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The Insider Journeys Experience

At Insider Journeys, we make it easy to holiday in Asia.



Our private travel collection will allow you to experience Asia as an insider with the flexibility to explore at your own pace. Whether it's getting up early to beat the crowds, staying longer to watch that amazing sunset or spending time chatting to a local, it's this level of flexibility that makes all the difference.

We know that to truly experience Asia, you need to wander off the tourist trail occasionally.

Our collection of private itineraries will provide you with experiences that a guidebook alone simply cannot offer.

Whether you're travelling with your partner, family, a group of friends or solo, connecting you with Asia's heart is what we do best.

Let us help you experience Asia as an insider!

A word from our travellers...

“ We enjoyed every aspect of our touring in China. Visits to scenic spots were well-planned, the hotels were very comfortable and our guides were very attentive and gave us glimpses into their own lives. Thanks to Insider Journeys for arranging such an endlessly fascinating itinerary, we certainly recommend your services.

RON & MARGARET, PERTH

“ We had a fantastic time in China. Insider Journeys did a wonderful job with all our hotels, guides and all the places we visited. All our guides were pleasant, knowledgeable and easy to get along with.

DARYL & SHARON, MELBOURNE



West Lake, Hangzhou

Ready To Book Private Itineraries

Each of our unique, Ready to Book Private Itineraries are designed by our team of passionate Asia experts.

Every itinerary includes the must-see highlights and genuine experiences of China. From the moment your trip begins, our Private Itineraries provide a seamless travel experience.

To get a sense of the 'real' Asia, our itineraries take you off the tourist trail while ensuring you don't miss any of the must-see places. With plenty of free time and the services of knowledgeable local guides in each destination, you'll really feel like an insider!



Wangfujing Snack Street, Beijing

City Explorer & Short Stay Packages

Our City Explorer packages offer the perfect introduction to the captivating cities in China. From the hustle and bustle of Beijing to cosmopolitan Shanghai, from ancient Xian to stimulating Hong Kong, these short stays include accommodation, airport transfers and sightseeing with knowledgeable, local English-speaking guides.

There's a range of accommodation options from which to choose. Book as a stand-alone or combine with another City Explorer for the perfect Asia experience.



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Bespoke Accommodation

As well as our Ready to Book Private Itineraries and City Explorer packages, we offer an extensive range of accommodation options and experiences, so you can customise your Asia holiday.

Our hotels have been handpicked for comfort, location and to provide you with an insight into the region.

Where possible, we have selected properties with great local colour.

From dazzling city skyscrapers to remote retreats, we have accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets.

Create Your Own Insider Journey

We know one size does not always fit all. So why not take creative control and create your own insider journey!



Hong Kong

Our team of experts can help design a bespoke itinerary to suit your interests, timeframe and budget.

Use any of our Ready To Book Private Itineraries or City Explorer packages as inspiration or start from scratch with your own ideas.

We have a wide range of accommodation, sightseeing and transport options from which to choose and knowledgeable English-speaking local guides who will introduce you to their cities and towns in a way that only a local can do.

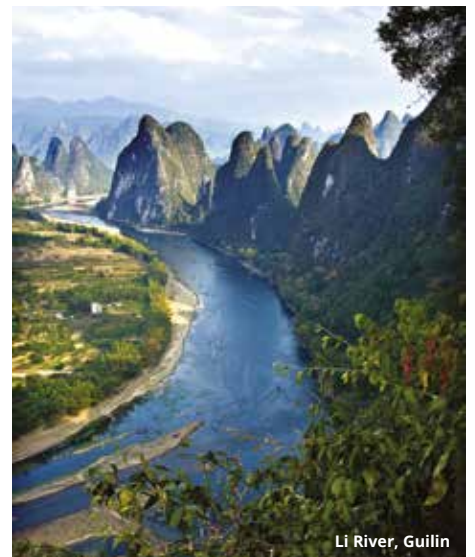
Whether it's exploring dramatic mountains, visiting Tibetan monasteries, travelling the Silk Road or walking the Great Wall of China without the crowds, Insider Journeys will connect you with the heart of Asia as only an insider can!



Giant Panda



Opera, Beijing



Li River, Guilin

The Places We'll Take You

From its sheer beauty to the genuine warmth of its people, Asia has a wonderful way of getting under your skin. Let us introduce you to our favourite places in China.



Forbidden City, Beijing

Beijing

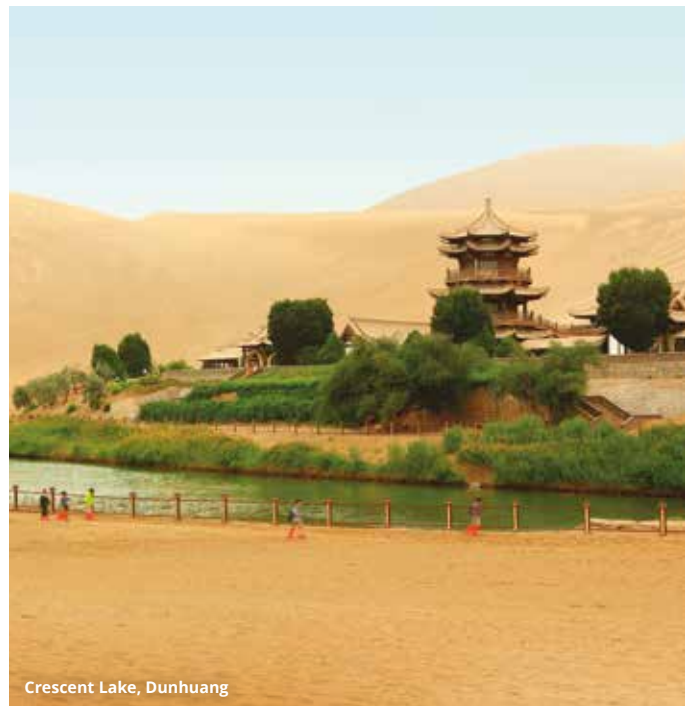
Beijing is a city of contrasts, where towers of glass and steel rub shoulders with ancient hutongs and palaces. The city is a testament to China's imperial past and incredible future.



Shanghai

Shanghai

Shanghai will ignite your imagination. See colonial architecture along the Bund and futuristic skyscrapers in Pudong.



Crescent Lake, Dunhuang

Regional China

Travel beyond the cities to discover more, from ethnic minority groups to Giant pandas to the Silk Road.

China

China is a land of beauty, ancient history and diverse cultures. Its sheer size and enormous diversity offers an unforgettable experience. With its buzzing cities, rural villages, breathtaking mountains, river scenery and evocative desert landscapes, China has something for everyone.



Black Dragon Pool, Yunnan



Ancient Wonders

Gain a real sense of China's ancient history as you walk the Great Wall of China, count the Terracotta Warriors, cycle old city walls, wander traditional hutongs, discover the Forbidden City or visit a Tibetan monastery.



River Scenery

Embark on a voyage on the largest water system in China – the Yangtze River. Enjoy the stunning scenery of the three main gorges and explore the cultural sites along the banks. Float on a bamboo raft on the Li River between Guilin and Yangshuo for more scenic landscapes.



Captivating Culture

Uncover China's diversity with a colourful mix of cultures in Shanghai and Xian. Experience local life in Beijing's hutongs or the spiritual way of life in Tibet. Meet friendly Yao people, or see astounding Kung Fu and acrobatic performances.

When To Go

Due to its sheer size, China's climate varies greatly throughout the year. Overall, May and October generally have warm days and cool nights making it a pleasant time to travel. The warmest time of the year is from June through to August in central and northern China with increased temperatures and humidity. From December to March, winter brings fewer travellers and possible snowfall in the north. In the south, hot days, cold nights and increased rain occur from April to September while spring and autumn are warm and pleasant, yet can be wet.

Average min/max temperature (°C)

| | MAR-MAY | JUN-AUG | SEP-NOV | DEC-FEB |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BEIJING | -10°/2° | 9°/19° | 21°/32° | 9°/18° |
| SHANGHAI | 0°/8° | 9°/18° | 24°/32° | 13°/23° |
| XIAN | -5°/5° | 8°/21° | 21°/34° | 9°/20° |
| GUILIN | 5°/12° | 16°/22° | 25°/33° | 17°/26° |
| CHENGDU | 5°/10° | 8°/16° | 22°/29° | 13°/19° |

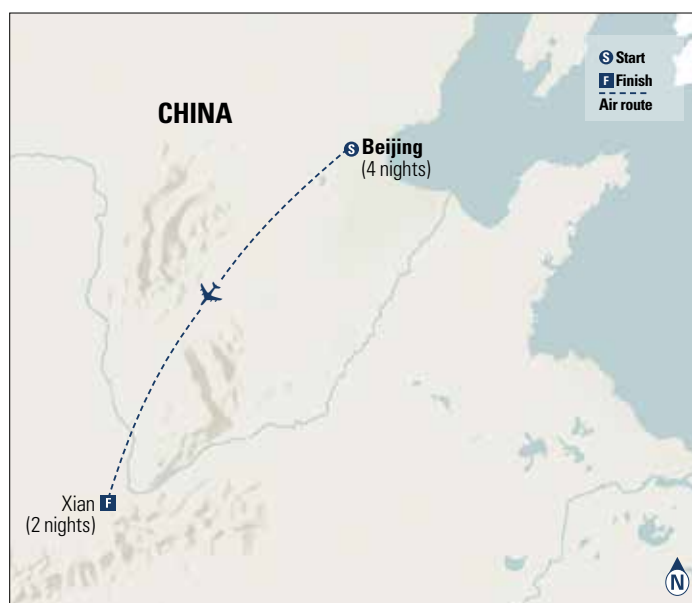


Shanghai



Iconic China

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM **\$2,655*** PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Delve into China's imperial past at the Forbidden City. See the many well-preserved ancient buildings and heritage sites.
- 📍 Soak up the sights, sounds and aromas of the Muslim Quarter in Xian. Sample the local cuisine and browse the wares at the numerous stalls.
- 📍 Gaze over the one of the most impressive archaeological finds in the world – the Army of Terracotta Warriors.

DAY 1 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar).

DAY 2 Beijing

On a full day tour, wander through Tiananmen Square before continuing under the Gate of Heavenly Peace into the Forbidden City. Explore the few remaining hutongs and courtyard houses by rickshaw. Enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family. Walk to the city's famous Drum Tower to see the traditional drum beating. **(BL)**

DAY 3 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Enjoy a full day tour of China's most famous attraction – the Great Wall. Journey to Mutianyu, a less crowded section of the wall, considered one of the most spectacular with numerous guard towers and stirring views. Explore this site at your own pace. Admire the panoramic views and reflect on the enormity of the material and labour required for its construction. Enjoy a local lunch today and in the evening, sample a delicious Peking duck dinner. **(BLD)**

DAY 4 Beijing

Rise early to experience the atmosphere of the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven. Continue on this morning tour to the Summer Palace and wander through the extensive grounds of the royal garden. **(B)**

DAY 5 Beijing to Xian

Be transferred to the airport for your flight this morning. Fly to Xian and be transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, spend time exploring the city on a guided tour. Discover the city wall before continuing to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Explore the heart of the lively Muslim Quarter and visit the Great Mosque. This evening, sample Xian's famous dumplings at a local restaurant. Stay the next two nights at Grand Mercure on Renmin Square (or similar). **(BD)**

DAY 6 Xian – Army of Terracotta Warriors

On a full day tour, begin with a morning walk through City Park. Travel from Xian to the Army of Terracotta Warriors. Each figure is completely unique both in facial features and expression. **(B)**

DAY 7 Xian

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 6 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Classic China

9 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM **\$3,789*** PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit one of the wonders of the world and walk along the magnificent Great Wall of China.
- See the Army of Terracotta Warriors up close. Thousands of ancient, life-sized warriors are today one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century.
- Wander backstreets and cross the many bridges in the ancient water town of Zhujiajiao in Shanghai.

DAY 1 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar).

DAY 2 Beijing

Visit the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Explore Beijing's fascinating hutongs by rickshaw and enjoy lunch in a family home. (B)

DAY 3 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Spend time exploring the Great Wall of China. Mutianyu is home to one of the best-preserved sections of the wall. Here you can stroll along the wall, go inside the watchtowers and take in the beautiful scenery surrounding the wall. (B)

DAY 4 Beijing

Discover the beautiful grounds of the Temple of Heaven and wander through the lakes, gardens and palaces at the Summer Palace. (B)

DAY 5 Beijing to Xian

Fly to Xian. Enjoy a tour of the colourful Muslim Quarter, the ancient city wall and the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Stay the next two nights at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Xian – Army of Terracotta Warriors

Stroll through the lively City Park adjacent to

the magnificent city wall. Venture outside of Xian to see thousands of detailed statues stand in rows making up an Army of Terracotta Warriors. (B)

DAY 7 Xian to Shanghai

Fly from Xian to Shanghai. Walk along the regal Bund and admire the historic architectural delights along the waterfront. Take a walking tour of the Old Chinese Quarter, where narrow lanes are packed with local produce and bustling markets. In the evening, see a spectacular acrobat performance. Stay the next two nights at Jian Guo Hotel Shanghai (or similar). (B)

DAY 8 Shanghai – Zhujiajiao

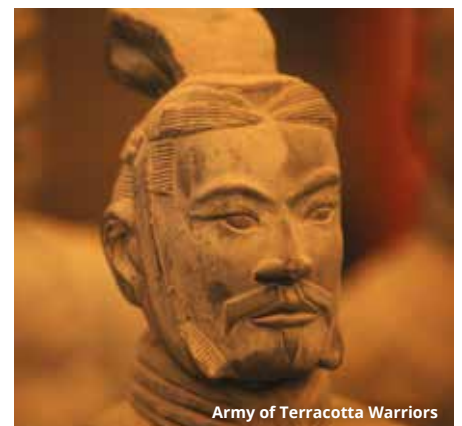
Travel to the ancient canal town of Zhujiajiao and stroll the backstreets, cruise the waterways and absorb the charming, old-world atmosphere. The town is connected by 36 delicate bridges, cross them as you shop for local handicrafts and try some of the regional cuisine. On your return to Shanghai, visit the lesser-known Propaganda Poster Art Centre, a unique private collection of original propaganda posters and artwork dating from the 1940s to 1970s. (B)

DAY 9 Shanghai

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 8 nights 4 star accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



Ancient China

13 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$3,499* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Marvel at the extraordinary Hanging Monastery built 75 metres above the ground into a cliff face.
- Take in the mountain views from atop the Great Wall of China. When you reach the end, ride a luge down from one of the watchtowers for an extra thrill.
- View the remarkable Army of Terracotta Warriors who guard the tomb of the first Emperor of China.

DAY 1 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar).

DAY 2 Beijing

On a full day tour, wander through Tiananmen Square before visiting the Forbidden City. Explore the few remaining hutongs by rickshaw, enjoy a local lunch and see the drum and bell towers. (BL)

DAY 3 Beijing – Great Wall of China

After breakfast, travel to Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. Enjoy a local lunch and Peking roasted-duck dinner. (BLD)

DAY 4 Beijing

Rise early and visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. (B)

DAY 5 Beijing to Datong

Be transferred to the station for the train to Datong. Overnight at Datong Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Datong to Taiyuan

Enjoy a full day tour to Yungang Grottoes Cave and Hanging Monastery, before heading to Taiyuan in the afternoon. Overnight at Shanxi Grand Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 7 Taiyuan to Pingyao

Visit Jinci Temple and Qiao Family Courtyard House. Travel to the walled city of Pingyao. Overnight at Pingyao Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 8 Pingyao to Luoyang

Explore the alleyways of Pingyao. In the afternoon, be transferred to the station for the train to Luoyang. Overnight on board the train. (B)

DAY 9 Luoyang

Arrive in Luoyang around noon before heading to the Longmen Grottoes. Stay the next two nights at New Friendship Hotel (or similar).

DAY 10 Luoyang – Shaolin Temple

Visit Shaolin Temple, see a Chinese Kung Fu Show and visit White Horse Temple. (B)

DAY 11 Luoyang to Xian

Take the train to Xian. See the City Wall and Muslim Quarter on an afternoon tour. Stay the next two nights at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel. (B)

DAY 12 Xian

Take a walk through City Park. Visit the Terracotta Warriors and the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B)

DAY 13 Xian

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 11 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night train accommodation (Soft Sleeper, 4-Berth Cabin)
- Train Beijing to Datong, Pingyao to Luoyang, Luoyang to Xian
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Sichuan & Yunnan

14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$4,645* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- See China's rare pandas at the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base. You can also spot other endangered species including Red pandas, swans and birds.
- Walk along one of the deepest and most spectacular river canyons in the world, Tiger Leaping Gorge.
- Stand at the foot of the world's largest Buddha, carved out of the side of a stone mountain.

DAYS 1-2 Chengdu

On arrival in Chengdu, be transferred to your hotel. The next day, visit the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base and enjoy a day tour of Chengdu. See a Sichuan opera performance. Stay two nights at Chengdu Xinliang Hotel (or similar). (BD)

DAY 3 Chengdu to Emei Shan

Head to Leshan to visit the Giant Buddha and Lingyun Temple, and take boat trip on the Min River. Travel to Mt Emei in the afternoon. Overnight at Century Sunshine Emeishan (or similar). (B)

DAY 4 Emei Shan to Chengdu

Take a cable car up to Wannian Temple and walk to Qingyin Pavillion and Thin Strip of Sky. Overnight at Chengdu Xinliang Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Chengdu to Dali

Be transferred to the airport for your flight to Dali. Stay the next two nights at Landscape Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Dali

Enjoy a full day tour to the old town of Dali and see the Three Pagodas and Cangshan Mountain. (B)

DAYS 7-8 Dali to Xizhou

Travel to Xizhou, visit the village of the Bai minority group and take a trip of Erhai Lake. The following

day is free. Stay two nights at Linder Centre Hotel or hotel similar. (2B)

DAY 9 Xizhou to Lijiang

Travel to Lijiang and visit the Old Town and Black Dragon Pool. Enjoy a music performance of the Naxi minority group. Stay the next two nights at Ivy Garden Resort Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 10 Lijiang

Journey to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, explore Baisha Village on foot and visit the t-shirt factory of Dongba. (B)

DAY 11 Lijiang to Zhongdian

Travel to Zhongdian and visit Zhiyun Temple and Tiger Leaping Gorge. Stay the next two nights at Shangri-La Old Town Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 12 Zhongdian

Visit Ganden Sumtseling Monastery, Shudu Lake and the old town of Shangri-La. (B)

DAY 13 Zhongdian to Kunming

Fly to Kunming and visit Stone Forest. Overnight at Ytel Premium Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 14 Kunming

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 13 nights 4 star accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, D = dinner)



Classic China & Yangtze

15 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$6,345* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Cruise along the beautiful Yangtze River. Pass through the Three Gorges and stop at quaint riverside villages.
- 📍 Visit one of the world's most spectacular man-made wonders, the Great Wall of China, and enjoy the peaceful surroundings from a less crowded section of the wall.
- 📍 Explore the Temple of Heaven, known for its magnificent altars, colourful structures and lush gardens.



DAYS 1-2 Shanghai

On arrival in Shanghai, be transferred to your hotel. The following day, experience the regal Bund, Yu Garden and the Old Chinese Quarter on a day tour. In the evening, enjoy an acrobatic performance. Stay the next three nights at Jian Guo Hotel Shanghai (or similar). (B)

DAY 3 Shanghai – Zhujiatao

Stroll the charming backstreets and take a canal cruise in Zhujiatao. Back in Shanghai, visit the lesser-known Propaganda Poster Art Centre. (B)

DAY 4 Shanghai to Guilin

Be transferred to the airport and fly to Guilin. Be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Guilin Bravo Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Guilin – Yangshuo

Spend the day floating gently along the Li River to Yangshuo. Walk along West Street before travelling back to Guilin by road. (BL)

DAYS 6-8 Guilin to Yangtze Cruise

Fly to Chongqing and board your cruise ship in the late afternoon. Stay three nights on board Victoria Yangtze Cruises. (3B,2L,3D)

DAY 9 Yichang to Xian

After breakfast on board, disembark in Yichang.

Fly to Xian and be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 10 Xian – Army of Terracotta Warriors

Visit the Army of Terracotta Warriors. Enjoy a dumpling banquet for lunch or dinner. (B,L or D)

DAY 11 Xian to Beijing

After breakfast, have the chance to walk on the Xian City Wall before your flight to Beijing. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar). (B)

DAY 12 Beijing

On a day tour, wander through Tiananmen Square, pass through the Gate of Heavenly Peace into the Forbidden City and explore Beijing's ancient hutongs by rickshaw. (B)

DAY 13 Beijing

Rise early to experience the atmosphere of the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven before continuing on to the Summer Palace. (B)

DAY 14 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Visit the Great Wall of China at the less crowded Mutianyu. (B)

DAY 15 Beijing

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 11 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 3 nights on board Victoria Yangtze Cruises
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Compulsory tipping for Yangtze cruise (CNY150)
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Note: Cruise itinerary subject to change depending on river conditions.

Yangtze & Imperial China

16 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$5,775* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Be amazed by an incredible acrobatic performance in Shanghai, with acrobats flipping and somersaulting across the stage, human pyramids and hoop diving.
- Cruise down the picturesque Yangtze River. From your boat, admire the dramatic cliff faces of the Three Gorges.
- Marvel at the panoramic views of the surrounding mountain scenery from atop the Great Wall of China.

DAYS 1-2 Shanghai

On arrival in Shanghai, be transferred to your hotel. The following day walk along the Bund, stroll through Yu Garden and immerse yourself in the Chinese Quarter. This evening, marvel at the spectacular Shanghai acrobats. Stay two nights at Jian Guo Hotel Shanghai (or similar). (B)

DAY 3 Shanghai to Yichang

Fly to Yichang and board your boat. Stay the next four nights on board Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. (B)

DAYS 4-6 Yangtze River Cruise

Spend three days cruising along the Yangtze River. (3B, 3L, 3D)

DAY 7 Chongqing to Chengdu

Disembark in Chongqing. Be transferred to the railway station for the high-speed train journey to Chengdu. Stay the next two nights at Chengdu Xinhang Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 8 Chengdu - Leshan

Visit Leshan on a full day tour and cruise to the world's largest outdoor seated Buddha. This evening, enjoy the Sichuan opera. (B)

DAY 9 Chengdu to Xian

Visit the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base before flying to Xian. Stay the next three nights at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 10 Xian

See the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient city wall, before continuing to visit the Muslim Quarter and the Great Mosque. (B)

DAY 11 Xian - Army of Terracotta Warriors

Enjoy a morning tour of the spectacular Terracotta Warriors including the Terracotta Warriors Scenic Area. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 12 Xian to Beijing

Fly to Beijing and be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar). (B)

DAY 13 Beijing

Pass through the impressive Gate of Heavenly Peace to visit the fascinating Forbidden City. Continue on to the beautiful Summer Palace. (B)

DAY 14 Beijing - Great Wall of China

Visit the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu, known for its views and fewer people. (B)

DAYS 15-16 Beijing

Explore Beijing's ancient hutongs on a rickshaw. Enjoy a simple local lunch. Walk to the famous Bell and Drum Towers. On your last day, be transferred to the airport. (2B, L)

INCLUDES:

- 11 nights 4 star accommodation
- 4 nights on board Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Compulsory tipping for Yangtze cruise (CNY150)
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Note: Cruise itinerary subject to change depending on river conditions.

China City & Countryside

16 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$6,419* PER PERSON



Xian City Wall



Li River, Guilin

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take a relaxing cruise down the Li River with breathtaking views around every bend. Pass grazing livestock, lush farmlands and jagged peaks.
- See the striking Army of Terracotta Warriors, one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century.
- Behold the beauty of the picture-perfect rice terraces in Longsheng, also known as Dragon's Backbone.



DAYS 1-2 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. The next day, enjoy a day tour to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square and explore Beijing's hutongs by rickshaw. Stay the next four nights at Penta Hotel Beijing (or similar). (BL)

DAY 3 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Explore the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu. (B)

DAY 4 Beijing

Rise early to visit the Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace. (B)

DAYS 5-6 Beijing to Xian

Fly to Xian and be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the Xian City Wall, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the Muslim Quarter. The following day, visit the Army of Terracotta Warriors. Stay the next two nights at Grand Mercure on Renmin Square (or similar). (2B)

DAY 7 Xian to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu. Explore Dufu's Cottage, a local park and a teahouse. Stay the next three nights at Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 8 Chengdu

Visit the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base. The rest of the day is free. (B)

DAY 9 Chengdu – Leshan

On a full day tour, travel to Leshan to see the large stone Buddha statue and visit Lingyun Temple. (B)

DAY 10 Chengdu to Guilin

Be transferred to the airport and fly to Guilin. Discover the city on an afternoon tour. Stay the next two nights at Guilin Bravo Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 11 Guilin – Longsheng

Visit the stunning rice terraces and minority villages of Longsheng on a full day tour. (B)

DAY 12 Guilin to Yangshuo

Take a cruise on the beautiful Li River. Walk along West Street. Stay the next two nights at Green Lotus Hotel Yangshuo (or similar). (BL)

DAY 13 Yangshuo

Enjoy an early morning Tai Chi lesson, then cycle through the rice paddies. (B)

DAY 14 Yangshuo to Shanghai

Travel to Guilin and fly to Shanghai. Visit Yu Garden and Old Shanghai. See an acrobatic performance. Stay the next two nights at SSW Boutique Hotel Shanghai North Bund (or similar). (B)

DAYS 15-16 Shanghai

Enjoy today exploring Shanghai at leisure. On your last day, be transferred to the airport. (2B)

INCLUDES:

- 15 nights 4 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



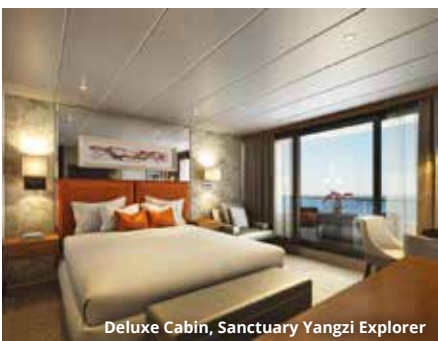
Tiananmen Square, Beijing

River Cruises

A cruise along the Yangtze River is a journey of a lifetime. Experience the magnificent and dramatic landscape of the Three Gorges. Sit back aboard your cruise ship as you travel along the river towards the massive ship locks at the site of the Three Gorges Dam.



Yangtze River



Deluxe Cabin, Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer



Shibaozhai



Victoria Anna

A Floating Hotel

Check-in to your cabin and unpack just once as the sights and sounds of the river come to you. Relax in your spacious, air-conditioned cabin with a private balcony on most cruises. Enjoy excellent service and onboard facilities.

Authentic Experiences

Smaller boats and knowledgeable guides take you into the gorges for spectacular natural scenery and give you snippets of local rural life. On shore, you'll visit Shibaozhai, meaning 'precious stone fortress'.

Onboard Service

Many of the staff on board are internationally trained, offering you the type of service you would expect in a four to five star hotel. Your every need is personally attended to by professional multi-lingual staff.

Victoria Cruises



Victoria Jenna



Executive Cabin, Victoria Anna

Design

Victoria Cruise ships are constructed with a blend of modern and classic architecture, while luxurious carpet and richly polished wood banisters grace the interior of each ship. Victoria Grace, Sophia, Selina and Lianna are the superior ships of the fleet offering a more intimate experience. Affectionately known as Anna, Katarina and Jenna, these premier ships are the most spacious of the fleet.

Cabins

Each cabin on every ship has a private balcony for spectacular views of the Three Gorges and passing rural scenery.

Quality Service

Cruise with the services of a full-time Western cruise director and a river guide, who will provide interesting

lectures about China and insights into the Yangtze. In addition, the attentive, well-trained staff ensure a comfortable journey along this compelling, ever-changing waterway.

Onboard Facilities

After dinner, retreat to one of the bars for a drink. Stay active in the fitness room, relax in the library or indulge in a spa treatment. For spectacular views of the passing scenery, enjoy the sundeck.

On Shore

Experience the highlights of the Yangtze on shore excursions with an English-speaking guide. Private shore excursions can be arranged at an additional cost.

Victoria Cruise Ships:

Victoria Grace
Victoria Sophia
Victoria Selina
Victoria Lianna
Victoria Anna
Victoria Katarina
Victoria Jenna

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer Cruises



Suite

Design

Refurbished in early 2017, the five star luxury Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer reflects a contemporary design while maintaining local Chinese influences.

Cabins

Cabins are beautifully appointed with private balconies. Each has either a king or twin beds.

Deluxe Cabins: The 38 Deluxe Cabins (31m²) are the most spacious on the Yangtze.

Suites: The ship features 20 spacious Suites (39m²).

Jade & Mandarin Suites: Both suites (81m²) feature beautiful Chinoiserie décor.

Celestial & Imperial Suites: Both suites are the largest on board (110m²) offering the highest comfort level.

Quality Service

International standards of service are delivered by a one to one staff to guest ratio. This ensures that every level of comfort is catered for during the cruise and rivals that of a luxury hotel. Comforting turndown services and fruit is available for all guests to enjoy.

Onboard Facilities

See a performance in the Tang Theatre, do Tai Chi on the deck, or visit the spa, gym, bar or shops.

On Shore

With fewer passengers, shore excursions are intimate and engaging. Discover the Yangtze's treasures with knowledgeable English-speaking guides.

Specifications

Refurbished: 2017

Ship Length: 91.5 metres

Ship Width: 16.4 metres

Number of Decks: 5 decks

Gross Tonnage: 6,733 tonnes

Cruising Speed: 10 knots

Capacity: 124 passengers

Cabins: 62 featuring private balconies

Crew: 130 crew members

Yangtze Cruise

5 DAYS FROM \$515* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit the site of the Three Gorges Dam and gain a fascinating insight into the enormity of the project.
- Cruise through the three gorges – Xiling, Wu and Qutang – and take in the incredible natural scenery.
- Marvel at the bright red Shibaozhai, meaning 'precious stone fortress', built into a rocky hill along the banks of the Yangtze River.



DAY 1 Yichang

Board your boat this evening ready for your cruise through some of the Yangtze River's most spectacular landscapes. Depart at approximately 9pm. Stay the next four nights on board Victoria Grace.

DAY 2 Three Gorges Dam Project, Ship Locks & Xiling Gorge

Early this morning, disembark for your first shore excursion to the site of the Three Gorges Dam Project. The scale of this project is enormous and at any given time up to 30,000 labourers were involved in the dam's construction. By the completion of the project in 2009, 20 towns were flooded and over 1.3 million people were relocated to new villages. Rejoin your cruise and pass through the mighty ship locks, continuing through the first of the three gorges – Xiling Gorge. Zigzagging between high mountains and rugged shoals for 120 kilometres, Xiling Gorge is the longest and easternmost gorge. (BLD)

DAY 3 Qutang & Wu Gorges

In the morning, transfer to smaller boats for a trip up smaller gorges to Shennong Stream. This area is not accessible by larger vessels, and features superb natural scenery interspersed

with local rural scenes. In the afternoon, admire the magnificent river landscapes as your boat passes through the towering cliffs and mountains of the second and third gorges, Wu and Qutang Gorges.

Wu Gorge is known as the most beautiful gorge because of its serene scenery made up of outlandish peaks, many small streams, and a sea of gorgeous red leaves in autumn. At just eight kilometres long, Qutang Gorge is the shortest among the three, yet it is the most breathtaking with mountain peaks as high as 1,500 metres towering above the narrow river. (BLD)

DAY 4 Shibaozhai

Visit Shibaozhai, meaning 'precious stone fortress,' this impressive structure is built against a steep hill on the banks of the Yangtze River. Rising to a height of 56 metres over 12 storeys, every floor of this architectural gem is dedicated to the famous generals of the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220-65), local scholars and renowned Chinese poets. This evening, enjoy a farewell buffet dinner on board. (BLD)

DAY 5 Chongqing

Arrive in Chongqing and disembark this morning at approximately 9am. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights on board Victoria Grace (Superior Cabin Main Deck)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Shore excursions (excluding chair lifts)
- Entrance fees
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

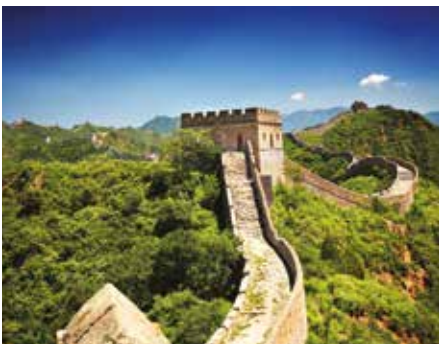


Other cruise ships and a 4 Day Cruise from Chongqing also available. Contact us for details.

Note: Contact us for departure dates. Due to variable sailing conditions, Shennong Stream may be substituted with Daning River or Goddess Stream. Itinerary is subject to change depending on river conditions and ship.

Beijing

With a history dating back thousands of years, China's capital is a compelling city rich in heritage. Reminders of its imperial past are found among some of the world's most extraordinary examples of modern architecture. Many popular sections of the Great Wall of China are within easy reach of the city.



Iconic Sites

Beijing boasts three World Heritage Listed sites including the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. There is also the infamous Tiananmen Square and beyond the city limits, the astounding Great Wall of China.



Cuisine

Indulge in fine dining or taste the best of local cuisine from family-run eateries and street food vendors. Try Beijing's signature flatbreads stuffed with a range of different fillings, and don't leave without feasting on Peking duck.



Hutongs

Spend time exploring the tiny courtyard dwellings and narrow alleyways of Beijing's ancient hutongs. It is here where you find the heartbeat of Beijing, where its people have lived and traditions have evolved over centuries.

Beijing City Explorer

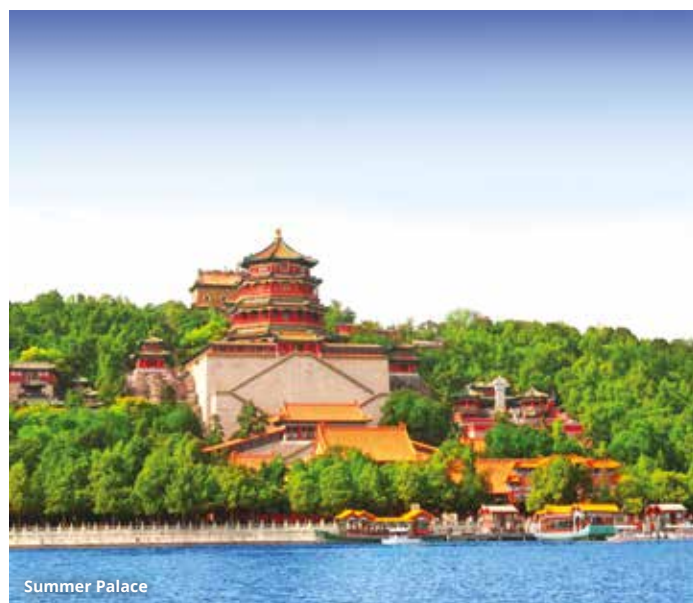
5 DAYS FROM \$979* PER PERSON



Temple of Heaven



Hutong



Summer Palace

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Uncover the local delights of Beijing's hutongs. Travel by rickshaw to gain an insight into the communities that live here.
- Explore the expansive and impressive Summer Palace with its temples, landscaped gardens and central lake.
- Walk along a quieter section of the Great Wall of China, and marvel at the enormity of this historical wonder.

DAY 1 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Novotel Beijing Xinqiao (or similar).

DAY 2 Beijing

On a full day tour, walk through Beijing's heart, Tiananmen Square. Built on Mao Zedong's orders it is said to be the world's largest public square, holding over one million people during military parades and again in 1976 following Mao's death. From here you pass through the impressive Gate of Heavenly Peace under the famous portrait of Mao to visit the Forbidden City. This is China's largest and best-preserved cluster of ancient buildings, offering a fascinating insight into the sophistication of ancient China and the extraordinary power of the emperors. Next explore the ancient backstreets of Beijing's hutongs by rickshaw. These traditional alleyways of communal courtyard living are fast disappearing from Beijing's landscape due to the city's rush towards modernity and soaring property values. Catch close-up glimpses of local life, explore a produce market, enjoy a simple lunch inside a local family home, and absorb the atmosphere of another era. (L)

DAY 3 Beijing

On a half day tour, experience the lively early morning atmosphere at the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven, where locals gather to practise calligraphy, Tai Chi, traditional dance and opera. Travel to the Summer Palace which is filled with temples, pavilions, gardens and decorated corridors. Spend time wandering through the grounds of this vast royal garden. This evening, enjoy a tasty Peking duck dinner – a must do while in Beijing. (D)

DAY 4 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Enjoy a full day tour of China's most famous attraction – the Great Wall. Travel to Mutianyu, a less crowded section of the wall, considered one of the most spectacular with numerous guard towers and stirring views. The Mutianyu section dates from the Ming Dynasty and was built upon an earlier Northern Qi Dynasty conception. Take the cable car up to the wall and take time to explore this site at your own pace. Admire the panoramic views and reflect on the enormity of the material and labour required for its construction.

DAY 5 Beijing

Check-out of the hotel before being transferred to the airport.

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Beijing Forbidden City & Hutong full day tour
- Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace half day tour
- Peking Duck Dinner
- Beijing Great Wall at Mutianyu full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (L = lunch, D = dinner)



Forbidden City

Beijing Short Stay

4 DAYS FROM \$649* PER PERSON

Beijing is a modern city of towering buildings coupled with a cultural and ancient heart. For the perfect introduction, choose our Beijing Short Stay. Discover the city's highlights on a full day tour and take your first steps on the ancient wonder that is the Great Wall of China.



Forbidden City



Great Wall of China

DAY 1 Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Novotel Beijing Xinqiao.

DAY 2 Beijing

Meet your local English-speaking guide to discover Beijing's highlights on a full day tour. Explore the Temple of Heaven before continuing on to Beijing's heart, Tiananmen Square. Pass through the impressive Gate of Heavenly Peace to discover the Forbidden City. Visit the world's largest imperial garden at the Summer Palace and cruise on Kunming Lake. (B)

DAY 3 Beijing – Great Wall of China

Travel to the Great Wall of China. Visit Mutianyu, a less crowded section of the wall that is considered one of the most spectacular. Take the cable car up to the wall and spend time exploring at your own pace. Travel to the treasured Ming tombs, passing China's largest stele (engraved stone) en route. Visit one of the largest and best restored tombs open to the public as well as the interesting Spirit Way. (B)

DAY 4 Beijing

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Novotel Beijing Xinqiao (Superior Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Beijing full day tour
- Great Wall at Mutianyu, Ming Tomb & Spirit Way full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Beijing accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer. See pages 25 and 26 for other hotel options and experiences.



Superior Room

NOVOTEL BEIJING XINQIAO

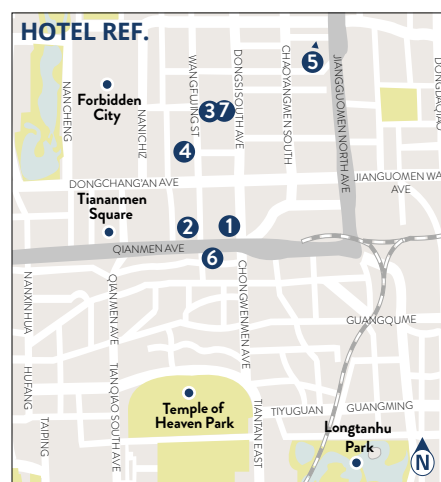


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Ideally located in the heart of the city, Novotel Beijing Xinqiao is perfect for guests wanting to explore the modern metropolis of Beijing.

A short distance away is Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City with the popular shopping strips of Wangfujing, and the Pearl and Silk markets close by.

Each tastefully decorated room features comfortable, modern interiors and facilities. This hotel offers a modern and comfortable place to relax.



BEIJING SHORT STAY – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



CAPITAL HOTEL BEIJING

MAP
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2

Capital Hotel Beijing is situated in the well-known Wangfujing shopping and downtown area, within the Second Ring Road and is surrounded by many historical sites. The property consists of two individual towers.

Each room is well-appointed with a range of facilities to ensure a comfortable stay. Enjoy delicious Western or Chinese cuisine in the restaurants or relax at the trendy bar. Spend time in the fitness and recreation centre.



PARK PLAZA WANGFUJING

MAP
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3

Located close to Wangfujing Road and Tiananmen Square, Park Plaza Wangfujing is an oasis in the heart of Beijing's cultural and commercial centre.

Each room is elegant, spacious and comfortable with views of either the city or neighbouring park.

Enjoy Asian or international cuisine at the restaurants, or relax with a drink at the lounge bar. Stay active in the fitness centre or be pampered with a massage.



NOVOTEL BEIJING PEACE

MAP
REF.
4

Superbly located in Beijing's Wangfujing commercial district, this popular hotel is a short walk from the capital's major attractions including the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

Each room features a contemporary design and some have great city views. With its well-maintained swimming pool, sauna and fully equipped fitness centre, this hotel is a comfortable and conveniently located option in Beijing.

from **\$835*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Standard Room)

from **\$889*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Superior Room)

from **\$909*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Standard Room)



ASIA HOTEL

MAP
REF.
5

Asia Hotel boasts a superior location in Beijing's Central Business District. The hotel is walking distance to the popular Sanlitun Village where you'll find a variety of trendy restaurants and bars. Major services including banks, shopping and transportation are all close by.

The hotel features 340 rooms, including Executive floors. All rooms boast wireless internet and cable television. Two restaurants, a café and lounge bar serve local and French cuisine and compliment modern amenities such as a staffed fitness centre and Karaoke entertainment at the property's own nightclub, China Town.



Superior Room

NEW WORLD BEIJING HOTEL

MAP
REF.
6

New World Beijing Hotel is ideally located in downtown Beijing and is a short walk to Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City. Guests can enjoy modern rooms with complimentary wireless internet, room service, air-conditioning and an iPod docking station.

The property features two restaurants offering buffet and Cantonese options. Beverages can be enjoyed at the rooftop bar. The hotel also boasts an indoor pool, gym with sauna and spa as well as a wellness centre for relaxation and pampering. A laundry and dry cleaning service is also available on-site.



THE PENINSULA BEIJING

MAP
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7

The Peninsula Beijing offers spacious all-suite guest accommodation in the heart of Beijing. Combining timeless Chinese artistry and craftsmanship with cutting-edge technology and superlative service, the property offers a new standard of design, luxury and comfort. Exquisite artisanship is a highlight of the spacious guestrooms and suites. Each room boasts a bespoke design styled with contemporary and classic Chinese motifs, luxury materials and artworks. The rooms are some of the largest in Beijing with a separate bedroom, living room, bathroom and cloakroom.

from **\$909*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Business Room)

from **\$995*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Superior Room)

from **\$1,439*** per person for 4 Day Beijing Short Stay (Superior Suite)

BEIJING EXPERIENCES



Kung Fu Show Evening / Join-in

At the Red Theatre, enjoy an exciting one-hour display of ancient Chinese Kung Fu, combined with dance and acrobatics, music and dramatic lighting effects. The Legend of Kung Fu tells the tale of the life of Chun Yi and his journey from boyhood into manhood, and finally enlightenment, through the practise of Zen Buddhism and ancient Kung Fu. The fusion of modern dance with traditional martial arts makes the performance a must-see.

from **\$118*** per person



One Night in Beijing Evening / Join-in

Experience the bustling nightlife of Beijing. Sample expertly crafted brews at one of the city's premier craft breweries. Eat the best local food in the city at five hidden stops while enjoying unlimited beer and tuk-tuk transportation. Barbecue your own meat, discover local family-run eateries, wrap delicious dishes in freshly made Beijing pancakes, and finish with a pint of locally brewed beer.

Note: Operates Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

from **\$122*** per person



Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace Half Day / Private

Experience the lively early morning atmosphere at the park that surrounds the Temple of Heaven, where locals gather to practise calligraphy, Tai Chi, traditional dance and opera.

At the Summer Palace, enjoy an optional cruise on Kunming Lake and take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful gardens, stone bridges and pavilions.

from **\$172*** per person



Great Wall at Mutianyu Full Day / Private

Enjoy a full day tour of China's most famous attraction – the Great Wall of China.

Travel from Beijing to Mutianyu, a less crowded section of the magnificent wall. The Mutianyu section is considered one of the most spectacular, with numerous guard towers and stirring views. Take the cable car up to the wall and explore this site at your own pace admiring the panoramic views.

from **\$205*** per person



Beijing City Tour Full Day / Private

Explore the unique Temple of Heaven, China's finest example of Ming architecture and a building that has come to symbolise Beijing, before heading to Tiananmen Square. Pass through the impressive Gate of Heavenly Peace to visit the Forbidden City, China's largest and best-preserved cluster of ancient buildings, offering a fascinating insight into the sophistication of ancient China and the extraordinary power of the emperors. After lunch, visit the Summer Palace, the world's largest imperial garden and relax on a cruise on Kunming Lake.

from **\$210*** per person



Forbidden City & Hutong Full Day / Private

Begin your day in the heart of Beijing – Tiananmen Square – said to be the world's largest public square. From here, pass through the impressive Gate of Heavenly Peace under the famous portrait of Mao to visit the Forbidden City, China's largest and best-preserved cluster of ancient buildings.

Next explore the ancient backstreets of Beijing's hutongs by rickshaw. Catch a glimpse of local life, explore a produce market, enjoy a simple lunch inside a local family home and absorb the atmosphere of another era.

from **\$217*** per person

BEYOND BEIJING EXPERIENCES



Great Wall of China



Putuo Zongcheng Temple



Mutianyu



Pule Temple

Overnight at the Great Wall

2 Days / Private

DAY 1 Beijing to Great Wall of China

Travel to one of the less-frequently visited sections of the Great Wall at Jinshanling. Built over 2,000 years ago, the Great Wall of China stretches over 5,000 kilometres. The Jinshanling section is one of the least developed parts of the wall accessible from Beijing. Climb on to the wall and hike seven kilometres along some of the most spectacular sections of this site. Admire the panoramic views and reflect on the enormity of the material and labour required for construction.

DAY 2 Great Wall of China to Beijing

Travel to the more explored section of the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu, there is a significant contrast between the two sections of wall. The Mutianyu section dates from the Ming Dynasty. Take the cable car up to the wall and spend time exploring the site at your own pace before returning to Beijing. **(B)**

Note: A reasonable level of fitness is required. This tour is not recommended in the winter months from December to February.

INCLUDES:

- 1 night 4 star lodge accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Return cable car ride • Private touring
- Entrance fees • Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Beijing accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$815*** per person

Chengde Overnight Tour

2 Days / Private

DAY 1 Beijing to Chengde

Be picked up early in the morning from your hotel in Beijing. Journey to Chengde enjoying a Chinese lunch on arrival. Spend approximately two hours sightseeing in the mountain resort of Chengde. The city used to be a summer resort for emperors in Qing Dynasty, it was the largest royal garden during that time. Move on to Pule Temple, one of Eight Outer Temples in Chengde City. Emperor Qianlong built the temple in 1766 to mark the visit of representatives of Mongolian and other minorities from north-western China. **(LD)**

DAY 2 Chengde to Beijing

Be picked up from your hotel in Chengde, first visit Putuo Zongcheng Temple, also called Little Potala Palace. Built in 1767, it is one of the Eight Outer Temples outside the mountain resort. The buildings are a blend of Han and Tibetan styles. Move on to the Puning Temple or Temple of Universal Peace, first built in 1775, it's a treasure house of the ancient arts of architecture and sculpture. The Puning Temple also holds the world's tallest wooden sculpture of the Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara, hence often nicknamed the 'Big Buddha Temple'. After lunch, travel back to Beijing. **(BL)**

INCLUDES:

- 1 night 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Beijing accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

from **\$884*** per person

Shanghai

Shanghai embodies contemporary China, yet is unlike anywhere else in the country. There are surprises and delights at every turn – from Pudong’s futuristic skyline to the colonial Bund, from peaceful parks to glitzy cocktail bars.



Hidden Secrets

The story of Shanghai is colourful and sometimes scandalous. Remnants of Shanghai’s multi-cultural past can be seen in interesting pockets including the French Concession, the Bund Waterfront and the Old Town.



Entertainment

Shanghai has a great entertainment scene. See the world famous Shanghai Acrobats who dazzle audiences with a jaw-dropping display of stunts. Shanghai also has a number of cool bars with live music of different genres.



Cuisine

For the Shanghainese, food is sheer joy. Local specialties include spicy barbecued crawfish and water snake, noodle dishes which are particularly good in the streets near People’s Park and the much loved ‘soup’ dumplings, Xiaolongbao.

Shanghai City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$799* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Watch an astounding Shanghai acrobatic performance, full of colour, incredible skill and grace.
- Discover ancient Zhujiajiao's waterways, old streets, bridges and traditional Chinese residences.
- Enjoy an evening cruise on the Huangpu River, a great way to see the skyscrapers, bridges and colourful lights of Shanghai.

DAY 1 Shanghai

On arrival in Shanghai, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Merry Hotel Shanghai (or similar).

DAY 2 Shanghai

On a full day tour, walk along the historic riverfront Bund, home to an impressive collection of Art Deco buildings. The Bund is a remnant of Shanghai's days as a great colonial-era trading port, and is now home to some of the trendiest bars, classiest dining venues and top-end designer shops in the city. Make your way to Yu Garden. Dating back to 1559, Yu Garden is a beautiful example of traditional Chinese garden design. Explore the bazaar in the surrounding area before heading to the superb Shanghai Museum and neighbouring People's Square, a hive of local activity. The museum holds an impressive collection of artefacts from each of China's dynasties.

This evening, enjoy an exhilarating Shanghai acrobat performance. The acrobatic arts have a long history in China dating back over 2,000 years. Today, you'll see a modern show of acrobats performing near impossible tricks with spectacular effects. **(B)**

DAY 3 Shanghai - Zhujiajiao

On a full day tour, travel to the ancient water town of Zhujiajiao. This canal town still retains its ancient canals, authentic local dwellings and distinctive bridges. With your guide, see the best sights, stroll the backstreets to get a real feel for this old world town, cruise the waterways and absorb the charming atmosphere. Take the opportunity to shop for local handicrafts and try some of the regional cuisine.

On your return to Shanghai, visit the lesser-known Propaganda Poster Art Centre. This unique private collection of original propaganda posters and artwork dates from the 1940s to 1970s and started as a hobby by the owner keen to preserve these pieces of art for the future.

In the evening, enjoy the glittering lights of Shanghai from the deck of your boat on a cruise down the Huangpu River. The boat provides a great vantage point to see the famous landmarks, high rise buildings, neon lights and old bridges of the city. **(B)**

DAY 4 Shanghai

Check-out of the hotel before being transferred to the airport. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights 3½ star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Shanghai full day tour
- Shanghai Circus World acrobat show
- Zhujiajiao & Propaganda Poster Art Centre full day tour
- Huangpu River Cruise
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Shanghai Short Stay

3 DAYS FROM \$319* PER PERSON

With a striking mix of modernity and colonial charms, Shanghai begs to be explored. For the perfect introduction, choose our Shanghai Short Stay. See the main sights such as Yu Garden and wander bustling markets and Nanjing Road on a full day tour.



The Bund



Yu Garden

DAY 1 Shanghai

On arrival in Shanghai, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Merry Hotel Shanghai.

DAY 2 Shanghai

Discover Shanghai's highlights with your local English-speaking guide as you stroll along the historic Bund riverfront. Walk along bustling Nanjing Road, also known as Shanghai's 'Golden Mile', which has been restored to reflect Shanghai's status as a booming international city. Visit Yu Garden in the Old Quarter, a fine example of Ming garden design.

Take some time to explore a bustling market with numerous food, antique and souvenir stalls. Continue on to the Shanghai Museum, a collection of cultural items including ancient Chinese bronze, ceramics, painting and calligraphy. Learn about Shanghai's future plans at the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall. (B)

DAY 3 Shanghai

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport. (B)

Note: Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall is closed on Mondays.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation at Merry Hotel Shanghai (Superior Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Shanghai City full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Shanghai accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer. See pages 31 and 32 for other hotel options and experiences.



Superior Twin Room

MERRY HOTEL SHANGHAI

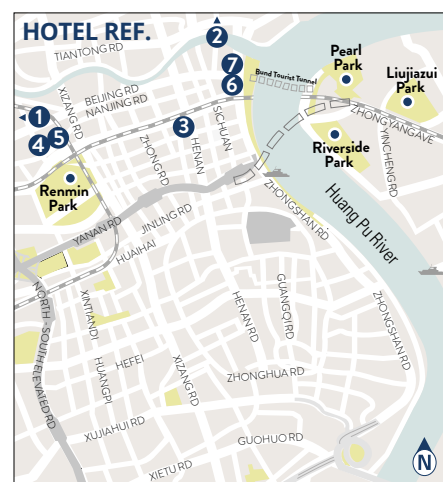


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Situated in a great location, Merry Hotel Shanghai is a modern property in the heart of the central Jing'an area of cosmopolitan Shanghai.

The hotel boasts some of the best rooms in the city. Each room features tasteful décor and most have city views.

Enjoy a delicious meal at the restaurant or a drink at the bar. Stay active at the fitness centre and be pampered with a treatment at the spa.



SHANGHAI SHORT STAY – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS

SSAW BOUTIQUE HOTEL
SHANGHAI NORTH BUNDMAP
REF. 2

Located in the Hongkou district, SSAW Boutique Hotel Shanghai North Bund is a great choice for those interested in architecture, sightseeing and city walks.

Make yourself at home in one of the well-appointed rooms. Every room is air-conditioned and boasts a flat-screen television with cable channels, complimentary wireless internet and special touches for your comfort, such as slippers and toiletries. Enjoy dining at the restaurant and wrap up your day with a drink at the bar. The hotel also offers facilities including 24 hour reception and a guest laundry.

from **\$349*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Deluxe Room)

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL
SHANGHAIMAP
REF. 3

This unique five star hotel features 353 rooms, each offering a comprehensive range of deluxe amenities including free wireless internet, bath amenities and high-tech automation features. The rooms also boast a mini bar, refrigerator and tea and coffee making facilities. Nearby is the popular Bund district, regarded as the symbol of Shanghai. There are two on-site restaurants offering French and Cantonese delights. The coffee shop and lobby lounge are excellent alternatives for casual gatherings. Active guests can make use of the gym, indoor swimming pool or billiards room.

from **\$399*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Superior Business Room)



PARK HOTEL SHANGHAI

MAP
REF. 4

Conveniently located across the road from People's Park in the heart of vibrant Shanghai, this hotel is close to many shopping and dining options, and some of the city's compelling sites. Dating back to the 1930s, the hotel's charming public areas and well-appointed rooms reflect the elegance and opulence of a bygone era, and retain an elegant, Art Deco style. Choose from the five restaurants which serve Western and Chinese cuisine. The bar is a great place to unwind with a drink after a day of sightseeing or shopping. Relax in the sauna, workout at the fitness centre or be pampered at the beauty centre.

from **\$429*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Standard Room)

RADISSON BLU NEW WORLD
SHANGHAIMAP
REF. 5

Ideally located only steps from Nanjing Road, Radisson Blu New World Shanghai is positioned close to many of Shanghai's attractions.

Each room is cosy and intimate with modern facilities. Enjoy scenic city views from the comfort of your room.

Venture to the top of the 208 metre tower and dine at the revolving restaurant while enjoying incredible views. Relax by the pool, stay active in the gym or be pampered at the day spa.

from **\$505*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Superior Room)

FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL
SHANGHAIMAP
REF. 6

Since 1929, Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai has been a legendary landmark in the heart of the Bund. Stroll the waterfront area and enjoy a dazzling view of the city skyline.

Each room and suite blends Art Deco inspired furnishings with modern amenities. Enjoy fine dining, cafés and high teas at the hotel. The renowned Jazz Bar at Fairmont Peace Hotel Shanghai is legendary for jazz, carrying you instantly back to the private clubs of the 1920s and 1930s with its authentic décor.

from **\$759*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Fairmont Room)



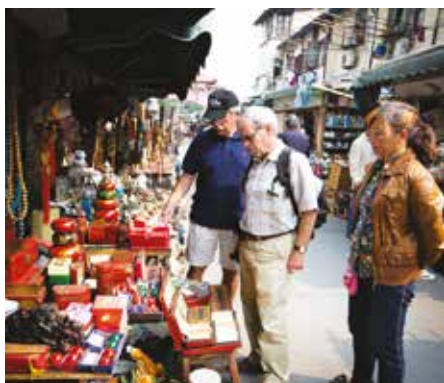
THE PENINSULA SHANGHAI

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REF. 7

Situated on the historic riverfront Bund, The Peninsula Shanghai features spectacular views of the Huangpu River. The property's grand Art Deco design reflects the city's colonial heritage. The stylish rooms are among the largest in town, with a Nespresso coffee machine, nail dryer, walk in dressing room and complimentary local VOIP telephone calls. Choose from a range of dining option at the property with a variety of cuisines. Relax by the pool, workout at the fitness centre and restore your energy and balance at the spa with a selection of treatments.

from **\$999*** per person for 3 Day Shanghai Short Stay (Deluxe Room)

SHANGHAI EXPERIENCES



Shanghai Market Tour

Full Day / Private

Shanghai is a shopper's paradise – whether you are after authentic antiques, beautiful fabrics, brand name originals, or just wish to revel in the bustle and energy of an Asian market. Visit Dongtai Lu Antique Street for antiques, before heading to the Dongjiadu Fabric Market, a multi-level indoor market that specialises in silks, prints and tailor shops. Shop for arts, crafts, ceramics and gold at The Yu Garden Bazaar and Fangbang Street in the Chinese Old Quarter and finish with a stroll through the boutiques of Taikang Lu.

from **\$111*** per person



Foodies Tour

Evening / Join-in

Explore local streets and neighbourhoods by foot and experience the flavours of China on this culinary tour. Try more than 12 different dishes while visiting four authentic Shanghai restaurants and satisfy your tastes for traditional cuisine. Gain an insight into the history and culture of the city as you move from restaurant to restaurant and learn about the foods that locals love and why they became so popular. Enjoy a local craft beer at a family friendly pub.

from **\$116*** per person



River Cruise & Bund City Lights

Evening / Join-in

Stroll along the Nanjing Road pedestrian shopping street, before an evening cruise on the Huangpu River to see the amazing city lights. Walk along The Bund, taking in the beautiful architecture, historic buildings and restaurants on the riverside. Afterwards, enjoy a wonderful city view at Lujiazui Commercial Area.

This tour is also available as a private tour. Ask your agent for details.

from **\$143*** per person



Acrobats Show at Circus World

Evening / Join in

Acrobatics has a long history and is one of the most popular art forms in China. Be amazed by an incredible acrobatic performance with acrobats flipping and somersaulting across the stage. The colourful extravaganza will blow your mind as world-renowned acrobats display jaw-dropping stunts that combine influences from martial arts, dance and opera. This 'ERA' performance at Shanghai Circus World is reputedly the best in the country.

from **\$154*** per person



Zhujiajiao Water Town

Half Day / Private

Travel to the enchanting village of Zhujiajiao, a traditional water canal town dating back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Discover quaint stores selling local produce and souvenirs and explore the town's network of waterways, old wooden waterside houses, arch stone bridges, and narrow paved laneways. Take a peaceful canal cruise, visit a traditional Chinese garden, or simply stroll through the beautifully preserved village.

from **\$183*** per person



Suzhou & Zhouzhuang Water Village

Full Day / Join-in

Discover two picturesque Chinese towns, Suzhou and Zhouzhuang. Suzhou is one of the oldest settlements in the Yangtze basin, often referred to as the 'Venice of the East' with its beautiful interconnected waterways. Here, visit the Master of Nets Garden, Grand Canal, and a silk factory. After lunch, travel to the water village of Zhouzhuang, known for its beautiful natural environment and simple architecture. This city has remained remarkably well-preserved for over 900 years.

This tour is also available as a private tour. Ask your agent for details.

from **\$226*** per person

BEYOND SHANGHAI EXPERIENCES



Yellow Mountain



Suzhou



Yellow Mountain



Wuzhen

Yellow Mountain Escape

3 Days / Private

DAY 1 Shanghai to Tunxi

Catch a high speed train from Shanghai to Tunxi and be transferred to your hotel. **(D)**

DAY 2 Tunxi to Yellow Mountain

With your local English-speaking guide, travel to the base of Yellow Mountain and take the scenic cable car to the summit. Explore rock formations, the alpine forest and enjoy stunning views. Staying at Yellow Mountain for the evening ensures you experience the beauty of the destination. **(BLD)**

DAY 3 Yellow Mountain to Shanghai via Tunxi

Continue to explore Yellow Mountain at your leisure before taking the cable car back down and transferring to Tunxi. Spend time wandering through the handicraft and tea stores of Old Street before the evening high speed train back to Shanghai. **(BL)**

Note: A reasonable level of fitness is required.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Return high speed train from Shanghai to Tunxi
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles • Return cable car ride
- Private touring • Entrance fees • Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Shanghai accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

from **\$1,125*** per person

Suzhou Gardens, Wuzhen & Hangzhou

5 Days / Private

DAY 1 Shanghai to Suzhou

Travel from Shanghai to Suzhou. Visit a selection of Suzhou's best gardens. See the charming Humble Administrator's Garden – a 16th century garden filled with streams, ponds, bridges and islands of bamboo. Visit a silk and embroidery factory to see how silk is produced.

DAY 2 Suzhou

Stroll through the Lingering Garden and cruise on the historic Grand Canal, once a major waterway used for transport. **(B)**

DAY 3 Suzhou to Hangzhou via Wuzhen

Travel to Wuzhen, one of China's more beautiful water towns and cruise the canals. Continue on to Hangzhou and its famed West Lake. **(B)**

DAY 4 Hangzhou

Visit Felai Feng, or 'Flying Peak', a place of stunning natural beauty. Explore Lingyin Si, the Temple of Soul's Retreat, and the Longjing Tea Plantations. Discover West Lake's serene waters on a small boat cruise. **(B)**

DAY 5 Hangzhou to Shanghai

Visit Six Harmonies Pagoda before travelling back to Shanghai. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 3 to 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Shanghai accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$1,428*** per person

Xian

Serving as the imperial capital for over a thousand years and an important hub on the ancient Silk Road, Xian is China's oldest city. Today, Xian remains a melting pot of cultures, rich in experiences including the Xian City Wall, the Muslim Quarter and the Army of Terracotta Warriors.



Army of Terracotta Warriors



Army of Terracotta Warriors

One of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century, the Army of Terracotta Warriors was unearthed in 1974. See the life-sized statues of warriors, horses and chariots, each figure is unique.



Xian City Wall

One of the oldest and most complete city walls in China is the imposing Xian City Wall. Walk or cycle the wall in its entirety, accessing it from the magnificent South Gate. Looking out from the wall, you'll see a fine example of the old and new Xian.



Muslim Quarter

Narrow streets packed full of markets, food stalls, small stores and mosques present a bustling hive of local colour. Wander the busy Beiyuanmen from morning to night for amazing street eats including Xian's famous dumplings.

Xian City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$709* PER PERSON

The ancient walled city of Xian hosts many historical treasures. For the perfect introduction, choose our Xian City Explorer. Discover the city's old walls and the Army of Terracotta Warriors, wander the dynamic Muslim Quarter and sample authentic flavours of the region.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda



Muslim Quarter

DAY 1 Xian

On arrival in Xian, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel.

DAY 2 Xian

Spend the day discovering Xian's highlights on a full day tour. Visit Shaanxi Provincial Museum which houses a superb collection of ancient bronzes, ceramics and more from dynasties past. Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a beautiful temple designed to house Buddhist scriptures brought back from India. Continue with a walk along the top of the old city wall.

Explore the heart of the lively Muslim Quarter and visit the Great Mosque. In the evening, sample Xian's famous dumplings at a local restaurant. (BD)

DAY 3 Xian – Army of Terracotta Warriors

Travel a short distance to the Army of Terracotta Warriors. Unearthed in 1974, each figure is unique, both in facial features and expression. (B)

DAY 4 Xian

Check-out of your hotel before being transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel (Standard Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Xian City full day tour
- Terracotta Warriors full day tour
- Dumpling Banquet • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Xian accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, D = dinner)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer. See pages 36 and 37 for other hotel options and experiences.



Superior Room

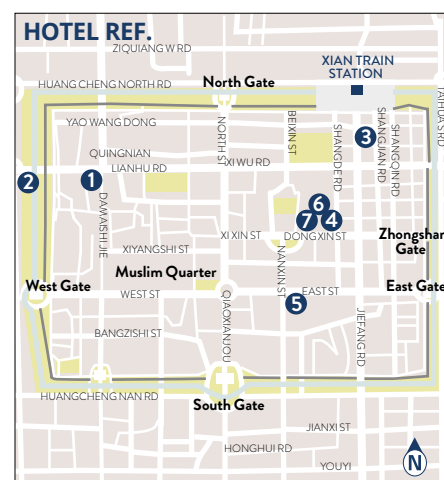
GRAND DYNASTY CULTURE HOTEL



Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel is ideally located in central Xian City, just a short walk from the Xian City Wall, Renmin Square, Bell Tower and Muslim Street. Museums, parks and the Daming Palace are a short drive away.

All 476 guestrooms offer modern comforts such as a flat screen televisions, air-conditioning, in-room mini bar, room service and free wireless internet. Indulge in dining options such as a café, a restaurant serving both Western and Cantonese dishes and a bar. Guests can keep active using the hotel's gym, pool or relax with the massage service.

MAP REF. 1



XIAN CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



TITAN TIMES HOTEL



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This 23 storey hotel is situated in the heart of the ancient city of Xian, close to the old town wall. It combines modern elements with traditional glamour and reflects the elegance of the beautiful Huancheng Xiyuan Garden.

The hotel features 350 deluxe suites featuring original furnishings and an ergonomic layout, providing guests with an elegant and comfortable living space. The hotel's recreational facilities include a day spa and gym. The Amber Cigar Bar serves fine wines and imported cigars while two restaurants offer both Chinese and International cuisine.

from **\$729*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Standard Room)



GRAND SOLUXE HOTEL



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3

The Grand Soluxe Hotel is located close to the railway and bus station, as well as Bell and Drum Towers. The 12 storey hotel features 411 rooms and suites. Decorated with natural timbers, rooms are equipped with modern conveniences such as high speed internet, cable television, direct-dial telephone, climate control and mini bar.

Enjoy dining at the hotel's restaurant or the more casual coffee house, and finish with a drink at the bar. Heath and fitness services include a gym, sauna, health spa and beauty salon, while recreational facilities such as a games room and nightclub are also on offer at the hotel.

from **\$735*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Standard Room)



MERCURE XIAN ON RENMIN SQUARE



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4

Conveniently located on Renmin Square, this property is positioned in the heart of Xian's Old City, with the historic Bell Tower and Muslim Quarter just one kilometre away. Fifty years of Renmin Square history is reflected in the beautiful décor of the hotel's 194 guestrooms and suites. Combining chic Chinese design with modern touches, the rooms are fully equipped for comfort and convenience including cable television and a variety of amenities. The hotel features an on-site restaurant, bar, day spa, massage services, beauty salon and a dry cleaning service. There is an off-site gym available for guests.

from **\$755*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Classic Room)



GRAND NOBLE HOTEL



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5

Perfectly located in Xian City, the Grand Noble Hotel is walking distance to the Bell and Drum Towers and the Muslim Food Street. Renmin Square, Xian City Wall, the Great Mosque and a supermarket are also a short walk away.

Rooms are well-appointed and feature a mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities and complimentary wireless internet. Some rooms feature balconies. Enjoy a choice of dining options including a deli, café, bar and two restaurants specialising in local and international dishes. Room service is also available. Other hotel facilities include a gym, massage centre, chess rooms, day spa and beauty salon.

from **\$765*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Superior Room)



GRAND MERCURE XIAN ON RENMIN SQUARE



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6

Located in the heart of Xian's Old City, this heritage building evokes the grandeur of a bygone era. Each room and suite is decorated in a traditional Asian-style and features a range of essential modern amenities.

The 'Xian 57' restaurant offers all day dining. It's exquisitely decorated and combines French flair with Chinese tradition. Light snacks, coffee, wine and international drinks can be enjoyed in the exclusive lobby bar. A day spa and massage services are also available on-site, as are an indoor swimming pool and gym.

from **\$769*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Classic Room)



SOFITEL XIAN ON RENMIN SQUARE



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7

Sofitel Xian on Renmin Square is located centrally within the Xian City Wall near many historical sites such as the Bell Tower, Great Mosque, the Forest of Steles and Yong Xing Fang.

This luxurious hotel combines historical influences with contemporary style. Each room features classic décor and modern amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Relax by the indoor pool and stay active at the fitness centre. An impressive four restaurants serving Cantonese, Italian and Mediterranean dishes, plus two on-site bars provide ample opportunities for relaxing and dining.

from **\$899*** per person for 4 Day Xian City Explorer (Superior Room)

XIAN EXPERIENCES



Dumpling Banquet

Half Day / Private

Enjoy an authentic and delicious Chinese dumpling feast – a traditional and cherished delicacy of Xian.

Your local guide will take you to one of Xian's most popular restaurants where you will sample some of the city's traditional cuisine. A variety of dumplings with different fillings such as pork, beef, vegetables, duck, egg and seafood, will be served banquet-style, allowing you to experience all the flavours of the popular dish. This is a Xian experience not to be missed.

from **\$47*** per person



Morning Food & Market Tour

Half Day / Join-in

Taste some of the city's best dishes on a guided morning food tour by tuk-tuk.

Venture into hidden streets and narrow alleyways to find secret restaurants and eat like the locals do. Watch food being made before your eyes and learn about the local cuisine. Enjoy a classic breakfast, sip on warm tea, and indulge in a variety of sweet and savoury dishes. End the tour by exploring lively markets and the bustling Muslim Quarter.

from **\$89*** per person



Muslim Quarter Food Tour

Evening / Join-in

Make your way to Xian's bustling food district by tuk-tuk. The Muslim Quarter is a foodie's haven, with streets lined with unique and authentic local cuisine.

Feel the heat of the flames as chefs barbecue meats, indulge in a variety of breads and cakes, and try Xian's famous Chinese burger and cold noodles. Visit a local brewery to try the only craft beer in Xian. The bustling city quarter is also famous for its profound cultural atmosphere and architecture.

from **\$101*** per person



Xian City Tour

Full Day / Private

Enjoy a half day exploration of this remarkable city, one of China's ancient capitals still rich in royal and religious historic sites. Visit the Big Goose Pagoda before heading to the ancient city wall. Hire a bicycle and cycle atop the wall for superb views of the city. Continue to the fascinating Muslim Quarter, one of the liveliest old quarters of any Chinese city, with its vibrant street markets and narrow lanes, and end your walk at the Great Mosque, with its fascinating fusion of Chinese and Islamic architectural elements.

from **\$187*** per person



Xian Local Life & Terracotta Warriors Tour

Full Day / Private

Take a morning stroll through City Park, where locals gather to practise a host of activities such as badminton, calligraphy, Tai Chi, traditional dance and opera.

Continue to the striking Army of Terracotta Warriors. Regarded as one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, thousands of ancient, detailed life-sized terracotta warriors and their horses are lined in rows. Each figure is unique in both facial features and general expressions and are believed to have been created to protect the Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife.

from **\$232*** per person



Terracotta Warriors & Xian City Tour

Full Day / Private

Visit the remarkable and world-famous Army of Terracotta Warriors, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. Be amazed by the thousands of detailed, life-sized terracotta warriors and horses standing in rows.

Spend the afternoon exploring the city of Xian, beginning at the historic Big Goose Pagoda. Head to the ancient city wall, which stretches 14 kilometres around the site of old Xian. Continue to the fascinating Muslim Quarter, one of the liveliest old quarters of any Chinese city, with its vibrant street markets and narrow lanes, and end your walk at the Great Mosque.

from **\$285*** per person

Guilin & Yangshuo

Located on the banks of the Li River, Guilin is famous for its exquisite landscapes of verdant valleys, rushing rivers and impressive limestone peaks. Nearby, Yangshuo is a beautiful small town with spectacular natural scenery along the Li River and rice terraces of Longsheng.



Yulong River, Yangshuo



Li River

Cruise through the breathtaking limestone karst scenery of the Li River from Guilin to Yangshuo. Drift slowly and quietly by bamboo raft or take an easy bike ride along the lovely 13 kilometre riverside trail.



Longsheng

Travel deep into the mountains of Longsheng to see its stunning rice terraces, also known as the 'Dragon's Backbone', and visit local villages to gain an insight into the culture of the Yao ethnic groups.



GUILIN & YANGSHUO EXPERIENCES



Longsheng Day Tour

Full Day / Private

From Guilin

Journey from Guilin past spectacular scenery of towering karst cliff landscapes and ascend the winding road that snakes up the mountainside to Longsheng, an area that is home to various ethnic minority groups.

Wander through the maze of little stone pathways and the traditional Ping'an Village, home to over 80 households who are of Zhuang ethnic minority. The wooden houses on stilts are stacked together. The local Zhuang people maintain their traditions – the men wear hand-stitched jackets made of cloth and the women wear white shirts with colourful wraps or scarves on their heads.

Take a short hike further up the mountain from this rice-farming community, to admire some of China's most spectacular rice terrace scenery. This area is known as the Dragon's Backbone due to the amazing rows upon rows of rice terraces clinging precariously to the slopes having the appearance of a dragon's scales.

After enjoying the vistas of neighbouring mountain peaks and valleys, travel back to Guilin in the afternoon. (L)

INCLUDES:

- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Guilin accommodation
- Meals as indicated (L = lunch)

from **\$255*** per person

Yangshuo Explorer

3 Days / Private

DAY 1 Guilin to Yangshuo

On arrival in Guilin, be transferred to your hotel. Travel to the pier to board your boat for a scenic journey past stunning limestone karsts along the Li River. Sail to the small town of Yangshuo, a peaceful community set in lush green rice paddies and surrounded by meandering rivers and limestone peaks – an interesting contrast to China's big cities. This afternoon wander Yangshuo's West Street at your leisure, or enjoy the shopping opportunities and café culture.

DAY 2 Yangshuo

Today you don helmets and cycle into the countryside. Explore villages, rice paddies, lotus fields and fish farms on local tracks and enjoy amazing, bucolic images of local life. Stop for lunch in the countryside before returning to town. Try your hand at calligraphy in an afternoon class before enjoying an evening at leisure. (L)

DAY 3 Yangshuo

Enjoy morning Tai Chi before being transferred to Guilin Airport for your onward flight.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Local English-speaking guide
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (L = lunch)

from **\$984*** per person

Guilin & Yangshuo Wanderer

5 Days / Private

DAYS 1-2 Guilin – Longsheng

On arrival in Guilin, be transferred to your hotel. Venture to Longsheng. Wander through the maze of stone pathways and traditional wooden stilt houses of a White Yao village. Hike further up the mountain to admire some of China's most spectacular rice terrace scenery. In the evening, take a walking tour of Guilin's town square and riverside. (B)

DAY 3 Guilin to Yangshuo

Take a scenic cruise along the Li River, past stunning limestone karsts to Yangshuo. (B)

DAY 4 Yangshuo

Join a Tai Chi lesson, then cycle into the countryside. Explore local villages, rice paddies, lotus fields and fish farms on local tracks before stopping for lunch in the countryside. (BL)

DAY 5 Yangshuo to Guilin

Check-out of the hotel and be transferred to Guilin. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

from **\$955*** per person

Sichuan

Sichuan is renowned for its dramatic mountain scenery, opera performances, famous spicy cuisine and Giant pandas. The major city, Chengdu, has seen rapid development, however there are still delightful pockets of backstreet life, teahouses and riverside parks to explore.



Kuan Zhai Alley, Chengdu



Temples & Monasteries

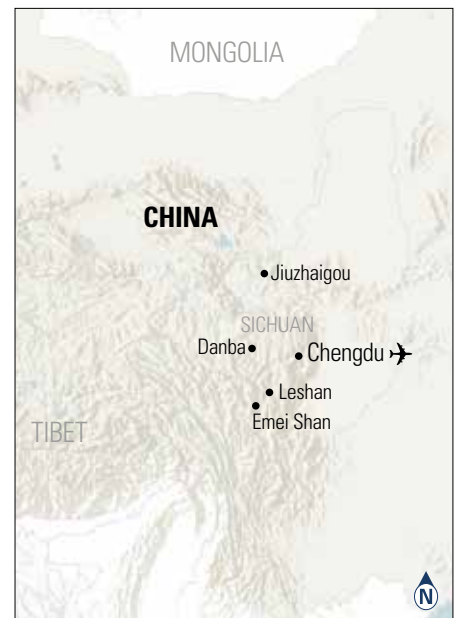
With deep roots in Taoism and Buddhism, Sichuan province has no shortage of temples and monasteries.

Emei Shan is a sacred Buddhist mountain home to several temples, splendid waterfalls and verdant forest.



Giant Pandas

Under 2,000 Giant pandas live in the wild, most are in Sichuan. Learn more about panda research and breeding, and see pandas both young and old resting, eating and playing at the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base in Chengdu.



SICHUAN EXPERIENCES



Leshan Giant Buddha



Mt Emei



Chengdu

Leshan & Emei Shan

2 Days / Private

DAY 1 Chengdu to Emei Shan via Leshan

From Chengdu, journey south to Leshan to see the Giant Buddha – the largest Buddha statue in the world. Take a cruise past this amazing structure for some great views.

Head further south to Mt Emei (Emei Shan), one of four famous Buddhist mountains in China. This cool, forested region is dotted with temples, monasteries, mist-shrouded peaks and stunning viewpoints.

DAY 2 Emei Shan to Chengdu

Take a cable car up a section of Emei Shan to Wannian Temple, one of the most interesting temples on Mt Emei. Enjoy a delicious vegetarian lunch before walking back down through the dense forest.

At the base of the mountain, visit Baoguo Temple and Fuhu Nunnery before driving back to Chengdu where your journey ends. **(BL)**

INCLUDES:

- 1 night 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Leshan river cruise • One way cable car ride
- Private touring • Entrance fees • Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Chengdu accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

from **\$418*** per person

Chengdu City Explorer

4 Days / Private

DAY 1 Chengdu

On arrival in Chengdu, be transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2 Chengdu

Rise early to visit the Giant Panda Research & Breeding Base. The centre is a fascinating place to observe Giant pandas. Learn about these endangered animals, and the conservation and breeding initiatives that have been implemented to protect them. Return to Chengdu to see the peaceful gardens of Dufu's Cottage and visit the bustling People's Park. **(B)**

DAY 3 Chengdu

Visit a colourful morning market for an insight into local life. Your local English-speaking guide will introduce you to some of the wonderful fresh produce and spices which make Sichuan cuisine so exciting and delicious. Continue to a local family home for a cooking demonstration featuring some of Chengdu's favourite regional specialties. Help prepare some dishes to enjoy for lunch. **(BL)**

DAY 4 Chengdu

Check-out of the hotel and be transferred to the airport. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights 3½ star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

from **\$780*** per person

Tibet

Tibet, 'the rooftop of the world', has long fascinated travellers. The wild and beautiful high altitude scenery of snow-capped mountains, plains dotted with yaks, turquoise lakes and deep valleys is like nowhere else in Asia. Add to this the charming Tibetan people and their unique and spiritual culture.



When To Go

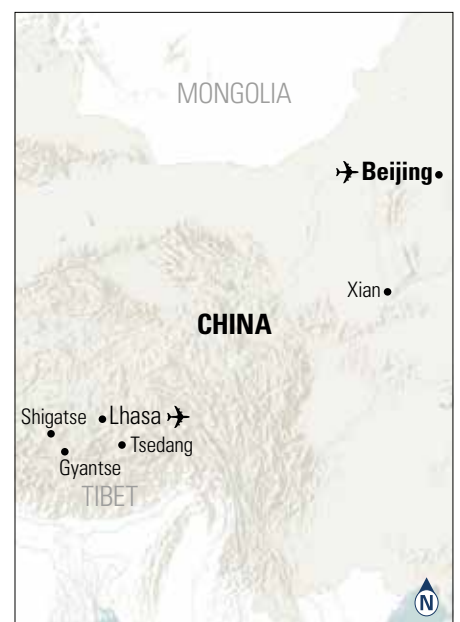
The best time to visit Tibet is from May to November, when temperatures are mild. It is possible to travel to Lhasa and low-lying areas in winter (December to February) however temperatures can drop to -10°C , with strong winds.



Altitude

Tibet's moniker, 'the roof of the world', is a reference to its high altitudes which average 4,000 metres above sea level.

Some travellers may suffer altitude sickness but this can be minimised by planning ahead.



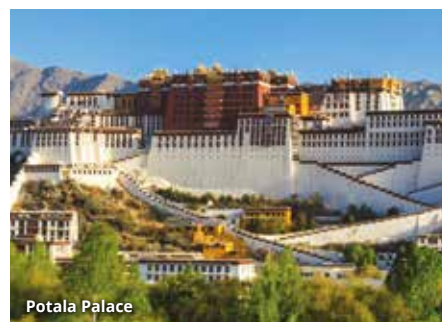
TIBETAN EXPERIENCES



Tibetan Yak



Jokhang Temple



Potala Palace

Sky Train

2 Days / Join-in

DAY 1 Lhasa to Xining

Experience an unforgettable, once in a lifetime journey as you travel on the world's highest railway.

The Sky Train, a remarkable feat of engineering, links Lhasa in Tibet with Xining in Qinghai province. The journey also passes through the world's highest railway tunnel and crosses Qinghai Lake, China's largest. Witness incredible views of dramatic mountain scenery, broad skies and remote, yak-covered plains in a truly captivating part of Asia. As the sun sets, settle in to your comfortable four-berth sleeper cabin for the night.

DAY 2 Xining

Wake to see spectacular mountain scenes. The Sky Train arrives in Xining approximately 22 hours after departing Lhasa. On arrival, continue your onward journey.

INCLUDES:

- 1 night accommodation on board Sky Train (Soft Sleeper, 4-Berth Cabin)
- Train journey Lhasa to Xining

from **\$393*** per person

Lhasa City Stay

5 Days / Private

DAY 1 Lhasa

On arrival, meet your Tibetan local guide and travel one hour to Lhasa. Check-in to your hotel and relax as your body adjusts to the altitude.

DAY 2 Lhasa

Explore Jokhang Temple, the most important structure in Tibet. Walk the Barkhor Prayer Circuit, or kora, head out to Sera Monastery to watch the debating monks and visit Norbu Lingka. (B)

DAY 3 Lhasa

Visit historic Drepung Monastery. Take a walking tour through the backstreets of the city's narrow lanes, and visit a nunnery and the Muslim Quarter – a vibrant neighbourhood which is a feast for the senses. (B)

DAYS 4-5 Lhasa

Discover the iconic Potala Palace, once the winter residence of the Dalai Lama and now a museum. Visit Chagpo Ri which comprises a remarkable rock wall covered with colourful Buddha images and bustling with local pilgrims. Stop at the Tibet Science Museum. On your last day, be transferred to the airport. (2B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$1,507*** per person

Tibet Explorer

9 Days / Private

DAYS 1-4 Lhasa

On arrival in Lhasa, be transferred to your hotel and begin acclimatising to the altitude. Visit Jokhang Temple and head to Sera Monastery and visit Norbu Lingka. Discover Drepung Monastery. Walk through the backstreets of Lhasa and discover the vibrant Muslim Quarter. Visit iconic Potala Palace, the former residence of the Dalai Lama before heading off the beaten path to Chagpo Ri. (3B,3L)

DAYS 5-6 Lhasa to Shigatse via Gyantse

Drive to Yamdrok-tso and pass local nomadic encampments, herds of yak and beautiful mountain scenery. Continue to Gyantse. Venture to Shigatse, Tibet's second largest town. Walk through Shigatse's Old Quarter to the Tibetan markets. (2B,2L)

DAYS 7-9 Shigatse to Lhasa via Tsedang

Drive through the Yarlung Valley to Tsedang. Take a small ferry to Samye Monastery. Return to Tsedang by bus and visit Yumbulagang, a castle perched on a hilltop. Journey back to Lhasa. On your last day, be transferred to the airport. (3B,2L)

INCLUDES:

- 8 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

from **\$2,962*** per person

Roads Less Travelled

Beyond its better known cities, provinces and landmarks, China is home to extraordinary scenery, fascinating communities and ancient sites. From naturally spectacular mountains to the exotic Silk Road, China's diversity is astounding.



Crescent Moon Lake, Dunhuang



Mystical Mountains

The thousands of towering sandstone formations of Zhangjiajie were the inspiration for 'Pandora' in the movie Avatar. The lunar-like, rainbow mountains of Zhangye Danxia National Geopark are also an amazing sight.



Silk Road

One of Asia's iconic journeys, the Silk Road was an important trading route in ancient times. Travel part of the route to see the great sand dunes and Crescent Moon Lake at Dunhuang, impressive Mogao Caves and beautiful Tianchi Lake.





Zhangjiajie & Tianmen Mountain Skywalk

3 Days / Private

DAY 1 Zhangjiajie

On arrival in Zhangjiajie, be transferred to Wulingyuan scenic area and your hotel.

DAY 2 Zhangjiajie National Forest Park

Start your exploration of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park today with an ascent via the Bailong 'White Dragon' Elevator to the Yuanjiajie Scenic Area. The mist-shrouded mountains were the inspiration for Pandora, in James Cameron's blockbuster Avatar. Continue by park bus to Tianzi Mountain renowned for its splendid vistas of forested peaks, sheer cliffs and bizarre rock formations. After some time exploring the area, descend by cable car and return to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3 Tianmen Mountain

Begin with a trip to Baofeng Lake. This pristine lake is filled with the pure run-off water and enclosed by lush green peaks and curious stone 'towers', giving it a surreal quality. In the afternoon, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views on the world's longest cable car ride to the summit of Tianmen or 'Heavenly Gate' Mountain. Once at the summit area of Tianmen Mountain, you will have the chance to experience its main attraction – the spectacular and hair-raising glass-bottom 'Skywalk'. Return to Zhangjiajie in the late afternoon and transfer to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles and park bus
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$955*** per person



Zhangye Danxia Geopark

5 Days / Private

DAY 1 Jiayuguan

On arrival in Jiayuguan, be transferred to your hotel. Visit the impressive Jiayuguan Pass Fort, situated on the outskirts of town. Contemplate the history and strategic importance of this site as you climb the battlements to take in views of the surrounding sweeping plains and desert. While at the fort, visit the Great Wall Museum for a brief history of this man-made wonder before heading to the western remnants of the Great Wall of China at the 'Overhanging Wall'. A climb up the steep section of the wall affords magnificent views of the surrounding desert, mountains and the oasis town of Jiayuguan. (D)

DAY 2 Jiayuguan to Zhangye

Journey to Zhangye and check-in to your hotel. Begin your exploration of the Zhangye Danxia Geopark with an afternoon hike. The park is located in the northern foothills of the Qilian Mountains and is known for its stunning colourful rock formations. (BLD)

DAY 3 Zhangye - Danxia

Continue hiking in the scenic Binggou Danxia Geopark and then visit Zhangye's Giant Buddha Temple. The temple is famous for its sleeping Buddha statue which at almost 35 metres in length, is the largest of its kind in China. (BLD)

DAY 4 Zhangye to Jiayuguan

This morning, visit Mati Temple, also known as 'Horse's Hoof Temple', set against the beautiful backdrop of the Qilian Mountains. Later this afternoon, head back to Jiayuguan. (BLD)

DAY 5 Jiayuguan

After breakfast, be transferred to Jiayuguan Airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

from **\$1,895*** per person



The Silk Road

12 Days / Private

DAYS 1-2 Lanzhou to Jiayuguan

On arrival in Lanzhou, be transferred to your hotel. The following day, head out early to Bingling Si (Thousand Buddha Caves). This evening, take the train to Jiayuguan.

DAY 3 Jiayuguan

Visit Jiayuguan Pass Fort, the Great Wall Museum and the 'Overhanging Wall'.

DAY 4 Jiayuguan to Dunhuang

Journey a full day across arid desert to Dunhuang. Head out to Crescent Moon Lake and enjoy a camel ride.

DAYS 5-7 Dunhuang to Turpan

Visit the incredible Mogao Caves, full of ancient Buddhist murals, manuscripts and sculptures. Take the evening train to Turpan. Visit the Karez Museum and the Turpan bazaar. See the stunning 'Flaming Mountains' and visit Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves. (B)

DAYS 8-9 Turpan to Kashgar

Travel three hours through the famous Gobi desert to Urumqi. Visit Xinjiang Provincial Museum which houses artefacts and ancient mummies. Fly to Kashgar and visit Abakh Hoja Tomb and Id Kah Mosque.

DAY 10 Kashgar to Urumqi

Visit the chaotic Animal Market, followed by the famous Bazaar and Sunday Market. Be transferred to the airport and fly to Urumqi.

DAYS 11-12 Urumqi

Enjoy a day trip to Tianchi Lake (Heavenly Lake), surrounded by lush rolling hills dotted with traditional yurts. On your last day, be transferred to the airport.

INCLUDES:

- 11 nights 2 to 4 star hotel accommodation
- Train journey Lanzhou to Jiayuguan, Dunhuang to Turpan
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$6,072*** per person

Hong Kong

Hong Kong has a well-earned reputation as a shopping mecca, yet there's much more to this vibrant city. Ride the Star Ferry and admire the views of China's mainland from Victoria Peak. Explore Stanley's seaside sights and Central's antique district, stroll through Kowloon's backstreets and sample dim sum (yum cha).



Victoria Harbour



Kowloon

Densely populated Kowloon, especially around Nathan Road, is considered by most visitors as the heart of the city. It is convenient for those who love to shop and enjoy the city's vibrant nightlife.



Hong Kong Island

Hong Kong Island is just a five to 10 minute Metro ride from Kowloon. Enjoy a dizzying array of shopping options along with fascinating backstreets, fabulous restaurants and exciting nightlife.



Getting Around

Hong Kong is blessed with one of the world's most efficient and user-friendly subway systems. The Metro covers the city's main districts, providing easy access to all of Hong Kong's attractions.

Hong Kong City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$499* PER PERSON

A mix of East and West, Hong Kong is dynamic and spectacular. For the perfect introduction, choose our Hong Kong City Explorer. Uncover the highlights of this buzzing city and enjoy a cruise of the harbour on a traditional Chinese boat.



Victoria Peak



Hong Kong Flower Market

DAY 1 Hong Kong

On arrival in Hong Kong, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Harbour Plaza North Point.

DAY 2 Hong Kong

Embark on a half day Hong Kong Island tour – an excellent orientation tour of the city. Take in many of the main attractions on Hong Kong Island including Aberdeen Harbour and fishing village, where an optional sampan ride is available, a visit to a jewellery factory for a quick insight to the making of jewellery and pass by picturesque Repulse Bay. Visit Stanley Market

with an array of shops and a chance to pick up some bargains, then head up to Victoria Peak, famous for its spectacular views, and take a ride on the Peak Tram. Take an evening cruise aboard a traditional style Chinese cruise boat to see the harbour by night and enjoy the famous 'A Symphony of Lights' show.

DAY 3 Hong Kong

Today is free for you to explore Hong Kong at leisure.

DAY 4 Hong Kong

Check-out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport.

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Harbour Plaza North Point (Superior City View Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Hong Kong Island half day tour
- 'A Symphony of Lights' evening cruise
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Hong Kong accommodation

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer. See pages 48 and 49 for other hotel options and experiences.



HARBOUR PLAZA NORTH POINT, HONG KONG ISLAND



Harbour Plaza North Point has 714 tastefully designed guest rooms. All accommodations feature creature comforts such as tea and coffee making facilities, air-conditioning, safe, mini bar and cable television. The property is well located, just minutes' walk from the popular Cityplaza shopping centre, Taikoo Palace and the North Point Ferry Pier while Causeway Bay, the Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal and Harbour City are just a short drive away. Guests can keep fit in the well-equipped gym or outdoor pool, while four dining options will satisfy the most discerning of palates.

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HONG KONG CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



HARBOUR PLAZA METROPOLIS, KOWLOON

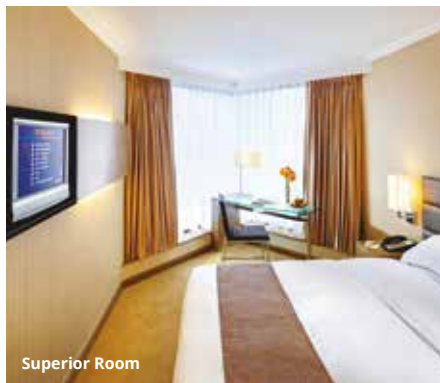


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Harbour Plaza Metropolis is situated in the heart of Kowloon, overlooking the spectacular Victoria Harbour. Conveniently located near the MTR Hung Hom Station, the hotel is just minutes away from Kowloon's renowned Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district. The property's close proximity to the MTR station also ensures that travelling to the New Territories and the southern part of China is hassle free.

The hotel offers a variety of room types to choose from, with either harbour or city views. Relax by the outdoor swimming pool after an exciting day of sightseeing or spend time in the gym.

from **\$539*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Superior Room)



THE KOWLOON HOTEL



MAP
REF. 3

Centrally located in Tsim Sha Tsui, The Kowloon Hotel is situated within close proximity to major shopping centres and attractions.

Take in the stunning city or harbour views from your room. All of the 736 guest rooms, varying in shape and size, provide the perfect facilities for leisure travellers.

Indulge in sumptuous Chinese and international dishes at one of the hotel's restaurants and unwind with exquisite wine selections, cocktails and snacks at the bar. The YMCA Fitness Centre is located across the road and features a 25 metre swimming pool and gym for guests to enjoy.

from **\$625*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Superior Room)



EATON HK, KOWLOON



MAP
REF. 4

Eaton HK is located in Kowloon on Nathan Road. The property is just a short walk from Jordan MTR station and the Jade and Temple Street markets, as well as many other tourist hotspots.

The hotel is well-equipped with quality guestrooms that feature stylish modern décor. Take a dip in the rooftop swimming pool or head to the gym. After your workout, enjoy a drink at the gym's juice bar. No matter what your tastes are, you'll be sure to find a mouth-watering international or local dish at one of the restaurants on-site, including the one Michelin-starred Chinese restaurant.

from **\$629*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Nook Room)



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON



MAP
REF. 5

Harbour Grand Kowloon is a deluxe hotel situated on the Victoria Harbour waterfront, a few steps from the MTR Whampoa Station. Harbour Grand Kowloon accommodation offers 555 luxurious and well-appointed rooms. These spacious rooms are designed for guests who are particular about comfort and functionality.

Choose from a range of International cuisines at the hotel's restaurants. Enjoy the stunning, rooftop pool, complete with spa and pool bar, or for active guests, make use of the gym featuring modern cardio machines, free weights, solarium, sauna and steam bath.

from **\$649*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Courtview Room)



CORDIS HONG KONG, KOWLOON



MAP
REF. 6

A modern and stylish hotel, Cordis, Hong Kong is located in the heart of Kowloon. Rising 42 stories above the bustling streets of Mong Kok, the hotel connects to the Langham Place Shopping Mall and Mong Kok MTR station.

Elegantly appointed rooms and suites provide everything you need for a peaceful and relaxing stay, including plush beds and marble bathrooms. Indulge and rejuvenate at the Chuan Spa, offering a range of treatments inspired by traditional Chinese medicine. Sip a cocktail by the rooftop pool and dine at the two Michelin-starred restaurant.

from **\$825*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Superior Room)



THE LANGHAM HONG KONG, KOWLOON



MAP
REF. 7

This five star hotel represents the epitome of luxury with its European heritage and east-meets-west values. Showcasing designer suites and inspiring features, the hotel captivates the senses with signature amenities and personalised service. Rooms are elegant, light and airy.

Seek refuge at Chuan Body + Soul rooftop wellness sanctuary with an outdoor heated pool and 24 hour health club. Unwind with enticing refreshments at The Langham Club lounge, or indulge in the multitude of dining options, including a three Michelin-starred restaurant.

from **\$1,019*** per person for 4 Day Hong Kong City Explorer (Superior Room)

HONG KONG EXPERIENCES



Hong Kong Island Tour

Half Day / Join-in

Meet your local English-speaking guide and begin your exploration of Hong Kong Island.

Visit Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the city and explore Stanley Market which is famous for bargain shopping.

Continue along the coastline via Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay to Aberdeen, the floating village of fishermen. Stop at a local jewellery factory near Aberdeen to see the fine art and craftsmanship that has made Hong Kong famous in Asia.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$56*** per person



Kowloon Food Safari

Evening / Join-in

Become an expert in Cantonese cuisine with this Hong Kong food tour that explores Kowloon's most authentic restaurants, markets and food stalls. Eat your way through Kowloon the way the locals do, sampling the neighbourhood's most popular meals. Sit side-by-side with locals and learn about the history and traditions of Chinese food. Learn how to order your meal in Cantonese and experience the city's inexpensive, no nonsense, delicious culinary scene.

From sweet or savoury, small or large, the choice of dishes is yours.

from **\$82*** per person



Dim Sum Cooking Class

2 Hours / Join-in

Dim sum means 'touch your heart', and this Cantonese-style snack is certainly a favourite. Enjoy a hands-on culinary experience with an expert chef and a variety of ingredients and learn the secrets to preparing your own dim sum.

Experience the joy of handcrafting the traditional bite-sized snacks before indulging in your creation. After you've worked up an appetite in the kitchen, enjoy a delicious Chinese afternoon tea and take home a recipe.

Note: Tour operates Tuesdays and Thursdays.

from **\$114*** per person



Lamma Island Dinner & A Symphony of Lights

Evening / Join-in

Head to Lamma Island, the traditional, laidback Chinese fishing community, where many locals go to sample the wide selection of seafood on offer. On the island, visit the Fisherfolk's Village where you will get a glimpse of local fisherfolk culture. This is followed by a set seafood dinner at a renowned seafront restaurant. After dinner, board the ferry to catch the 'A Symphony of Lights' show. Enjoy the spectacular display of coloured lights and laser beams set to music, before returning downtown.

Note: Tour operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

from **\$168*** per person



Lantau Ngong Ping Tour

Full Day / Join-in

Drive along the expressway and Tsing Ma Bridge to Lantau Island.

Lantau with its natural beaches, simple fishing villages and peaceful monastery neighboured by the world's largest Buddha is an ideal destination for a wonderfully relaxing day.

Visit Cheung Sha Beach, Tai-O Fishing Village and Po Lin Monastery, and enjoy a Chinese vegetarian lunch. Take a spectacular ride aboard the Skyrail cable car offering stunning views down to Tung Chung.

from **\$210*** per person



Macau Full Day Tour

Full Day / Join-in

Old meets new in Macau. A former Portuguese colony, the region's Mediterranean influence is evident throughout its beautiful fortresses, baroque-style churches and delicious food.

Take a 75 minute Jetfoil, Turbocat or Catamaran ride to Macau from Hong Kong. Visit Kum Yam Temple and head up to Penha Hill for a magnificent view of the city. See the Barrier Gate at the border between Macau and China, and the Ruins of St Paul Cathedral. Enjoy a Western lunch before visiting Casino Lisboa at leisure.

Note: Passport is required. Macau visa (if required) is not included.

from **\$210*** per person

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- Bookings made within 35 days of scheduled departure require full payment on request.
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- Groups – a non-refundable deposit of A\$500 is due within 5 days of confirmation. Final payment is due by 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellation by the traveller

- All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds will be made for unused services. Cancellations will be subject to the following cancellation fees applied per person, per confirmed booking:

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- for cancellations made between 10-65 days before the scheduled date for departure from Australia – a cancellation fee of 25%;
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 - the Third Party Travel Provider cancels your booking for no fault on your part.
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Special needs

Travellers with a physical or mental disability that may require special assistance during their trip must advise us of their needs upon booking and declare all pre-existing medical conditions. This enables us to ensure the suitability of each booking to the individual traveller.

Bedding configuration

Requests for specific bedding types must be made at the time of booking, however, cannot be guaranteed. Note that double rooms can be fitted with either double or twin beds, and note also that single rooms are often smaller than other rooms. Triple rooms usually comprise a twin bed room with an additional sofa bed, roll-away bed or a fold-away bed for a third person.

Travelling with children

Where a child stays for free in a room sharing with two paying adults, generally the hotel will expect the child to

share the parent's bed and will not provide an extra bed. Additional charges may be levied for child meals. Where a child rate is provided in this brochure, an extra roll or fold-away bed is usually provided. Children are charged an adult rate if staying in a room without adults.

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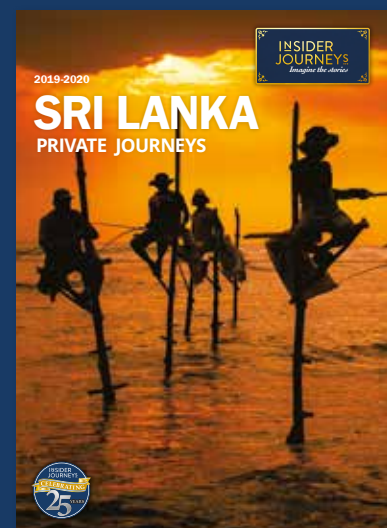
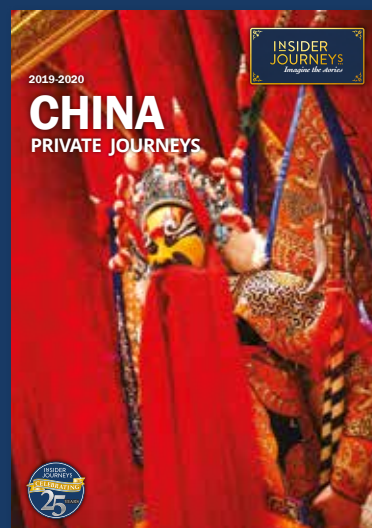
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Three Pagodas of Chongsheng Temple, Dali

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