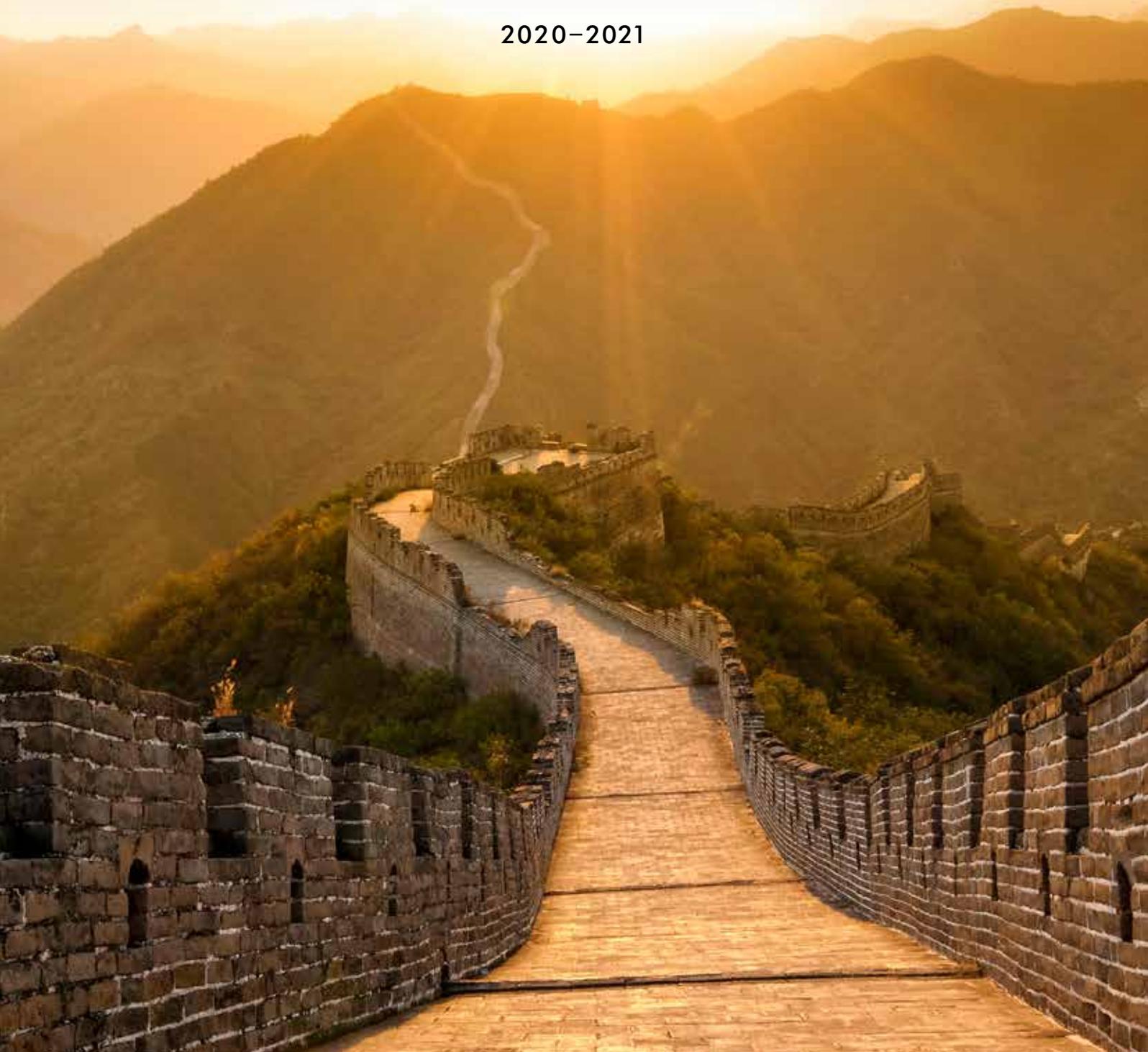




CHINA

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KYRGYZSTAN | MONGOLIA | RUSSIA | SOUTH KOREA | TAIWAN
TAJIKISTAN | TIBET | TURKMENISTAN | UZBEKISTAN

2020-2021



Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

WELCOME TO CHINA & CENTRAL ASIA!



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

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of 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 of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

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.

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.

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.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows you 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.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, exclusive 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.

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.

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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

This 2020–2021 brochure is once again packed with pioneering tours exploring the many wonders of China and, new for this year, South Korea, Taiwan, Central Asia and Russia too! Travelling with us, you are safe in the knowledge that over the past 20 years, we've mastered the art of creating a tour that balances the iconic sights with local experiences, to give you the perfect overview of your destination. Throw in the exceptional value of our inclusions, the expertise of our team and the host of fantastic guides we have waiting to show you their homeland, and you've got an extraordinary adventure!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour soon and show you China, Central Asia, Russia, Taiwan and South Korea the Wendy Wu way.

THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 8 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

OUR EXPERTISE

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

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

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

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

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

VISAS

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

FANTASTIC OFFERS

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

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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

AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

OUR ONLY GOAL

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

TIPPING MADE EASY

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





YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want every person who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary second of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy to ensure that you are getting a holiday that is perfect for you. As well as Tour Styles (which you'll find on page 2), we also give each tour a physical rating, choose accommodation that fits the tour and allow you to tailor your trip...

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 holiday with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3 star to 4 star 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 star properties.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

Interested in exploring your destination further, stopping off en route or adding on some relaxation time? All you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 114) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, a knowledgeable team of experts who can help you create your very own add-on, to any tour in this brochure!

PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour pages of our website.

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.

A Level 2 tour will involve a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



LEVEL 3

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

A Level 4 tour will feature similar physical activities but these may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



LEVEL 5

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

You're in safe hands

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



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

Catherine Prior

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Are born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day



Award-winning expertise

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



Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star 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.



Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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

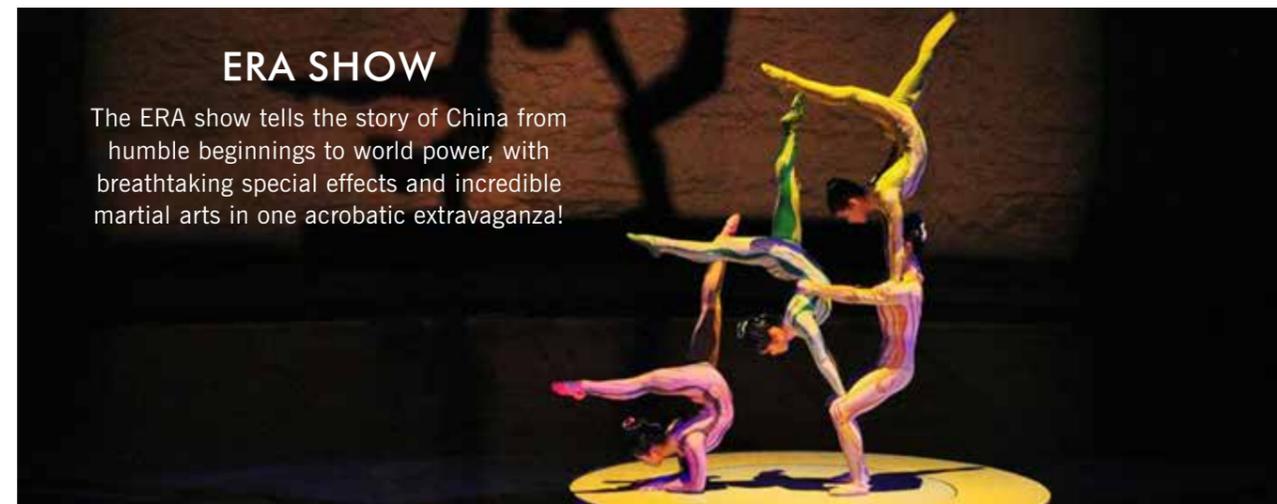
TAI CHI

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



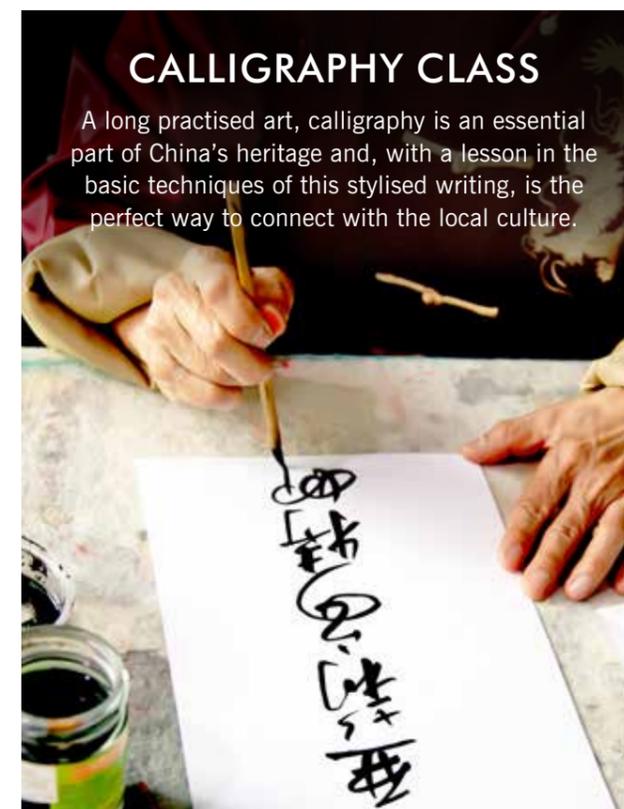
ERA SHOW

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!



CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

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



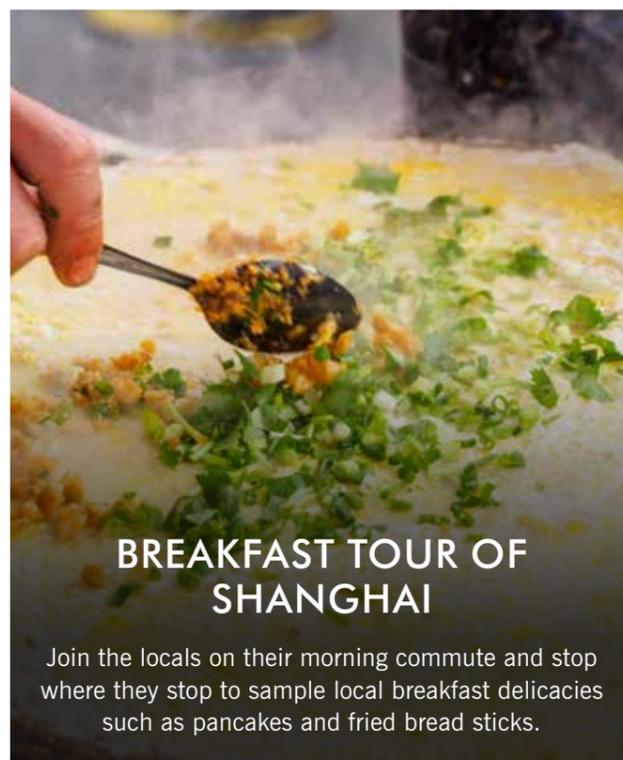
NAADAM FESTIVAL

Mingle with the locals and cheer on the competitors as you experience the colourful Naadam, Mongolia's annual festival featuring the 'Three Manly Skills' - archery, horse riding and wrestling.



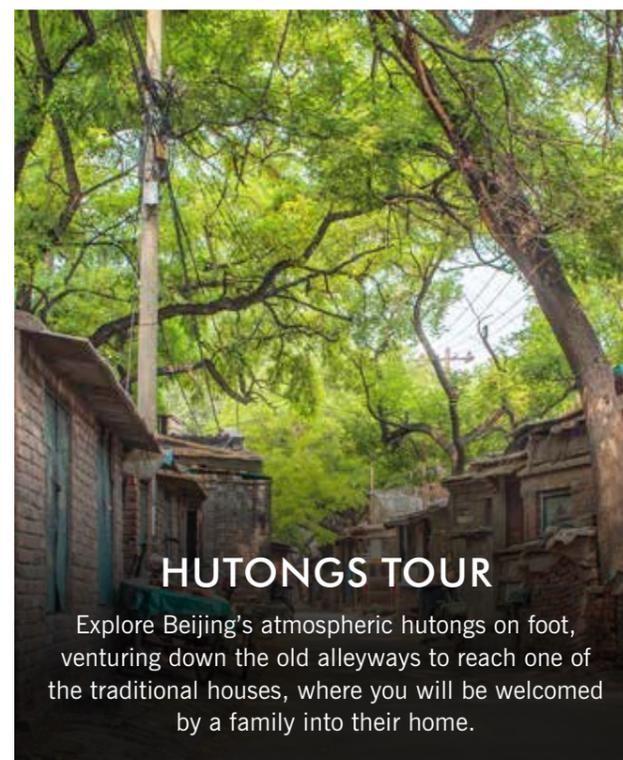
BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI

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



HUTONGS TOUR

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



MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

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





Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

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

WENDY'S TOP 8 CHINA SIGHTS

1 BEIJING

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



2 XIAN

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



3 SHANGHAI

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



4 CHENGDU

The gateway to Sichuan province and the home of the cuddly giant panda. As we all love 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.



7 LIJIANG

Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic mountain landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on several of our tours.



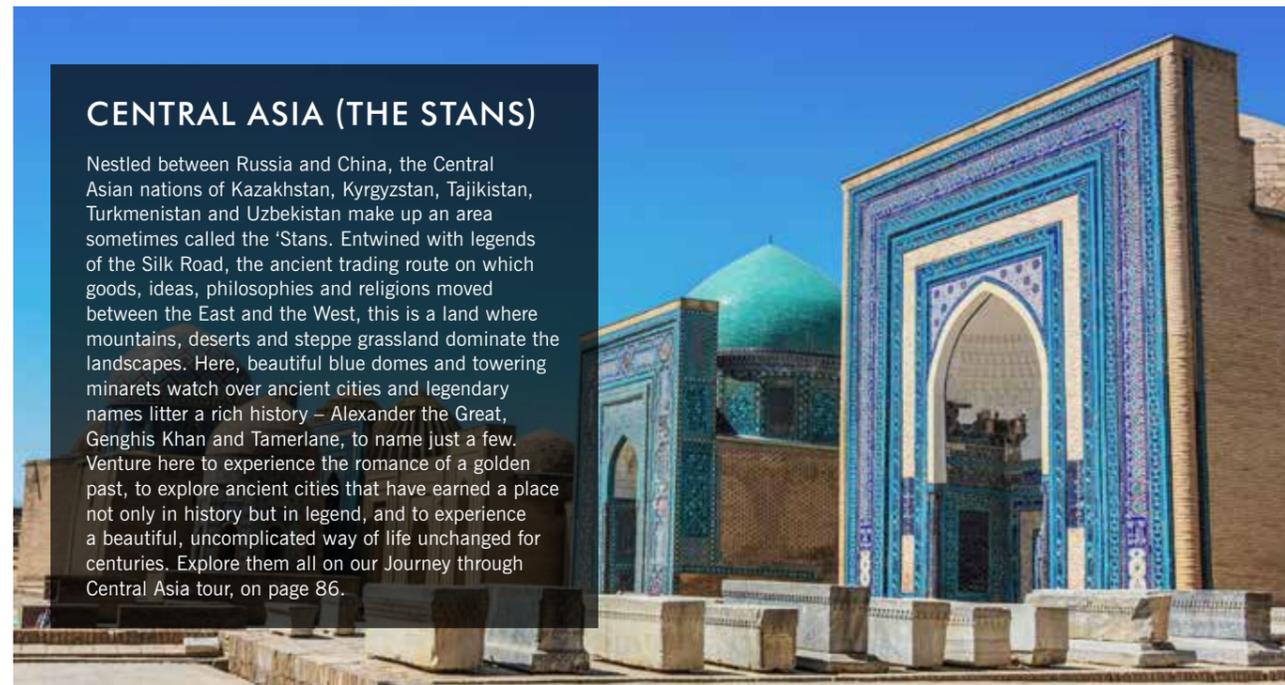
8 LHASA

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



Introduction to Central Asia

Here at Wendy Wu Tours, we've never lost our passion for travel and are always on the lookout for destinations to add to our ever-growing list of magnificent places to offer our customers. This year we've looked both north and west from China to the furthest reaches of Asia and into Europe, setting our sights on The Caucasus (Eurasia), the Trans-Siberian Railway and Russia, and we're excited we did! We have improved our Central Asia and Mongolia tours, regions we have been traversing for over a decade. A lesser-discovered but increasingly popular region, these are destinations perfect for those who are looking for fascinating countries to explore, let us introduce you to...



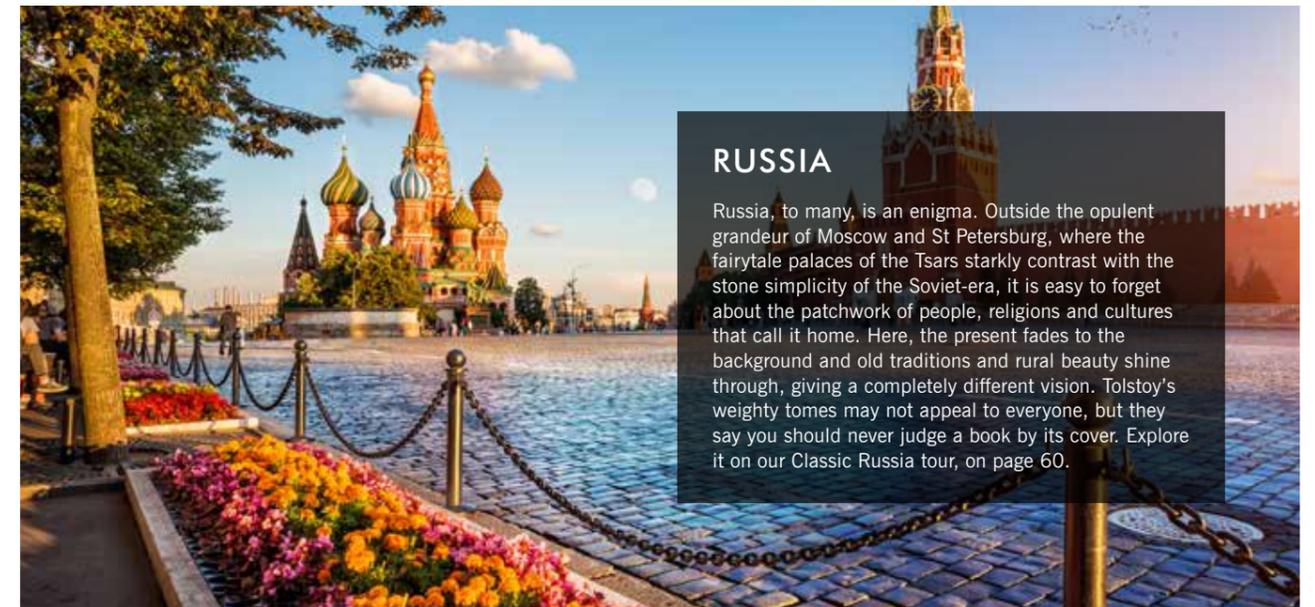
CENTRAL ASIA (THE STANS)

Nestled between Russia and China, the Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan make up an area sometimes called the 'Stans. Entwined with legends of the Silk Road, the ancient trading route on which goods, ideas, philosophies and religions moved between the East and the West, this is a land where mountains, deserts and steppe grassland dominate the landscapes. Here, beautiful blue domes and towering minarets watch over ancient cities and legendary names litter a rich history – Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, to name just a few. Venture here to experience the romance of a golden past, to explore ancient cities that have earned a place not only in history but in legend, and to experience a beautiful, uncomplicated way of life unchanged for centuries. Explore them all on our Journey through Central Asia tour, on page 86.



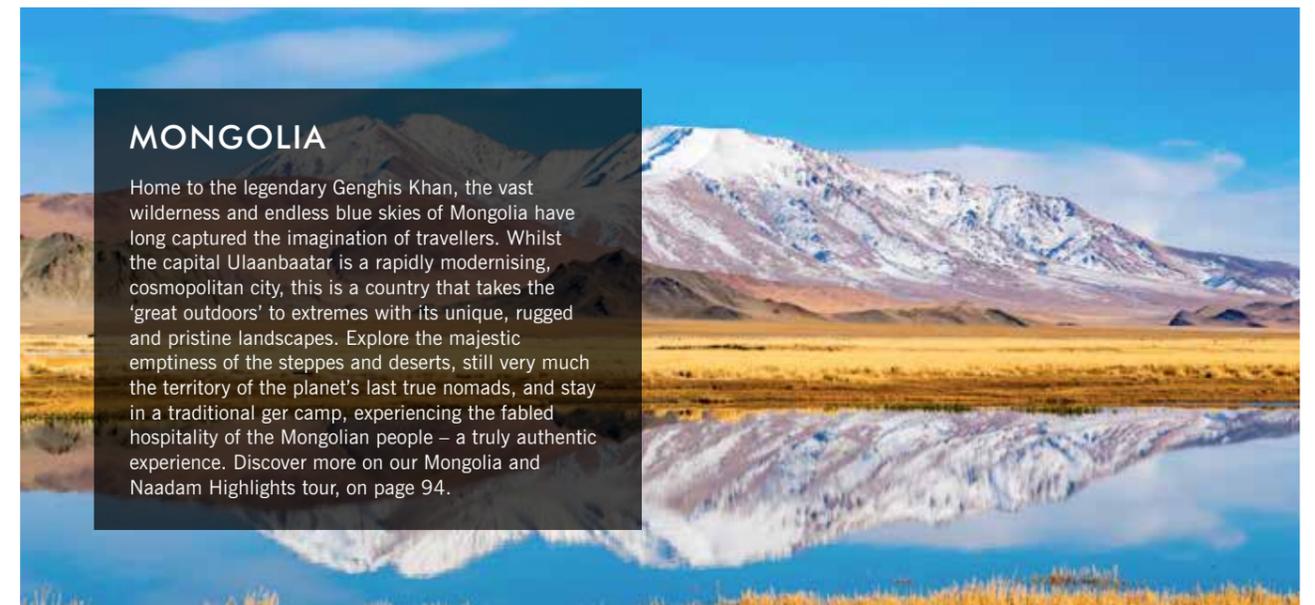
THE CAUCASUS (EURASIA)

Sandwiched between the shores of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, the charming countries lying south of the Caucasus Mountains – Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan – have long been the focal point of powerful ancient empires. As the point where Europe and Asia meet, these lands have a varied and rich heritage amongst their spectacular mountains, lake and forest landscapes, best seen in the old stone watchtowers, ancient monasteries and vibrant cities that reside there. Considered the last unexplored areas on the edge of Europe, these three nations remain bastions of the old world, where life is traditional and the welcome always warm, and are just begging to be explored! See them for yourself on our Eurasia Explorer tour, on page 90.



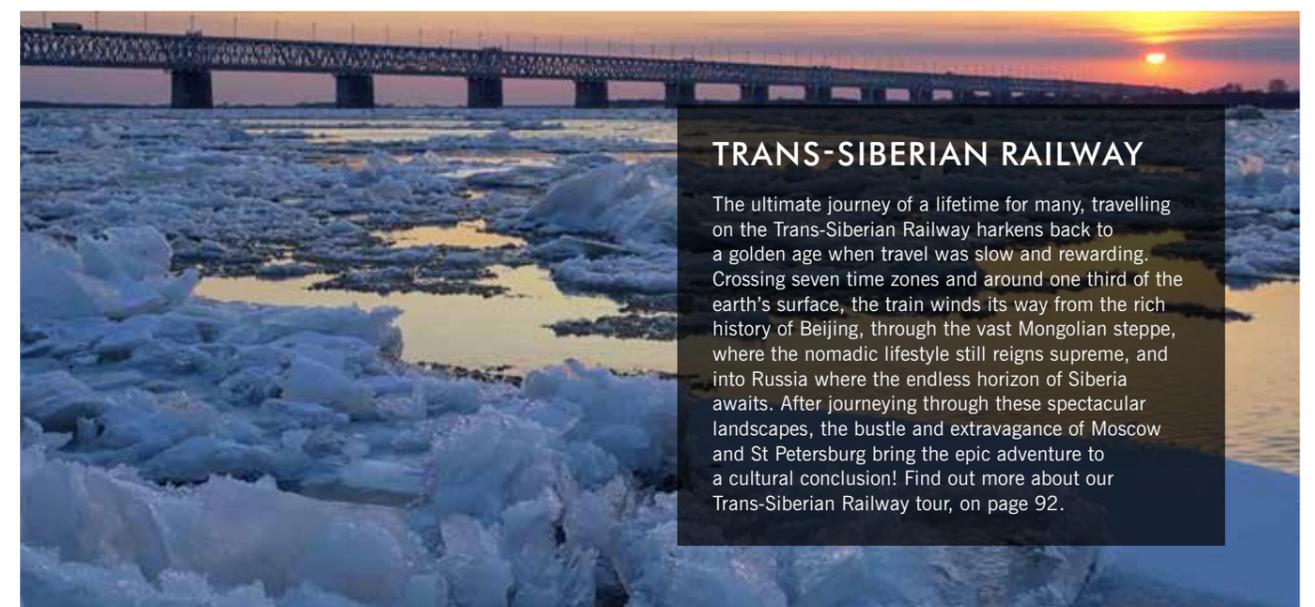
RUSSIA

Russia, to many, is an enigma. Outside the opulent grandeur of Moscow and St Petersburg, where the fairytale palaces of the Tsars starkly contrast with the stone simplicity of the Soviet-era, it is easy to forget about the patchwork of people, religions and cultures that call it home. Here, the present fades to the background and old traditions and rural beauty shine through, giving a completely different vision. Tolstoy's weighty tomes may not appeal to everyone, but they say you should never judge a book by its cover. Explore it on our Classic Russia tour, on page 60.



MONGOLIA

Home to the legendary Genghis Khan, the vast wilderness and endless blue skies of Mongolia have long captured the imagination of travellers. Whilst the capital Ulaanbaatar is a rapidly modernising, cosmopolitan city, this is a country that takes the 'great outdoors' to extremes with its unique, rugged and pristine landscapes. Explore the majestic emptiness of the steppes and deserts, still very much the territory of the planet's last true nomads, and stay in a traditional ger camp, experiencing the fabled hospitality of the Mongolian people – a truly authentic experience. Discover more on our Mongolia and Naadam Highlights tour, on page 94.



TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

The ultimate journey of a lifetime for many, travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway harkens back to a golden age when travel was slow and rewarding. Crossing seven time zones and around one third of the earth's surface, the train winds its way from the rich history of Beijing, through the vast Mongolian steppe, where the nomadic lifestyle still reigns supreme, and into Russia where the endless horizon of Siberia awaits. After journeying through these spectacular landscapes, the bustle and extravagance of Moscow and St Petersburg bring the epic adventure to a cultural conclusion! Find out more about our Trans-Siberian Railway tour, on page 92.

Discover Central Asia & Russia with Wendy Wu Tours

With Central Asia's dramatic landscapes entwined with legends of the Silk Road, and Russia, a land of incredibly rich culture, boasting literary, artistic and musical greats, and world-class sights, it's no wonder these incredible destinations are a beacon for travellers looking for a new adventure...

WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA & RUSSIA SIGHTS



1 ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL

The famous onion-domed, candy-coloured cathedral, an icon of Moscow, looks like it belongs in a story book. Step into the fairy tale yourself on our Classic Russia tour (p 60).



2 THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

The beautifully ornate heart of ancient Samarkand, explore the Registan, this legendary city's central square. See this majestic gem on our Road to Samarkand tour and on our Journey through Central Asia tour (p 86-89).



3 PETERHOF GARDENS

Grand and opulent, Peterhof Palace and Gardens reflect the exquisite tastes of Peter the Great. Enjoy walking amongst the marvellous sculptures, fountains and flowers on our Classic Russia tour (p 60).



4 FERGANA VALLEY MARKET

Chat with the locals at this traditional bazaar as you peruse the many colourful wares, from silk to ceramics to local breads, part of our Road to Samarkand tour (p 88).



5 GOLDEN EAGLES

Watch a demonstration of golden eagle hunting, an age-old tradition from the endless steppes of Kyrgyzstan, on our Road to Samarkand tour and on our Journey through Central Asia tour (p 86-89).



6 MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular alpine scenery on our Eurasia Explorer tour (p 90).



7 DARVAZA GAS CRATER

A magical sight, the gas crater is known as the 'Gates of Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey through Central Asia tour (p 86).



8 TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

A journey of epic proportions, the longest railway in the world stretches across continents. Undertake this once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Beijing to St Petersburg on our Trans-Siberian Railway tour (p 92).



CLASSIC TOURS

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

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 28 fellow travellers.

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

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

NATIONAL ESCORTS

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

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON **£2,190**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the pandas of Dujiangyan Panda Base

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy down-time in a Beijing park

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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



Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing



Walk the Great Wall

DAY 8: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

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

DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2020 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 £1,590 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £290
- Tipping paid locally RMB 320
- Christmas departure tipping RMB 350

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A CHINA EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Find the past in Zhujiajiao
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Spend time in traditional hutongs
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace



Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn about jade, the sacred stone

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the Silk Factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner tonight will be traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 4: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

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

DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This afternoon 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

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda



Explore People's Square, Shanghai



See the famous Terracotta Army

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 9: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will have an opportunity to visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Today's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 10: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £340
- Tipping paid locally RMB 400

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GLORIES OF CHINA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Stop for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See Terracotta Army replicas being made

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a busy workshop where craftsmen create replicas of the famous Terracotta Warriors and watch them going about their age-old craft with astonishing speed and dexterity.
- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 5: SEVEN STAR PARK

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

DAY 6: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 7: YANGSHUO

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

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.



See Shanghai's futuristic skyline

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

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

DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

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



Explore the Summer Palace

DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

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22 Feb - 06 Mar	£2,590	22 Aug - 04 Sep £3,290
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2021 DATES		
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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £460
- Tipping paid locally RMB 450



Visit the Forbidden City

MAJESTIC YANGTZE

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£2,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Savour the local cuisine

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tuck into a delicious feast of Beijing's best known dish, Peking duck, a food that offers a true taste of imperial China and a long-time favourite of locals and visitors alike!
- ▶ Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dance.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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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 travel 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 Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 8: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

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

DAY 9: PANDAS

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

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



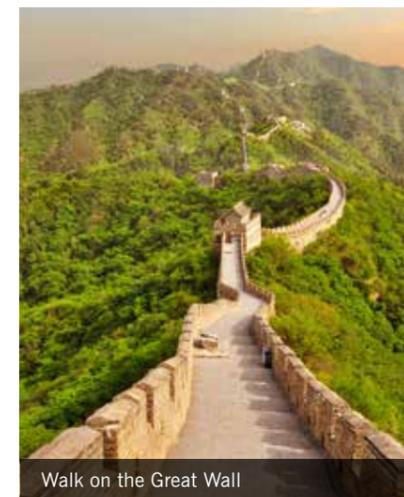
Explore the delights of Shanghai

DAY 11: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

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

DAY 12: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 13: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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MAJESTIC YANGTZE

CLASSIC
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally RMB 600

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
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit Xian's old Muslim Quarter

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, stop in the old town and admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Later, learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory, from the cultivation of silkworms up to creating the final piece. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional 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 a jade factory, then relax in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you explore traditional Chinese landscapes and view exquisite architecture. This evening, you may wish to join an optional kung fu show.

DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

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

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-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 unspoilt. It comes as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage Site!



Explore the streets of Chengdu

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: PANDAS

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



Uncover the beauty of Wulong

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

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



See pandas play

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Tuesday

2020 DATES

06 May - 19 May	£2,990	07 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,190
09 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,190		

2021 DATES

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

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Shanghai – Chengdu)
- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally RMB 480

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights



Admire magnificent views between the turrets of the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

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

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.
- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in comfort.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel 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 various shore excursions.

DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

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



Explore the amazing landscape of Yangshuo

DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 13: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Discover the Terracotta Warriors

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2020 DATES			
02 Mar - 17 Mar*	£3,190	21 Jun - 06 Jul	£3,690
09 Mar - 24 Mar*	£3,290	05 Jul - 20 Jul	£3,790
15 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,490	02 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,890
22 Mar - 06 Apr	£3,590	16 Aug - 31 Aug	£3,790
29 Mar - 13 Apr	£3,590	23 Aug - 07 Sep	£3,790
05 Apr - 20 Apr	£3,590	28 Aug - 12 Sep*	£3,790
10 Apr - 25 Apr*	£3,590	04 Sep - 19 Sep*	£3,790
12 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,590	06 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,790
19 Apr - 04 May	£3,590	11 Sep - 26 Sep*	£3,790
26 Apr - 11 May	£3,590	13 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,790
01 May - 16 May*	£3,590	18 Sep - 03 Oct*	£3,790
03 May - 18 May	£3,590	20 Sep - 05 Oct	£3,790
08 May - 23 May*	£3,590	04 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,690
10 May - 25 May	£3,590	09 Oct - 24 Oct*	£3,690
15 May - 30 May*	£3,590	11 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,690
17 May - 01 Jun	£3,590	18 Oct - 02 Nov	£3,590
24 May - 08 Jun	£3,590	25 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,490
07 Jun - 22 Jun	£3,590	01 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,290
2021 DATES			
07 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,290	20 Jun - 05 Jul	£3,790
14 Mar - 29 Mar	£3,390	04 Jul - 19 Jul	£3,790
21 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,590	01 Aug - 16 Aug	£3,990
28 Mar - 12 Apr	£3,690	15 Aug - 30 Aug	£3,990
04 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,690	22 Aug - 06 Sep	£3,990
09 Apr - 24 Apr*	£3,690	03 Sep - 18 Sep*	£3,890
11 Apr - 26 Apr	£3,690	05 Sep - 20 Sep*	£3,890
18 Apr - 03 May	£3,690	10 Sep - 25 Sep*	£3,890
25 Apr - 10 May	£3,690	12 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,890
07 May - 22 May*	£3,690	17 Sep - 02 Oct*	£3,890
09 May - 24 May	£3,690	19 Sep - 04 Oct	£3,890
14 May - 29 May*	£3,690	08 Oct - 23 Oct*	£3,790
16 May - 31 May	£3,690	10 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,790
21 May - 05 Jun*	£3,690	17 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,690
23 May - 07 Jun	£3,690	24 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,590
28 May - 12 Jun*	£3,690	07 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,390
06 Jun - 21 Jun	£3,690		

* Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

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- Single room from £620
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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire Hong Kong's renowned jaw-dropping skyline

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the giant Buddha of Lantau Island

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing's old hutongs by foot and visit the home of a local family. 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 a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. 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 the style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

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 three days on the Yangtze River.



See pandas in Chengdu



Explore the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City

DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to 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 a silk factory and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 14: FLY TO HONG KONG

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

DAY 15: LANTAU ISLAND

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

DAY 16: FLY TO THE UK

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

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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 three-night cruise on the mighty Yangtze River, another essential China experience!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

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2021 DATES			
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04 May - 19 May	£3,890	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£4,090
18 May - 02 Jun	£3,990		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,490 (Beijing – Hong Kong)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 660 & HKD 280



Stroll along the Bund, Shanghai

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire the impressive Potala Palace

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Stroll along Xian's city walls

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 7: MYSTICAL LHASA

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



See adorable pandas



See Tibetan monks



Spin traditional prayer wheels in Jokhang Temple

DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

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

DAY 9: POTALA PALACE

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

DAY 10: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 11: PANDAS

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

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

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 not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark your cruise vessel and travel 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, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical waterfront, the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghaiese meal.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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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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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Spend time in Wulong National Park

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Stop at markets in Xizhou

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING

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

DAY 3: STONE FOREST

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

DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI

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

DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG

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

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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

DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

DAY 9: WULONG

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

DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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



Enjoy incredible vistas of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

DAY 11: LESHAN

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

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

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



See the old town gates in Dali

DAY 14: CHENGDU

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

DAY 15: PANDAS

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

DAY 16: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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Admire beautiful and sacred Mount Emei

CLASSIC
CHINA

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. A good level of fitness is required for walking in Wulong National Park.



See Naxi women in traditional dress

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

04 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,490	05 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,490
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2021 DATES

10 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,490	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,590
08 May - 23 May	£3,490		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,790 (Kunming – Chengdu)
- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally RMB 620

ANCIENT CHINA

18 DAYS FROM

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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



Admire the Buddha statues in the Yungang Grottoes

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try the art of paper cutting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Discover the traditional Chinese folk art of paper cutting, an intricate and beautiful craft that's been practiced since the 6th century. After a demonstration of the techniques, try your hand at creating your own paper cutting.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways by traditional rickshaw, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.
- ▶ As part of a visit to the Shaolin Temple, with its long and famous history of martial arts, watch an action-packed kung fu show by the monks and their trainees, who will demonstrate their astonishing skills.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. In the evening, sit down to enjoy the local delicacy, Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China and is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 6: HISTORICAL DATONG

Travel by 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 World Heritage sites. 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 Xiantong Buddhist Temple. Continue to Taiyuan, the capital and largest city in Shanxi Province and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, constructed during the Ming Dynasty.

DAY 9: TAIYUAN AND PINGYAO

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



See Pingyao's ancient architecture



Visit Shaolin Temple and witness the monks practising kung fu

DAY 10: EXPLORE PINGYAO

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

DAY 11: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 12: DISCOVER XIAN

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

DAY 13: LUOYANG

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

DAY 14: SHAOLIN TEMPLE

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

DAY 15: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 16: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

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

DAY 17: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2021 DATES

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03 May - 20 May	£3,190	11 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,290

Flight and supplement information

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Cruise the waterways of Suzhou's Grand Canal

PRICE INCLUDES

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Start the day with a Tai Chi class

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi - do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Visit a plantation and learn all about the process of cultivating, plucking, processing and producing that wonderful beverage, tea! There will also be a taster, to keep your refreshed.
- ▶ Cruise on the historic Grand Canal, built over 1,000 years ago to transport goods around the kingdom, through the picturesque old town of Suzhou.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 4: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 5: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

DAY 6: WUZHEN

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

DAY 7: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

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

DAY 8: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS

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

DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 10: YANGSHUO

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



Visit a tea plantation in Hangzhou

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Explore rural Yangshuo

DAY 11: CHENGDU

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

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

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

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAY 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 15: 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 surrounds it. Visit a 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.

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31 Aug - 17 Sep	£3,690		

2021 DATES

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06 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,790		

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore beautifully preserved Lijiang

PRICE INCLUDES

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Stroll through Baisha Village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

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

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 9: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

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



See the magnificent Temple of Heaven



Walk in the Stone Forest

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 12: EXPLORE LIJIANG

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DAY 15: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

DAY 16: PANDAS

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

DAYS 17-19: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to 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 Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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2021 DATES

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



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Visit a traditional tea house in Chengdu

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to discover a complex full of imperial riches. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever

since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 7: ANCIENT CITY WALL

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

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel 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 you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

DAY 12: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU

Disembark in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'.



Enjoy a trip down the Li River



Visit the 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. Later, stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Also stop at a traditional tea house and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese food.

DAY 14: FLY TO GUILIN

Stop by the Taiguli area, the centre of Chengdu, before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 15: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 16: YANGSHUO

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

DAY 17: DISCOVER GUILIN

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

DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

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

DAY 19: HISTORIC SUZHOU

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

DAYS 20-21: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2020 DATES

13 Mar - 03 Apr	£3,790	31 Jul - 21 Aug	£4,190
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03 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,890	28 Aug - 18 Sep	£4,090
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12 Jun - 03 Jul	£3,890	30 Oct - 20 Nov	£3,690

2021 DATES

12 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,790	06 Aug - 27 Aug	£4,290
26 Mar - 16 Apr	£3,990	20 Aug - 10 Sep	£4,190
02 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,990	03 Sep - 24 Sep	£4,190
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* Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Land only from £3,090 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £840
- Tipping paid locally RMB 930

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CHINA ENCOUNTERS

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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

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Experience life in a Yunnan village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where 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. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck and enjoy an acrobatics show.

DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE CHENGDE

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

DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO XIAN

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

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. 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.

DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO WUHAN

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

DAYS 10-12: 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. Over the next three days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.



Spend time in Zhongdian



Discover the mesmerising beauty of Songzanlin Monastery

DAY 13: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU

Disembark your ship in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 14: PANDA CONSERVATION CENTRE

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. Stroll through the bustling People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys.

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.

DAY 17: 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. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views. Travel to Lijiang and discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

DAY 18: 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 stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Visit Baisha Old Town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the early Ming Dynasty and take a tour of the embroidery school.

DAY 19: BLACK DRAGON POOL

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

DAYS 20-21: ENCHANTING DALI

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

DAY 22: STONE FOREST

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

DAY 23: FLY KUNMING TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 3

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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Flight and supplement information			
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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire Shanghai's futuristic skyline

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Visit the traditional hutongs of Beijing

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.
- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Cruise on the waters on the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of The Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAYS 3-4: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before 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 travel 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 various shore excursions.

DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

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

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAYS 14-15: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. Over the next two days, travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, explore Dali's ancient quarter and visit the Three Pagodas. Transfer to Kunming.

DAY 16: STONE FOREST

Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck in to local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight.



See the Three Pagodas in Dali



Explore charming Suzhou

DAY 17: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 18: LI RIVER

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

DAY 19: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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

DAY 20: GUILIN

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

DAYS 21-22: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Fly to Hangzhou and visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the tea plantations of Meijiawu. The next day, enjoy a cruise on West Lake and visit 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.

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 Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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

DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Relax on a Yangtze River cruise

GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Monday

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2021 DATES

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore the temples of Zhongdian

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
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Meet Tibetan locals

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- ▶ Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 and 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.
- ▶ Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cangshan Mountains and passing its many famous islands, many of them complete with colourful temples.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
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DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING
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DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening, there is an option to see kung fu masters in action.

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN
Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts.

After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

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

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 9: YANGSHUO
Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

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

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST
Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on the local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



Discover the beauty of Guilin



Walk the Great Wall of China

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

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

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

DAY 15: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN
A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

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

DAY 17: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN
Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

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

DAY 19: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT
Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 20: POTALA PALACE
The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

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

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

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Tuesday			
2020 DATES			
07 May - 02 Jun	£4,790	08 Oct - 03 Nov	£4,990
10 Sep - 06 Oct	£4,990		
2021 DATES			
06 May - 01 Jun	£5,190	09 Sep - 05 Oct	£5,390
20 May - 15 Jun	£5,190	07 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,290

- Flight and supplement information**
- Based on London Heathrow departures
 - Regional UK departures available
 - Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £4,190 (Beijing – Shanghai)
 - Single room from £990
 - Tipping paid locally RMB 1,200

DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

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

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Visit Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the beautiful canals in Kurashiki

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever

since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

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

DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

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

DAY 9: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin. En route, see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Begin today with a stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin



Explore the manicured gardens of Korakuen

DAY 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

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

DAY 13: OSAKA CASTLE

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

DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

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

DAY 15: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. After lunch, return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 16: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto, imperial capital for 1,000 years. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO

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

DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway where the views of the surrounding landscape and Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course! Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's capital city.

DAY 19: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

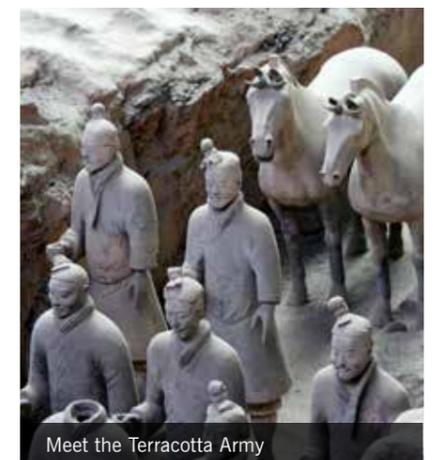
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2021 DATES

22 Mar - 10 Apr	£6,990	13 Sep - 02 Oct	£6,990
17 May - 05 Jun	£6,790	11 Oct - 30 Oct	£6,990

Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £5,890 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,490
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Meet the Terracotta Army

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise spectacular Halong Bay
- ✓ Visit the adorable giant pandas
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stand on the Great Wall



Relax in the charming town of Hoi An

PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 22 lunches, 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



See the pandas in Chengdu

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the Chengdu Panda Research Centre where you can learn all about these delightful bears and the conservation project to increase their numbers, as well as visiting the giant pandas as they eat, sleep and play.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Dine on delicious, doughy Shui Jiao dumplings, a Xian speciality, before getting swept away in the sights and sounds of the Tang Dynasty with a spectacular show full of traditional music, dancing and performance.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT 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 and help with the cultivation of vegetables before enjoying lunch at a local family home.

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 local 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.

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, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAYS 13-14: GIANT PANDAS

Fly to Chengdu. 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 visit a traditional teahouse. This evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.



Explore the Mekong Delta

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. Also visit 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

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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

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Savour traditional Vietnamese cuisine

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

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2020 DATES	
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2021 DATES	
09 Apr - 04 May	£4,590
15 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £750
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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Taipei
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Visit the Foguangshan Monastery
- ✓ Relax on the beach at Kenting
- ✓ Discover the Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail



Admire Pa Cien Pagoda overlooking Sun Moon Lake

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Relax in Taitung's hot springs

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take some time to relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – you'll have time to make the most of them at your hotel which has hot spring pools for you to enjoy.
- ▶ Visit the unique spectacle of Foguangshan, Taiwan's largest monastery and explore the Buddha Museum, the fascinating 'Buddha Land' with its 36-metre Buddha and enjoy a delicious vegetarian lunch in the monastery's dining room.
- ▶ Make a stop at the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, one of Taiwan's most famous, where you can learn all about the process of creating Taiwanese whisky.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

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

DAY 3: A DAY IN TAIPEI

Nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains, Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Begin your explorations at the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts, and the Martyrs' Shrine. This afternoon, visit CKS Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple and make a photostop at the world-famous Taipei 101.



Discover the Taipei skyline

DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey towards the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. Visit the Wen Wu Temple before embarking on a motorboat cruise around the lake for picture perfect views of the area's beautiful landscapes. You'll also visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Pa Cien Pagoda and the aboriginal village of Tehua.

DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION

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



Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge



Discover Foguangshan's Buddha Museum

DAY 6: DISCOVER TAINAN

Depart Sun Moon Lake and travel to Tainan. Taiwan's oldest city and capital until 1887 when Taipei took over, Tainan was originally established as a trading port by the Dutch East India Company. It is renowned for its preservation of traditions and rich folk culture, and you'll start exploring at the Chikan Tower and Confucius Temple. In the afternoon, wander the old streets of the Anping district and view the sunset from Anping Harbour.

DAY 7: EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG

Head south to the port city of Kaohsiung where you'll admire the Dragon & Tiger Tower and the Spring & Autumn Pavilion before paying a visit to Taiwan's largest monastery, Foguangshan. Lunch here will be a vegetarian feast, before you stroll over to the main shrine, the Buddhist Museum and Great Buddha Land, where you'll find a 36-metre Buddha watching over a garden of many smaller Buddhas. Finally, see the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan.

DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

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

DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIH PEN

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

DAY 11: HEAD TO TAROKO

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

DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Cingshuei Cliff for beautiful views and visit the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, where a few tastings will be in order. Return to Taipei via Luodong by high-speed rail and then enjoy a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow passengers.

DAY 14: FLY TAIPEI TO THE UK

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

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr £3,290 10 Oct - 23 Oct £3,490

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 23 Apr £3,790 09 Oct - 22 Oct £3,790

Flight and supplement information

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See Chikan Tower in Tainan

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TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy the majesty of Anapji Pond, Gyeongju National Park

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See the Freedom Bridge of the DMZ

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an informative and unusual adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel.
- ▶ As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
- ▶ First performed on the Edinburgh Fringe in 1997, the Nanta is a showcase of Korean culture and performance art, presented as a non-verbal show, instead using music and motion and integrating a traditional Korean Samulnori rhythm.



Explore the grounds of Seonamsa Temple

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

A dynamic, 24-hour city, amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces. Start your explorations at the immense Gyeongbok Palace, which will include the changing of the guard ceremony, before exploring the National Folk Museum. Learn to cook delicious Korean classic 'bibimbap' in a cookery class – you'll get to eat it for lunch – before strolling Insadong Antique Alley and visiting UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine. End the day with panoramic views over this sprawling city at the N Seoul Tower.

DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE

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



Marvel at the gates of Bulguksa Temple



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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BUSAN

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

DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

The laidback to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Start the day with a city overview from the top of Busan Tower, before browsing the wares at Kukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Drive to Gyeongju.

DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs, and Anapji Pond. Then head just out of the city to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto.

DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE MOUNT SEORAK

Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Enjoy a short, easy hike along a beautiful valley and see the mountaintop Gwongneumseong Fortress by cable car.

DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL

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

DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

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

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

DAY 13: FLY SEOUL TO THE UK

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

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SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Explore the bamboo forests of Juknokwon

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

2020 DATES			
23 Mar - 04 Apr	£4,490	19 Oct - 31 Oct	£4,590
2021 DATES			
22 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,990	18 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,890

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,890 (Seoul - Seoul)
- Single room from £990
- Tipping paid locally US\$50



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL*

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

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

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- ✓ Admire St Petersburg's grandeur
- ✓ Visit the fairytale town of Suzdal
- ✓ Explore the Hermitage Museum
- ✓ See the renowned Red Square
- ✓ Discover authentic Russia



Admire the elegance of the Grand Cascade in Peterhof, St Petersburg

PRICE INCLUDES

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Try your hand at painting a Russian doll

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at some of the simple techniques needed to paint Matryoshka, the famous Russian nesting doll, with a master class in this intricate skill and keep your handiwork as a souvenir.
- ▶ Sip on a sundowner in a local bar as you gaze over the glittering golden domes of Moscow's Christ the Saviour Cathedral and watch the comings and goings of the River Moskva.
- ▶ Visit Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm, a research and breeding centre for the beautiful European elk and meet, with the help of a bag of carrots, some of the calm and gentle residents.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO MOSCOW

Fly to Moscow, Russia's majestic capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: MOSCOW CITY TOUR

Venture out on a walking tour, starting at the famous Red Square. Here you'll see the spectacular St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, which includes a visit to the Armoury and Diamond Fund as well as the Monument to Karl Marx and the Bolshoi Theatre, home of Russian ballet. Continue to the Lubyanka Building; once a notorious prison and former home of the KGB headquarters, and Revolution Square before admiring the Hotel Metropol, one of the finest Art Nouveau buildings in Moscow. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE MOSCOW

Continue exploring this great city with visits to Moscow State University, Novodevichy Convent, Stalin's Seven Sisters, Eliseyevskiy Delicatessen, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Red October Arts District. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva.

DAY 4: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE

Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of the city's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. Board an early afternoon express train to Vladimir

and tour the town, visiting the Assumption Cathedral, the Vladimir Museum and the Cathedral of St Dmitry. Travel to Suzdal.

DAY 5: EXPLORE SUZDAL

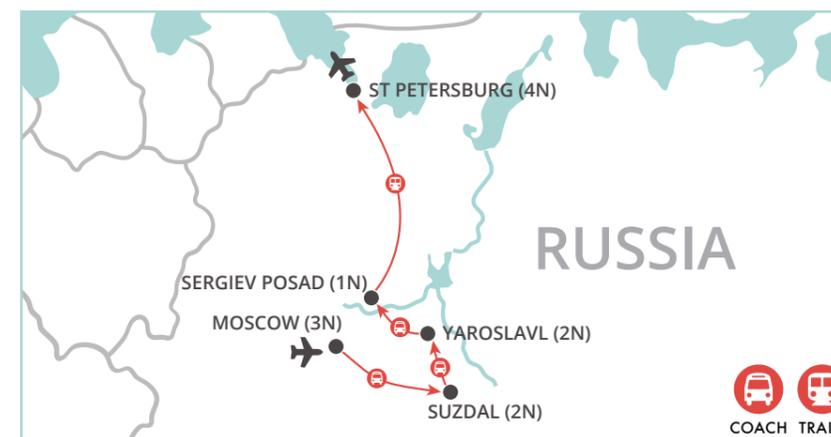
A highlight of the Golden Ring, the quaint town of Suzdal gives a glimpse of Russia in times gone by. Once a royal capital, a monastic centre and commercial hub, Suzdal's historic centre managed to avoid Soviet development and retains its delightful, fairytale character. Tour its medieval monuments and soak up the charming atmosphere.

DAY 6: SUMAROKOVSKAYA ELK FARM

This morning visit Plyos, exploring Resurrection Hill, the Church of St Barbara, Torgovaya Square before enjoying a home-cooked, traditional lunch on the picturesque river embankment. This afternoon, visit the Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm where your guided tour includes a bag of carrots for you to feed the beautiful residents. Arrive in Yaroslavl in the late afternoon and check into your hotel.

DAY 7: YAROSLAVL CITY TOUR

Start the day with a walking tour of the town, visiting the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, the eclectic Music & Time museum and John the Baptist Church before participating in a masterclass on painting the iconic Matryoshka. Enjoy lunch and a free afternoon where you can relax in the vibrant main square or in your hotel before dinner in a traditional restaurant.



See the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Yaroslavl

DAY 8: LAKESIDE PERESLAVL-ZALESSKY

Drive to Sergiev Posad visiting the lakeside town of Pereslavl-Zalessky en route. This town is a popular dacha (summer country house) getaway for Muscovites with a range of attractions, such as the 14th-century hilltop Goritsky Monastery and the Assumption Cathedral. Arrive in Sergiev Posad. Tour the town and admire the striking blues and golds of the city's monastery.

DAY 9: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG

Catch the train to St Petersburg arriving in the afternoon. Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, having long been considered Russia's cultural hub. There will be time to tour some of the sights in the late afternoon and dine beside one of the city's famous canals.

DAY 10: PETERHOF GARDENS

This morning travel out of St Petersburg to the majestic Peterhof, a former Tsar's Palace often compared to the Palace of Versailles and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River, seeing some of St Petersburg's main sights.

DAY 11: THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

This morning immerse yourself in St. Petersburg's extensive variety of culture at the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and oldest museums. Within the complex is a vast collection of art, antiquities and jewellery and many interesting exhibitions. Later, visit the Peter & Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city and St Isaac's Cathedral.

DAY 12: EXPLORE ST PETERSBURG

Another day to explore the wonders of St Petersburg. Head to St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral, the Mariinsky Theatre, Smolny Cathedral, and the Monument to Heroic Defenders of Leningrad on Victory Square. Stroll through the Summer Garden, see the Field of Mars, visit the Bronze Horseman, the General Staff Building and Palace Square. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 13: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

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Visit the picturesque town of Suzdal

CLASSIC RUSSIA

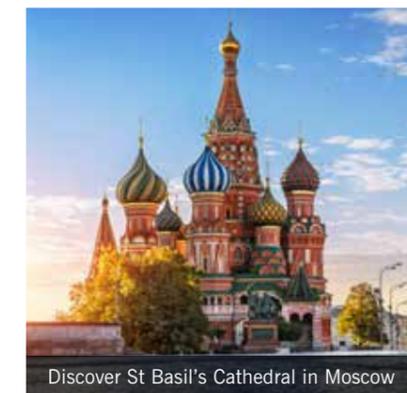
CLASSIC RUSSIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A journey through Russia's classic 'Golden Ring' this tour will take you between the grand cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, experiencing fairytale villages, architectural wonders and fascinating history along the way.



Discover St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

20 Jun-02 Jul £5,420 12 Sep-24 Sep £5,420

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,020 (Moscow – St Petersburg)
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FLEXIBLE TOURS

For those who like more choice in their travels

Everyone likes to travel differently, even friends, partners and family who travel together, so our Flexible tours are designed to give you the flexibility to create the perfect holiday for each of you. While a flexible itinerary includes the big, unmissable sights, there is also plenty of free time and it's in this free time that the flexibility comes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Most meals
- Guiding
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees and daily tours
- Small groups: max. 18 people

FLEXIBILITY

For the free-spirited, use this free time to explore on your own; for those looking for relaxation, the free time is for just that; and for the most adventurous, each block of free time has an optional excursion, usually more culturally immersive or active in nature, to join. The great beauty though? You, and your travel companions, can be flexible and just pick and choose as you wish!

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Most of your meals are included on a Flexible tour so you'll be dining in well-regarded local restaurants, tasting the many delicious flavours of the region. For the remaining meals, you are free to embark on culinary explorations of your own – you can always ask your national escort for some tips on the best places to try local delicacies!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Each block of free time on a flexible tour has a corresponding optional excursion (payable locally) which helps you delve deeper into the area that you are exploring. This could be a physical activity, like cycling, or an authentic local experience such as learning a local handicraft or meeting a local community.

NATIONAL ESCORTS

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



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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Walk the scenic Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try local snacks in Xian

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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

DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING

This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 5: SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Also make a stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 8: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 9: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

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



See the Terracotta Army



Visit Chengdu Panda Base

DAY 10: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 11: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

Disembark your cruise vessel 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. (B,L)

DAY 15: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 16: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

03 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,190	04 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,390
01 May - 17 May	£3,190	11 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,390
15 May - 31 May	£3,190	16 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,290

2021 DATES

02 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,190	03 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,390
23 Apr - 09 May	£3,190	10 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,390
30 Apr - 16 May	£3,190	08 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,290
14 May - 30 May	£3,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Flight upgrades available on request
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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Cruise the tranquil Li River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore bustling Shanghai
- ✓ Learn tai-chi in Yangshuo



Explore Beijing's impressive Forbidden City

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See the amazing Moon Hill rock formation

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Ascend to the summit of Moon Hill, one of the Li River valley's unique karst rock formations, from where you'll get spectacular views over the lush paddy fields and limestone towers for which the area is famous.
- ▶ Circle Xian's beautiful old town by bike along the magnificent city walls, admiring views over its plethora of historic sights as you go.
- ▶ Take a morning stroll through Shanghai's old concessions, stopping where the locals stop to sample delicious local breakfast delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.

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DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since its discovering in the 1970s. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses. Next, soak up the lively atmosphere 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 XIAN'S CITY 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 (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional four-hour hike in 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)



See the Sun & Moon Pagodas

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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.



Meet the Terracotta Warriors

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)

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- ✓ See charming Dali & Shaxi
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge



Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

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The Great Wall at Huanghuacheng

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street where there's time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer a glimpse of old Beijing. (B,L)

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DAY 5: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

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

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

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

DAY 7: CYCLING IN XIAN

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

DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 9: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

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

DAY 10: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 12: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

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

DAY 13: KUNMING AT LEISURE

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

DAY 14: STONE FOREST

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



Explore beautiful Yangshuo

DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 16: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 17: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 18: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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

DAY 19: TIGER LEAPING GORGE (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 20: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

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

DAY 21: GIANT PANDAS

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

DAY 22: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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

DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE CRUISE

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

DAY 26: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

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

DAY 27: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

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

DAY 28: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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FLEXIBLE CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



See Dali's Three Pagodas & ancient town

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

06 Apr - 03 May	£4,290	21 Sep - 18 Oct	£4,490
04 May - 31 May	£4,290	05 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,390
07 Sep - 04 Oct	£4,490		

2021 DATES

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

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £990
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,250



Soak up the culture in Zhujiajiao



SOLO TOURS

For solo travellers looking for an easy, companionable group tour experience

Joining a Solo tour offers you a ready-made group of like-minded fellow travellers to share your holiday with. Looked after every step of the way by one of our fantastic national escorts, there are plenty of opportunities to mingle with other group members whilst you're out and about exploring and taking part in cultural experiences. There's also some built-in free time so, if you fancy, you can do some independent exploration or explore with your new-found friends.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation with a guaranteed room of your own
- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees
- Small groups: max. 18 people

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

You'll travel with a small, convivial group of up to 18 fellow travellers and enjoy the comfort of having a room of your own. But the best part of all? There is no single supplement to pay!

LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

The other members of your Solo tour group are a ready-made group of travel companions with whom you can share those exciting moments of discovery. There are even a few group cultural experiences incorporated throughout the tour which are the perfect opportunity to interact and form connections.

PERFECTLY PLANNED

Whether you usually travel independently or prefer to be part of a group, our Solo tours are perfectly balanced for both. With a free day here and a few free evenings there, you can embark on your own explorations – it's up to you whether you want to do that as a group or to head out solo.

EXPERT GUIDES

Whether you need someone by your side to navigate you through the cultural quirks or simply someone knowledgeable to point you in the direction of the best dumpling restaurant, your national escort will be there, ready and willing to do whatever they can to make your tour extraordinary.

CHARMING CHINA

14 DAYS FROM

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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 (B), 8 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Enjoy the ERA show

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at the Shanghai Circus World.
- ▶ Take a relaxed stroll on Xian's magnificent city walls, which encircle the old town, taking in the views as you go.
- ▶ Find yourself amongst some of China's most spectacular scenery as you cruise peacefully down the Li River, the perfect showcase for the spectacular karst peaks and lush, pastoral scenes that surround its gentle waters.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day exploring China! We start with the iconic Great Wall, where we will take a walk on this incredible structure to truly appreciate its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it, followed by a visit to a jade factory. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Tonight, the group will dine on local delicacy Peking duck. (B,L,D)

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 leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood, 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 in to 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

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. We spend the morning admiring the enigmatic ranks of warriors and horses, before stopping by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, the group will stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B,L)

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 through the charming Yu Garden



See the Temple of Heaven

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 city 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 traditional Yu Garden, pass through the charming old town and visit the Silk Factory. After lunch together, the afternoon is at leisure



Enjoy views over Shanghai's futuristic skyline

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 explore this city further 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)

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CHARMING CHINA

SOLO CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the turbulent history of imperial Beijing to the bright lights and glass towers of modern Shanghai, enjoy the very best China has to offer, with added time at leisure for you to further explore this fascinating country.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

02 May - 15 May £3,190 05 Sep - 18 Sep £3,390

2021 DATES

01 May - 14 May £3,290 04 Sep - 17 Sep £3,490

Flight and supplement information

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- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
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- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ See Shanghai's bright light
- ✓ Ride the bullet train to Chengdu



See the adorable pandas in Chengdu

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try traditional 'guohua' painting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try the traditional craft of 'guohua', the art of painting with black ink. After a bit of practice and some expert guidance, we'll each decorate our own quintessential Chinese accessory, a fan!
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family where we'll enjoy lunch and get a glimpse of their daily life.
- ▶ Visit the serene Temple of Heaven park for an afternoon with the locals who congregate there for a game of cards, to practice Tai Chi or simply for a chat – we will be more than welcome to join in the activities!

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DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture. (B,L)

DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. We start at the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda, where we can 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

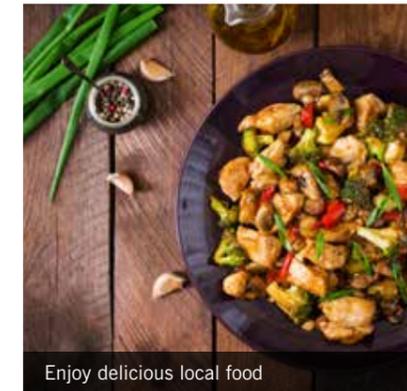
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DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

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 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)



Enjoy delicious local food



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 traditional Yu Garden, old town, silk factory and stroll along the Bund. After lunch together, the afternoon is at your leisure.

This evening, we will all head to see the spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

DAY 13: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 14: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

SOLO CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,690	12 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,890
02 May - 15 May	£3,590	10 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,790

2021 DATES

03 Apr - 16 Apr	£3,790	11 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,990
01 May - 14 May	£3,690	09 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,890
31 Jul - 13 Aug	£3,990		

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
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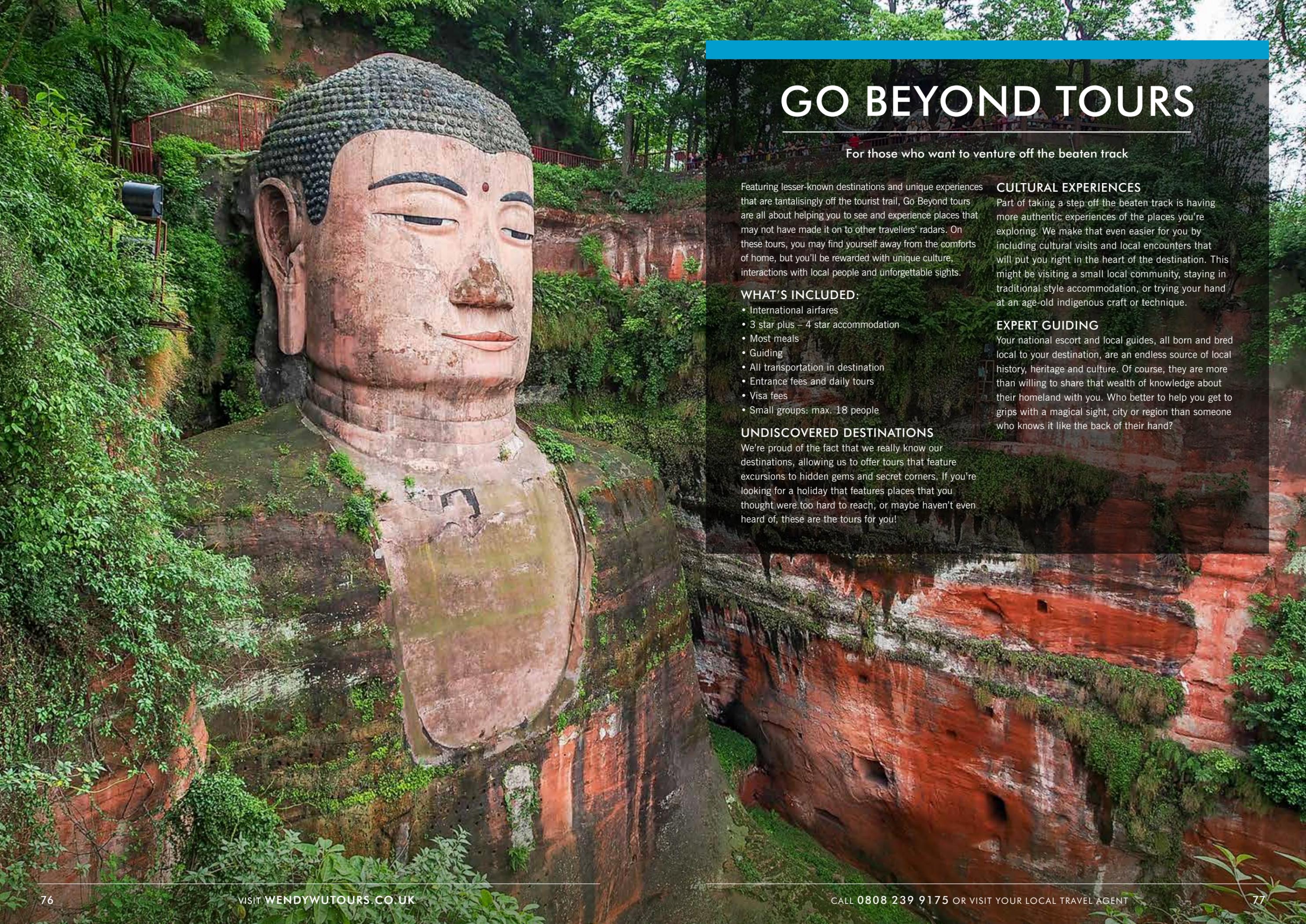
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For those who want to venture off the beaten track

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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- Guiding
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees and daily tours
- Visa fees
- Small groups: max. 18 people

UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

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

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Part of taking a step off the beaten track is having more authentic experiences of the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. This might be visiting a small local community, staying in traditional style accommodation, or trying your hand at an age-old indigenous craft or technique.

EXPERT GUIDING

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

DREAMS OF NATURE

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Explore Wulong National Park
- ✓ View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- ✓ Discover Buddhist Emeishan
- ✓ See pandas in Chengdu



Explore the scenic area of Zhangjiajie

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Practise the art of Tai Chi

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Explore the otherworldly expanse of sandstone karst pillars, peaks and pinnacles that make up the magical Zhangjiajie National Forest Park with a series of beautiful walks and visits to geological wonders.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on Jinji's breathtaking suspended rope bridge.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO GUILIN

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

DAY 3: YANGSHUO'S LANDSCAPES

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

DAY 4: TAI CHI AND BAMBOO RAFTING

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

DAY 5: REED FLUTE CAVE

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

DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES

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

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN

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

DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE

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

DAY 10: YICHANG

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

DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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



Walk through the Longji rice terraces

GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Towering pinnacles swathed in mist, majestic mountains and verdant nature are just some of the wonders included on this scenic journey. Due to the hiking on this tour a good level of fitness is required.



Discover beautiful Wulong

DAY 14: HEISHAN VALLEY

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

DAY 15: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA

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

DAY 16: WULONG NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 17: CHONGQING

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

DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

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

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT 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 the Jinji Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

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

DAY 22: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

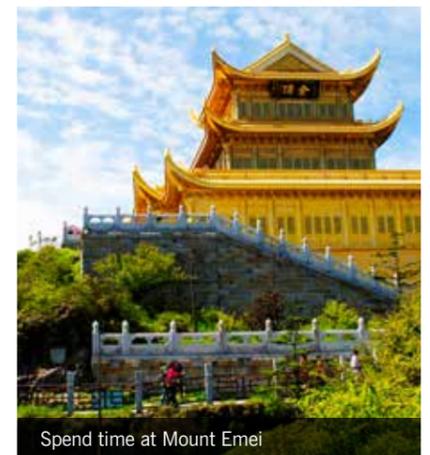
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Flight and supplement information

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Spend time at Mount Emei

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Observe giant pandas
- ✓ Discover mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- ✓ Gaze upon Mount Everest
- ✓ Explore Kathmandu
- ✓ Spot wildlife in Chitwan



Experience the tranquility of Phewa Lake in Pokhara

PRICE INCLUDES

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See monks debating at Sera Monastery

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the debating courtyard of Sera, one of Tibet's most prolific monasteries, to watch the monks discussing Buddhist doctrine, using traditional gestures such as clapping, pushing and even screaming to emphasise their points.
- ▶ Amongst the lush landscapes of Nepal's Terai lowlands, enjoy a performance of a traditional stick dance of the Tharu people, native to this area, an energetic ritual used to wake the goddess Durga.
- ▶ At Kathmandu's magnificent Boudhanath Stupa, meet a resident Lama who will conduct a special blessing ceremony over you and give you a khada, a traditional silk scarf symbolising purity and compassion, for you to keep.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT 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 contemporary 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 and religious relics, 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: YAMDROK LAKE

Travel to Gyantse, once an integral stop on the historic trade route between India and Tibet. En-route, make 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.

DAY 8: GYANTSE TO SHIGATSE

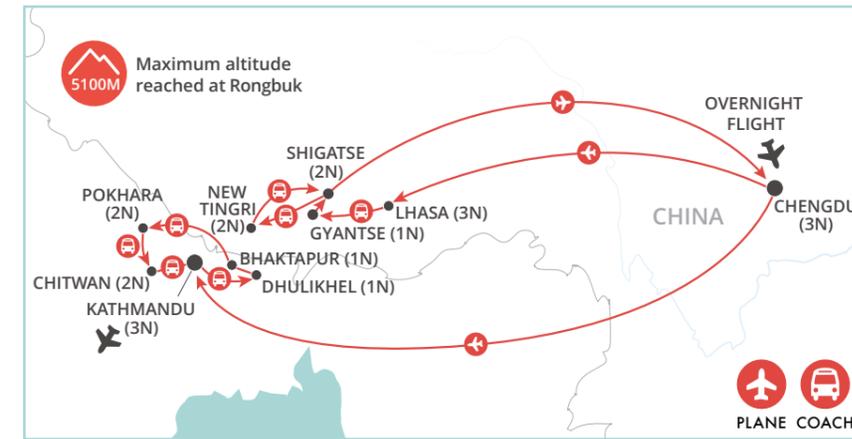
Located inside the Pelkor Monastery, visit the Gyantse Kumbum which is home to the largest chörten in Tibet and houses exquisite sculptures and paintings. Next, travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama.

DAY 9: NEW TINGRI

Begin the day with a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale. 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 10: MOUNT EVEREST

Drive to Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. With Mount Everest dominating the horizon, stop at the world's highest post office and make the short walk 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).



Enjoy views of Mount Everest



Explore the cobble streets of Bhaktapur

DAY 11: SHIGTASE

Rise early to cross the Gue-La Pass and enjoy the panoramic views of the eastern Himalayas. Observe daily life whilst driving past small remote villages and continue to Shigatse to stay overnight.

DAY 12: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 13: ARRIVE 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 14: BHAKTAPUR

Visit 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.

DAYS 15-16: POKHARA

Rise early and drive 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 17-18: 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 boat 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 19: DAMAN

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

DAY 20: 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 Boudhanath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple.

DAY 21: SWAYAMBHUNATH

Explore Kathmandu, a city of many layers. A modern day assault on the senses, it is 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 22: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey of extremes, traversing the starkly beautiful and dramatic 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 Monday returning Monday

2020 DATES

04 May - 25 May £4,990 05 Oct - 26 Oct £4,990

2021 DATES

10 May - 31 May £5,290 04 Oct - 25 Oct £5,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Chengdu - Kathmandu)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 590 (China) & US\$ 70 (Nepal)



Walk around Boudhanath Stupa

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

Discover Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn about the Dongba Pictograms

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Spend time with a Shaman, who will teach you some of a forgotten language, Dongba Pictograms - by the end of the lesson you'll know all about its history and be able to write a few basic characters.
- ▶ Watch the sun's rays spread over the rugged, snowy peak of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, in what must surely be considered one of the most dramatic and spectacular places to watch the sun rise (weather permitting).
- ▶ Visit Tashilhunpo, the seat of the eminent Panchen Lama, and make a 'kora' (pilgrimage circuit) of this 15th-century monastery with the pilgrims who have travelled from all over Tibet to visit this sacred edifice.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI

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

DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION

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

DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN AND DONGBA SHAMAN

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

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

DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

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

DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA

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

DAY 10: LHASA

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

DAY 11: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND SPIRITUAL BARKHOR CIRCUIT

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



Marvel at Mount Everest



Visit Songzanlin Temple in rural Shangri-La

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

DAY 12: POTALA PALACE

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

DAY 13: SHIGATSE

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

DAY 14: NEW TINGRI

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

DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST

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

DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE

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

DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE AND GYANTSE

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

DAY 19: TSEDANG

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

DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

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

DAY 21: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

DAY 22: PANDAS

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

DAY 23: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

GO BEYOND CHINA

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

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See Tibetan Monks

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover Crescent Moon Spring

PRICE INCLUDES

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

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

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

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the day with a visit to Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

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

DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

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

DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY

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

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

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

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

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

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

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

DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

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

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOS

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



Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

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

DAY 15: TURPAN

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

DAYS 16-17: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. Later, see the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. 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, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, and on to the fabled city of Kashgar.

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR

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

DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Later, fly to Urumqi.

DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity 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.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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Visit Abakh Hoja Tomb in Kashgar

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Travel the Silk Road
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Iskander Kul
- ✓ Witness Karakol's animal market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand



Walk around Darvaza Gas Crater

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn about native Akhal Tekes horses

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes. A native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- ▶ Stroll through Bukhara's Lyab-i Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city's last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- ▶ Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd's camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TURKMENISTAN

Fly overnight to the city of Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. The rest of the morning is free to relax before a welcome lunch and visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

Today explore both ancient and modern Ashgabat visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Rukhnama book. Lunch at Gulistan Bazaar then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

Journey to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv. En route, learn about the Turkmenistan cotton and gas industry and stop at ancient Abiverd.

DAY 5: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Drive through the Karakum Desert to the Darvaza Gas Crater and walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames.

DAY 6: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

Drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezm Empire in the 12th - 13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Cross into Uzbekistan, to the fabulous Silk Road city of Khiva, unrivalled by its 10th century city walls.

DAY 7: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO BUKHARA

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert, to holy Bukhara, a city with an astounding history spanning 2,500 years. This evening take a walking tour through the markets and shop for traditional Uzbek crafts.

DAY 9: BUKHARA SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Bolo Hauz Mosque before wandering through a beautiful oasis to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis. Later this afternoon, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 10: THE GOLDEN ROAD TO SAMARKAND

Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of the city's most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAMARKAND

This morning, return to Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum and Registan Square for a more in-depth look at the timeless architecture. Later, wander through a local market, visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 12: DISCOVER ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY

Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, exploring sites such as the remnants of



Explore Samarkand



Sleep in a traditional Kyrgyz yurt

Ak-Sarai Palace. Back in Samarkand, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world.

DAY 13: TASHKENT OLD TOWN

Visit a traditional papermaking workshop in Konigil village before catching a train to Tashkent. Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shaikh mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently-decorated Tashkent Metro.

DAY 14: LOCAL VILLAGE CRAFTS

Journey through the scenic mountains along the Uzbek/Kyrgyz border stopping to enjoy a guided tour of the town of Kokand. Travel on to Ok Yer village to visit a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets and at the Rishton Ceramics Museum. Arrive in Fergana.

DAY 15: SUNDAY BAZAAR

Rise early and travel to the Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar and immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Continue to the nearby town of Andijon and visit the Yodgorlik Silk Factory.

DAY 16: INTO TAJIKISTAN

Cross the border into Tajikistan, arriving in the city of Khujand. Stroll through the vibrant Panchshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square.

DAY 17: LAKE ISKANDER KUL

Travel to Istaravshan, in the northern foothills of the Tajik Mountains, and on to Lake Iskander Kul, taking time in both to enjoy

the breathtaking views. Arrive in Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

DAY 18: EXPLORE DUSHANBE

Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoili Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the Fortress of Hissor.

DAY 19: INTO KAZAKHSTAN

Fly to Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan. Enjoy an orientation walk visiting Republic Square, Abai Opera Theatre, the Central Mosque, the Green Market and Zenkov Cathedral.

DAY 20: ALMATY LAKE

This morning drive to Medeo, stopping at the Big Almaty Lake and the Tien Shan Astronomical Observatory for a tour. Return to Almaty for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 21: CHARYN CANYON

Drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles. Continue to the border and cross into Kyrgyzstan and on to Karakol.

DAY 22: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET

Rise early for the bustling Karakol Sunday Animal Market. Return to the city and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Orguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone.

GO BEYOND

TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, TAJIKISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



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Retrace legendary journeys on this unforgettable Central Asian adventure through the 'Five Stans' visiting the Silk Road gems, charming villages and remote landscapes while soaking up the mystical old-world atmosphere.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

10 May-04 Jun £6,250 06 Sep-01 Oct £6,250

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,550 (Ashgabat - Bishkek)
- Single room from £1,060
- Tipping paid locally USD\$125

DAY 23: EAGLE HUNTING

Leave early to explore the beautiful gorges and waterfalls of the highlands before stopping at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Spend the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 24: HORSEBACK GAMES

Travel to Chong Kemin National Park, where you will visit Ashu village. Here you will witness some traditional horseback games, an exciting custom of Kyrgyzstan's nomadic people. Head to capital city Bishkek, visiting the 12th-century Burana Tower en route.

DAY 25: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning's city tour will visit Ala Too Square, Oak Park and the newly restored Museum of History. Drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through the picturesque scenery before returning to Bishkek for a farewell dinner.

DAY 26: FLY BISHKEK TO UK

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

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- ✓ Learn about silk production
- ✓ Discover holy Bukhara
- ✓ Meet nomads in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Lose yourself in vibrant bazaars
- ✓ Watch eagle hunting



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See golden eagles hunting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz tradition – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.
- ▶ Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Lake Issyk Kul, the world's second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
- ▶ In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage while keeping old traditions alive.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KYRGYZSTAN

Travel overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a city tour to see Ala Too Square, the White House and Oak Park.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning drive south to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek for a free afternoon.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th-century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful Lake Issyk Kul, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and explore the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese mosque.

DAY 6: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET

Rise early to immerse yourself on the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of Flowers and Jety-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone.

Here you can also enjoy horseback riding and visit Irdyk village. This evening enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family.

DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Depart Karakol early and travel to the village of Kyzyl-Suu to see the process of constructing a yurt, continuing to explore Barskoon Gorge and Skazka Canyon. Arrive at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

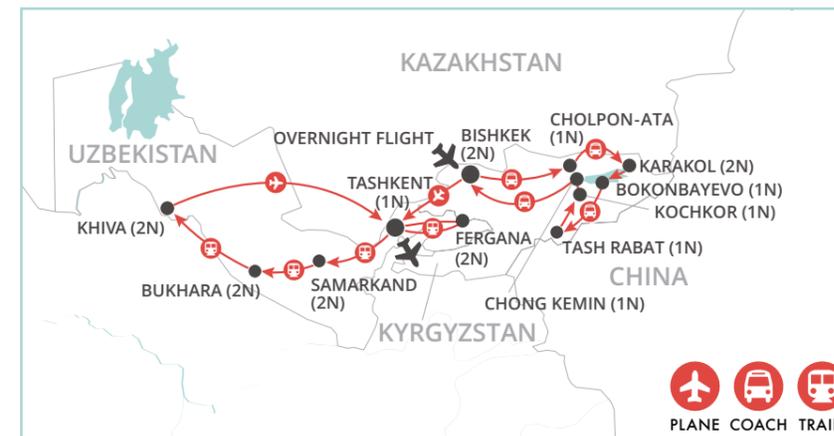
Enjoy a free morning to stroll around Bokonbayevo or walk on the shores of beautiful Lake Issyk Kul. Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravansera that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. In a peaceful valley, it is set alongside a series of seasonal yurt-camps, where you will spend the night.

DAY 9: KOCHKOR

Take a walk around Tash Rabat to enjoy the scenery before transferring to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional 'shyrdak' (wool carpet) workshop and a local co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts.

DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning exploring Kochkor at your own pace before heading out to the sculpted valleys of Chong Kemin National Park. Take in bustling village life in Ashu and cheer on the competitors of the horseback games, a fun demonstration of old nomadic traditions.



Discover scenic Kyrgyzstan



Walled City of Itchan Kala, Khiva

DAY 11: INTO UZBEKISTAN

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly to Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

DAY 12: THE FERAGANA VALLEY

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khan and Kukeldash madrassahs and the Tila Shaikh mosque and archives before browsing the wares of Chorsu Bazaar and admiring the opulent Tashkent Metro. Later, travel to the city of Fergana located in the heart of the rich Fergana Valley.

DAY 13: SUNDAY BAZAARS

Rise early and travel to Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar in the town of Margilon, where you can immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Arrive in Kokand and visit Khan's Palace and Jami Mosque Museum then drop by a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets. Return to Fergana.

DAY 14: TASHKENT

After a relaxed morning travel back to Tashkent by road. On arrival, the afternoon is free to explore more of the city.

DAY 15: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

Travel by train to the legendary city of Samarkand. Upon arrival, wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of its most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the majestic mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and Central Asia's most spectacular architectural ensemble, Registan Square. Wander through a local market and visit the Shah-I-Zinda mausoleum.

DAY 16: ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY

This morning, you have free time to relax or explore more. This afternoon, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world as well as a papermaking workshop and the Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 17: EXPLORE BUKHARA

Travel to the holy city of Bukhara, a place of astounding history, by train. Explore the legendary Kalon Minaret, the Ark of Bukhara, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Medrasah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 18: DISCOVER SITORA-I MOHI KHOSA

This morning visit Sitara-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th-century confection of a building! Drive out to the pottery town of Gijduvan where you'll explore the town and visit a ceramics centre. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 19: ACROSS THE DESERT TO KHIVA

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to the station to catch the train to Khiva. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

GO BEYOND KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow the famous Silk Road through Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan! This tour will take you off-the-beaten-track to mingle with nomads in traditional yurt camps, to stroll through vibrant bazaars and discover timeless, ornately-decorated cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

2020 DATES

05 May-26 May £4,290 01 Sep-22 Sep £4,390

Flight and supplement information

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DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kukhna Ark Fortress and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrasah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomic, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th century Tash Hauli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Today you will have free time to wander Khiva's old town before transferring to Urgench to fly to Tashkent, arriving in the evening.

DAY 22: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

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- ✓ Learn about the 1st Christian nation
- ✓ Tour the Ateshgah Fire Temple
- ✓ Marvel at Mount Kazbegi
- ✓ Explore the Stalin Museum



Experience the Caucasus mountain landscape

PRICE INCLUDES

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Taste Azerbaijani 'dovga'

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a rural home in the Caucasus Mountains of Azerbaijan where, as well as getting a glimpse of the day to day life of the locals, you can try your hand at making yoghurt, the essential component of national dish 'dovga'.
- ▶ In the remote village of Lakhiri in the mountainous Svaneti region, learn to make one of Georgia's most popular snacks, khachapuri, a delicious cheese-filled leavened bread.
- ▶ In the ancient city of Mtskheta, home to Georgia's most beautiful frescoes, join a master craftsmen to discover more about the art of icon painting, and the secrets of the traditional craft of 'teka' (felt) making.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AZERBAIJAN

Fly overnight to Baku, Azerbaijan's laidback capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Stroll down Martyrs' Lane to the seafront before heading into Icheri Sheher, the atmospheric old city, for a delicious local dinner.

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Explore the city, visiting the treasures of Icheri Sheher - Shirvanshah's Palace, a caravanserai and the Maiden Tower, as well as the Carpet Museum and the main market square, with its numerous art studios and souvenir stalls.

DAY 4: VISIT YANAR DAG

Visit Yanar Dag, meaning 'Burning Mountain', a fire fed by natural gas seeping through the sandstone and Ateshgah, the UNESCO-listed Fire Temple of Baku. Explore the medieval fortress of Mardakan and, after lunch, drive to Gobustan National Park to visit the Petroglyph Museum and view rock carvings dating back to 10,000 BC.

DAY 5: JOURNEY INTO THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS

Head north through the spectacular landscapes of the Caucasus Mountains. Stop in the ancient city of Shamakhi, visiting the 8th-century Juma Mosque and popping into a local home to try your hand at traditional yoghurt making. Continue to the city of Gabala.

DAY 6: EXPLORE SHEKI

Discover the ruins of the ancient walled city Chukhur Gabala and visit the Gabala Historical Ethnography Museum. Visit Nidj village to meet the native Udin people before arriving in Sheki. Browse the wares of the

colourful bazaar, visit Sheki Palace and the village of Kis.

DAY 7: GEORGIA WINE TOUR

Cross over the border into Georgia. Explore a traditional market and visit a local family. Lunch on homemade food, wine and Georgian 'chacha' before travelling through picturesque landscapes of vineyards and wine villages, to the magnificent wine cave at Kvareli and the Chavchavadze Estate. Continue to Akhasheni Wine Resort which, as well as being your overnight accommodation, will host you for a wine tour and tasting.

DAY 8: DISCOVER SIGHNAGHI

Travel to the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi. Continue to Bodbe Convent, the burial place - so legend tells - of St Nino, who converted Georgia to Christianity in the 4th century. Arrive in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and have dinner in the atmospheric old town.

DAY 9: EXPLORE TBILISI

Explore the sights of Tbilisi. Starting at the 13th-century Metekhi Church, continue to the monument to Vakhtang Gorgasali and Narikala Fortress and stroll through the Sharden area, where narrow streets are lined with cosy cafés, wine bars and souvenir shops.

DAY 10: DISCOVER GUDAURI

This morning visit the 3,000 year-old ancient capital - Mtskheta. Continue by driving over Cross Pass, stopping to overlook the Caucasus Mountain range. Before reaching Gudauri, where you will overnight, you will experience breathtaking views of Mount Kazbegi and visit a local master to learn about Georgian icon painting and 'teka' (felt) making.



Enjoy a Baku city tour



Explore Tbilisi's narrow streets

DAY 11: UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN

Travel back along the scenic Terji River to Gori, the hometown of Joseph Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the tiny house where he was born. Continue to the abandoned cave town of Uplistsikhe, a fascinating complex of ancient dwelling quarters and a three-nave basilica church, all hewn from rock.

DAY 12: VISIT SVANETI

Visit the local Kutaisi farmers' market and then travel to Okatse Canyon, walking to a viewpoint for panoramic views. Travel on to Svaneti - a region that is home to high mountains, glaciers and ancient traditions. Arrive in Mestia and explore the famous watchtowers that look out over the distant mountains.

DAY 13: LAKHIRI VILLAGE HIKE

This morning you will visit Lakhiri village and take a short hike through a valley to view the Chalati Glacier. Back in Lakhiri enjoy a baking class where you'll make khachapuri, a famous cheese-filled bread.

DAY 14: EXPLORE USHGULI

Drive to Mulakhi, one of many villages dotted with twenty-metre-high stone watchtowers, built during the Middle Ages to defend against invaders. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ushguli to visit the 12th-century Lamaria Church, Queen Tamar's Tower and the Ushguli Museum.

DAY 15: AROUND KUTAISI

Pay a visit to the beautiful hillside Gelati Monastery before exploring the Prometheus Grotto, one of Georgia's natural wonders. Return to Kutaisi to explore the cobbled

streets of the town as you make your way up to the ruins of Bagrati Palace and citadel.

DAY 16: VISIT BORJOMI SPA

Drive to Borjomi Spa, famous for its mineral springs, and taste the waters for yourself. Continue to Akhaltsikhe, where you will visit the multi-cultural complex of Rabath. Wander the Rabat Fortress (Old Town) with its rare examples of darbazebi (traditional houses), castle, mosque and synagogue.

DAY 17: INTO ARMENIA

Visit Vardzia, a magnificent 12th-century cave town, before crossing the border into Armenia. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Haghpat Monastery and continue to the medieval kingdom of Dzoraget and on to Dilijan, a town that boasts an old district filled with craftsman's workshops, galleries and a museum.

DAY 18: DILIJAN MONASTERIES

Discover Haghartsin Monastery, a beautiful example of medieval Armenian architecture nestled in lush woodland. Enjoy lunch with a local family before driving on to Lake Sevan, known as the 'Emerald of Armenia'. Visit Sevanavank, a beautiful monastery on its shores. Return to Dilijan.

DAY 19: JOURNEY TO GORIS

Start the day at the 'Forest of Khachkars', a fascinating medieval cemetery before travelling by road to the southern town of Goris via Selim Caravanserai. Visit the mysterious Karahunge Observatory, where the scenery and mountain setting provide a spectacular backdrop.

GO BEYOND

AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA & ARMENIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An adventure through the Caucasus, this tour highlights a real contrast of cultures. See beautiful mountain scenery, enjoy delicious food and wine, and marvel at ancient fortresses, cathedrals, mosques and temples.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

26 May-17 Jun **£4,060** 02 Aug-24 Aug **£4,060**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,360 (Baku - Yerevan)
- Single room from £830
- Tipping paid locally USD\$110

DAY 20: WINE AND CHEESE MAKING

Travel to the 10th-century Tatev Monastery, before a wine tasting at Areni Winery. Lunch today is in a local home, where you will have the opportunity to see how to distil vodka, enjoy homemade wine, and learn how to make Armenian cheese. Finally, visit Noravank Monastery - a great religious and cultural centre located in the midst of impressive red cliffs. Continue to the capital city of Yerevan.

DAY 21: EXPLORE YEREVAN

Established in 782 BC, Yerevan is a thriving city with all the hustle and bustle of a modern capital. Start your explorations in Republic Square, continuing to the Opera House and the Cafesjian Centre for the Arts. Travel to Echmiadzin, a spiritual centre and the seat of the Armenian Catholicos and stop at the ruins of 7th-century Zvartnots.

DAY 22: GARNI VILLAGE

Visit Garni Village to see its 1st century temple and have lunch at a local family home where you will learn flatbread making techniques. After lunch, visit Geghard Monastery and the Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. Sit down to a farewell dinner tonight.

DAY 23: FLY YEREVAN TO THE UK

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- ✓ Visit a Siberian village
- ✓ Enjoy the iconic rail journey
- ✓ Marvel at the Kremlin complex
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See Mongolian performing arts

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show in capital Ulaanbaatar, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- Discover the wild beauty of Siberia's Lake Baikal as you cruise its crystal-clear waters on a boat trip, passing beautiful sandy bays, rocky capes and long, uninhabited shores.
- In the early 90s, the streets of Yekaterinburg were the scene of gang wars between rival Mafiosi – learn all about the turbulent history and visit the elaborate cemeteries of the gangs involved on a fascinating mafia tour.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: GREAT WALL OF CHINA

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Visit a jade museum, before a stroll through Tiananmen Square and the exquisite Summer Palace. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TRANS MONGOLIAN RAILWAY

Early morning start to embark on your Trans Mongolian Railway journey. This first leg heads west out of the city, passing through mountains and onto the arid plains of Inner Mongolia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ULAANBAATAR

Cross into Mongolia, passing through the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert and into the open grasslands of the steppe. Disembark this afternoon, in Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar and tour the city. Tonight, dine on a Mongolian barbeque and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional throat and 'long song' singers. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GORKHI TEREJ NATIONAL PARK

Visit a ger district, where you can share a cup of traditional Mongolian tea with some of the residents. Travel to Gorkhi Terej, a national park of picturesque alpine scenery. Take an easy hike to Turtle Rock and visit a nomad family and experience the warm hospitality of the Mongolian people. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE

Return to Ulaanbaator, stopping to admire the iconic Genghis Khan statue and to visit Gandan, one of Mongolia's most important monasteries. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: GER BUILDING

Travel out to a rural village to learn all about the art of ger building and take a short walk past beautiful granite rock formations to the Aglag Buteeliin Buddhist Temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: ULAANBAATAR

Take a morning to relax or explore the city further. Board the train and continue your Trans-Mongolian adventure into Russia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: OLD BELIEVERS' VILLAGE

Arrive in Ulan Ude in Russia. Tour the city before spending the afternoon at the Old Believers' village of Tarbagatay. Learn about the community's way of life and dine in the village hall, enjoying sumptuous local food, vodka and wine whilst being entertained with local dancing and folk singing. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: TRAIN JOURNEY TO LISTVYANKA

Board the train, travelling on what is now the Trans-Siberian Railway, along the spectacular shores of Lake Baikal to Irkutsk from where you'll transfer to pretty Listvyanka. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: LAKE BAIKAL

Explore the beautiful nature around Lake Baikal on foot and by boat. Back in Listvyanka, grab some local delicacies, such as smoked omul and shashlik, at the waterside market and picnic on the pebble beach with weekendend Russians.



Discover Imperial Summer Palace in Beijing

Wash it down with some local Siberian lager or vodka. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: IRKUTSK CITY TOUR

This morning travel back to Irkutsk for a tour of the city. View 19th-century wooden architecture and Trans-Siberian Railway Angara Icebreaker Museum. Enjoy lunch in 130 Kvartal – a neighbourhood of typical Siberian timber buildings – before you board the afternoon train bound for Yekaterinburg. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Spend a full day on the train, travelling across the endless landscapes of Siberia. Throughout the day you'll pass through rolling forest, timeless villages and spectacular panoramas. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: YEKATERINBURG

Arrive into Yekaterinburg this afternoon. The gem rush, the Romanovs, Boris Yeltsin, and gangster feuds – Yekaterinburg has a fascinating history. Discover more, and visit the moving monuments to Russia's imperial family, the Romanovs at the Church of All Saints on Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: EXPLORE YEKATERINBURG

Today, take part in a fascinating Mafia Gangster Tour to learn about the legendary feuds of the 1990s. Re-board the train this evening to travel to Kazan. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: DISCOVER KAZAN

Arrive in Kazan, the capital of the Tatarstan Republic - the land of the Volga Tatars. Walk along Baumann Street and on to the Kazan

Kremlin, Chak-Chak Museum, Kul Sharif Mosque, an old Tatar Settlement and the Soviet Lifestyle Museum. (L,D)

DAY 18: VOLGA RIVER BOAT TRIP

This morning visit the Temple of All Religions and the Virgin Monastery of Raifa, before voyaging along the scenic Volga River. Return to the city centre for dinner at a Tatar restaurant and board the overnight train to Moscow. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: VISIT THE KREMLIN

Arrive in Moscow. Take a walking tour, visiting St Basil's Cathedral, Red Square and the Kremlin. Continue to the Lubyanka Building – the former KGB headquarters, Revolution Square and Hotel Metropol, a magnificent Art Nouveau building. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. (L,D)

DAY 20: EXPLORE MOSCOW

Continue exploring this great city. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sip sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE

Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of Moscow's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG

Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, and has long been

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considered Russia's cultural hub. Tour the State Hermitage Building and the Winter Palace, the Kazan Cathedral and the Church of the Savior of the Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 23: ST PETERSBURG TOUR

This morning travel out to the majestic Peterhof and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River. (B,L,D)

DAY 24: CONTINUE EXPLORING ST PETERSBURG

Enjoy another day exploring the wonders of St Petersburg. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO UK

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

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MONGOLIA'S NAADAM FESTIVAL*

The July* departure coincides with Mongolia's Naadam Festival, so on day 7 of this itinerary, you will be able to immerse yourself in the pageantry of this legendary local celebration.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Experience the Naadam Festival
- ✓ Explore at the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Visit Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
- ✓ Venture to the Singing Sand Dunes
- ✓ See Erdene Zuu Monastery
- ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands



Experience the delights of the Naadam Festival

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus ger camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holder



See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills'

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness the pageantry of the Naadam Festival, cheering on the participants alongside the crowds of locals, as they compete in the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' – wrestling, archery and horsemanship.
- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a Mongolian family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.
- ▶ Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to the 19th-century Gandan, Mongolia's largest and most important monastery, before exploring the National Museum of Mongolia, Genghis Khan Square and the Zaisan Hill Memorial. Tonight, enjoy a Mongolian barbeque accompanied by a cultural performance that includes traditional throat and 'long song' singers.

DAY 4: MONGOLIAN WRESTLING CAMP

Travel to a training camp to learn all about an essential element of Mongolian culture and one of the 'Three Manly Skills' (the skills Genghis Khan believed essential for any Mongol warrior) – wrestling. Watch the athletes practicing and pick up some of the various tricks and techniques! Continue to an archery training camp, the second of the 'Three Manly Skills' and observe the archers hard at work with their bows and arrows. This evening, learn the art of cooking a Mongolian barbeque, sitting down to dine on the results with local wrestlers before spending the night in a ger, a traditional nomadic tent.

DAY 5: GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Head to Gorkhi-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 6: NAADAM FESTIVAL EVE

As the preparations for the Naadam Festival reach their climax, visit Hui Doloon Khudag (horse racing field) for a glimpse at the third of the 'Three Manly Skills', horsemanship. Return to Ulaanbaatar where, in the Central Square, you can view the colourful Naadam costumes that are on display. In the afternoon explore the Winter Palace of the Bogd Khan and enjoy some free time to do some shopping for local handicrafts.

DAY 7: NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY

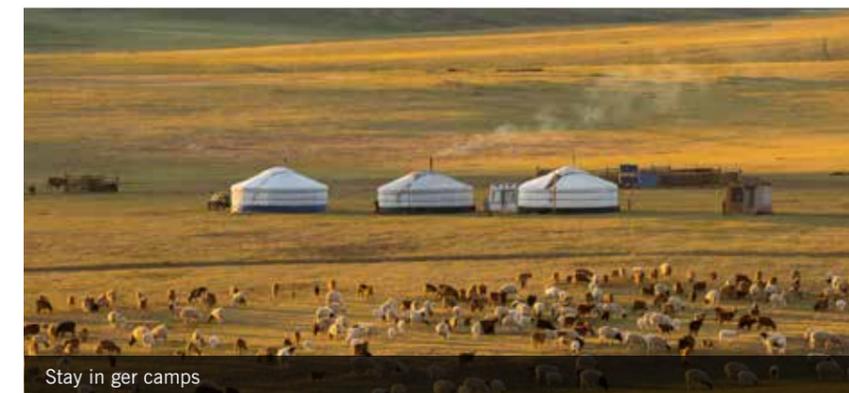
Mix with the locals and nomads alike to witness the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival. Watch the procession of the athletes, officials and monks in their extravagant costumes, all accompanied by traditional music and dancing. This is a festival like no other and no doubt, one of the main highlights of the trip! Cheer on the competitors in the first rounds on the wrestling and archery this afternoon, before an evening at the Naadam Traditional Folk Gala Show.

DAY 8: NAADAM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

Travel to Khustain National Park for a thrilling morning of cross-country horseracing. Watch the events alongside the locals and revel in the carnival-like atmosphere. In the early afternoon head to the exciting wrestling events where over 1,000 wrestlers meet in a single-elimination tournament that lasts nine or ten



See Gandan Monastery



Stay in ger camps

rounds. Spend the night in a ger in Khustain National Park.

DAY 9: WILDLIFE SPOTTING

Head off in 4WD vehicles at dawn for a wildlife spotting expedition, keeping an eye out for Mongolia's famous wild horses as well as deer, gazelles and birds. Return to the ger camp for breakfast before travelling on to Kharkhorin. Mongolia's former capital is 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 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 – which we visit today. The area around tonight's ger camp is known for its scenic valley surrounds and horse-trekking.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO ONGIIN KHIID

Travel through wild, grassy steppe to Ongiin Khiid and explore the atmospheric ruins of Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid. Your guides will set up your ger camp close to the peaceful Ongii River whilst you visit a nearby Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle and taste the delicious products made from their livestock's milk.

DAY 11: 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! There's also the chance to ride a two-humped camel through the dunes – a true Mongolian desert experience.

DAY 12: FLAMING CLIFFS

Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Gurban Saikhan National Park. Immerse yourself in natural beauty of jagged mountains, undulating sand dunes and a valley that is snow-capped for most of the year and hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge. Continue by 4WD to Bayanzag, more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs', an area made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone.

DAY 13: DINOSAUR CEMETERY

This morning, visit the dinosaur cemetery, a small part of an area of palaeontological importance thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found here – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Hike a little further into the spectacular landscapes before travelling on to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a series of granite formations in the Middle Gobi region.

DAY 14: TSORJIIN KHUREENII KHIID MONASTERY

Travel back to Ulaanbaatar, stopping off to discover the atmospheric ruins of Tsorjiin Khureenii in its magnificent setting. This evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance and a farewell dinner.

DAY 15: FLY ULAANBAATAR TO UK

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

MONGOLIA & NAADAM HIGHLIGHTS

GO BEYOND
MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing endless plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long drives.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday return Monday

2020 DATES

06 Jul-20 Jul £4,290

Flight and supplement information

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Witness Mongolian culture

ACTIVE TOURS

For those who like their tour packed with variety

Our Active tours involve more physical elements than our Classic tours do, such as day walks and easy cycle rides. These more energetic pursuits enable you to get away from the tourist trail and enjoy pristine scenery and more immersive cultural experiences. With all the main highlights included, these tours offer a wide variety of adventures that will have you doing something different every day!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
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- Most meals
- Guiding
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees and daily tours
- Visa fees
- Small groups: max.18 people

ACTIVE ENCOUNTERS

The satisfaction of exploring under your own steam is something that cannot be underrated, and when it also allows you to explore hidden, harder to reach places, it's even better! Be it on foot, or on wheels, the physical elements of these tours are active enough to feel challenging but are also relaxed, fun and imbued with a sense of adventure.

PACKED WITH VARIETY

Our Active tours are designed to give you the opportunity to explore your destination in a variety of different ways and to see the big sights from an alternative perspective. Escaping the crowds and seeing places a little bit off-the-beaten-track are just two of the reasons to explore in this alternative way.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

As well as physical pursuits, our Active tours are designed to immerse you more deeply in the culture and heritage of your destination. To do just that each tour includes experiences that are authentically local or traditional in nature, leaving you with unforgettable memories of actually taking part in your destination's culture, rather than just seeing it from afar.

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TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover Xian on two wheels

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Enjoy a traditional breakfast pancake

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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- ▶ Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world's most spectacular locations.

ITINERARY

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

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY

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

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN AND BEIJING'S HUTONGS

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

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

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

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



Explore sacred Mount Qingcheng



Stay overnight in Gubei watertown

DAY 8: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 9: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

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

DAY 10: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

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

DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

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

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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Visit the hutongs of Beijing

ACTIVE CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

2020 DATES			
05 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,590	13 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,790
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- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
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- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
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Walk the Great Wall from Gubeikou to Jinshanling

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
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Enjoy views from Mount Qingcheng

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Soar up to the heights of sacred Mount Qingcheng by cable car to wander amongst the peaceful temples of this ancient Taoist sanctuary.
- ▶ Hike between two of the Great Wall's most wild and spectacular sections, Gubeikou and Jinshanling. Taking approximately six hours at an easy pace, there is no better way to experience its majesty and the rugged landscapes that it crosses.
- ▶ Hike amongst the unique beauty of the Longji rice terraces, where you'll not only get to marvel at the intricately-carved landscapes but experience the rural life and meet some of China's minority hilltribe communities.

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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: FLY TO XIAN

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

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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 Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)



Practise the art of Tai Chi



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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 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 and visit the Pearl Factory before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

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DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel 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 scene after another. Visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream as well as various shore excursion. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Disembark your cruise vessel and take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)



Cross the Jinji Rope Bridge



Visit the giant panda conservation centre in Chengdu

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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 Mount 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: FLY TO GUILIN

Take an early morning flight to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 16: RICE TERRACES HIKE

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

DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE

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

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

DAY 18: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING

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

DAY 19: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 20: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

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

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 01 May	£3,990	05 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,190
02 May - 22 May	£3,990	03 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,090
16 May - 05 Jun	£3,990		

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 30 Apr	£4,190	11 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,390
15 May - 04 Jun	£4,190	09 Oct - 29 Oct	£4,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £750
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,130

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

LHASA SHORT STAY EXTENSION

4 days from £850pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £290pp

TASTE OF MACAO STOPOVER

3 days from £340pp

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EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

For those looking for a 5 star experience

Our Exclusive Collection tours combine 5 star accommodation and deluxe cultural activities. Created with the more discerning traveller in mind, these hand-crafted tours feature high-end restaurants, exclusive experiences and those unique touches that will make your holiday extra special.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 5 star accommodation and portorage
- Most meals, including special dining experiences
- Guiding
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees and daily tours
- Champagne moments and exclusive extras
- Visa fees
- Small groups: max. 18 people

LUXURY HOTELS

Our hotels are chosen to compliment the high quality of the experiences so you can be safe in the knowledge that you'll be staying in 5 star luxury throughout.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

On an Exclusive Collection tour, we aim to truly immerse you in your chosen destination, so we've selected a series of special experiences to help you do just that. These include a glass of champagne on the Great Wall, discovering the Terracotta Warriors with an expert guide and cocktails up Shanghai's Jin Mao Tower.

SUMPTUOUS DINING

As well as including free evenings to allow you to dine out as you please, our Exclusive Collection itineraries feature iconic restaurants to give you a taste of the best of local cuisine.

THOSE LITTLE EXTRAS

Your holiday will get started in style with chauffeur transfers from your front door to the airport; your luggage will be whisked from the coach straight to your room, and we'll cover the portorage; a laundry service is provided on tour, giving you one less thing to worry about.

EXQUISITE CHINA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy a 3 night 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
- ✓ Visit the water town of Zhujiajiao



Explore the Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 7 dinners (D)
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Learn the art of calligraphy

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Beijing. On arrival, you will be accompanied 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 a jade factory, then take a leisurely stroll through the traditional hutongs where you will stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (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-sized warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in

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

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



Enjoy a voyage down the Yangtze River



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

DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

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

DAY 11: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (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 not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark and travel to Wuhan, then 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, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

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

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Discover the canals of Zhujiajiao

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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- ✓ Enjoy a 3 night deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- ✓ Spend time in beautiful Yangshuo
- ✓ Step back in time in old Zhujiajiao
- ✓ Practise Tai Chi in Beijing



Meet one of the farmers who discovered the Terracotta Warriors

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Savour steamed dumplings in Xian

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Be transported to culinary heaven with a demonstration of how to prepare and cook Xian's famous steamed dumplings, before feasting on these delicious delicacies for dinner.
- ▶ Ascend to the heights of the well restored Mutianyu section of the Great Wall by cable car where you can sip a glass of champagne and contemplate the wall's undulating progress over the dramatic scenery of the area.
- ▶ See Guilin's magnificent scenery in a new light at the 'Impression Liu Sanjie', a light spectacular staged on the Li River. From your VIP seats, the views will be even more magical.

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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 them 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

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DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxing cruise on the Li River to Yangshuo. Later, 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: SUN & MOON PAGODAS

Return to Guilin by road. Take a walking tour to see the Sun and Moon pagodas and stroll around Roghu and Shanhu lakes before visiting the South China Pearl Factory to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. (B)



Drink champagne on the Great Wall



See Guilin's remarkable scenery

DAY 11: GIANT PANDAS

Take the bullet train to Chongqing, where you will see China's celebrated bear at Chongqing's dedicated Panda House. Later, board your five-star Century ship for your Yangtze River cruise. (B,L,D)

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DAY 16: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Sightseeing today begins with a visit to Yu Garden, the old town and a 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)

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Sip cocktails at Jin Mao Tower

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION CHINA

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

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06 May - 22 May	£5,490	07 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,690

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

WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

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

WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?

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

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

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

How does it work?

STEP 1

Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you'd like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer but the exciting and unusual experiences too!

STEP 2

Give us a call or fill in a quote request form on our website and we'll call you! Together we'll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations here and advice there. Also, don't forget to mention if you have any specialist interests – you can't live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds – these are the little details we can use to make the holiday extra special.



STEP 3

Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We'll create you an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote in no time.

STEP 4

Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make all the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you're after. You can do this as many times as you like and take as much time as you need, we are extremely flexible and always happy to help.



STEP 5

When your adventure has reached that ultimate level of perfection and includes everything that you want and need, it's time to book! Call your tailor-made consultant, say the word and they will do the rest. Other than a visa form or two, all there is left to do is think about what to pack and get excited!



Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in China.



1

TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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



2

DUJIANGYAN

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



3

LIJIANG

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

4

LONGJI RICE TERRACES

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



5

DATONG

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



6

GREAT WALL TREKKING

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



8

HONG KONG

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



7

ZHANGJIAJIE

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





EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

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

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

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Suzhou & Hangzhou
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- 119 Seoul Extension
Taipei Extension
- 120 Classic South Korea
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Hong Kong in Focus
- 124 Macao Stopovers
- 125 Taste of Macao
Hong Kong & Macao
- 126 Dubai Stopovers
- 127 Essential Dubai
Dubai & the Desert

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Hike from Gubeikou to Jinshanling

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, a stretch much less frequented by tourists than others. From here, start your hike towards Jinshanling; you will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10 kilometres. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and 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. Built in the style of a Chinese ancient town, Gubei is nestled beside the Simatai section of the Great Wall and encompasses the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Cruise the tranquil West Lake

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SUZHOU

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE SUZHOU

Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and visit its inner sanctum with its 'master's study' of Ming-style furnishings and architecture. 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

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



Gaze at the Potala Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

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 alike create a fascinating and vibrant atmosphere. The heart of the Barkhor, visit Tibet's most sacred temple, the 7th-century Jokhang Temple, before heading to Sera Monastery which has around 600 resident monks. (B,L)

DAY 3: POTALA PALACE

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city, with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. Later, visit Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, containing several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART LHASA

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

ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



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

DAY 1: ARRIVE 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 Zhangjiajie National Park. Begin at the Yuanjianie Scenic Area and make your way around the karst scenery. Ride the Bailong glass elevator up to Mihun Stage and enjoy amazing views of the majestic peaks, including the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain to visit Helong Park. Take a cable car down and head to Jinbian Stream and Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will be walking for around 4-5 hours in the park. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE

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

DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN

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

CHONGQING, DAZU & WULONG

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Marval at Dazu's rock carvings

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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

Price includes:

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CHONGQING

Arrive in the city of Chongqing and transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DAZU

Travel by road to Dazu, home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dazu Rock Carvings. Here, you'll find thousands of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist idols and symbols carved into rock faces over 70 sites. Made between the 9th and 13th centuries, they are some of the best preserved in China. Enjoy the day in Dazu before returning to Chongqing. (B,L)

DAY 3: DISCOVER WULONG

Transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the day strolling through Wulong National Park. Wander amongst the

dramatic karst landscapes, that include three naturally-formed stone bridges, narrow gorges, caves and limestone formations. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO CHONGQING

Drive back to Chongqing. This afternoon enjoy a soak in some of the region's hot springs. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART CHONGQING

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

TOKYO, MOUNT FUJI & BULLET TRAIN

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire majestic Mount Fuji

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£990	£1,690
Superior	£1,050	£1,790

Price includes:

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

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE 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 and Omotesando. Head across town to Asakusa and visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple. Take a cruise down the Sumida River before wandering around the classical Hamarikyū Garden. Stop for a cup of matcha and Japanese sweets in a teahouse on a small island in the park's lake. (B)

DAY 3: MT FUJI

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

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

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

SEOUL EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£490	£790
Superior	£590	£990
Deluxe	£990	£1,590

Price includes:

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

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel to 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'll find yourself stumbling upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies, the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: SEOUL

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. Visit the National

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

DAY 3: SEOUL

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

DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

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

TAIPEI EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Spend time exploring Taipei

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£490	£850
Superior	£550	£950
Deluxe	£590	£1,050

Price includes:

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

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

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

DAY 2: TAIPEI

This morning you will be met at your Taipei hotel to commence your full-day tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Inside are various artefacts including two of his Cadillacs, documents and items

from his daily life. Take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of the Taipei 101 building for a birds-eye view of Taipei. Later, explore Lungshan Temple and then Dihua Street known for its many Chinese medicine shops. Finish the day at the National Palace Museum to admire the Chinese imperial collections before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: TAIPEI

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

DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

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

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Discover Gyeongbok Palace

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,390	£2,490
Superior	£1,550	£2,690
Deluxe	£1,990	£3,490

Price includes:

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

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



Visit Bulguksa Temple



Enjoy delicious street food

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

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DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

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

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

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

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

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

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

DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

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

CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Visit Wen Wu Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£790	£1,390
Superior	£890	£1,590
Deluxe	£990	£1,790

Price includes:

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

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



Explore vibrant Taipei



Visit the Confucius Temple

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

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DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

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

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

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

DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI

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

DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

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

HONG KONG STOPOVERS

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



Hong Kong Skyline

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

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

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

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Aberdeen Fishing Village

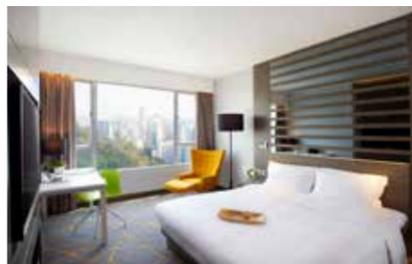
Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3*+ The Cityview	£290	£140
4* Dorsett Wan Chai	£330	£190
4*+ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£420	£220

Price includes

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

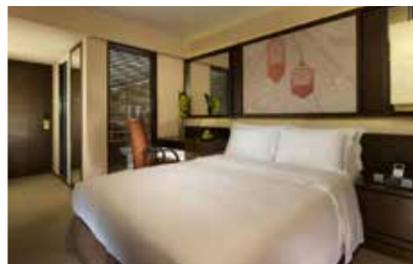
Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

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.



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.

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★

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



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★

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



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★

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



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG ★★★★★

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

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

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

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit 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*+ The Cityview	£490	£190
4* Dorsett Wan Chai	£540	£280
4*+ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£680	£320

Price includes

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

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

MACAO STOPOVERS

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

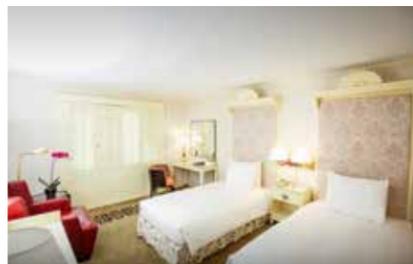


Macao skyline in the evening

MACAO HOTELS



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



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



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



GRAND EMPEROR ★★★
Within walking distance of the Ruins of St Paul's, the Grand Emperor Hotel 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 Hermès bathroom amenities.

TASTE OF MACAO

3 DAYS

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

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

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

DAY 2: MACAO

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

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

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



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4* Regency Art	£340	£160
4*+ Hotel Royal	£360	£180
5* Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16	£470	£240

Price includes

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

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

HONG KONG & MACAO

5 DAYS

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

DAY 1: HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG

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

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

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

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

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



St Dominic's Church on Senado Square

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4* Dorsett Wan Chai & 4* Regency Art	£640	£290
4*+ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4*+ Hotel Royal	£770	£370
5* Langham & 5* Sofitel at Ponte 16	£990	£570

Price includes

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

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

DUBAI STOPOVERS

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



Burj Al Arab

DUBAI HOTELS



ZABEEL HOUSE AL SEEF ★★★★★
Zabeel House Al Seef by Jumeirah is a sleek, minimalist and modern hotel. Its enviable location in the heart of Dubai Creek means you are spoilt for choice for shops and restaurant options, and the view from the rooftop infinity pool is simply superb.



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

3 DAYS

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

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

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

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

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



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4* Zabeel House Al Seef	£190	£120
5* Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£290	£220
5* Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£320	£240

Price includes

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

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

DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

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

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

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

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

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



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4* Zabeel House Al Seef	£330	£150
5* Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£460	£280
5* Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£490	£350

Price includes

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

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

Flying in style

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



Emirates Economy Class

ECONOMY CLASS

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

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



British Airways World Traveller Plus

PREMIUM ECONOMY

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

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



Air China Business Class

BUSINESS CLASS

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

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



Cathay Pacific First Class

FIRST CLASS

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

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

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

Preferred Airline Partners



AIR CHINA

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



CATHAY PACIFIC

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



BRITISH AIRWAYS

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



EMIRATES

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

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

Your China questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit 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 at?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. We use 4 star hotels on our group tours in China. Typically, a 4 star hotel in rural areas cannot be compared to a 4 star hotel in the city and therefore may be of a lower standard. No international classification system exists and a 4 star Chinese rated hotel cannot be compared to a 4 star UK rated hotel. Rest assured, all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. The cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK passports only). Please note that the visa application process and specifications can change at any time, and for the most up to date information, please visit wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/china

In order to obtain a visa for China, all passengers between the ages of 14-69 years old are required to visit one of four visa centres across the UK – London, Manchester, Edinburgh or Belfast. If you are visiting London, a Wendy Wu representative will be available to assist, an appointment will need to be booked with us prior. If these times and dates are not convenient for you, you may visit the visa centre directly at a time and date which is more convenient for you. Wendy Wu Tours will not be able to assist if you decide to go independently.

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.

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 131.

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.

Q. When are Chinese public holidays?

A. Chinese New Year is on 25th January 2020 / 12 February 2021. 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. When is the best time to visit China?

A. China is a destination for all seasons. With four distinct seasons, the ideal travel periods are spring (Mar to May) and autumn (Sep to Oct). Many people choose to travel at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists, but please keep in mind that the summer months may be very hot and the winter months may be very cold. Our tours cover the length and breath of China and depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as journey through the country. Please refer to your Travel Guide & Phrasebook for more information.

Q. Is Taiwan a sovereign country or part of China?

A. The political status of Taiwan has been ambiguous since the 1940s. It hasn't formally been recognised as a sovereign state by most countries, including the People's Republic of China. In practical terms for travellers it feels like an independent place, with its own government, currency, passport, culture and language. For diplomatic purposes the country is sometimes also called Chinese Taipei.



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.

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.

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.**

Booking your trip

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

1. Choose your tour

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

2. Speak to an expert

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

3. Make a booking

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



Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

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

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



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



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



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

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



WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 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 email your confirmation invoice to the "lead name" or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8). We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

2. Your financial protection

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

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

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

*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

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

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.31USD, £1 to 8.80CNY and £1 to 146JPY on 3 May 2019. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above – you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

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5. Travel documents and visas

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

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. 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. Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

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

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible – £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket

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You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to operations@wendywutours.co.uk.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
 - (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
 - (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.
- In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not

due to 'unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances' (see below), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0 – 7 days	£50
8 – 14 days	£40
15 – 28 days	£30
29 – 42 days	£20
43 – 56 days	£10

If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
 - the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
 - 'Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances' as defined in clause 9 above.
- (3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.
- (4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws, regulations

and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10 (1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/ or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about

the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to customer@wendywutours.co.uk. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

13. Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at www.abta.com. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or

the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

17. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated 'physical rating' is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9.

18. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm. In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our

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website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/ or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at www.caa.co.uk.

20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs ("sensitive personal data"). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling.

In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/>. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/ competition offers or to send you our brochure). Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes. If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can opt out of all communications at any time.

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.

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