

# ***CHINA TOUR & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE***



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## China Escorted Tour with Flights

Duration: 10 days

Stay: 8 nights hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: CHCLG10M

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# 10 Days China Escorted Group Tour & Flights

## About the holiday

Discover dazzling cities, awe-inspiring temples, ancient cultural treasures on this enthralling tour of China.

The fascinating myths and legends of the Middle Kingdom come to life, starting in Beijing. Here you'll discover the wonders of the capital of modern China. A tour of the city takes you to the iconic sights, like the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Of course, spending time at the legendary Great Wall of China is a must and you'll get to enjoy a relaxing boat ride across the lake at the Summer Palace.

Next, travel by high-speed train to Xi'an. Once the capital of eleven dynasties, today Xi'an is an archaeological treasure trove and it's where you'll marvel at the magnificent Terracotta Warriors. The final stop is Shanghai, where you can admire the stunning skyline from the famous Bund promenade and wander through the Old Quarter to the historic Yuyuan Gardens.

Travel in the comfort of air-conditioned coaches and enjoy premium 4-star hotels with daily breakfast, special dinners and expert tour guides!

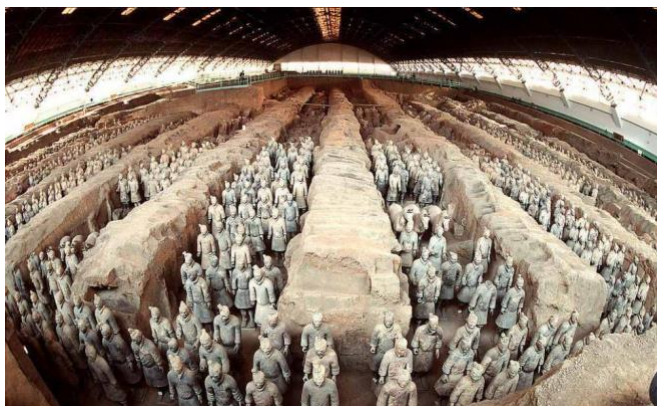
## Why we love this trip...

- Tour the amazing Forbidden City, once residence of Chinese Emperors and Summer Palace
- Visit the 2000-year-old Great Wall, the World's longest man-made structure
- See the world-famous archaeological site of the magnificent Terracotta Army in Xi'an
- Explore the classical Yuyuan Garden and the Bund Riverside, Shanghai's popular promenade
- Savour a famous Peking duck dinner with wine
- This special deal includes all flights!

## Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - Contact us for current departure 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.*



## **Escorted Tour Package includes:**

**Flights** - Return economy class flights to Beijing & from Shanghai  
Fly from Australia, including checked luggage, all taxes & fees  
One-way economy flight: Xian-Shanghai

**Accommodation** - 8 nights in 4-star accommodation, based on twin share  
3 nights Beijing  
2 nights Xi'an  
3 nights Shanghai

**Meals** - 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners with wine

**Transportation** - Sightseeing as per itinerary in modern air-conditioned coach  
High-speed Bullet Train Beijing to Xi'an

**Tour Guiding** - Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout  
Services of local guides in all major cities

**Sightseeing** - Entrance fees as per the itinerary  
Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

## **Package excludes:**

China visa fees

Flight excess baggage & pre-booked seat allocation

Airport transfers - can be pre-booked on request for an additional fee

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.***

## **Tour Itinerary:**

### **DAY 1, Sunday - Fly from Australia to China**

*Please note that your flight may depart just after midnight. In that case, you must check in at the airport the evening prior to your departure date*

### **DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Beijing**

Arrive in Beijing and catch a taxi to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the new time zone

**Overnight:** Beijing

### **DAY 3, Tuesday - Great Wall of China & Summer Palace Tour**

Embark on a full-day excursion to the Great Wall of China, the longest man-made structure on Earth, spanning nearly 4,000 miles of China's northern frontier. Stop at a local jade shop before arriving at the Great Wall. Walk along the promenades and admire the unrivalled scenic views of beautiful mountain passes, plateaus, and grasslands from this 7th century defensive fortification. Afterward, savour lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit the Summer Palace, former resort of the Empress Dowager and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a relaxing boat ride across the lake and admire the stunning scenery. Stroll along the sprawling palace with its lakes and gardens before returning to Beijing. In the evening, join your Tour Manager for an orientation meeting followed by dinner featuring the famous Peking Duck with wine

**Overnight:** Beijing

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 4, Wednesday - Forbidden City & Panda Visit**

This morning, begin at Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza in the world. Erected in 1417 at the height of the Ming Dynasty, the square was renovated and renamed two centuries later at the onset of the Great Qing Dynasty. View several impressive monuments outlining the Square's perimeter, including the Great Hall of the People, the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong and the square's famed ceremonial gateway. From here, venture north for a visit to the Forbidden City (Imperial Palace). Known today as the Palace Museum, the entire site is comprised of 800 buildings with more than 9,000 rooms. Later, have lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit a local pearl shop before continuing to the Beijing Zoo to see the famous Pandas

**Overnight:** Beijing

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 5, Thursday - High-Speed Train to Xian**

This morning, travel via high-speed train to Xian. Upon arrival, trace the beginnings of Chinese civilization at the Xian municipal museum inside the small wild goose Pagoda Temple.

This evening, attend an *optional* Tang Dynasty 6-course dinner followed by a historical dance performance by the Tang Dynasty troupe

**Optional:** Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show

**Overnight:** Xian

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Friday - Xian Antiquities Tour with Terracotta Army**

This morning, after breakfast you will have the opportunity to visit Xingqing Park. Filled with culture, this local park is a hub of activity in the morning. You may witness and have the chance to participate in morning exercise, singing, and dancing. Later, visit a lacquer furniture shop. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before a tour of Xian's antiquities. Your tour includes the archaeological site at the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang (259-210 B.C.), where more than 8,000 finely sculpted, life-size terracotta soldiers and horses were discovered by local farmers in 1974. The archaeological excavation of the three pits where the Terracotta Army was found continues today. At tonight's *optional* dumpling banquet, you can sample nearly 15 delicious varieties of dumplings

**Optional:** Dumpling Dinner

**Overnight:** Xian

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 7, Saturday - Flight to Shanghai**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, the fastest growing city in Asia, with its dramatic ever-changing skyline. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join your Tour Manager for a short walk to get familiar with the new city

**Overnight:** Shanghai

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Sunday - Shanghai City Tour**

This morning, take a tour of the major attractions of Shanghai. Experience the old-world charm of the Bund, the former "Wall Street" of the foreign powers. Walk along its park-like waterfront promenade between the Wusong River and Old Town. Stop at a silk carpet and embroidery shop. Next, wander the classical Yuyuan Garden, built during the Ming Dynasty by the high-ranking government official Pan Yunduan. The gardens' total area occupies approximately five acres, and features pavilions, ponds, rockeries, cloisters, and streams all within six scenic zones, including the Sansui Hall and Wanhua Chamber. In existence for 400 years, the gardens were specifically constructed for Pan's aging parents as a sanctuary in which to live out their lives. Continue with a visit the Jade Buddha Temple which is the most famous and one of the most active Buddhist temples in Shanghai. It was built during the Guangxu period of the Qing Dynasty to enshrine two beautiful jade Buddha statues that were brought from Burma.

This evening, join the *optional* Shanghai by Night with Dinner

**Optional:** Shanghai by Night with Dinner

**Overnight:** Shanghai

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Monday - Full Day in Shanghai**

Spend a full day at leisure to explore Shanghai on your own, or join the *optional* full day tour to Suzhou, including lunch and a cruise on the Grand Canal. Morning departure from Shanghai for the drive to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East." Upon arrival in this charming city, relax on a boat ride along the narrow waterways of the legendary Grand Canal followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Then, continue to the beautiful and fragrant Garden of the Master of the Nets, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. End the day in Suzhou with a walk along bustling Pingjiang Road where the locals gather for entertainment and food. Return to Shanghai later this evening and bid farewell to your Tour Manager during dinner at a local restaurant

**Optional:** Full Day Suzhou with lunch

**Overnight:** Shanghai

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Tuesday - Depart China**

The tour comes to an end after breakfast and checking out of the hotel this morning. Please make your own way to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

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

### **Information about this tour**

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however, you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. The Great Wall requires a climb of approximately 300 steps, some of which have an incline. It is recommended to wear sturdy shoes, and people who have knee problems may want to carry a walking stick. Some tours require walking in the open air with no shade. Air pollution is a problem in many of China's major cities. Please see the CDC website and/or consult with your healthcare provider for specific recommendations. The usage of a bandanna or, light scarf might help screen out some of the pollutants in the air. This is a Classic program.



**Accommodation:**

Hotels are subject to change to suitable alternatives at the discretion of the tour operator.

Beijing: Mercure Beijing Downtown

This first class hotel is located in the centre of Beijing.

Xi'an: Xian Titan Times Hotel

This first class hotel is located outside the ancient city walls of Xi'an.

Shanghai: The Longemont Shanghai

This first class hotel is located in Shanghai at the junction of West Yan An Road and Pan Yu Road.

**Optional Tours:**

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours often sell out & if purchased while travelling may cost extra 10% or more
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Contact your My Travel Experience travel advisor to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure

**Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show**

Dine on Imperial set menu of 6 courses. All while you enjoy the beat of Chang' an music. After dinner, enjoy the celebrated Tang Dynasty show, a one-thousand-year-old dance performed by the passionate Tang Dynasty Troupe. This historical performance is a national art, reflective of the glory and richness of China's Tang Dynasty. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

**Dumpling Dinner**

This evening, enjoy a delicious dumpling banquet featuring different varieties of jiaozi, or dumplings, stuffed with an assortment of vegetables, meats, and seafood. The traditional banquet also includes rice wine and bronze hot pot soup. Transfers to and from your hotel included. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

**Shanghai by Night with Dinner**

Depart for dinner in a local restaurant. After the dinner, drive to the pier near the Bund waterfront to board a ship for a 40-minute cruise on the Huangpu River. Witness the 200 years of Colonial history. You will see European style buildings on one side of the river and the futuristic skyline of Shanghai on the other side. After the cruise, drive through the city's wall of buildings to witness this thriving capital of the Far East. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

## Full Day Suzhou with lunch

This morning, depart your hotel for a 2.5 hour drive from Shanghai to Suzhou. Located in Jiangsu Province, this ancient city enjoys the name of "Venice of the East". Your day begins on the famous Grand Canal, the longest manmade Canal in the world. Travel leisurely down the narrow waterways and under the stone bridges. From your boat you will see the daily life of the people who inhabit the banks of the canal in this ancient city. Later, enjoy free time along Pingjiang Road, a famous street in Suzhou among locals for gathering, entertainment and food, and a favourite among visitors for its rich culture and sightseeing opportunities. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant followed by a visit to the Garden of the Master of the Nets. This privately owned garden is one of the most perfectly proportioned in Suzhou. The garden demonstrates Chinese garden designers' adept skills for synthesizing art, nature, and architecture to create unique metaphysical masterpieces. Return to Shanghai late this evening.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 11 hours.

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