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20 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS

# CHINA IN-DEPTH

AIR INCLUSIVE | GROUP TRAVEL

## Experts in travel to China for the past 40 years!

This 20-day extravaganza is a thorough and in-depth group tour of China showcasing her culture, landscapes, iconic sites, bustling cities, old towns, and more, while traveling by bus, plane, rickshaw, cable car, and boat. You'll get to see all the major sites in great cities like Shanghai and Beijing and will have lots of time to absorb the 5,000-year-old culture China offers, like the Great Wall, Suzhou's silk markets, the Terracotta treasures of Xian and natural wonders like the Yellow Mountains and the West Lake in Hangzhou. Take a cruise down the mighty Yangtze River, marvel at the karst scenery along Guilin's Li River, walk along old lanes and modern neon-lit streets, dine on delectable cuisine, some meals at leisure for independent dining, enjoy time for shopping, see the contrast of old & new China, and much more.

## DATES & PRICES (2017)

DEPARTURE DATE	DEPARTING TORONTO /VANCOUVER
September 6 .....	\$4,550
October 11 .....	\$4,550
November 1 .....	\$4,450
China Entry Visa .....	\$180



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Small groups of no more than 18 guests
- English speaking guides
- Climb the Great Wall
- Stay in well-appointed accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 16 lunches, 11 dinners
- Airport transportation
- Admissions, sightseeing, shopping, leisure time, and more!



## TO BOOK CONTACT

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#### DAY 1 | DEPART HOME CITY

Fly to Beijing, the political, economic and cultural centre of the People's Republic of China

#### DAY 2 | ARRIVAL IN BEIJING

Upon your arrival in Beijing, you will be met for your transportation to the hotel. Receive assistance with check-in and have the remainder of the day at your leisure. Stay three nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 3 | BEIJING (B/L)

This morning, enjoy your breakfast at the hotel and then meet your guide in the hotel lobby to start your full day tour of the city. Today's tour includes guided tours of the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, and Forbidden City, and a visit to the hutong neighbourhoods for insight into an historic area of Beijing that is fading fast. The hutong tour is conducted on foot and by pedicab. Optional activities are available this day. Please inquire.

#### DAY 4 | BEIJING (B/L)

Your local guide will meet you at the hotel to start your full day out together. Today's tour includes a guided visit to the Great Wall of China with time to discover and climb the wall at your leisure. Upon returning to the city, a visit will be made at the Summer Palace before returning to the hotel for the evening at your leisure. Optional Peking Duck Dinner is available this evening. Please inquire.

#### DAY 5 | BEIJING - XIAN (B/L)

Fly to Xian and meet to start your orientation of the city. Head to one of Xian's landmarks, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, for a walk and discovery of the energetic square nearby before a stop at the City Wall, one of the few of China's old city walls still standing. Xian's city wall has a perimeter of 14km, with 12 meter high walls that are 12-14 meters wide at the top. You will have a photo-stop at a part of the City Wall accompanied by your guide's narrative before checking in to the hotel for the evening at your leisure. A dumpling lunch is included today. Optional dinner & show is available this evening. Please inquire. Stay two nights at the Grand Noble Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 6 | XIAN (B/L/D)

This morning, head to the extraordinary site of the Terra Cotta Warriors for a guided tour with insightful commentary and time to wander about at your leisure. Afterwards, return to the city and enjoy a walk through the bustling old quarter nearby the Bell & Drum Towers. Later, take some time to marvel at the Tang Dynasty inspired cultural pedestrian streets offering further insight into the Tang period, of which Xian (or Chang'an) was capital.

#### DAY 7 | XIAN - GUILIN (B/L/D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then transfer to the airport for your flight to the scenic city of Guilin, a land of beautiful karst formations located on the banks of the meandering Li River. Visit the stunning Reed Flute Cave, a water-eroded cave of various stalactites, stone pillars and rock formations, and then see the city's icon, the Elephant Trunk Hill, a natural stone landmark of Guilin in the shape of an elephant refreshing itself in the river. Return to the hotel for the evening at your leisure. You may wish to venture off to the night market for some shopping or independent discovery. Stay two nights in Guilin at the Sheraton Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 8 | GUILIN & LI RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

Start the day with a scenic boat trip down the Li River offering 30 miles of mist shrouded mountains rising from the riverbanks. Your boat trip is approximately 4 hours on board a shared river boat offering simple comforts and lunch while admiring the stunning scenery along the river before arriving in the colorful town of Yangshuo. Take some time with your guide to acquaint yourself and then head off on your own to discover this charming riverside town. Reconvene at the appointed time with your guide and group members for dinner at a local restaurant followed by transportation back to your hotel in Guilin. Optional show is available this evening. Please inquire.

#### DAY 9 | GUILIN - CHONGQING - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

After your breakfast at the hotel, you will be met at the appointed time and then driven to the airport for your flight to the city of Chongqing, your embarkation point to your three night cruise on China's mother river, the Yangtze. On arrival in Chongqing, time permitting, meet your local guide for an orientation tour of the city followed by dinner and then transportation to the pier to board the ship for your 3 night cruise through the beautiful natural scenery, cultural sights, and majestic Three Gorges of the Yangtze River. Stay three nights on board the MS Yangtze No. 2 Cruise Ship (balcony cabin).

#### DAY 10 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

Enjoy your breakfast & lunch on board and some time to relax before your afternoon shore excursion to Shibaozhai, a red hillside temple contrasting nicely with the lush foliage and rocky face of the hill. In addition, an optional excursion, on own account, will be offered to the Fengdu 'Ghost City'.

#### DAY 11 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

We arrive at Badong and disembark for the Shennong Stream excursion and see hanging coffins, natural scenery and hear Tuja Songs. Enter Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, forest-covered mountains and cliffs. Then sail through Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic of all the gorges. An optional excursion will be offered, on own account, to the White Emperor City.

#### DAY 12 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE - HANGZHOU (B/L)

Visit the Three Gorges Dam Site then pass through the Three Gorges Dam 5-stage Shiplocks, the largest hydroelectric project in the world. You will disembark around noon and then transfer to the airport for your flight to Hangzhou where you will be met and then transferred to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free at your leisure. Stay two nights at the Sanli New Century Hotel (or similar)

#### DAY 13 | HANGZHOU (B/L/D)

Take a walk through a Tea Plantation, see one of China's most notable Buddhist Temples, Ling Yin Temple, take a boat ride on fabled West Lake, and then enjoy some time walking about the Huagang Park and the old street of Qinghefang.

#### DAY 14 | HANGZHOU - TUNXI (B/L/D)

In the morning, depart for Huangshan (Yellow Mountain), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the National Park that gave inspiration for some of the scenes in the movie Avatar. The Yellow Mountains are a picturesque natural landscape where walks, scenery and a colorful sunset offer a different experience in China. En route, take a guided tour of Hongcun Village. Upon your arrival at your hotel, check-in for your two night stay and have the evening at your leisure. Stay two nights in Tunxi at the Huamao International Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 15 | YELLOW MOUNTAINS (B/L/D)

In the morning, meet your guide and take a cable car up to the summit of Huangshan. Visit the North Sea scenic area, Lion Peak, Pentip Peak Shi Xin Peak, and other key sites. Later, in the afternoon take a cable car down and return to the hotel for the evening at your leisure.

#### DAY 16 | TUNXI - SUZHOU (B/L)

Enjoy the morning to explore the old town of Tunxi at your leisure. Enjoy lunch and then travel to Suzhou (approx. 5 hour drive) and check-in to your hotel for your two night stay. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Stay two nights in Suzhou at the Grand Metropark Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 17 | SUZHOU (B/L/D)

This morning, visit the impressive Suzhou Museum, built by renowned architect I.M. Pei, and then take a stroll through the typical Qing Dynasty-style Lingering Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, take some time to discover Pingjiang Road, an ancient street with shops, cafes, teahouses, and an artsy feel. A boat ride on the Grand Canal is included. Later, stop at the Silk Factory and learn about the city's history of silk production accompanied by silk demonstrations.

#### DAY 18 | SUZHOU - SHANGHAI (B/L/D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then meet for transportation by road to Shanghai where you'll enjoy a city tour. Visit the colonial Bund waterfront, lining the Huangpu River with unimpeded views of the modern Pudong Skyline, and then take in the impressive Shanghai Museum before a stroll through the historic & trendy Xintiandi neighbourhood, a bar, restaurant, café & entertainment district. Among the main features of the district are the mid 19th century Shikumen, or Stone Gate, buildings flanking narrow alleys and streets. Walk about the Yu Garden and the nearby bazaar among the historic architecture of the old city, and then have some shopping time along pedestrian friendly Nanjing Road. Optional activity is available this day. Stay two nights in Shanghai at the Regal International East Asia Hotel (or similar).

#### DAY 19 | SHANGHAI (B)

Enjoy the full day at your leisure. Optional tour is available this day. Please inquire.

#### DAY 20 | SHANGHAI - DEPARTURE (B)

Meet at the hotel at the appointed time for your transportation to the airport.

» Prices are per person based on a party of at least 2 adults traveling together and sharing a room. A single room supplement is applicable for those who would like a single room. Please inquire.

» Tour price includes: All taxes, pre-paid gratuities for guides, drivers & cruise staff, international economy airfare from Toronto or Vancouver, accommodations as mentioned or similar with daily breakfast, lunches and dinners as indicated, group touring with English speaking guides as outlined, on-tour flights, Yangtze River Cruise, admissions, shopping, transportation, and airport transfers.

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