



Best of China  
11 nights



#### Summary

If this is your first time trip to China, or may be your only chance to see this vast country, then this is the trip for you! Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai give you a taste of the better known China, while Guilin offers an intimate look at stunning rice terraces, karst peaks and ethnic minority villages. The cities reward explorers! This package covers the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace in Beijing, the Terracotta Armies in Xian and the modern Shanghai. The three cities highlight the real life of the people and the ancient culture beyond your expectations.

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- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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#### Overview

**Interest:** group, couples, family

**Level of Comfort:**

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** 15

#### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Chinese yuan.
- **Language:** Mandarin, English
- **Dialing Code:** 86
- **Recommended vaccine :** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** foreign currencies must be exchanged through banks and authorized foreign exchange dealers

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**Day 1: Beijing**

Upon arrival to Beijing, meet and greet and transfer to your hotel

**Day 2: Beijing**

This morning, you will visit Tiananmen Square known as Gate of Heavenly Peace for a stroll on the largest public plaza on earth

Proceed to the extraordinary Forbidden City (closed on Mondays), center of the Chinese world for nearly 500 years, the Imperial Palace remains the most complete and best preserved collection of ancient buildings in China. Lunch will be reserved at Xiao Wang Fu Restaurant.

After lunch, visit the Summer Palace – located in Haidian District

**Day 3: Beijing**

Today, you will be driven to the Great Wall at the Mutianyu section, enjoy a cable car ride up and a fun toboggan ride down

Imposing and almost defying possibilities, this stunning structure literally defined a border between worlds far removed from each other

Later on, you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant

Afterwards, transfer back to Beijing city and visit the Temple of Heaven, a perfection of Ming architecture and one of the symbols of Beijing

Then, hop into a traditional pedicab and explore a traditional Beijing neighborhood

**Day 4: Beijing – Xian**

This morning, you will be transferred to Beijing Airport for your flight to Xian

Upon arrival to Xian airport, meet and greet and transfer to hotel

In the afternoon, visit to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, which is the second religious building to survive from the Tang Dynasty (618 A.D. – 907 A.D.)

Your exploration of ancient Xian will end today with a visit to the Ancient Gate of City Wall with cycling

In the evening, you will be transferred to the Tang Le Gong Theatre to have dinner and see a Tang Dynasty Show

**Day 5: Xian - Chengdu**

Early this morning, your sightseeing will commence at 7.30 a.m. You are kindly requested to arrive at the Museum early as soon as it opens at 8.30 a.m., as it can get very crowded.

You will travel overland to Lintong County, site of the single greatest archeological find of the 20th century: the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Excavation. The dig lies 46 kilometers to the east of the city of Xian and is now made easily accessible by a new highway. The drive will give you the chance to view the fertile loess fields of Shaanxi; an ever replenished supply of soil which has been the foundation of civilization. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then afterwards you will be transferred to Xian Airport for your flight to Chengdu

Upon arrival to Chengdu, meet greet and transfer to hotel

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#### Day 6: Xian - Chengdu

This morning, proceed to the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Centre, situated on the Axe Hill 10 kilometers from the north suburb of Chengdu. It covers an area of 600 acres. Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Centre is the most famous conservation and protection center for giant pandas and "State Science Popularization Centre". It also provides the most ideal ecological place for visitors all around the world to get to know the appearance of the pandas and to get around the wild nature. An employee of the Centre will accompany you all the while

You will have lunch at a local restaurant

After lunch, explore the Sanxingdui Museum which was built on the 3,000 year-old site of the Shu civilization and is one of the most exciting new museums in China

In the evening, you will attend a Face Changing Show

#### Day 7: Chengdu - Guilin

This morning, you will be transferred to Chengdu Airport for your flight to Guilin

Upon arrival at Guilin Airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

This afternoon begin your sightseeing of the Yangshuo region with a visit to Fuli a charming village rich in traditional architecture – the town has a long tradition of craft making including fans and lanterns – you can consider bicycling to and from Fuli (around 40 minutes each way).

#### Day 8: Guilin

This morning, enjoy a relaxing bicycle ride through the splendid rural countryside near Yangshuo

Visit farm villages and take in the stunning natural beauty of the area

Afterwards, attend a “hands on” cooking class at the Yangshuo Cooking School which is housed in a traditional local farmhouse – the class session is led by an experienced local chef and focuses on the traditions of Guilin/Yangshuo regional cooking

After lunch, proceed to the Yulong River for a ride on a bamboo raft to enjoy an all around view of the natural, rural life down the river

In the evening you will enjoy a performance of “Impression Liu San Jie” the stunning sound and light spectacular developed by Zhang Yimou

#### Day 9: Guilin - Shanghai

This morning, pay a visit to the Silver Cave. This is a splendid limestone cave, which is deep and irregular with a great number of stalactites of thousand charms, which, in lights glint like silver, hence the name of the cave.

Continue on to visit the Big Banyan Tree, which is now 17 meters high, with a trunk 7.1 meters wide and covers an area of 1000 square meters. It is said that the Banyan was planted in the Sui Dynasty (581-618) and is now famous for its age and towering beauty

After lunch, you will be transferred to Guilin Airport for your flight to Shanghai

Upon arrival at Shanghai international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

#### Day 10: Shanghai

This morning, take a walk through Shanghai's old Chinese quarter to the lovely Yu Yuan garden, a 16th century Ming Dynasty private garden and residence. Despite Shanghai's crowded lanes and teeming masses, the garden remains an oasis of tranquility

To conclude your morning sightseeing, proceed to The Bund. This waterfront area sweeping along the Huangpu River has become the center of Shanghai's foreign business establishment

This evening enjoy a performance of “ERA” the most popular and stunning program of acrobatics performed by the world-famous Shanghai Acrobatics Troupe

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#### Day 11: Shanghai

This morning you will be met and transferred to Shanghai's Hong Qiao Train Station where you board your High-Speed Bullet Train to Hangzhou – this train service whisks you there in just 45 minutes. Arrive at Hangzhou and meet your guide who will transfer you to West Lake. From here start your cycling tour – introductory sightseeing of the West Lake area and up to Lingyin Temple, a world-famous scenic and historical site.

The Lingyin Temple also known as the “Temple of the Soul's Retreat” was originally founded in 326 AD, but has been rebuilt at least fifteen times since then.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

You will also visit the Hu Qing Yu Tang Museum of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), which is housed in one of the largest and most important herbal medicine pharmacies in China.

In the afternoon you say farewell to Hangzhou when you are transferred to the train station to return to Shanghai by the high-speed Bullet Train.

#### Day 12: Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

This is a product sheet elaborated in order to give you a quick overview of our package with details pertaining to hotels, flights and proposed tours. This is not a tailor made quotation and should you wish to have specific details reviewed to better suit your need please do not hesitate to contact one of our travel consultants or visit one of our branches.

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