

BEST OF CHINA TOUR & FLIGHTS



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China Guided Tour with Flights

Duration: 9 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 8 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: CHNTD9M

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9 Days Best of China Tour & Flights

About the holiday

Discover buzzing cities, awe-inspiring temples, beautiful gardens and ancient cultural treasures on this unforgettable 9-day journey through China.

The fascinating myths and legends of the Orient will come to life when you begin in Beijing. A local tour takes you to the iconic sights, from the Forbidden City to Tiananmen Square. Learn about traditional Chinese medicine and spend time at a less visited section of the iconic Great Wall of China. Travel to Hangzhou, where you'll try the region's famous tea and take a peaceful boat ride on UNESCO World Heritage-listed West Lake.

In the charming city of Suzhou, visit another World Heritage site at Lingering Garden and discover the intricate art of silk spinning. Cap off the adventure in the dazzling city of Shanghai, where you can admire the stunning skyline from the famous Bund promenade and delve into the country's history at the impressive Shanghai Museum.

Travel by private vehicles, experience a thrilling high-speed train and enjoy the comfort of 4-star hotels with daily breakfast and much more!

Why we love this trip...

- This 9-day tour ticks off the must-see sights and unique Chinese experiences.
- Explore Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai
- Enjoy the comforts of popular 4-star hotels and 9 meals included
- Local guides will share their wealth of knowledge as you visit bucket list sites
- Includes flights from Australia with full-service airlines

Travel dates

2023 & 2024 - See our website for current dates*

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for your preferred departure and current prices.*



Tour Package includes:

Flights - Return economy class flights to Beijing & from Shanghai

Full-service airlines from Sydney or Melbourne (surcharge for other cities)

Accommodation - 8 nights in 4-star hotels, based on twin share

Meals - Daily breakfast & 1 lunch

Transportation - Private air-conditioned vehicles

One-way economy class high speed train (or flight from Beijing to Hangzhou)

Transfers - Return airport transfers

Tour Guiding - English-speaking local guides

Sightseeing - as per the itinerary

Package excludes:

China visa fees

Health tests, if required for international travel

Meals, other than those specified in the inclusions

Optional sightseeing tours & activities

Gratuities for guides & drivers

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, tour company, hotels & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Tour Highlights:

- Explore Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai
- Visit historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Step back in time at the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
- Tick off the bucket list at the Great Wall of China
- Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at ‘Tongrentang’ in Beijing
- Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village including tasting
- Enjoy a boat ride on Hangzhou’s scenic West Lake
- Visit Suzhou’s Linger Garden and a silk spinning factory
- View the dazzling Shanghai skyline from The Bund
- Delve into China’s history at Shanghai Museum

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 Australia - Beijing, China

Today depart Australia on your flight to Beijing, China. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to the hotel.

Please note:

Due to flight times and scheduling some customers may be required to be at the airport the day before (Depart day 0). Some travellers may have an overnight layover with accommodation and transfers provided by the airline.

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar, Beijing

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City

After breakfast, your exploration of Beijing begins with a visit to a Pearl Factory to gain a little knowledge of fresh pearls. Then visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, followed by the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420, but was burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards.

Optional Tour: The Golden Mask Dynasty 350 RMB

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large-scale dramatic musical, 'The Golden Mask Dynasty' (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, as you travel to the Great Wall this morning, stop at a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu" and has a history of at least four thousand years in China. Observe skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs.

Afterwards take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert - a distance of more than 3500 miles.

Optional Tour: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner 300 RMB

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included - paid on tour) of Beijing's 700 year old Hutongs (narrow lanes) area by old fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family living in a courtyard style home to experience the local customs, including a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes a visit to Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences.

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Beijing - Hangzhou

After breakfast, make a stop at 'Tongrentang' to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine. Next, travel to Hangzhou. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and then escort you to check into the hotel.

Please note:

- High-speed train tickets are subject to availability, and if train tickets are unavailable a domestic flight will be provided to Shanghai, followed by a coach transfer to Hangzhou, in place of this train journey. Train/flight tickets will be confirmed in your travel documentation which will arrive 4-6 weeks prior to your departure date.

- If you do not provide your passport details at least 60 days prior to departure you may not be in the same train carriage or on the same train as your companions and other group members.
- Seating arrangement on high-speed trains consists of a row of 2 seats and a row of 3 seats. Due to this, we cannot guarantee you a seat right next to your travel companion on this Journey.

Itinerary Note: The order of Hangzhou and Suzhou may be swapped due to operational considerations.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Hangzhou Xiaoshan or similar, Hangzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Hangzhou Free Day

Today you can enjoy the day at leisure in Hangzhou, or take part in an optional tour to see Longmen Ancient Town in Fuyang, and Liangzhu Museum (not included - paid on tour)

Optional Tour: Longmen Ancient Town in Fuyang, and Liangzhu Museum 300 RMB
On this optional tour, you will visit Fuyang, a classic example of a traditional southern Chinese city. It is next to the Fuchun River and surrounded by mountains from three sides. There is an ancient Chinese poem to describe Fuyang: from ancient times, Fuyang was considered by Chinese people to be the most beautiful landscape in this world. Then visit Longmen Ancient Town, the hometown of Sun Quan (the emperor of the Kingdom of Wu in ancient China). This town is famous for its unique Qing dynasty buildings. Behind the town is Longmen Mountain. At 1067 m, with ridges and peaks rising one after another, it is effectively the peak of the Fuyang Mountains. 90% of the villagers of Longmen ancient town are descendants of Sun Quan. Then visit The Liangzhu Museum, an archaeological museum dedicated to the Neolithic Liangzhu culture. It houses a collection of artefacts from archaeological culture.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Hangzhou Xiaoshan or similar, Hangzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Hangzhou - Suzhou

Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip to a local tea house. Make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village in the hinterland of West Lake Park, considered one of the most important Longjing Tea productions in China. Enjoy the beautiful village scenery while learning about China's special tea culture and how to appreciate the sophisticated taste and aroma of Longjing Tea. At the Tea House, learn how to make the Longjing Tea including tea leaves picking, frying and tasting. Then enjoy a small boat ride on the West Lake, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, admiring the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow draped islands.

Afterwards, drive to Suzhou and check in to your hotel for the evening (approx. 2 hour coach ride).

Overnight: Holiday Inn Jasmine Suzhou or similar, Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Suzhou - Shanghai

Often called the 'Venice of the east', Suzhou has a history dating back to 514BC. Visit the famous Lingering Garden, recognised with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. China is renowned for its exquisite silk, so naturally a visit to the Silk Spinning Factory is in order.

Optional Tour: Grand Canal Cruise 220 RMB

Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal (not included - paid on tour) to view life along China's ancient waterway.

Next, drive to Shanghai (approximately a 1.5 hour coach ride) to visit the famous Bund. Shanghai is divided by the Huang Pu River into eastern and western sections. Modern mega high rises are seen on the eastern side while traditional European style architecture may be seen on the western side. The Bund is a five-block riverfront promenade with many of Shanghai's banks and trading houses.

Optional Tour: ERA and The Intersection of Time 390 RMB

Tonight there's an optional activity to watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show "ERA: The Intersection of Time" or similar (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Holiday Inn Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar, Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Shanghai Museum - Free Afternoon

This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai Museum - home to more than 120,000 objects and artworks. Enjoy some free time at leisure this afternoon or join an optional half-day tour of Shanghai (not included - paid on tour).

Please note: If the Shanghai Museum is closed, a visit to Suzhou Museum will be provided in place of this visit on Day 5 of the tour.

Optional Tour: Half Day Shanghai Tour 240 RMB

Join a half-day tour of Shanghai including Yu Garden, believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. The exquisite garden architecture is one of the highlights of Shanghai. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road.

Optional Tour: Huangpu River Night Cruise 280 RMB

In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional "Night Cruise on the Huangpu River" (not included - paid on tour).

Overnight: Holiday Inn Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar, Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Shanghai, China - Australia

Today you will transfer to Shanghai Airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Please note:

- Standard check-out time is 12.00pm and luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later flights.
- Some travellers may have an overnight layover with accommodation and transfers provided by the airline.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & rail conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the benefit of clients. It is essential that clients are understanding and flexible in this regard.

Information about this tour

Accommodation:

Hotels are 4-star and subject to change to suitable alternatives at the discretion of the tour operator.

Beijing: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar

Hangzhou: Holiday Inn Hangzhou Xiaoshan or similar

Suzhou: Holiday Inn Jasmine Suzhou or similar

Shanghai: Holiday Inn Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar

Tour Size:

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

Maximum room capacity is 2 people.

Optional Tours/Activities:

- Beijing Day 2: The Golden Mask Dynasty 350 RMB
- Beijing Day 3: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner 300 RMB
- Hangzhou Day 5: Longmen Ancient Town in Fuyang, and Liangzhu Museum - 300 RMB
- Suzhou Day 7: Grand Canal Cruise 220 RMB
- Shanghai Day 7: ERA and The Intersection of Time 390 RMB
- Shanghai Day 8: Half Day Shanghai tour 240 RMB
- Shanghai Day 8: Huangpu River Night Cruise 280 RMB

Please note:

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified or in the AUD equivalent at the time of purchase.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

Tour guide vs. Tour leader:

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Flights:

It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

Meals:

9 meals in total are included in the package. For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants.

Fitness Level Required: A leisurely level of fitness will be required.

Leisurely is described as Light walking, including up multiple stairs, and occasional hiking, may involve uneven surfaces. Able to travel unassisted and get on and off vehicles and small boats. Suitable for most fitness levels and mobility.

Please note: If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$12 AUD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Visas:

A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. Please note as of today you are required to attend a Chinese Embassy/Consulate in person to apply for a visa. A Chinese Embassy/Consulate can be found in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

You will be able to start your visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

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3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
4. 90 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (the exact due date for your travel supplier will be advised at the time of booking).
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If you wish to cancel you must notify us of your cancellation in writing. We will then write to the Suppliers to cancel your booking and request a refund (if applicable) for any elements of your holiday that are refundable. You will need to make an insurance claim for any travel arrangements that are non-refundable. If you have any issues during the refund or cancellation process, you have 30 days to contact our office in writing to lodge a complaint so an immediate resolution can be found for you.

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