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2019-2020



Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

WELCOME TO CHINA

It's a pleasure to introduce you to this special anniversary edition of our China brochure. 2018 marks Wendy Wu Tours' 20th anniversary of providing extraordinary tour experiences to holidaymakers all over the globe. Since 1998, we have been pioneering travel to new destinations all over Asia and are now recognised as the leading touring specialist in the region.

Our extensive range of China tours will show you the very best this remarkable country has to offer. After years of perfecting the art of touring around China, we understand the best ways to see the iconic sights and experience the local culture. Our award-winning guides can't wait to showcase their homeland to you.

This year we've introduced two new tours dedicated to solo travellers, packed full of shared experiences and moments to treasure.

Let Wendy Wu Tours show you the real China – we look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.



Wendy Wu
Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE...



UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as the UK's leading specialist operator to Asia, a reputation we've been building since 1998. All our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are fountains of knowledge on all things Asia.



SO MANY INCLUSIONS PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can just sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, most meals, touring, transport & expert guides - we include it all.



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit.



COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether you're looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something more off-the-beaten-track, we've got a tour or tailor-made holiday for you.



EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the last 20 years, building our local expertise and finding those rarely visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special.



BEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides will make sure you don't miss a thing.



FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

For your convenience, on the majority of our tours you'll be able to fly from a UK airport near you, usually at no extra cost.



SAFE AND SECURE

We are members of ABTA and our holidays are fully ATOL protected.



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!



"The biggest highlight was our guide, who made the trip a pleasure to be on. The extra effort he put in was the difference between having a good tour and a grand one. His personality, organisational skills and love of his country were second to none and he is a credit to Wendy Wu Tours."

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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



Award-Winning Expertise

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



Recommended by you

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

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



CHOOSE A TOUR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU...



PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires the ability to walk around sights unaided. More active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating.



LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.



LEVEL 3

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



LEVEL 5

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

TOUR STYLES

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so 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. The tours are fully inclusive with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience.

FLEXIBLE

Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

EXCLUSIVE

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, money can't buy experiences and additional touches like VIP door-to-door home transfers. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you.

SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide who will involve you in the group activities discovering the sights and experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

PRIVATE

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

TAILORMADE

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

Please note that not all tour styles are available for all destinations.

TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories! Take a look at our Flexible tours if you are looking for a tour with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the tour you are travelling on and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3* to 4* properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Active/Flexible/Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit. Our Exclusive Collection features world class, luxury 5* properties.

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. Here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to on some of our tours...



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.



HUTONGS TOUR

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



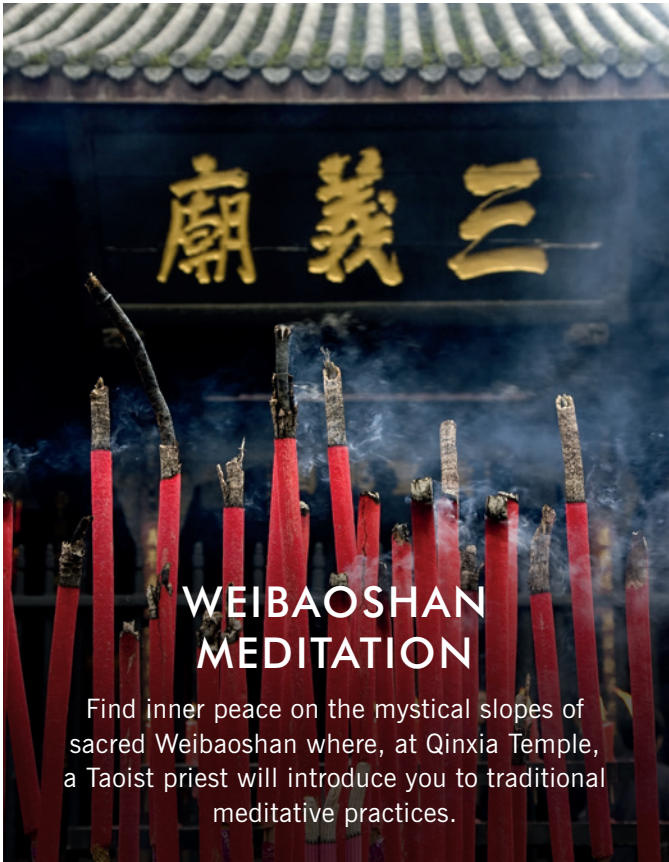
HIKE ON THE GREAT WALL

Explore a quieter section of this iconic edifice with a hike along the spectacular Jinshanling section, acquainting yourself with its fascinating history as you follow its snaking path across the hills.



ERA SHOW

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



WEIBAOSHAN MEDITATION

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



CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

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



MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

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

Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

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



WENDY'S TOP 10 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 our itineraries.



2 XIAN

Xian is best known for those enigmatic Terracotta Warriors. With an illustrious past, it is included on most itineraries.



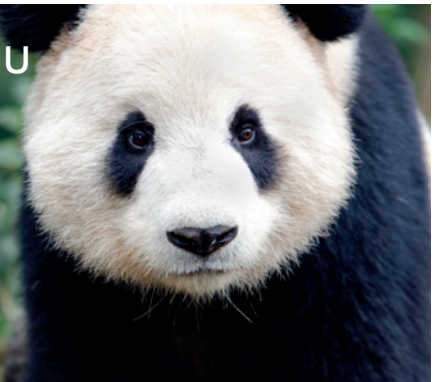
3 SHANGHAI

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 Pandas. As we all love a Giant Panda, 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.



9 KASHGAR

Packed with rich Silk Road history, travel on the ancient trade route on our Silk Road Explorer adventures.



7 HONG KONG

Hong Kong is the very definition of a cosmopolitan city. See it on our Cities of the Orient itinerary or add it on as an extension before or after your tour.



8 LIJIANG

Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on our Yunnan & Sichuan, Classic China, China Encounters and several other tours.



10 LHASA

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



CHINA TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL

It is possible to visit China all year round, but here are a few things to bear in mind: Stretching from the cold winters and hot summers of the north to the sub-tropical climate of the south, China's vast size means wide variations in weather. Spring and autumn are considered the ideal times to travel, as you have the best weather across the country.

Information relates to China only. See our website or call us for details on Central Asia and Mongolia.



APPROX FLYING TIME
11 Hours



GMT
+8



VISA REQUIRED
Yes



CURRENCY
Yuan

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £1,990

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 the bullet train
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play



See the pandas at Dujiangyan Panda Base

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without stopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.

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: 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. At the head of the square the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City is a monument to dynasties past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck. After, there is an option to enjoy a Kung Fu show.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional landscapes and admire exquisite architecture. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

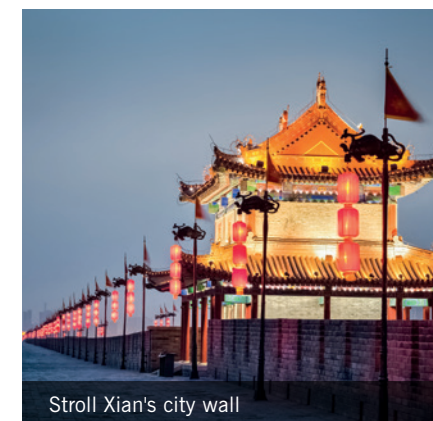
Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like 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 buy a souvenir warrior (or two!) to take home. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

This morning visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.



Stroll Xian's city wall



Admire the Temple of Heaven

DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the Reserve's breeding programme. Enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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



Enter the Forbidden City

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the imperial treasures of historical 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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2019 DATES

03 Mar - 11 Mar	£2,190	11 Aug - 19 Aug	£2,890
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31 May - 08 Jun	£2,690	23 Dec - 02 Jan*	£2,990

*Christmas departures. Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,390 (Beijing - Chengdu)
- Single room from £290
- Tipping paid locally RMB 320
- Christmas departure tipping RMB 350



Gaze at the warriors

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £1,990

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
- ✓ Rickshaw ride in the Hutongs
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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STOPOVER IN...



DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £190pp

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful sandy beaches. Cross the Dubai Creek by a traditional abra (water taxi) and as you dig a little deeper, you will find a rich culture centred on the labyrinthine old city with traditional souks and cobbled streets.

See pages 98-99.
Additional flight costs may apply.



Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the Silk Factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Tonight, enjoy 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 to enjoy the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. Also, explore People's Square.

DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This afternoon take a visit to 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 Silk Road.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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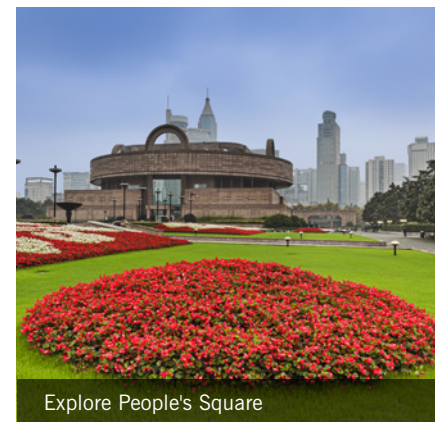
Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital city. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the traditional Hutongs. The narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise building and modern commerce. Meet a local family and learn first-hand about living in the Hutongs. After dinner, there is an option to enjoy a Kung Fu Show.

DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they spend their afternoon practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. See a Chinese acrobatic show this evening.



Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda



Explore People's Square

DAY 9: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will have an opportunity to visit the Jade Factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it.



Walk on the Great Wall

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 recognized delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 10: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC

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.

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GLORIES OF CHINA

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See cormorant fishermen on the Li River

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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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 peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns and explore this charming place. 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

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

DAY 8: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

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

DAY 9: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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See the warriors



Discover the Forbidden City

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

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



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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Discover the extraordinary 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

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2020 DATES

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22 Aug - 04 Sep	£3,490		

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Shanghai - Beijing)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally RMB 450

NEW

CHARMING CHINA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire the beautiful Guilin scenery

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 5 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
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ITINERARY

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DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 4: FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, where we can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Together, we will take a ride through a traditional hutong neighbourhood on rickshaws, popping in to visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. We then 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. (B,L)

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. On arrival, we will check into the hotel and freshen up before heading out for a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 7: TRAVEL TO GUILIN

Fly to the city of Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and see the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. We will also take a walk down Guilin's pedestrian street that is lined with shops and restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River. Around every river bend is a view to take our breath away, as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Arriving in the charming town of Yangshuo, we will have a look around the local markets and stroll along West Street together to get our bearings. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: EXPLORE YANGSHUO

The day begins with a shared Tai Chi experience before heading out into Yangshuo's breathtaking surroundings, exploring the landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or enjoy one of the many optional activities available, such as cycling, walking or bamboo rafting. (B)



Stroll Xian's City Wall

DAY 10: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

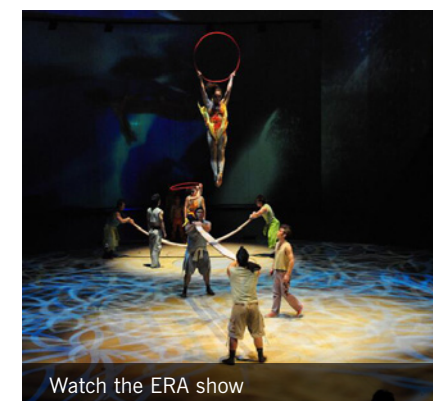
We head back to Guilin by road, stopping en route on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Also visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700 year old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer. (B,L)

DAY 11: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Take a short flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan cit of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. This evening, we will get an alternative view of Shanghai with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu, the river that flows through the heart of the city. (B,D)

DAY 12: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

This morning, the group will visit the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the charming old town and visit the Silk Factory.



Watch the ERA show

After lunch together, the afternoon is at leisure to relax or further explore this bustling city. This evening, we will all head to Shanghai Circus World to see the spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

DAY 13: SHANGHAI FREE TIME

Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to further explore this city with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, the group will meet for a final dinner together, where we can reflect on the adventure we've shared. (B,D)

DAY 14: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



View of the Downtown Shanghai Skyline

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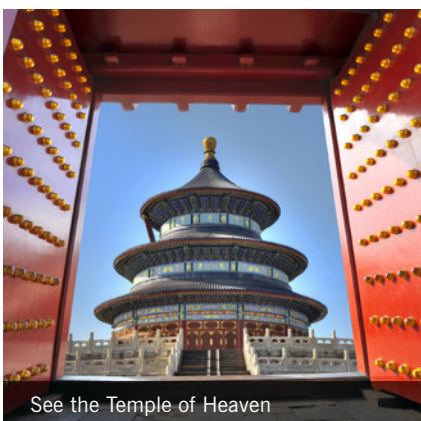
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From the history of imperial Beijing to the bright lights of modern Shanghai, enjoy the very best China has to offer with time at leisure to further explore this fascinating country with your new-found friends.



See the Temple of Heaven

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2019 DATES

04 May - 17 May	£3,190	05 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,290
07 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,390	21 Dec - 03 Jan	£3,490

2020 DATES

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MAJESTIC YANGTZE

14 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ 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
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Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

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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 the Silk Factory. Later admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold, Shanghai is unlike any other city in the world. Tonight, sample some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 4: MODERN PUDONG

Take the morning to see the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area of the city with its sci-fi skyscrapers. Later, fly to Wuhan and continue by coach 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 Steam and enjoy a shore excursion to Shibaozhai or Fengdu.

DAY 8: HISTORICAL CIQIKOU

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

DAY 9: PANDAS

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

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



Shanghai at dusk

DAY 11: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

DAY 12: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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



See the excavation site of the Terracotta Army

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. In the afternoon, visit the Jade Factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and view the exquisite architecture. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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One of our most popular tours covers China's enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing and of course the unforgettable Giant Pandas of Chengdu. But the highlight is relaxing four night cruise on the Majestic Yangtze River.

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
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- ✓ See Shanghai's bright lights

See the adorable pandas in Chengdu

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DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. We start at the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda, where the group will try 'Guohua', traditional Chinese painting with black ink, to decorate a fan.

Next, we will stroll through the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, browsing the food stalls and learning about the significant importance of this city as the start of the Silk Road. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

As a group we will take the bullet train to the city of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. On arrival, we will take a walk through People's Park and visit the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PANDAS

A visit this morning to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows us to learn about China's famous bears and we also get a chance to see them up close as they munch through piles of bamboo and play. We then continue to Chongqing where we will board our Yangtze River Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)



See Shanghai's bright lights

DAYS 9-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

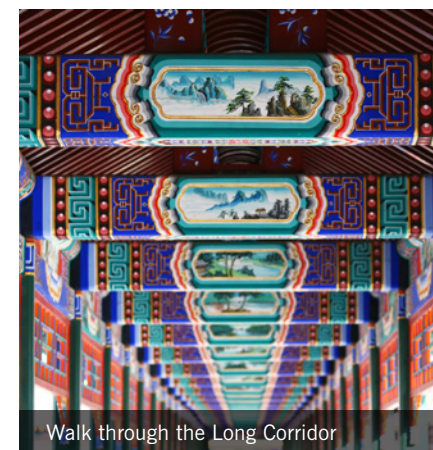
Over the next three days as we cruise downstream, we will pass through some of China's most celebrated scenery - be prepared for one breathtaking panorama after another. Join side trips and shore excursions, ending with the Three Gorges Dam, a massive and impressive feat of engineering. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Disembark the cruise vessel in Yichang and transfer to Wuhan; from here we fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

DAY 12: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

This morning, the group will visit the peaceful Yu Garden, old town, Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. After lunch together, the afternoon is at your leisure.



Walk through the Long Corridor

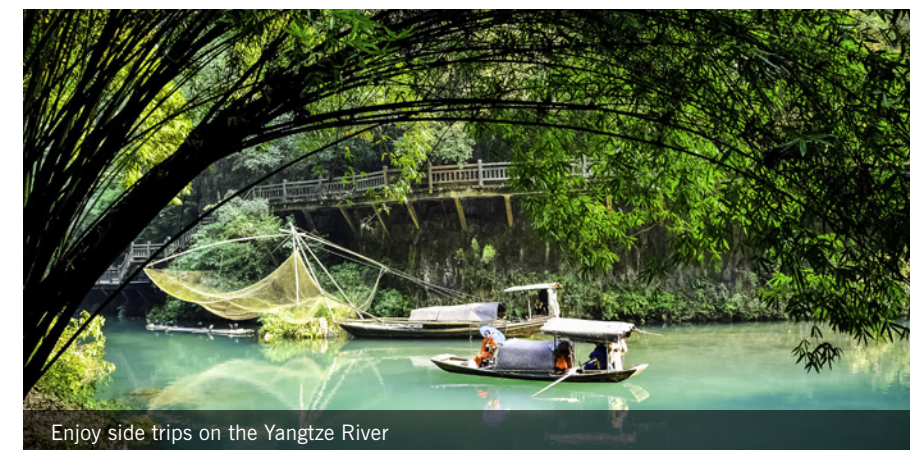
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DAY 14: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

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Combine the history of Beijing with the pandas in Chengdu, the Warriors in Xian, the bustle of Shanghai and a four-night Yangtze River cruise and you have the very best China has to offer on this tour exclusively for solo travellers.



Enjoy delicious local food

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MOST MEALS

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- ✓ Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge
- ✓ Cycle Xian's city wall
- ✓ Visit pandas in Dujiangyan
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £190pp

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See pages 98-99.
Additional flight costs may apply.



Explore the beautiful grounds of the Summer Palace

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: FORBIDDEN CITY AND SUMMER PALACE WALK

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, (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN & BEIJING'S HUTONGS

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

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

Fly to Xian, the former ancient capital and enjoy a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Enjoy the evening at leisure or take 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)



Walk the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge



Trek the Jinshanling section of the Great 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. Take time to 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

Return to Chengdu 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 Mt 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. (L,D)

DAY 10: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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

DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. Travel to Wuhan then fly the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (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 the Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and enjoying a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. In the evening, enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CHINA EXPLORER

ACTIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

2019 DATES			
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,890 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally RMB 900



Explore China's hidden treasures

EXQUISITE CHINA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Three nights deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ Meet the discoverer of the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Talk about pandas with an expert
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 7 dinners
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Sip champagne on the Great Wall

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

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

DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-size warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974.

Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir (or two!) to take home. With the evening at leisure, you may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu, where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)

DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

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

DAY 9: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Transfer to Chongqing and take a relaxed exploration of Ciqiyou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your Century Legend cruise ship. (B,D)



Explore the Forbidden City



Enjoy Zhujiajiao's canals

DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

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

DAY 11: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

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

DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

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

DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Visit the old town, Yu Garden, colonial Bund, Silk Factory and the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner then end the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Enjoy a cocktail whilst admiring Shanghai's skyline

EXQUISITE CHINA

EXCLUSIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy a relax-paced tour and many special experiences as you journey through China indulging in a deluxe Yangtze cruise, staying in opulent hotels and sampling delicious cuisine along the way.



Learn the art of calligraphy

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2019 DATES

12 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,990	13 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,190
03 May - 17 May	£4,990	04 Oct - 18 Oct	£5,190
17 May - 31 May	£4,990	11 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,190
30 Aug - 13 Sep	£5,190		

2020 DATES

10 Apr - 24 Apr	£5,290	11 Sep - 25 Sep	£5,490
01 May - 15 May	£5,290	02 Oct - 16 Oct	£5,490
15 May - 29 May	£5,290	09 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,490
28 Aug - 11 Sep	£5,490		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,490 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1030

ENCHANTING CHINA

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit Pandas in Chengdu
- ✓ See Shanghai like a local
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Enjoy time at leisure

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without stopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.



Stroll in the classical Yu Garden

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: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING

This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street which is one of the largest and most well-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 around the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Also make a stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

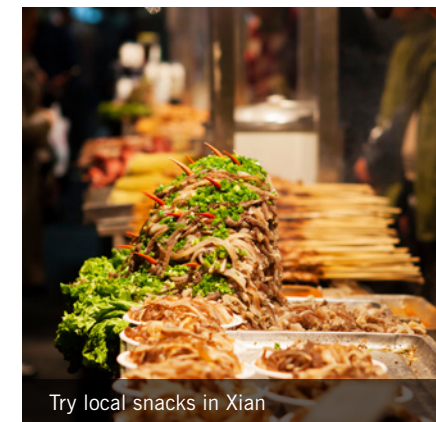
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of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

DAY 8: CYCLE THE XIAN CITY WALLS

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, past many smiling locals. This evening, enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty show. (B)

DAY 9: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and take a walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing 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 Hot Pot dinner and 'Changing Faces' show. (B,L)



Try local snacks in Xian



Visit Chengdu Panda Base

DAY 10: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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 Jinji Suspended 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. (B,D)

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

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

DAY 15: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and the 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: SHANGHAI AT LEISURE

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)

See Tour Dossier for more information about optional excursions available on this tour.

ENCHANTING CHINA

FLEXIBLE

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 pick up the pace, there are optional activities available.



Scenic Huanghuacheng Great Wall

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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15 May - 31 May	£3,390	16 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,490
04 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,590		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £660
- Tipping paid locally RMB 870

WONDERS OF CHINA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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See the cormorant fishermen

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: 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 rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of the warrenlike hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo. Later, fly to Guilin.



Gaze at the Warriors

DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

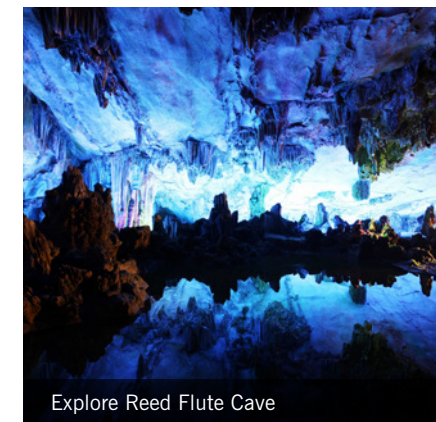
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

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.



Cruise along the beautiful Li River



Explore Reed Flute Cave

DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Visit the charming Yu Gardens, the old town, Silk Factory and take a stroll along the Bund. This evening, enjoy some tasty traditional Shanghaiese cuisine followed by the ERA acrobatic show.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

WONDERS OF CHINA

CLASSIC

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.

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23 Jun - 08 Jul	£3,690	10 Nov - 25 Nov	£3,190
07 Jul - 22 Jul	£3,790		

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* Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally RMB 770

LEGENDS OF CHINA

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Three nights deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- ✓ Enjoy time at leisure in beautiful Yangshuo
- ✓ Step back in time in old Zhujiajiao

Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 7 dinners
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



5* DUBAI FROM £290pp

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful sandy beaches. Cross the Dubai Creek by a traditional abra (water taxi) and as you dig a little deeper, you will find a rich culture centred on the labyrinthine old city with traditional souks and cobbled streets.

See pages 98-99.
Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

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

DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

View the enigmatic ranks of the Terracotta Warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974 to hear his story.

Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop before returning to the city. Later, study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies and enjoy these for dinner. You may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin and enjoy time at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxing cruise on the Li River to Yangshuo. On arrival, enjoy a delicious dinner before taking your VIP seats for 'Impression Liu Sanjie', a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: AT LEISURE IN YANGSHUO

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst-studded countryside and stop for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River and meet a cormorant fisherman. Spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoy an optional activity including cycling or rafting. (B)

DAY 10: CORMORANT FISHING

Return to Guilin by road. Take a walking tour to see the Sun and Moon pagodas and stroll around Guilin's vibrant West Lake area before visiting the South China Pearl Factory to discover the fascinating 1,700 year history of pearling in the South China Sea. (B)



Sip champagne on the Great Wall



Relax on a Yangtze River cruise



Savour Peking Duck

DAY 11: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Fly to Chongqing, where you will visit China's celebrated bear at Chongqing Zoo's dedicated Panda House. Later, board your Century Yangtze cruise ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

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

DAY 13: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before heading up the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

The Three Gorges Dam is 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 to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. Disembark and fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 15: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Travel to the 1,700-year-old water town of Zhujiajiao which boasts old stone bridges, woodpanelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobatic show or a stunning cruise on the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 16: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Factory. Also take a stroll along the Bund to see the colonial architecture, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before toasting the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Sip cocktails at Jin Mao Tower

LEGENDS OF CHINA

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience natural grandeur and imperial treasures, witness man-made marvels and ultra-modern miracles, as you make your way from Beijing to Shanghai in style. Also included is a deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Friday

2019 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,990 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,990
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1190

CITIES OF THE ORIENT

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Feel Hong Kong's vibrancy
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
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STOPOVER IN...



MACAO

2 NIGHTS FROM £320pp

Across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong lies the tiny island of Macao. This former Portuguese enclave mixes Mediterranean architecture with Chinese traditions, creating a unique and fascinating atmosphere where conservative colonial heritage rubs shoulders with high-rise hotels and the excitement of Las Vegas style casinos!

See pages 96-97.
Additional flight costs may apply.



Admire Hong Kong's renowned jaw-dropping skyline

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: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before 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 who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th Century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

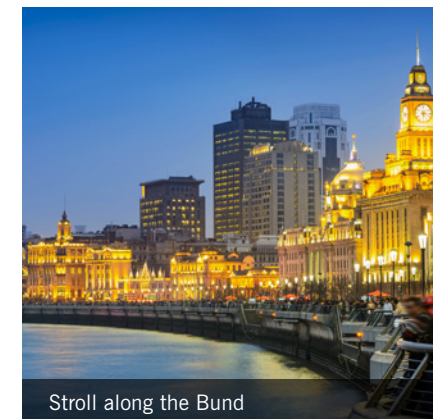
Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan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

DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAY 9: OLD CIQIKOU

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



Stroll along the Bund



Explore the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City

DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 14: FLY TO HONG KONG

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

DAY 15: LANTAU ISLAND

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

DAY 16: FLY TO THE UK

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



Visit Lantau Island

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CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a comprehensive journey through the great cities of China – Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Also included is a four night cruise on the mighty Yangtze river. This is a tour not to be missed!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES

09 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,990	17 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,990
07 May - 22 May	£3,790	08 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,990
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2020 DATES

07 Apr - 22 Apr	£4,190	15 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,190
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19 May - 03 Jun	£3,990	13 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,190
01 Sep - 16 Sep	£4,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,390 (Beijing - Hong Kong)
- Single room from £760
- Tipping paid locally RMB 660 & HKD 280

CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Maximum group size 28 passengers
- Tibet permit subject to change

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See the adorable pandas



Explore Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

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 the 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

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding 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 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.

DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND 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 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.



Visit sacred Jokhang Temple



Admire the impressive Potala Palace

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: JINLI STREET

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. After a tour of Jinli Street, there will be a delicious Sichuanese meal to savour.

DAY 11: PANDAS

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

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

The Three Gorges Dam is 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 to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark your cruise vessel and transfer to Wuhan 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, the Silk Factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical waterfront, the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghainese meal.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



See Tibetan monks

CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

CLASSIC

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

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CHINA DELIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake
- ✓ Discover old gardens in Suzhou
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without stopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.



Visit a tea plantation in Hangzhou

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the classical Yu Garden and 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 the Silk Factory and the Shanghai Museum to see the fine arts and antiquities on offer. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 5: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

DAY 6: WUZHEN

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

DAY 7: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Later, enjoy a cruise on Hangzhou's West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

DAY 8: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS

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

DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 10: YANGSHUO

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



Cruise on Suzhou's Grand Canal

DAY 11: CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

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

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAY 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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 style of their ancient counterparts. Later, take a leisurely 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: BEIJING

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

DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

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 surrounds it. Visit the Jade factory before spending the afternoon enjoying the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture. In the evening, enjoy a traditional dinner of Peking duck followed by an optional Kung Fu show.

DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

CHINA DELIGHTS

CLASSIC

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, Warriors, Pandas and Shanghai.



Explore rural Yangshuo

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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03 Aug - 20 Aug	£3,990	16 Nov - 03 Dec	£3,190
31 Aug - 17 Sep	£3,890		

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 £540
- Tipping paid locally RMB 740

A CHINA ADVENTURE

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stay in Pingle ancient town
- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- ✓ Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge



Walk the Great Wall from Gubeikou to Jinshanling

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £190pp

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful sandy beaches. Cross the Dubai Creek by a traditional abra (water taxi) and as you dig a little deeper, you will find a rich culture centred on the labyrinthine old city with traditional souks and cobbled streets.

See pages 98-99.
Additional flight costs may apply.

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: FORBIDDEN CITY AND SUMMER PALACE WALK

Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. 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 in the hutongs before driving to the Simatai section of the Great Wall, staying overnight in Gubei Watertown. Ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

Take a short transfer to Gubeikou to begin your full day hike to Jinshanling. Lasting approximately six hours, this is one of the

wildest and most scenic section-to-section hikes of the Great Wall. Your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, going off-wall for some time to navigate around a Chinese military base. Later, return to Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 6: XIAN BY BULLET TRAIN

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS AND CYCLING ON THE CITY WALL

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. Gaze over the warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to their fascinating story. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and take an optional tour of the city at night. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO PINGLE

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and then drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. (B,L)

DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Enjoy a morning at leisure. You may wish to take a walk through Pingle's maze of teahouse lined streets. Later, see Sichuan's expansive bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)



Explore picturesque Yangshuo



Hike the rice terraces in Longji

DAY 10: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: JOURNEY TO PING'AN

Fly to beautiful Guilin before transferring to Ping'an for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: RICE TERRACES HIKE

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full day hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 13: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic and imposing limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie', a dramatic water-based show set on the Li River. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River – another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

DAY 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Return by road to Guilin and spend some time exploring the colourful stalactites and stalagmites at Reed Flute Cave before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 16: SHANGHAI NESE 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 buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

A CHINA ADVENTURE

ACTIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Trek across two sections of the Great Wall, hike through rice terraces to discover remote villages and explore the beautiful Yangshuo countryside. You will need a good level of fitness for this active and scenic tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2019 DATES			
12 Apr - 28 Apr	£3,290	13 Sep - 29 Sep	£3,490
10 May - 26 May	£3,290	11 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,390
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2020 DATES			
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28 Aug - 13 Sep	£3,690		

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,790 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 860



Breakfast pancakes in Shanghai

ANCIENT CHINA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,090

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
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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STOPOVER IN...



MACAO 2 NIGHTS FROM £320pp

Across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong lies the tiny island of Macao. This former Portuguese enclave mixes Mediterranean architecture with Chinese traditions, creating a unique and fascinating atmosphere where conservative colonial heritage rubs shoulders with high-rise hotels and the excitement of Las Vegas style casinos!

See pages 96-97. Additional flight costs may apply.



Explore the Longmen Grottoes in Luoyang

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

DAY 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 rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of the warrenlike 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 the Jade Factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 6: HISTORICAL DATONG

Travel by train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Datong is known for its abundant historical relics and natural beauty. Arrive in time for a local dinner in this fascinating city.

DAY 7: THE HANGING TEMPLE

Today, you will explore some of China's UNESCO Heritage sites of religious significance. Grottoes carved from sandstone cliffs in the 5th and 6th Centuries, Yungang Caves are replete with intricate Buddhist imagery. Also visit the 1,400 year old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple that seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge. Travel on to Wutaishan.

DAY 8: WUTAISHAN

One of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains, Wutaishan (Five Terraced Mountain) is 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 also visit 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, dating back to the 6th Century.



Hanging Temple in Datong



See a Kung Fu demonstration



Visit Shaolin Temple

DAY 10: PINGYAO

The characterful old town of Pingyao is considered the best ancient walled town in the country. Stroll 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 former government building from 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 lifesize warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 12: DISCOVER XIAN

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

DAY 13: LUOYANG

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

DAY 14: SHAOLIN TEMPLE

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

DAY 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 16: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

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

DAY 17: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

ANCIENT CHINA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With thousands of years of diverse history, China is one of the world's oldest civilizations. 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

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01 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,090	02 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,290
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2020 DATES

06 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,290	31 Aug - 17 Sep	£3,490
20 Apr - 07 May	£3,290	14 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,490
04 May - 21 May	£3,290	05 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,390

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally RMB 710



Try Chinese paper cutting

MAGNIFICENT CHINA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Stroll old gardens in Suzhou

Discover imperial riches in the Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without stopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.

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: 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 rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of the warrenlike hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and mingle with the locals as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards.

DAY 6: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 7: 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. Later this afternoon, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Also explore the narrow and winding 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: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

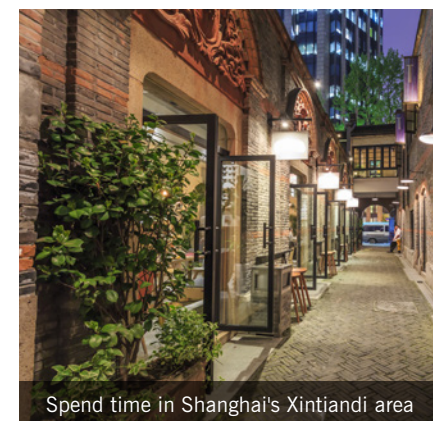
Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel, where you will stay for the next four nights.

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

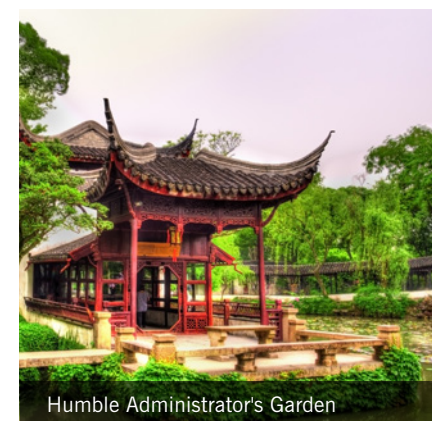
The Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering but as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and a shore excursion to Shibaozhai or Fengdu.

DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing and explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer by road Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.



Spend time in Shanghai's Xintiandi area



Humble Administrator's Garden

DAY 13: 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. Also stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, ending with a visit to a traditional tea house. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese food followed by an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'.

DAY 14: GUILIN

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

DAY 15: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 16: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 17: DISCOVER GUILIN

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

DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 19: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

DAYS 20-21: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit the Shanghai Museum, People's Square and admire the architecture on the Bund. Later, view the city from the Huangpu River on a cruise. The next day visit the 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

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

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- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 930

LAND OF THE DRAGON

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Cruise the Li River
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Enjoy time at leisure

Admire the colonial buildings along the Bund

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 4 dinners
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- Accommodation
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ITINERARY

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DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

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 and in the 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 around 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. (B)

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Later, take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-size warriors and horses. Next, soak up the lively atmosphere at in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter. Enjoy the evening at leisure or take an optional tour of the city by night. (B,L)

DAY 8: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take a gentle nine mile cycle ride on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B)

DAY 9: FLY TO GUILIN

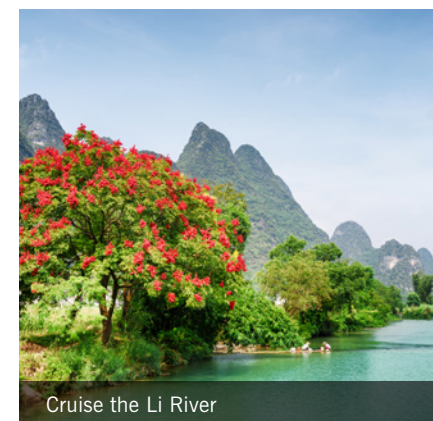
Fly to Guilin and explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave, then browse the displays of the South China Pearl Factory. Later, stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes, before heading to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B)

DAY 10: HIKING IN LONGJI

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional four-hour hike on the rice terraces of Longji. Walk over the fields and enjoy picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. (B)

DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush green scenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Upon arrival, climb up Moon Hill. (B,L)



Cruise the Li River



Discover imperial treasures in the Forbidden City

DAY 12: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. The afternoon is at leisure where you can choose from the many optional activities available including cycling and bamboo rafting. (B)

DAY 13: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People's Park, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, visit Matchmaker's Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and see a 'face changing' show. (B,L)

DAY 14: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with 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. Walk through its maze of teahouse lined streets and see the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

DAY 15: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about the pandas in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 16-17: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions and take time to relax and absorb one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. Visit the mammoth dam before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 19: SHANGHAINES 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 buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Bund and the Silk Factory before a cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 20: SHANGHAI

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, see the ERA acrobatic show and enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,D)

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

See Tour Dossier for more information about optional excursions available on this tour.

LAND OF THE DRAGON

FLEXIBLE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover China on a tour that you can tailor to suit your own interests. See all the main sights and use your free time to take part in some active options, personal exploration or simply relax and enjoy this beautiful country.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

08 Apr - 28 Apr	£3,490	09 Sep - 29 Sep	£3,690
06 May - 26 May	£3,490	07 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,590

2020 DATES

06 Apr - 26 Apr	£3,690	07 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,890
04 May - 24 May	£3,690	05 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,790

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £720
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1070



See the Sun & Moon Pagodas

CHINA TRAILBLAZER

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON
£3,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Visit Pandas in rural Dujiangyan
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ See Shanghai like a local

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Cycle on Xian's ancient city wall

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: BEIJING'S HUTONGS

This morning visit Yandaixiejie where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they take part in Tai Chi, dancing and card playing. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately created. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE CRUISE

Over the next few days, be prepared for one breathtaking scenery after another. Visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and a shore excursion to Shibaozhia or Fengdu. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: CIQIKOU ANCIENT TOWN

Disembark your cruise vessel and enjoy an early lunch in the charming old town of Ciqikou – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. (B,L,D)



Hike the Longji rice terraces

DAY 13: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 14: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SUN & MOON PAGODAS

Take an early morning flight to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy a stroll around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Also visit the Pearl Factory and see the displays and demonstrations on offer. (B,L)

DAY 16: RICE TERRACES HIKE

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

DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie'. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING

Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join a bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River. (B,L)

DAY 19: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Drive back to Guilin and fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 20: SHANGHAI NESE SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

ACTIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Explore Beijing's Hutongs

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

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04 May - 24 May	£3,790	05 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,890
18 May - 07 Jun	£3,790	12 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,890

2020 DATES

28 Mar - 17 Apr	£3,990	05 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,190
11 Apr - 01 May	£3,990	19 Sep - 09 Oct	£4,190
02 May - 22 May	£3,990	03 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,090
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Flight and supplement information

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- Single room from £720
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CLASSIC CHINA

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

Explore beautifully preserved Lijiang

PRICE INCLUDES

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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: 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. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner followed by a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

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

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 9: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

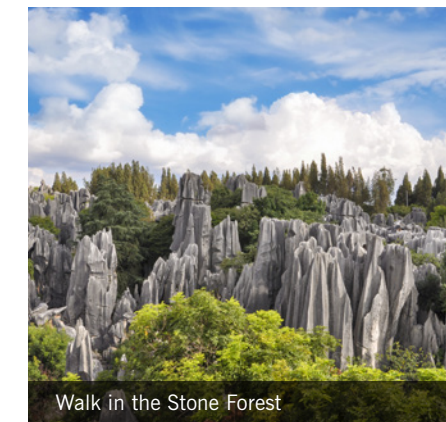
Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Factory before flying to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



Shanghai Bund at night



Magnificent Forbidden City



Walk in the Stone Forest

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 12: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Fly 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.

DAY 13: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 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 also visit Baisha Village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

DAY 15: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 16: PANDAS

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

DAYS 17-19: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise 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. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan 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 the Yu Garden, old town, the Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Sunday returning Saturday			
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CHINA ENCOUNTERS

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,890

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Admire Chengde's architecture
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Zhongdian



Explore the impressive 3000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge

PRICE INCLUDES

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DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE

In the morning, enjoy the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace before visiting the Jade Factory, then travel to Chengde by road.

DAY 5: EXPLORE CHENGDE

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

DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

Make the return journey back to Beijing. This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Jinshanling section of 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.

DAY 7: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO WUHAN

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Visit Chengde Mountain Resort

DAY 13: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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DAY 15: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 16: SONGZANLIN MONASTERY

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

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DAY 19: BLACK DRAGON POOL

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

DAYS 20-21: ENCHANTING DALI

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

DAY 22: STONE FOREST

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

DAY 23: FLY KUNMING TO UK

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

CHINA ENCOUNTERS

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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- Single room from £860
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Traditional Shui Jiao dumplings

GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

26 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Discover old China in Dali
- ✓ Stroll old gardens in Suzhou

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Accommodation
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Explore Temple of Heaven

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.

DAYS 3-4: BEIJING & THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAYS 6-7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to 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 a range of 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 pleasant city of Kunming.

DAY 14: 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.

DAYS 15-16: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. Over the next two days, visit the Three Pagodas, explore the Ancient Quarter, see the Yan Family House and travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market. There will also be a cruise on Erhai Lake.



See the Terracotta Army

DAY 17: GUILIN

Transfer back to Kunming and fly to Guilin.

DAY 18: LI RIVER

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

DAY 19: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

DAY 20: GUILIN

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

DAYS 21-22: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

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

DAY 23: SUZHOU

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



Cruise West Lake in Hangzhou

DAY 24: SHANGHAI

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

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples. Visit the Yu Garden, the old town, the 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.



Explore charming Suzhou

GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Monday

2019 DATES

14 Mar - 08 Apr	£3,990	08 Aug - 02 Sep	£4,490
28 Mar - 22 Apr	£4,190	22 Aug - 16 Sep	£4,390
04 Apr - 29 Apr	£4,190	29 Aug - 23 Sep	£4,390
11 Apr - 06 May	£4,190	05 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,390
25 Apr - 20 May	£4,190	12 Sep - 07 Oct	£4,390
02 May - 27 May	£4,190	19 Sep - 14 Oct	£4,390
09 May - 03 Jun	£4,190	26 Sep - 21 Oct	£4,390
23 May - 17 Jun	£4,190	10 Oct - 04 Nov	£4,290
13 Jun - 08 Jul	£4,190	17 Oct - 11 Nov	£4,190
11 Jul - 05 Aug	£4,390	24 Oct - 18 Nov	£3,990

2020 DATES

12 Mar - 06 Apr	£4,190	06 Aug - 31 Aug	£4,690
26 Mar - 20 Apr	£4,390	20 Aug - 14 Sep	£4,590
02 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,390	27 Aug - 21 Sep	£4,590
09 Apr - 04 May	£4,390	03 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,590
23 Apr - 18 May	£4,390	10 Sep - 05 Oct	£4,590
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07 May - 01 Jun	£4,390	24 Sep - 19 Oct	£4,590
21 May - 15 Jun	£4,390	08 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,490
11 Jun - 06 Jul	£4,390	15 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,390
09 Jul - 03 Aug	£4,590	22 Oct - 16 Nov	£4,290

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,390 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1140

CHINA: THE BIG ONE

28 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ See Dali & Shaxi Ancient Towns
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play



Discover Shaxi Ancient Town in the Himalayan Foothills

PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 5 dinners
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- Accommodation
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Explore beautiful Yangshuo

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 at leisure.

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY & HUTONGS

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 that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street. In the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 5: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

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

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 8: CYCLING IN XIAN

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

DAY 9: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

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

DAY 10: HIKING IN LONGJI

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

DAY 11: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

DAY 12: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. (B)

DAY 13: KUNMING AT LEISURE

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

DAY 14: STONE FOREST

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



Explore Dali's ancient town



Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 16: DALI AT LEISURE

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

DAY 17: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 18: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy amazing vistas. Visit the minority Naxi Village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty. (B,L)

DAY 19: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Enjoy the day at leisure or trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge, through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. (B)

DAY 20: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

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

DAY 21: GIANT PANDAS

Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming creatures up close. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'face-changing' show. (B,L)

DAY 22: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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

DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

DAY 26: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 27: ZHUJIAJIAO AND HUANGPU

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)

See Tour Dossier for more information about optional excursions available on this tour.

CHINA: THE BIG ONE

FLEXIBLE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This slower-paced tour has time set aside for independent exploration. As well as the vibrant cities, discover the charms of beautiful Yangshuo, delightful Dali and quaint Lijiang. Please note – there is some altitude on this tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

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2020 DATES

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04 May - 31 May	£4,390	05 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,490
31 Aug - 27 Sep	£4,590	12 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,490

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £920
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1250

CHINA SPLENDOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

See the Grand Buddha of Leshan

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

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See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.

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: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 5: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

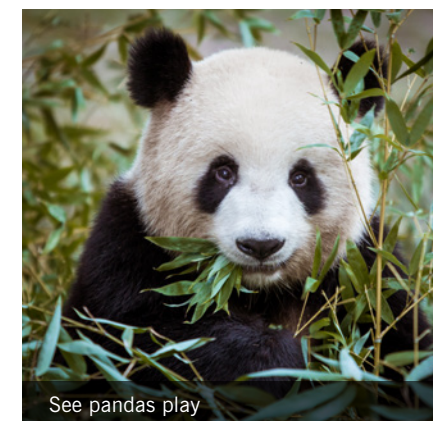
Fly to Xian, the historic former capital and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th Century city wall. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 9: WULONG

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



See pandas play



Explore the streets of Chengdu

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK & LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 11: CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can get up close to China's celebrated bears, as they chomp through piles of bamboo, in surroundings that mirror

their natural habitat. Continue to the People's Park and spend time in Matchmaker's Corner. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese cuisine. There is an optional performance of Sichuan Opera.

DAY 13: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 14: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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



Uncover the beauty of Wulong

CHINA SPLENDOUR

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Tuesday

2019 DATES

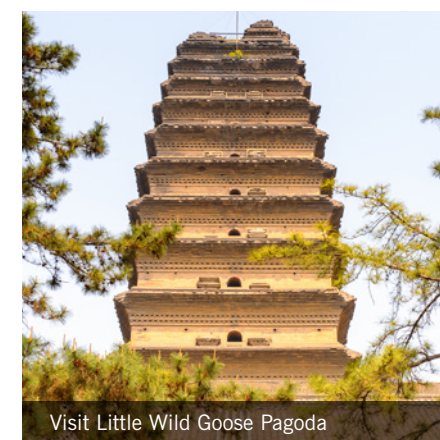
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11 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,190		

2020 DATES

06 May - 19 May	£3,190	07 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,390
09 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,390		

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Shanghai - Chengdu)
- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 480



Visit Little Wild Goose Pagoda

SICHUAN EXPLORER

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,890

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ascend Mt Emei
- ✓ Visit Pandas at Dujiangyan
- ✓ Find peace at Mt Qingcheng
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ See gorges, cliffs, waterfalls
- ✓ Marvel at Leshan's Grand Buddha



Explore UNESCO World Heritage listed Wulong

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Admire beautiful Mt Emei

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

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 above before climbing down the cliff for a closer view. A short boat trip will give an even better perspective. Continue to Mount Emei and spend the evening at the foot of the mountain. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st Century. Admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MENGDIINGSHAN

Journey to Mengdingshan. Explore the vast stretch of tea bushes and take a tour of a plantation, where you will be shown the whole process of producing tea, from plucking the leaves to brewing the perfect cup. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres in Dujiangyan where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Spend some time watching the pandas play and chomp on bamboo. Later, visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, an infrastructure constructed in 256BC and still used today to irrigate 5,300 square kilometres of land. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TAOIST MOUNT QINGCHENG

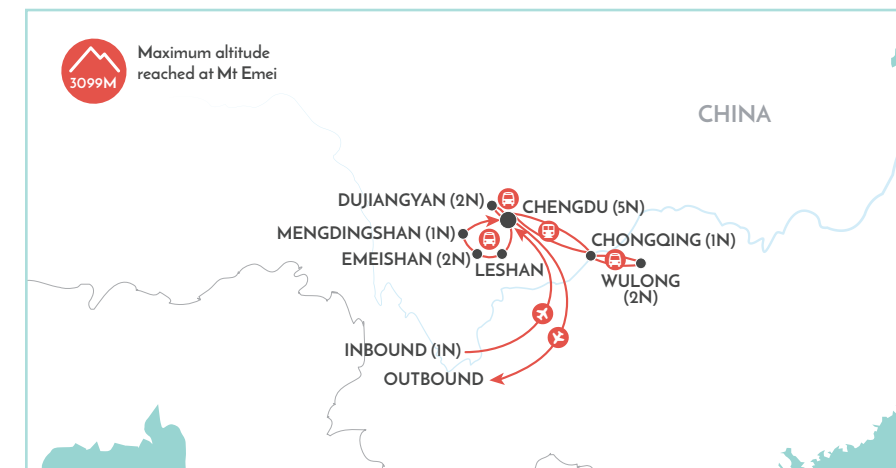
Mt Qingcheng is the most important Taoist holy mountain in China. It is also a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. You will be welcomed by a Taoist priest at the Old Master Pavilion on the summit of Mt Qingcheng. Take the opportunity to speak to him and learn about his religion. You will also be shown the art of Chinese painting and calligraphy. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CHENGDU

Return to Chengdu and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: WULONG

Travel by bullet train to Chongqing then continue by road to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park is relatively un-spoilt. It comes as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage site! (B,L,D)



Marvel at the Grand Buddha



Learn the process of tea production

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DAY 12: HEISHAN VALLEY

Before returning to Chongqing, spend time at Heishan (Black Mountain) Valley, a scenic area enveloped by mysterious fog. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: CHONGQING

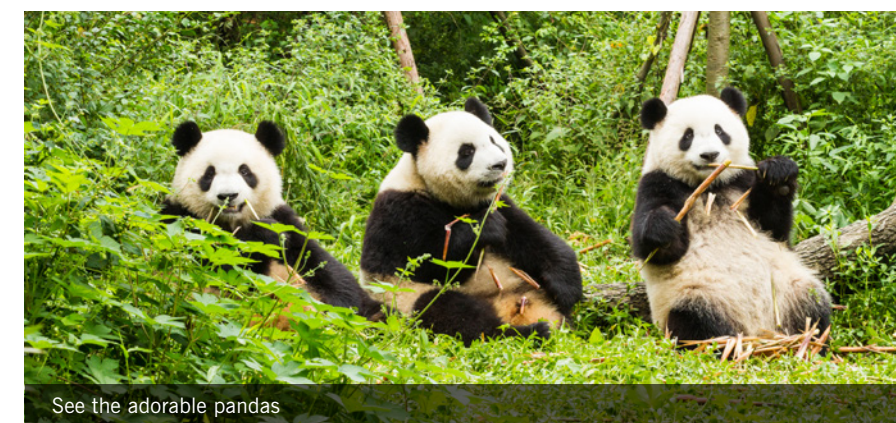
Today, visit charming Ciqikou which is lined with small shops selling delicious snacks, trinkets and curios and then take a stroll through Erlin Gardens followed by a visit to the General Stilwell Museum. Later, board the bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 14: LOCAL CHENGDU

Spend the morning absorbing the culture of People's Park. People-watching here is an endless pleasure and visit Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for suitors for their children. Also stop at a local teahouse and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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



See the adorable pandas

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Sichuan contrasts markedly from the rest of China, with differing attitudes, cuisine and spectacular landscapes. This Province never fails to take your breath away. A good level of fitness is required for this tour!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

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01 Sep - 15 Sep	£2,990		
2020 DATES			
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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
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- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 750



Sichuanese Hot Pot

YUNNAN ADVENTURE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON
£2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Meet the Bai people
- ✓ Meditate on Weibaoshan
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Discover the past in Jianshui
- ✓ Meet a Shaman master
- ✓ Hike Yuanyang's Terraces

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Accommodation
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Spend time exploring rural Shangri-La

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING

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

DAY 3: STONE FOREST

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Enjoy a local lunch. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles. (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: MEDITATION ON A MOUNTAIN

Journey to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its wooded slopes. Walk up the forested hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qingxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang and have some free time to explore the old town, a jumble of cobbled streets, charming wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

DAY 7: MEET A SHAMAN MASTER

Take a chairlift to one of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain's gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas of this magnificent mountain. Continue to Baisha Naxi Village and meet a Dongba Shaman who will demonstrate how to write ancient Dongba characters, before you attempt this quirky artform yourself. Tonight, sample traditional Naxi cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Visit the Black Dragon Pool Park for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and then travel to the 3,000 metre deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snowcapped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular, so prepare yourself for some breathtaking views. Continue to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA

Visit Songzanlin Monastery before embarking on a 2-3 hour walk to Napa Hai. Here, you will be surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands that are brimming with flora and fauna. Continue to a rural Tibetan-style village, where you will meet a local family and learn about the villagers' way of life. Try your hand at making butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. Return to Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: EXPLORE SHANGRI-LA

Spend the morning wandering through the town, absorbing its fascinating mix of Tibetan and Han Chinese culture. Visit Dafo Temple and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B,L)



Meet a shaman master



Visit Songzanlin Temple

DAY 11: KUNMING

Fly to Kunming. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO JIANSHUI

Travel to Tonghai and visit the unique Xingmeng Mongolian village, where the residents wear traditional costumes and keep old customs alive. After a stroll around Tonghai market, continue to the antiquated town of Jianshui for an overnight stay and visit the Confucius Temple, one of the largest in China. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: YUANYANG MARKET

Visit the Zhang Garden before travelling south to Yuanyang. Explore the bustling market, full of fresh produce and locals in traditional, colourful costume. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: YUANYANG RICE TERRACES

Created by the Hani people over hundreds of years, this wide, watery expanse is a spectacular sight to behold. Described as 'land sculpture' in China, the elements turn the terraces into pools of colour that reflect their mood, whether it's the reds and yellows of sunrise or the whites and greys of a mist settling over the valley. Hike through the terraces, visiting Hani ethnic villages such as Qingkou and Bada on your way. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: LENDUN VILLAGE MARKET

Travel back to Kunming via Lendun Village Market. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: FLY KUNMING TO UK

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



Hike through Yuanyang rice terraces

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Yunnan boasts a rich diversity of people and landscapes. Explore verdant forest, dramatic mountains, archaeological sites and indigenous cultures. Some days are at altitude and some hiking is also involved.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

06 Apr - 21 Apr	£2,990	14 Sep - 29 Sep	£3,190
04 May - 19 May	£2,990	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,190

2020 DATES

04 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,190	12 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,390
02 May - 17 May	£3,190	10 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Kunming - Kunming)
- Single room from £470
- Tipping paid locally RMB 800



Taoist Temple burning candles

YUNNAN & SICHUAN

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- ✓ Find peace at Mt Emei
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Discover delightful Dali



PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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Lijiang's old town

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING

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

DAY 3: STONE FOREST

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

DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI

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

DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG

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

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha Old Town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the Mong Dynasty followed by a visit to the Embroidery School.

DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

DAY 9: WULONG

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

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK & LONGSHUIXIA

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



Stunning Erhai Lake



Explore the charming town of Dali

DAY 11: LESHAN

Drive to Leshan and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st Century. Admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring.



Admire beautiful and sacred Mt Emei

DAY 14: CHENGDU

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

DAY 15: PANDAS

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

DAY 16: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

YUNNAN & SICHUAN

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

As two of the most fascinating, diverse and colourful provinces in China, Yunnan and Sichuan are incredibly diverse and unique in their own way. A good level of fitness is required in Wulong National Park.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

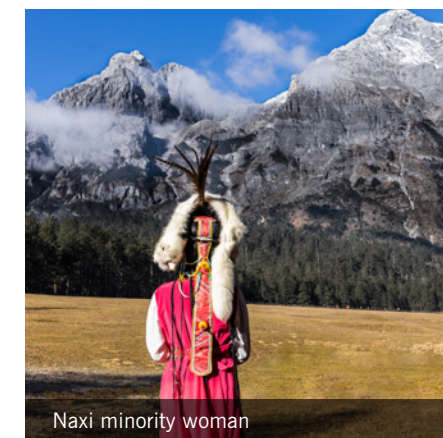
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- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally RMB 620



Naxi minority woman

DREAMS OF NATURE

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Four nights on the Yangtze
- ✓ Cruise on the Li River
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Discover Buddhist Emeishan
- ✓ See Pandas in Chengdu

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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See a Cormorant fisherman



Explore the scenic area of Zhangjiajie

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO GUILIN

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

DAY 3: YANGSHUO'S LANDSCAPES

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

DAY 4: TAI CHI & BAMBOO RAFTING

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

DAY 5: REED FLUTE CAVE

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

DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES

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

DAY 7: ZHANGJIAJIE

Take the bullet train to Changsha and drive to Zhangjiajie, located in Hunan Province. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE

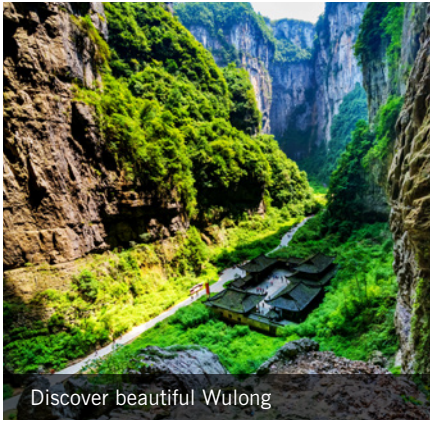
A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie's striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic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

DAY 10: YICHANG

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

DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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



Discover beautiful Wulong



Walk through the Longji rice terraces

DAY 14: HEISHAN VALLEY

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

DAY 15: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK & LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 16: WULONG NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 17: CHONGQING

Visit the ancient charming town of Ciqikou and see the pandas at Chongqing Zoo. Later, continue by road to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre high UNESCO listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before taking a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective from below. Continue to Emeishan. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

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

DAY 20: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

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

DAY 22: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

DREAMS OF NATURE

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Towering pinnacles swathed in mist, sky-skimming mountains and nature at its most verdant are just some of the wonders included on this scenic journey. A good level of fitness is required for this tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Thursday

2019 DATES

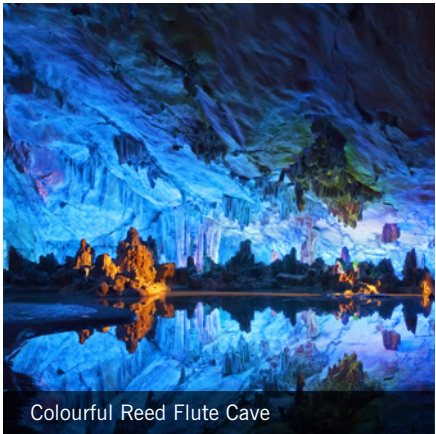
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2020 DATES

02 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,690	03 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,890
30 Apr - 21 May	£3,690	08 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,890

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,890 (Guilin - Chengdu)
- Single room from £760
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1120



Colourful Reed Flute Cave

HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Observe Giant Pandas
- ✓ Discover mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- ✓ Gaze on Mount Everest
- ✓ Explore Kathmandu
- ✓ Spot wildlife in Chitwan

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Explore ancient Bhaktapur



Walk around Bodhnath Stupa

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 3: GIANT PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's most famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents come to look for suitors for their children and visit a traditional teahouse.

DAY 4: LHASA

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

DAY 5: DEBATING MONKS

Lhasa is a modern city but among the old streets at its core you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Venture inside Jokhang Temple where queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Wander around the Barkhor where the streets are lined with stalls selling trinkets, religious relics and exquisite jewellery and where traditionally dressed locals and pilgrims are plentiful. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner.

DAY 6: THE 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. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Tibetan dance performance.

DAY 7: 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. Take a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale.

DAY 8: TASHILHUNPO MONASTERY

Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here, drive to New Tingri, also known as Shegar. When crossing the Gyatso-la Pass, admire small Tibetan villages and ruins of ancient dzongs along the way.

DAY 9: 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 the Himalayas dominating the horizon, stop en route at 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 4-5 hours will be spent on foot today.

DAY 10: GYANTSE KUMBUM

Drive to the pleasant town of Gyantse which was once an integral stop on the historic trade route between India and Tibet. Located inside the Pelkor Monastery, visit the Gyantse Kumbum which is home to the largest chörten in Tibet and houses exquisite sculptures and paintings that rise 35 metres over four floors. Stay overnight in the town.



Impressive Potala Palace



Phewa Lake in Pokhara

DAY 11: YAMDROK LAKE

Drive back to Lhasa, making a stop to admire the colossal Karuola Glacier, stretching down the side of Mount Simila towards the road. Also stop to admire the breathtaking turquoise-blue waters of the sacred Yamdrok Lake, backed by the snowy peaks of the Himalayas. Overnight in Lhasa.

DAY 12: INTO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The tiny Kingdom of Nepal sits atop the Himalayas wedged between India, Tibet and China. Upon arrival, meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market.

DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR

Take a visit to Changu Narayan Temple before taking a hike to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and see the Old Houses and meet a local Newari family before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you will stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square.

DAYS 14-15: POKHARA

Fly to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. The next day, visit the Old Bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall before looking around the International Mountain Museum.

DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Rise early to visit a Hindu Temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. The next day, take an early morning nature walk and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers.

DAY 18: DAMAN

Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu.

DAY 19: LAMA BLESSING

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan's Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Bodhnath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple.

DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH

Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today's visits include Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market.

DAY 21: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

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

HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey of extremes, striking across the starkly beautiful landscapes of Tibet and Nepal. Some days are spent at altitude with long periods of driving. A good level of fitness is required for this tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2019 DATES

07 May - 27 May £4,290 01 Oct - 21 Oct £4,390

2020 DATES

05 May - 25 May £4,490 06 Oct - 26 Oct £4,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Chengdu - Kathmandu)
- Single room from £740
- Tipping paid locally RMB 540 (China) & USD 70 (Nepal)



Marvel at Mount Everest

TIBETAN WONDERS

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Journey to Shangri-La
- ✓ Discover Shaxi Ancient Town
- ✓ Soak up mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Explore Tibet's temples
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- ✓ Gaze on Mount Everest

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See Tibetan Monks



Discover Sera Monastery near Lhasa

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI

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

DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION

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

DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

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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)

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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.



Spend time in Shigatse



Marvel at Mount Everest

Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, to witness the debating monks. Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan dinner and dance. (B,L,D)

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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. Also learn how to make delicious momo dumplings. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-14: 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. The next day, continue by road to New Tingri admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as we 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 the Himalayas dominating the horizon, stop en route at 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 4-5 hours will be spent on foot today. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest 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. Also 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)

GO BEYOND

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

2019 DATES

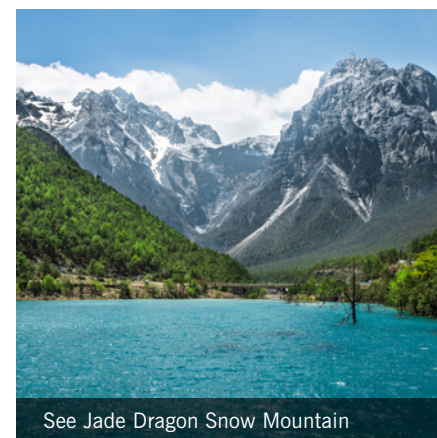
04 May - 26 May	£4,290	14 Sep - 06 Oct	£4,490
18 May - 09 Jun	£4,290	05 Oct - 27 Oct	£4,490

2020 DATES

02 May - 24 May	£4,490	12 Sep - 04 Oct	£4,690
16 May - 07 Jun	£4,490	03 Oct - 25 Oct	£4,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Kunming - Chengdu)
- Single room from £640
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1040



See Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

SILK ROAD EXPLORER

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Kashgar Sunday Bazaar
- ✓ Admire Jiayu Fortress
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Xiahe
- ✓ See the Rainbow Mountains
- ✓ Travel across remote desert

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Abakh Hoja Tomb



Visit Crescent Moon Spring

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 fountain and light show.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the morning with an optional early visit to the local park to see Xian's residents taking part in Tai Chi and dancing. Visit the Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Enjoy a moment of tranquility at the hilltop Baita Temple and tuck into some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand-stretched dough. The next day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liujiaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya.

DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

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

DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY

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

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

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

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

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

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

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

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOS

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



Prayer wheel at Labrang Monastery

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

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

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.

DAYS 16-17: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. See elegant Emin Minaret before visiting a typical home in Grape Valley. The next day, 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, arriving in Kuqa to visit the old city wall and see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, eventually leading to fabled 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 around the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square.



See the sunrise over beautiful Rainbow Mountains

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.

DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquility of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazakh minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Tonight, enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China's historic capital.

DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 27: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

GO BEYOND

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

2019 DATES			
14 Apr - 10 May	£4,290	15 Sep - 11 Oct	£4,390
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17 May - 12 Jun	£4,490	04 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,590
06 Sep - 02 Oct	£4,590		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Xian - Beijing)
- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1130

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Watch Eagle Hunting
- ✓ Uncover Silk Road history
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Explore Bukhara's Ark Fortress
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Issyk Kul

Discover Samarkand, the most notable name in Silk Road history

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Visit Burana Tower

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folklore show during dinner.

DAY 3: HORSEBACK GAMES

Journey to Chon Kemin, a quiet valley with small villages surrounded by magnificent mountains and a fir forest. Take in the daily life in Ashu Village and witness horseback games, a nomadic tradition and custom of the Kyrgyz people.

DAY 4: CHOLPON-ATA

Drive to Cholpon-Ata to see many animal petroglyphs etched into glacial stone and take a cruise on Lake Issyk Kul. Later, continue to Karakol.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE KARAKOL

Visit the Przhnevsky Museum and examine the region's diverse religious influences with visits to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese mosque. Take an afternoon stroll in Jety-Oguz Gorge and through the beautiful Valley of Flowers where you can enjoy horseback riding, visit a yurt and have a cup of tea or the Kyrgyz national beverage. Later, visit Irdyk village to see a local mosque and enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family. The next day, visit Skazka Canyon, known as Fairy Tale Canyon and Barskaun Gorge to take a light hike to a waterfall. Watch a demonstration of Eagle Hunting in Bokonbaevo village. Stay overnight in a Yurt Camp and try your hand at baking flatbread in a traditional oven.

DAY 7: FELT WORKSHOP

Visit Kyzyl-Suu village to see the yurt installation process. Enjoy the breathtaking views as you continue to Naryn, stopping en route in Kochkor to visit a felt workshop and see the manufacturing of carpets.

DAY 8: KYRGYZ NOMADS

Surrounded by broad summer pastures dotted with yurts, grazing cattle and mountains, travel to the alpine Son Kul Lake, the largest fresh water lake in Kyrgyzstan and experience the traditional life of Kyrgyz nomads. Continue over Terskei-Torpopk Pass and travel back to Kochkor. Stay overnight at a homestay.

DAY 9: EXPLORE BISHKEK

Return to Bishkek and visit the 12th Century Burana Tower en route. Known for its wide, leafy boulevards, marble faced buildings and Soviet-era architecture, Bishkek is the capital and largest city in Kyrgyzstan, located at the foothill of magnificent Kyrgyz Ala-Tau mountain range. This afternoon, visit Ala Too Square, Oak Park and the newly restored Museum of History.

DAY 10: TASHKENT

Spend the day enjoying a leisurely hike in Ala Archa National Park. In the evening, fly to Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan.

DAY 11: EXPLORE NUKUS

Fly to Nukus and visit Savitskiy Museum, home to one of the finest collections of Soviet avant-garde art from the 1920s and 30s to gain an insight into the Central Asia's unique cultural heritage. Also explore Mizdahkan, an Islamic complex in Hojeli Village.



Wander through local bazaars



Stroll in Jety Oguz Gorge



Explore ancient Khiva

DAY 12: DESERT FORTRESS

Discover the magnificent desert fortress of Chalkik Kala (Tower of Silence), Kizil Kala Fortress, Toprak Kala Fortress, Ayaz Kala and Kyrk-kyz Kala. Continue to Khiva.

DAY 13: KUHNA ARK FORTRESS

The ancient city of Khiva has a long and turbulent history as part of the Silk Road and a slave trading post. This fascinating destination is lovely to explore – discover the magnificent 17th Century Kuhna Ark Fortress and wander around the many medressahs, mosques and minarets within the walled inner town called Itchan Kala.

DAYS 14-16: SACRED BUKHARA

After a day's drive across the Kyzyl Kum Desert, arrive at the holiest city in Central Asia, Bukhara. Bukhara has a long history spanning 2,500 years and has an atmospheric old centre. Spend two days seeing the sights, with visits to Kalon Minaret, the Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque, Chor Minor, Labi-Hauz Plaza and the summer residence of the last Bukharan Emirs where you will enjoy a cultural folk show in the evening.

DAYS 17-19: SAMARKAND

Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history, Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets – it has a mystical presence. Drive to Samarkand via Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the great historical leader Tamerlane and explore the sights of the city. Over the next two days, visit some of the many historical sites of Samarkand including Gur Emir Mausoleum,

Registan Square with its three beautiful madrasahs, the Bibi-Khanum Mosque, Shah-I-Zinda necropolis, Ulugh Beg Observatory and the Mausoleum of Prophet Daniil. Also, spend time at a paper making workshop in Konigil Village.

DAY 20: SAMARKAND TO TASHKENT

Begin the return journey to Tashkent, passing through the impressive Gates of Tamerlane. The afternoon will be spent exploring this eccentric city, visiting the 16th Century Kukeldash Medressa, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Khan Medressa and Khast Imom Complex. Also see the Chorsu Bazaar, a traditional market under a beautiful blue dome and the Crying Mother Monument.

DAY 21: EVEN MORE TASHKENT

Explore famous sights around Tashkent including the Museum of Applied Arts, the 1966 earthquake memorial, Independence Square, Alishedr Navoi Theatre and the Amir Timur Maydoni. Also explore Broadway Street where you will see local artisans and painters.

DAY 22: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day.

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the heart of Central Asia. Discover ancient cities full of intricate Islamic architecture, thriving bazaars and a mystical old-world atmosphere - all linked to the Silk Road. Expect long drives on this tour.

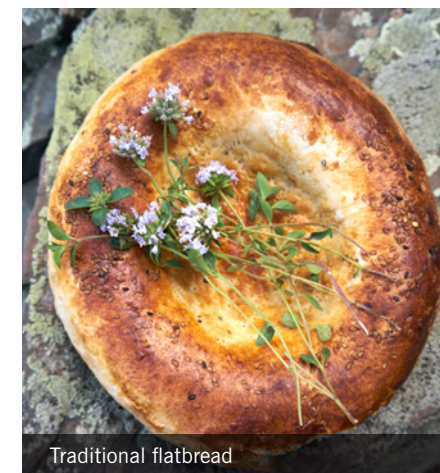
PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

2019 DATES			
21 May - 11 Jun	£4,490	03 Sep - 24 Sep	£4,590
2020 DATES			
19 May - 09 Jun	£4,790	01 Sep - 22 Sep	£4,890

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,890 (Bishkek - Tashkent)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$50 Kyrgyzstan & US\$70 Uzbekistan



Traditional flatbread

MONGOLIA & THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

23

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

£5,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS (EXCEPT DAY 22)

- TOUR TICKLIST
- ✓ Experience Naadam Festival
 - ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
 - ✓ Gaze upon Lake Khovsgol
 - ✓ Discover Terelj National Park
 - ✓ Stay in a traditional ger

- PRICE INCLUDES
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 - Domestic transportation
 - Accommodation
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Explore the Gobi Desert



Experience the delights of 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 yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR
Ulaanbaatar is a great place to get an understanding of Mongolia before travelling around the country. Visit the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art to help put your journey in context. Also discover the 19th Century Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important in Mongolia, home to over 150 monks.

DAYS 4-5: GOBI DESERT
Fly to Dalanzadgad which sits on the edge of the legendary and inhospitable Gobi Desert and visit the local market and dinosaur garden. Transfer to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan (Three Beauty) National Park where you will stay for the next two nights. Spend the next two days immersed in natural beauty amongst jagged mountains, undulating sand dunes and a valley that is snow-capped for most of the year. Visit a local family to learn about their life in the desert. We also hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge, commonly known as 'Eagle's Gorge' to view the stunning scenery.

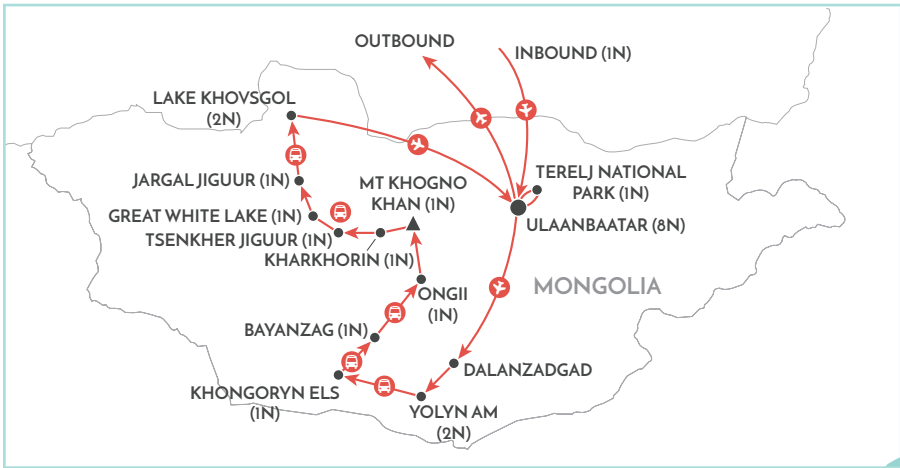
DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS DUNES
Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views, which will be well worth it!

DAY 7: FLAMING CLIFFS
Continue exploring the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert before travelling to Bayanzag, also known as the 'Flaming Cliffs'. Made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Here, visit the dinosaur cemetery.

DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID MONASTERY
Journey to the banks of the Ongii River and view the atmospheric ruins of two monasteries – Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid, which form Ongiin Khiid, formerly one of the largest monastic complexes in Mongolia.

DAY 9: MT KHOGNO KHAN
Travel to the foot of the imposing Mt Khogno Khan and discover the remains of 17th Century Uvgun Khiid Monastery whilst enjoying the nature and mountain vistas.

DAY 10: KHARKHORIN CITY
Enjoy the morning at leisure. After lunch, travel to Mongolia's former capital, Kharkhorin, situated on the Orkhon River, a spot handpicked by Genghis Khan in 1220. The city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now modern-day Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khiid, Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery – which we visit today.



Stay in ger camps



Spend time by beautiful Lake Khovsgol

DAY 11: TSENKHER JIGUUR HOT SPRINGS
Enjoy the morning at leisure. After lunch, proceed to the volcanic hot springs of Tsenkher Jiguur. Surrounded by verdant scenery, enjoy time relaxing in the hot springs.

DAY 12: GREAT WHITE LAKE
Enjoy the scenery of Terkhiiin Tsagaan Nuur (Great White Lake), set amongst the extinct volcanoes of the Khangai mountain range. The extinct Khorgo Volcano sits watching over the lake – hike up to the crater for wonderful views or walk along the lake shore where there are excellent opportunities for bird and wildlife spotting. Also visit Zayaiin Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.

DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR
Take a walk along the shores before driving to the Jargul Jiguur ger camp. Enjoy a Mongolian barbeque in the evening.

DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL
Journey to Lake Khovsgol, 'the Blue Pearl of Mongolia', which is surrounded by dense pine forests, lush meadows and soaring mountains. Spend two days surrounded by nature in this national park, enjoying the flora, fauna and incredible scenery. Also visit a reindeer breeding family.

DAY 16: ULAANBAATAR
Fly to Ulaanbaatar.

DAYS 17-19: NAADAM FESTIVAL
Spend the next three days enjoying the revelry of the traditional Naadam Festival. Starting on Nadaam Eve, visit Hui Doloon Khudag (horse racing field) and see the Mongol costumes on display in Central Square.

Mix with the locals and nomads alike to witness the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival, where featured events will include wrestling, horseracing and archery. Also see the procession of the athletes, officials and monks. This is a festival like no other and no doubt, one of the main highlights of the trip!

DAY 20: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK
Head to Terelj National Park and soak up the beautiful alpine scenery, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. Explore Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Also visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp.

DAY 21: ULAANBAATAR
Return to Ulaanbaatar and visit the Bogd King Palace Museum and Zaisan Memorial Hill. After lunch, visit the Paleontological Museum and pick up a souvenir at the Gobi cashmere factory and Souvenir store. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance and farewell dinner.

DAY 22: ULAANBAATAR
With the day at leisure, only breakfast will be provided today.

DAY 23: FLY ULAANBAATAR TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Mongolia is a place of remote mystery. This tour is a journey of discovery through the land of Genghis Khan, traversing the endless plains to explore sites of immeasurable natural beauty. Expect many days of long driving.

PRICES & DEPARTURES			
Departing and returning days vary			
2019 DATES			
24 Jun - 16 Jul	£5,690	08 Jul - 30 Jul*	£5,690
2020 DATES			
24 Jun - 16 Jul	£5,990	08 Jul - 30 Jul*	£5,990
* Itinerary operates in reverse, please contact us for details			
Flight and supplement information			
• Based on London Heathrow departures			
• Regional UK departures available			
• Flight upgrades available on request			
• Land only from £4,890 (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)			
• Single room from £690			
• Tipping paid locally USD 135			



Traditional Mongolian costume

TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

26 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An
- ✓ Cruise across Halong Bay
- ✓ Stand on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play

Enjoy an overnight stay in Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

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HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without stopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 94-95.
Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the harrowing War Remnants Museum.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Known locally as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on delicious, typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 5-6: HISTORIC HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and willfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and the workshop of social enterprise, Reaching Out. The next day, pop out to the scenic Tra Que Village, a traditional haven. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy lunch at a local family home, followed with time at leisure.

DAYS 7-8: IMPERIAL HUE

Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel before travelling to the charming An Hien garden

house. Later, visit Thien Mu Pagoda and enjoy a relaxing boat trip along the beautiful Perfume River.

DAY 9: COLONIAL HANOI

Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets and enjoy a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

DAYS 10-11: HALONG BAY CRUISE

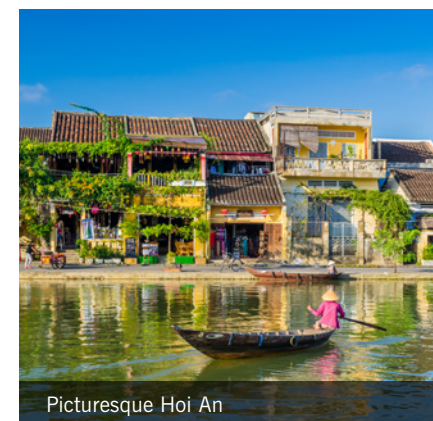
Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the night onboard. Return to Hanoi the next day and in the evening attend The Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 12: DISCOVER HANOI

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year). Also visit the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAYS 13-14: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. The next day, visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can see China's celebrated icons up close. Wander through People's Park to the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner and also visit a traditional teahouse. This evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.



Picturesque Hoi An



Notre Dame Cathedral Saigon



Savour traditional Vietnamese cuisine

DAY 15: RONGHU LAKE

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and visit the Sun and Moon pagodas.

DAYS 16-17: LI RIVER CRUISE AND YANGSHUO

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Around every bend is a view to take your breath away with jagged limestone karsts, lush green scenery and grazing buffalo. The next morning, explore this unique rural location and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure exploring the countryside or choose from one or more of the many optional activities available including cycling, bamboo rafting and walking.

DAY 18: REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin and see the colourful stalactites and stalagmites of the Reed Flute Cave. Spend some time exploring the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 19: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th Century city walls. This evening, indulge on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 20: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda.

DAY 21: TRAVEL TO BEIJING

Board a bullet train to Beijing, China's historical capital.

DAY 22: IMPERIAL BEIJING

In the morning, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the tranquil Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards.

DAY 23: 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 its sheer magnificence. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAYS 24-25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. In the evening, enjoy a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River. The next day, visit the Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory and admire the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round the day off watching the ERA acrobatic show.

DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This tour effortlessly blends the captivating charms of Vietnam with the extensive and fascinating history of China. Explore Saigon, cruise Halong Bay, see the pandas, marvel at the Terracotta Warriors and walk on the Great Wall.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Tuesday

2019 DATES

12 Apr - 07 May	£4,490	11 Oct - 05 Nov	£4,390
06 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,390		

2020 DATES

10 Apr - 05 May	£4,790	09 Oct - 03 Nov	£4,690
04 Sep - 29 Sep	£4,690		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3690 (Saigon - Shanghai)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally USD166



Walk on the Great Wall

TAILORMADE CHINA

If you want your own personal adventure, visiting exactly the places you want to go and including just the things you want to do then a tailor-made holiday is for you. Whatever your interests, whoever you want to travel with, whatever you'd like to experience, we can help you create your own China.

The following pages showcase just some of the activities and experiences that we can include on your dream itinerary – it's completely flexible and designed especially for you.

Why choose Tailormade?

TAILORMADE CHINA

1. PERSONAL SERVICE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailor-made consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs. They are ready on the end of the line from enquiry to departure, so any questions you have, tweaks you want to make, things you want to talk through, just call.

2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

You can travel around China any way you like, be it by bus, train, plane or car. On our tailor-made tours, we can also provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way you can stop where and when you like, linger by that favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.

3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

China is home to an abundance of gastronomic delights with a great selection of regional and seasonal varieties. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we suggest adding regional specialities to your itinerary, like Peking Duck in Beijing, Shui Jiao dumplings in Xian and Sichuanese cuisine in Chengdu. We also leave plenty of space for you to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across China ranges from basic guesthouses with shared facilities to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or let us know if there are any particular places you'd like to stay.



5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. With a tailor-made tour, you can truly indulge this and do almost anything you like! Whether that's to do with food, culture, wildlife or adventure activities, all you have to do is ask.



6. PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture, you will also get inside knowledge of local life too! We only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country and have a desire to share it.

Tailormade Touring



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!



DATONG

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



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 in little guesthouses along the way.



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.



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!



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.



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!



CHINA

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 the region or explore a whole other country, whilst a stopover is an easy way to not only break up your trip, but a great way to add somewhere such as Hong Kong, Macao or Dubai to your travel itinerary.

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Awe-inspiring Great Wall
- ✓ Stunning rural scenery
- ✓ Atmospheric Gubei Watertown



Walk on the Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£650	£1,090

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

On arrival in Beijing you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, much less frequented by tourists than other parts. From here, start your hike to the Jinshanling Great Wall. You will be walking for around 5 to 6 hours over a distance of 10 km. 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. Wind your way through wooded countryside and over dramatic hills. The walk intersects a military base and 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 you can explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night, enjoying wonderful views. 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 which is built in the style of a Chinese ancient town. It surrounds the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir and leans against the Simatai Great Wall. After lunch, return to Beijing. Upon arrival at your Beijing hotel your arrangements end. (B,L)

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Inspiring gardens of Suzhou
- ✓ Cruise on the Grand Canal
- ✓ Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake



Admire the beautiful gardens

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£790	£1,450
Superior	£850	£1,550
Deluxe	£990	£1,750

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SUZHOU

This morning you will be met at your Shanghai hotel and transferred to Suzhou, a town famous for its traditional landscaped gardens, known as 'Venice of the East'.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SUZHOU

Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and see the inner garden with its 'master's study' of Ming style furnishings and architecture. Wander around the Humble Administrator's Garden with its many ponds, bridges and islands of bamboo before cruising 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)

LHASA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Impressive Potala Palace
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- ✓ Holy Jokhang Temple



Gaze at the Potala Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£890	£1,590
Deluxe	£1,090	£1,990

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Arrive in Lhasa and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day 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 create the atmosphere of a medieval carnival. You will also visit the 7th Century Jokhang Temple, the most sacred temple in Tibet and the Sera Monastery which has about 600 monks in residence. (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 palace of the Dalai Lama, containing several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART LHASA

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Views of Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Peaceful Lake Baofeng
- ✓ Spectacular Tianmen Mountain



Explore Zhangjiajie National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Arrive in Zhangjiajie and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE

Today, enjoy a full day of exploring in 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 fascinating scenery. See the majestic peaks, including the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain, both known from the film, Avatar. Continue to Emperor Mountain to visit Helong Park and the scenic spot 'Fairy Maid Presenting Flowers'. Take a cable car down and head to Jinbian

Stream and Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will be walking for around 4 to 5 hours in the park. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE

Enjoy a sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a peaceful expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery. Later, explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave, stretching over 120 acres in area. (B,L)

DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN

Take a cable car to the beautiful Mount Tianmen and walk on the thrilling glass skywalk. Visit Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door' and Jun Sheng Sandstone painting gallery. Later, transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B,L)

TOKYO, MT FUJI & BULLET TRAIN

4 DAYS
TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the sights of Tokyo
- ✓ See iconic Mt Fuji
- ✓ Travel on the bullet train



Admire majestic Mt Fuji

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£990	£1,680
Superior	£1,090	£1,880

- Price includes:
- Accommodation
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees
 - Additional flight costs may apply

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Arrive in Tokyo where you will meet your guide and transfer by shuttle bus and taxi to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

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

DAY 3: MT FUJI

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

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

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

KYOTO EXTENSION

4 DAYS
TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Beautiful Kodaiji Temple
- ✓ Kyoto's famous Geisha district
- ✓ Impressive Heian Shrine



Explore Kodaiji Temple in Kyoto

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£890	£1,580
Superior	£1,090	£1,980
Deluxe	£1,290	£2,580

- Price includes:
- Accommodation
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees
 - Additional flight costs may apply

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Arrive into Osaka and make your own way to your hotel in Kyoto.

DAY 2: KYOTO

Spend the day exploring the former imperial capital in the company of a knowledgeable local guide using public transportation. Start at either the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine or the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum. Visit the unique Sanjusangendo Temple, the beautiful Kodaiji Temple and the historic Kenninji Temple before strolling down the streets in Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district. Stop at Gion Corner, which showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)

DAY 3: KYOTO

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

DAY 4: DEPART KYOTO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to make your own way to Osaka 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 Bulguksa Temple



Discover South Korea

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,450	£2,590
Superior	£1,650	£2,790
Deluxe	£2,150	£3,690

- Price includes:
- Regional flights and current taxes*
 - Accommodation
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees
 - Additional flight costs may apply



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Fly from Japan to South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in. 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 will stumble 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: 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 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 Jeongdong Theatre (payable locally). (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul Station by private car. Travel in sleek style on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the south-eastern 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 Gyeongju.

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

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver 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

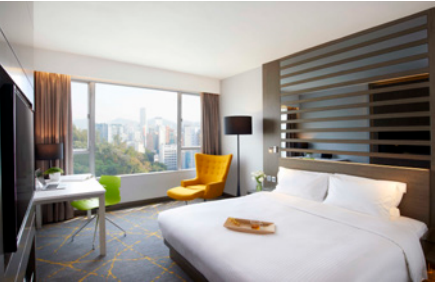
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

HONG KONG STOPOVER

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, 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 arguably the ultimate east-meets-west destination.

Hong Kong Skyline

KOWLOON HOTELS



THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★

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



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★

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



EATON, KOWLOON ★★★★★

In the heart of Kowloon, close to Temple Street and the Jade Market, the Eaton's rooms are coolly contemporary with dark woods and great views. Drinks by the rooftop pool or a free Tai Chi class are perfect to unwind; and there are seven bars and restaurants to choose from.



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★

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

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just 10 minutes stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



PARK LANE ★★★★★

Set in the heart of vibrant Causeway Bay and a stone's throw from the metro and city's best attractions, The Park Lane Hong Kong, a Pullman Hotel, is contemporary in design and offers jaw-dropping harbour views from the main restaurant coupled with attentive service.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

2 NIGHTS

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and a sampan ride on the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop in the street markets.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

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

and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3+★ Cityview	£290	£130
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£320	£180
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£410	£210

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

3 NIGHTS

This tour is designed to show you two aspects of life in the city. Combine the famous sights of Hong Kong Island before travelling by cable car to discover the natural beauty of Lantau Island and see its famous buddha! Also included is some free time to spend as you wish.

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DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Today, discover 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 Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3+★ Cityview	£490	£180
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£520	£250
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£650	£280

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

MACAO STOPOVER

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



St Dominic's Church

MACAO HOTELS



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



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



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



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



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



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

MACAO

2 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

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

DAY 2: MACAO

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

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

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



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Regency Art Hotel	£320	£140
4+★ Hotel Royal	£340	£160
5★ Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16	£450	£220

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

HONG KONG & MACAO

4 NIGHTS

Combine a visit to the exuberant and cosmopolitan vibrancy of Hong Kong with an exploration of the colonial culture and laid back attitude of Macao. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of Mediterranean and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights, sounds and cuisine.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day tour starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao.

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

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

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



Macao Tower

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai & 4★ Regency Art Hotel	£620	£300
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4+★ Hotel Royal	£750	£350
5★ Langham & 5★ Sofitel at Ponte 16	£980	£550

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

DUBAI STOPOVER

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.



Burj Al Arab

DUBAI HOTELS



MARCO POLO HOTEL
★★★★

Close to the airport and in easy reach of shopping malls and public transport, the hotel is also well located for those who want to explore the more historical side of the city. There is a pool to relax around and award-winning restaurants to dine at.



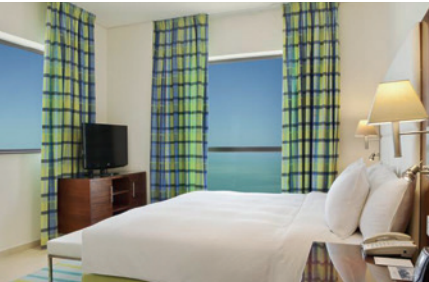
JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL
★★★★

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



MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH
★★★★★

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



HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK
★★★★

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



AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH
★★★★+

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



SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT
★★★★★

Sat on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

2 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

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

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

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£190	£110
5★ Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£260	£190
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£290	£210

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

DUBAI & THE DESERT

3 NIGHTS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that combines ultra-modern architecture with an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you can spend the evening enjoying the entertainment in a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

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

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

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

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£340	£140
5★ Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£440	£260
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£480	£330

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

AIRLINES

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below you will find information on our favourites airlines but we work with most airlines so if your choice isn't here, you just have to ask. With such a range of airlines and options to upgrade, you can be sure you will travel in comfort and style.

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- Delicious meals and full bar service
- Personal entertainment system with noise-reducing headphones
- Larger free baggage allowance

CLUB WORLD

- A spacious seat, which converts into a fully flat bed
- Delicious food and drink options using fresh, local ingredients
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- Access to luxurious lounges
- Exclusive and attentive service



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Let us upgrade your flight to China so you can breeze through the airport, fly in comfort and arrive fresh and raring to go. Whether you're after a little extra in Premium, in Business or all out luxury in First, just say the word and we'll let you know how much it will cost, for whichever airline you prefer.



Your 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 we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?
A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on 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 in before I go?
A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

Q. How do I get my visa?
A. The cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos eight weeks before departure by Royal Mail Special Delivery and we aim to have them sent back to you within four weeks. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa and Tibet Permit regulations can change at any time.

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. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?
A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights and trains.

Q. What size are your tour groups?
A. The maximum group size on our Classic tours is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. Our Active, Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive and Solo tours have a maximum group size of 18 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?
A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?
A. You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our China tours if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours and is on request when booking closer than 75 days to departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys). Sole use of the room is included on our Solo tours.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?
A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

	Recommended
China	Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis. Malaria tablets in some regions
Hong Kong	Hepatitis A
Vietnam	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions
Nepal	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis. Malaria tablets in some regions
Mongolia	Hepatitis A
Kyrgyzstan	Hepatitis A
Uzbekistan	Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis
Taiwan	Hepatitis A
Qatar	Hepatitis A
UAE	Hepatitis A
South Korea	Hepatitis A
Japan	No recommended vaccinations

This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. Source: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Always seek your doctor's advice.

Q. What currency should I take?
A. We recommend you take the local currency (RMB) and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in RMB for China tours and in US dollars for other countries. See page 103.

Q. Can you arrange airport lounges, parking & hotels?
A. Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. Contact us for more details.

Q. When is the best time to visit China?
A. China is a year-round destination. While spring and autumn are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 104.

Q. When are Chinese public holidays?
A. Chinese New Year is on 5th February 2019 and 25 January 2020. Their Golden Week public holidays fall annually between 1-3 May and 1-7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.



Q. How fit do I need to be?
A. Our Group Tours are graded on each page 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.

WHILE ON TOUR

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. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however, you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?
Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable 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 some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards. Where bullet trains are used you may have to carry and store your own luggage – the National Escort will assist where possible.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?
A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

Q. Are meals included?
A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included on our Classic group tours except where stated. Meals start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Not all meals are included on our Active, Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive and Solo tours and therefore offer flexibility for those passengers who wish to explore local restaurants. 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 portage included?
A. Portage is included on our Group Tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?
A. From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from £10 to £30 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; from hand-carved jade to local silk products or pearls from the South China Sea. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?
A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What is the flying time to China?
A. Approx. 11 hours (if flying direct).

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?
A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic and Immerse Yourself Group Tours and welcome children aged 8 years and over on our In Pursuit of Pandas tour on page 16. The minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?
A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?
A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?
A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

Q. How close can I get to the Giant Pandas?
A. If your tour includes a visit to see Giant Pandas, you will usually get close enough for a good photo opportunity.

Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River Cruise vessels?
A. We use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies. Please see our website for an overview of our Yangtze River Cruise ships.

Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with 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 Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

If you are taking a tour without a Yangtze Cruise, tipping will be collected by your National Escort on arrival and distributed throughout the tour on your behalf.

If you are taking a tour which includes a Yangtze Cruise, the total amount listed on the tour pages will be collected in two parts:
1) An amount paid to your National Escort on arrival, as above.
2) A separate service levy in to be paid upon boarding the Cruise vessel.

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts. **The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 throughout 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.

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!

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 and 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 60 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.

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.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

When you book your second holiday with us, you'll save £100pp.

WELCOME HOME DISCOUNT

Book another tour with us within 1 month of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

When you book your third tour or more, we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

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

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to “holiday”, “booking”, “contract”, “package”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website.

In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. “We”, “us” and “our” means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking (“lead name”) must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 “Payment” below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the ‘lead name’ or your Travel Agent. 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 14) 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).

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 the amount 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).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser’s Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are 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).

*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA’s scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com.

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.33USD and £1 to 8.80CNY on 9 July 2018.

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, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in your transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to

in clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday”. Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any “package”, we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

4.Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 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. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured – please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 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 cash, 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). No charge will be paid for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) 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.

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 all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders travelling on a fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. 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. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours 8 weeks prior to departure could result in a delay to your visa application and you may incur further charges to cover the expedited visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt. A charge will be made for the express visa service. 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. 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. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. 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.

Wendy Wu Tours does not guarantee that you will be issued a visa for your holiday as each passenger has different personal circumstances, the decision to approve a visa is down to the relevant embassy and Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party with no influence on the visa decision.

Wendy Wu Tours will continue to offer the visa service until such time it is no longer possible due to changes in Embassy Regulations, should this occur we will notify you in writing.

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. 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 in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at

www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

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

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £50
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 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
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

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: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted.

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:

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
60 – 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

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. 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 change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. 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 this holiday is in fact 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 then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your 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 “force majeure”(see clause 10 “Force Majeure”), 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	Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)	
	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5

No compensation will be payable and the above options 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.

10. Our liability to you

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
- ‘force majeure’ as defined in clause 11 below

(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 respect. Please also see clause 12 “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 twice 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. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of “force majeure”. In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

12. 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 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.

13. 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 07984 041625. 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. 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.

14. Arbitration

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 on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15.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)). 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.

16. 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.

17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, 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 met. 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.

18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steep, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘tour pace’ 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

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booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. 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 16.

19. 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.

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.

20. 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 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to [passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk</](mailto:passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk)

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