Museum to admire the Chinese imperial collections and Martyr's Shrine before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: TAIPEI

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

DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

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

# TAROKO & SUN MOON LAKE

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover the Eternal Spring Shrine

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£830	£1,590
Superior	£960	£1,830
Deluxe	£1,170	£2,250

Price includes:

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

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: TAROKO NATIONAL PARK & GORGE GATEWAY

Transfer by road to Taroko National Park, driving along the breathtaking east coast cliff highway, taking a photo stop en route at Chingshui Cliff to enjoy the splendid scenery of the Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival at Taroko National Park, enjoy a tour of the Toroko Gorge Gateway and Eternal Spring Shrine. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE

This morning, travel to Sun Moon Lake driving along the central cross island highway on Mt Hehuan where you will have panoramic views over the central mountain ranges. Upon arrival at Sun Moon Lake, visit Wen Wu Temple, Holy Monk Shrine, Ita Thao Village and Tze-En Pagoda. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer 3-hours to Taipei for your onward flight. An additional night in Taipei may be required depending on your flight time. (B)



# CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Visit Wen Wu Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,050	£1,960
Superior	£1,160	£2,190
Deluxe	£1,350	£2,550

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.



Relax at Sun Moon Lake



Visit the Confucius Temple

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey into the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. At an altitude of 762 metres, this large body of fresh water is one of the island's most lovely natural vistas, popular for hiking and biking. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple adorned with red and gold features, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda which offers breathtaking views over the lake and the aboriginal village of Ita Thao. Stay overnight at Sun Moon Lake. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Travel south to Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort, which was established by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th century, though what you see today is a reconstruction. Wander down some of the most historical streets in the city, catching a glimpse of the Tainan of times-gone-by. Also visit Chihkan Tower, built in 1653 by Dutch colonisers and stop at the Confucius Temple. Stay overnight in Tainan. (B)

DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI

Travel back to Taipei by high-speed train. Stop by the CKS Memorial Hall to see the Changing of the Guards ceremony and visit the 18th-century Longshan Temple. Take a photo stop at the world-famous Taipei 101. Towering above the city like the gigantic bamboo stalk it was designed to resemble, Taipei 101 is impossible to miss. Also explore Martyr's Shrine and the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts including paintings, calligraphy, bronzes, lacquerware, ceramics, jade and religious objects. Enjoy the evening at leisure and perhaps visit one of the many markets on offer to experience local life in the city at night. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

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

# TAIWAN BY RAIL

8 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Discover Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Explore beautiful Alishan
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail



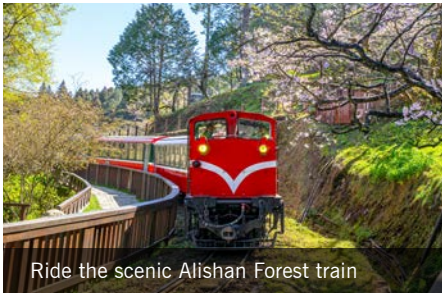
Glide down Taiwan's east coast on the train to Hualien

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,690	£4,590

Price includes:

- Accommodation (4 nights Taipei, 1 night Hualien, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Alishan)
- 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.



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest train



Explore Yuyupas's tea gardens

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Travel to Taipei, the laidback, vibrant city that is Taiwan's capital. On arrival, you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: PINGXI LINE TOUR

After breakfast, meet your guide at the hotel lobby and head to Taipei railway station by public transport to take the train to Ruifang. Here you will start your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line, originally built to transport coal through the rugged Pingxi Valley. 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. After touring, take the train back to Taipei. (B,L)

DAY 3: TAIPEI CITY TOUR

Today you will explore Taipei by public transport with your local guide, starting with a visit to the National Palace Museum. View the Chiang Kai-Shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. (B,L)

DAY 4: TAROKO GORGE

After breakfast, an assistant will accompany you by taxi to the train station for your train to Hualien on which you'll glide down Taiwan's east coast with the ocean on the left and mountains on the right. On arrival meet your English-speaking guide/driver for your tour of Taroko Gorge. Explore the spectacular Taroko Gorge Gateway, Tunnel of Nine Turns, Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto and Buluowan suspension bridge. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel followed by a performance of indigenous singing and dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel by road to Sun Moon Lake, cruising along the picturesque Central Cross-Island Highway, said to be the most picturesque route in Taiwan. A designated National Scenic Area, you'll drive along the lake to soak up all the natural beauty around you, visiting Wenwu Temple with its beautiful lake views. Stay overnight at Sun Moon Lake. (B)

DAY 6: YUYUPAS TEA GARDENS

Depart your hotel after breakfast, travelling by road to historic Jiji Old Town. After exploring the town's sights with your guide, continue to Yuyupas, an indigenous cultural park dedicated to showcasing the Tsou culture and surrounded by extensive tea gardens. Enjoy a tea-tasting experience before transferring to Alishan. (B)

DAY 7: ALISHAN FOREST

This morning, enjoy a short ride on the Alishan Forest Train, the highest narrow-gauge train in Asia, as it winds its way through dense forests, before exploring the Alishan Forest Recreation Park. Later, the high-speed train will whisk you back to Taipei, where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 8: DEPART TAIPEI

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



# CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,240	£3,890
Superior	£2,440	£4,090
Deluxe	£2,890	£4,540

#### Price includes:

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

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



Visit Bulguksa Temple



Enjoy delicious street food

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. Stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards and enjoy Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namsan Park and N Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Korea House (payable locally). (B)

### DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Meet your driver-guide and transfer to Seoul station. Travel on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver

and start discovering historic Gyeongju. Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO World Heritage listed site – Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

### DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

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

# SEOUL EXTENSION

4 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£660	£910
Superior	£760	£990
Deluxe	£1,260	£1,510

#### Price includes:

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

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



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition – you'll find yourself stumbling upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies, the street snacks are second to none!

### DAY 2: SEOUL

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your full day seat-in-coach tour of the city. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal

Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, head to the Exhibition Hall and enjoy some free time for lunch. Take a stroll along Insadong Street, browse the stalls at Gwangjang Market and a visit to N Seoul Tower for panoramic views over the city ends the day. Drop-off will be at Myeongdong, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. *Itinerary will vary if this day falls on a Tuesday.* (B)

### DAY 3: SEOUL

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

### DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

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

# JEJU ISLAND EXTENSION

4 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hallim Park
- ✓ Take a stroll on Hyeopjuae Beach
- ✓ Visit impressive Sunrise Peak
- ✓ Explore Jeju Stone Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£490	£590
Superior	£890	£990
Deluxe	£990	£1,090

#### Price includes:

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

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



Explore beautiful Jeju Island

### DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Make your way to South Korea's largest island, Jeju. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE JEJU ISLAND

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island (west course). Begin at Hyeopjuae Beach, then continue to Hallim Park to see its sub-tropical gardens and mysterious lava caves. After lunch, see O'Sulloc green tea field and Mt Songak. Also visit Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or Teddy Bear Museum. Drop-off will be at the pick-up point, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. *Itinerary will differ if the weather is bad.* (B,L)

### DAY 3: MORE TIME IN JEJU ISLAND

Make your own way to the pick-up point to begin your second full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island (east course). Begin the day exploring Jeolmul Forest, followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, witness the work of the Haenyeo, Jeju's female divers who harvest shellfish for a living. Afterwards, head to Seongsan Sunrise Peak before going on to explore Jeju Stone Park. Drop-off will be at the same place as the pick-up point, and from there you can make your own way back to the hotel. *Itinerary will differ if the weather is bad.* (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

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



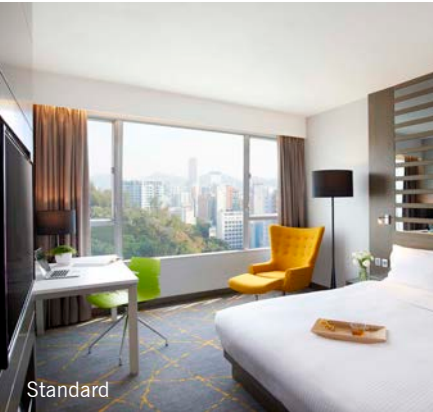


# HONG KONG STOPOVERS

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

## KOWLOON HOTELS



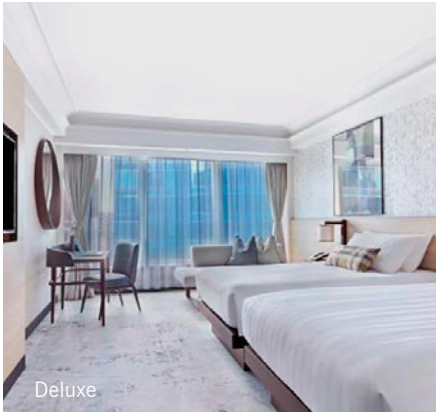
Standard

**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

# 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 take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

This afternoon embark on a thrilling adventure as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marvelling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls.

Indulge in a dim sum feast, where each bite is a culinary delight, before you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breath taking panoramic views. Finally, visit Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Admire the view from Victoria Peak

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£380	£580
Superior	£410	£680
Deluxe	£520	£840

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

# HONG KONG IN FOCUS

## 4 DAYS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

This afternoon embark on a thrilling adventure as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marvelling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls. Indulge in a dim sum feast, where each bite is a culinary delight, before you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breath taking panoramic views. Finally, visit Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize

this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later visit various well-wishing temples, offering you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the distinctive culture of these Chinese traditions. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

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



See the Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£690	£1,170
Superior	£740	£1,330
Deluxe	£870	£1,620

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.





# DUBAI STOPOVERS

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

Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



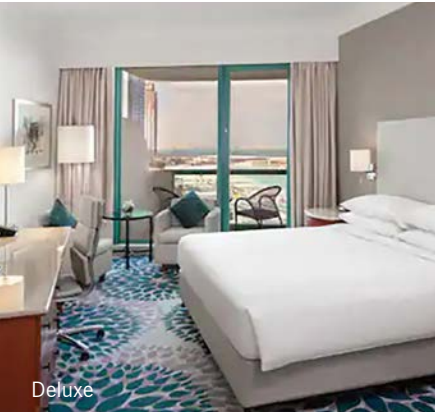
Standard

**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 spoilt for choice of shops and restaurants. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Superior

**AMWAJ ROTANA HOTEL** ★★★★★  
Located on ‘The Walk’, the Amwaj Rotana is well situated for shopping and entertainment. Walking distance to the Arabian Gulf beaches, the hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, three restaurants and wellness centre.



Deluxe

**HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH HOTEL** ★★★★★+  
Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Hilton Dubai Jumeirah is where contemporary luxury meets the timeless charms of the Arabian Gulf. Facilities include a spa and water sports.

## 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)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£290	£480
Superior	£350	£540
Deluxe	£430	£760

#### 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 buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding or have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

#### DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



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	£390	£480
Superior	£550	£780
Deluxe	£630	£1,060

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 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.



# ABU DHABI

3 DAYS

Explore the dynamic heart of Abu Dhabi, where the echoes of the ancient blend seamlessly with modern marvels. Embark on an exhilarating desert safari across the sand dunes and dine on a delectable barbecue feast beneath a vast starlit sky.

DAY 1: ARRIVE ABU DHABI

Arrive in Abu Dhabi, and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring this vibrant city.

DAY 2: DESERT SAFARI

This morning is free to have a leisurely breakfast, relax and enjoy the amenities of the hotel. Things shift up a gear this afternoon, with an exciting desert safari. Head to the striking sand dunes outside the city for

unparalleled views of the stark beauty of the desert before sitting down to a delicious barbecue dinner under a sky full of twinkling stars. While dining against this scenic backdrop, you'll be entertained by a belly dancer and a traditional tanoura (folk dance) performance. (B,D)

DAY 3: DEPART ABU DHABI

Transfer back to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Venture into the sand dunes on a desert safari

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£270	£480
Superior	£290	£510
Deluxe	£330	£550

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Abu Dhabi)
- Transportation as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring with guides

# ABU DHABI EXPRESS

4 DAYS

Delve into the modern magic of Abu Dhabi. Spend a day exploring and experiencing the city's plentiful sights before an afternoon and evening out in the desert, discovering the stark beauty of the sand dunes and dining out under an ethereal starlit sky.

DAY 1: ARRIVE ABU DHABI

Arrive in Abu Dhabi, and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring this vibrant city.

DAY 2: EXPLORE THE CITY

Set out on an Abu Dhabi city tour, visiting the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque before driving along the Corniche. Then there are photo opportunities galore, with stops at Saadiyat Island, the Louvre Museum and Emirates Palace. There's also time to explore the Marina Mall at your leisure before a drive by of Yas Island and Ferrari World. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT SAFARI

This morning is free to have a leisurely breakfast, relax and enjoy the amenities of

the hotel. Things shift up a gear this afternoon, with an exciting desert safari. Head to the striking sand dunes outside the city for unparalleled views of the stark beauty of the desert. Sit down to a delicious barbecue dinner, entertained by a belly dancer and a traditional tanoura (folk dance) performance. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART ABU DHABI

Transfer back to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Explore Abu Dhabi's modern metropolis

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£690	£1,320
Superior	£710	£1,360
Deluxe	£740	£1,550

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Abu Dhabi)
- Transportation as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring with guides

# DOHA

3 DAYS

Discover Doha, a world class city in the making, and the landscapes that lie beyond. Use your free time to explore the sights of the city before venturing into the desert, climbing sand dunes to find the singing sands and walking the shores of the Inland Sea before a delicious dinner under the stars.

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DOHA

Arrive in Doha and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring this incredible, ever-changing city.

DAY 2: DESERT ADVENTURE

This morning is free to have a leisurely breakfast, relax and enjoy the amenities of the hotel. Later, the adventure begins, as you head into the desert! Begin by discovering desert wildlife, with the chance to spot falcons. Then

it's into the dramatic sand dunes for an exhilarating 4x4 expedition, pausing for panoramic views and to listen to the singing sands. Drive on to marvel at the azure waters of Khor Al Adaid (Inland Sea) before getting your breath back in the beachfront desert camp where there's a barbecue dinner and some free time to enjoy. (B,D)

DAY 3: DEPART DOHA

Transfer back to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Relax at a beachfront desert camp

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£700	£1,010
Superior	£780	£1,060
Deluxe	£1,010	£1,260

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Doha)
- Transportation as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring with guides

# BEST OF DOHA

4 DAYS

Embark on an adventure under the spectacularly modern skyline of Doha. Discover the sights, sounds and what makes the city tick on a city tour before heading out into to starkly beautiful desert for an exhilarating expedition through the sand dunes to the Inland Sea.

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DOHA

Arrive in Doha and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring this incredible, ever-changing city.

DAY 2: EXPLORE THE CITY

Set out on a city tour, to discover the story behind Doha. Start with a cruise along the Corniche, overlooking the waters of the Persian Gulf and the city's entertainment hub, West Bay. Pause at the Museum of Islamic Arts then Dhow Harbour, an old fishing and pearling hotspot. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of Souq Waqif, Katara Cultural Village, Pearl City and much more. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

This morning is free to have a leisurely breakfast, relax and enjoy the amenities of the hotel. Later, the adventure begins, as you head into the desert! Begin by discovering desert wildlife, with chance to spot falcons. Then it's into the dramatic sand dunes for an exhilarating 4x4 expedition, pausing for panoramic views and to listen to the singing sands. Drive on to marvel at the azure waters of Khor Al Adaid (Inland Sea) before getting your breath back in the beachfront desert camp where there's a barbeque dinner and some free time to enjoy. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DOHA

Transfer back to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Admire Doha's skyscraping cityscape

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,180	£1,810
Superior	£1,300	£1,890
Deluxe	£1,630	£2,190

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Doha)
- Transportation as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring with guides



# Flying in style

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



Emirates Economy Class

## ECONOMY CLASS

- Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:
- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
  - Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
  - In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
  - Complimentary baggage allowance



British Airways World Traveller Plus

## PREMIUM ECONOMY

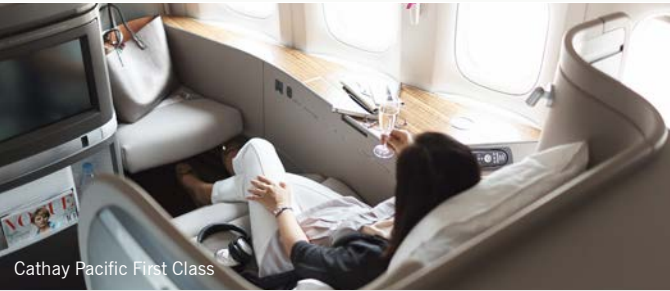
- Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:
- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and 2-3 inches extra seat recline
  - Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
  - Larger personal screens
  - Premium food service
  - Increased complimentary baggage allowance



Air China Business Class

## BUSINESS CLASS

- Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:
- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
  - Fast track through airport security
  - Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
  - Large personal screens and extra viewing options
  - Premium dining and wine service
  - Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
  - Extra baggage allowance
  - Luxury amenity kit



Cathay Pacific First Class

## FIRST CLASS

- Long-haul First Class is the ultimate travel luxury, with optimum levels of comfort and service on whichever airline you choose. You can expect:
- Dedicated check-in and fast track through airport security
  - Access to exclusive First Class lounges
  - A flatbed seat or 'suite' with extra space and privacy compared to Business Class
  - Exclusive cabin and more specialised service
  - Premium dining and wine service
  - Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

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

# Preferred Airline Partners



## AIR CHINA

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



## BRITISH AIRWAYS

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

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



## CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific offers five daily flights from London and four weekly flights from Manchester to its hub - Hong Kong\*. With a stopover, you can enjoy seamless connections to Asia Pacific. Voted as 'World's Best Airline' four times in the annual Skytrax Awards, you can experience elevated dining and 2023 Skytrax Awards World's Best Inflight Entertainment in the sky.

\*Frequency and schedule are subject to change



## EMIRATES

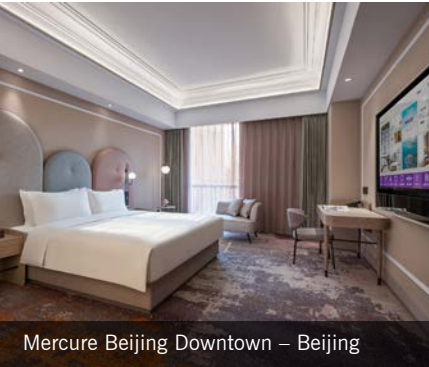
With Emirates you can fly to Beijing or Shanghai via Dubai, connecting from a range of UK airports including Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh, as well as Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. Exceptional in-flight service, a more generous seat pitch and the chance to stopover in Dubai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



# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, levels of comfort or quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN CHINA



Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and China. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# China for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of China. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country.

BEIJING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-9	2	3
Feb	-6	5	5
Mar	0	12	8
Apr	8	20	21
May	14	26	34
Jun	19	30	78
Jul	22	31	185
Aug	21	30	160
Sep	15	26	46
Oct	8	19	22
Nov	0	10	7
Dec	-6	4	3

SHANGHAI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	1	8	76
Feb	2	8	44
Mar	5	13	118
Apr	11	19	63
May	16	24	85
Jun	20	27	212
Jul	25	32	142
Aug	25	32	230
Sep	21	27	76
Oct	15	22	64
Nov	9	17	43
Dec	2	11	34

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

GUILIN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	5	12	63
Feb	7	13	97
Mar	10	16	137
Apr	16	23	247
May	20	27	352
Jun	23	30	347
Jul	25	33	231
Aug	25	33	173
Sep	22	30	82
Oct	17	27	86
Nov	12	20	64
Dec	7	15	43

KUNMING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	2	15	16
Feb	4	17	16
Mar	6	21	20
Apr	10	24	24
May	14	24	97
Jun	17	24	181
Jul	17	24	202
Aug	16	24	204
Sep	15	23	119
Oct	12	20	79
Nov	7	17	42
Dec	3	15	12

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

## 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

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

Guilin's southern location blesses it with mild weather on average. Spring is hot, while summer is rainy, humid and foggy. Autumn is cool and pleasant, and winter can be breezy with occasional drizzle during the rainiest months.

## Kunming

Kunming justly lives up to its name as the 'Spring City' of China – with weather like spring most of the year, it rarely experiences cold winters or the extreme heat of summer.

## Hong Kong

Hong Kong's subtropical location means it experiences pleasant temperatures year round. Spring is warm and humid, summer is hot and rainy, autumn is sunny and clear, and winter is cooler and dry.

## Lhasa

Lhasa's altitude is the main factor influencing its climate. With cold winters and mild summers, the valley that it sits in protects it from more extreme weather. July, August and September sees the highest amount of rain annually, though Lhasa actually receives nearly 3,000 hours of sunshine a year!



# Your China questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

**Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?**

**A.** Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

**Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?**

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook with your final documents.

**Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying at?**

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents around two weeks prior to departure. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels are generally of 4-star standard on our Classic tours. On Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, or rustic accommodation which fits perfectly to the tours' adventurous spirit. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

**Q. How do I get my visa?**

**A.** When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. Our operations team will get in touch with you nearer the time of your departure with full information on how to obtain your visa.

**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. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The group size on our Classic tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size of 28. On our Go Beyond tours and exclusive Solo Departures, the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours, we operate a seat-and-a-half policy when travelling by coach, allowing you travel in greater comfort.

**Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?**

**A.** We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your single supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that 'Happy to Share' requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure.

**Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?**

**A.** If your tour includes domestic flights, your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg, and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg, as this is the maximum allowance on domestic flights. If there are no domestic flights on your tour, then your allowance is the international flight limit.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) and always seek your doctor's advice.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** We recommend you take the local currency (RMB) along with a credit/debit card. Additionally, all businesses in China, from the fanciest hotels to roadside fruit stands, accept smartphone payment apps such as Alipay and WeChat. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in RMB for China tours.

**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** Our group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.



**Q. When are Chinese public holidays?**

**A.** Chinese New Year holiday is 28 January - 4 February 2025 and 17 - 23 February 2026. The Golden Week public holiday falls annually from 29 April - 3 May and National Day holiday from 30 September - 7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

**Q. When is the best time to visit China?**

**A.** China is a destination for all seasons. With four distinct seasons, the ideal travel periods are Spring (Mar to May) and Autumn (Sep to Nov). Many people choose to travel at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists, but please keep in mind that the summer months may be very hot and the winter months may be very cold. Our tours cover the length and breadth of China and depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country. Please refer to your Travel Guide & Phrasebook for more information. See page 117 for more detailed information about the weather.

**Q. Is Taiwan a sovereign country or part of China?**

**A.** The political status of Taiwan has been ambiguous since the 1940s. It hasn't formally been recognised as a sovereign state by most countries, including the People's Republic of China. In practical terms for travellers it feels like an independent place, with its own government, currency, passport, culture and language. For diplomatic purposes the country is sometimes also called Chinese Taipei.

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. What does escorted touring mean?**

**A.** Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. Private tours and Extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however, you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides in each location. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted.

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. Alternatively, our Private Tours, Extensions and Tailormade Holidays are suitable for any age group.

## WHILE ON TOUR

**Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?**

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

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**River:** Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from large ships on the Yangtze River to smaller boats on the Li River, Grand Canal and West Lake. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

**Rail:** Trains are used on most tours. Where bullet trains are used, second-class seats are included unless stated otherwise. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. All trains have a western-style toilet onboard and are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards. You may have to carry and store your own luggage – the National Escort will assist where possible, otherwise porters can be paid for at most train stations.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours and Extensions are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour, your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

**Q. Is tap water safe to drink?**

**A.** We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

**Q. Is porterage included?**

**A.** Porterage is included on our group tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). Where available, a porterage service is included at major train stations, however this is not offered in more rural parts of China and you may be required to carry your own luggage.

**Q. Are there any optional excursions?**

**A.** Occasionally, when time allows, your National Escort may offer optional extras, such as evening shows, for those seeking extra excitement. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from £10 to £50 per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

**Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?**

**A.** China has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

**Q. What is the average age on your group tours?**

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

**Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?**

**A.** Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

**Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?**

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

**Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River cruise vessels?**

**A.** We use outward facing en-suite cabins equipped with a balcony. Please visit the tour page on our website for more details.

**Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with the UK?**

**A.** We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

**Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?**

**A.** Tipping is expected in China. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we recommend allowing £10 to £12 per person, per day for tipping. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



## 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. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.





# Booking your trip

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

## 1. Choose your tour

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

## 2. Speak to an expert

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

## 3. Make a booking

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



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

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

- Bronze VIP**  
£100 per person discount  
When you book your 2nd Wendy Wu holiday
- Silver VIP**  
£150 per person discount  
When you book your 3rd Wendy Wu holiday
- Gold VIP**  
£200 per person discount  
When you book your 4th or more Wendy Wu holiday



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



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Newhams Yard, 151-153 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 3JE, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

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

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8).

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

### 2. Your financial protection

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

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.\*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk).

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

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

### 3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates in June 2024. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

### 4. Payment

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

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

### 5. Travel documents and visas

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

### 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

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

### 7. If you wish to change your booking

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

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible – £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket



## BOOKING CONDITIONS

You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. If your holiday includes ocean cruising, once a deposit has been placed this is non-refundable and non-transferrable to a later date. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to operations@wendywutours.co.uk.

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74— 42 days	30% including deposit
41 — 28 days	60% including deposit
27 — 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements.

Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to ‘unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances’ (see below), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0— 7 days	£50
8— 14 days	£40
15— 28 days	£30
29— 42 days	£20
43— 75 days	£10

### If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- ‘Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances’ as defined in clause 9 above.

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 “Excursions”. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim

or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10 (1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

### 11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as

these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to customer@wendywutours.co.uk. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

### 13. Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com). You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

### 14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

### 15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from

the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 17. Fitness, Medical Conditions, Disabilities & Illness

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated 'physical rating' is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9. If due to illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy medical requirements (for example compulsory vaccinations or testing) we or any of our suppliers refuse to transport or accommodate you, we may (acting reasonably) exclude you from commencing or continuing the trip. In this situation we will provide you with reasonable assistance to make alternative travel arrangements and where possible to rejoin your group when medically cleared to do so. This will be at your own cost and you should contact your travel insurance provider immediately. Note that we will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) under these circumstances.

### 18. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community list” which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm). In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday” will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched – we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

### 19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas

point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk).

### 20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs (“sensitive personal data”). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us. In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling. In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/>. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/competition offers or to send you our brochure). Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes. If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can opt out of all communications at any time.

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.



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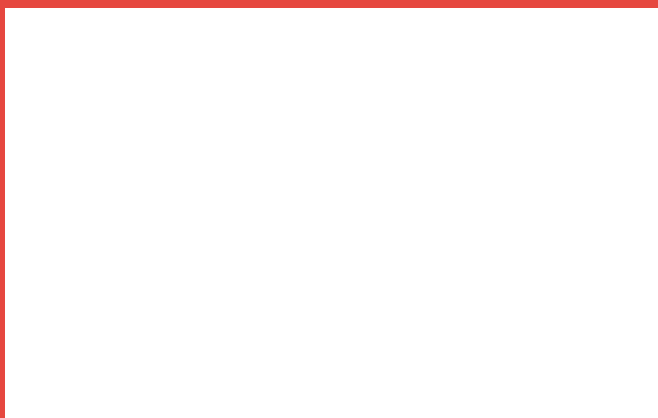
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