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HOLIDAYS

SMALL GROUP TRAVEL - 13 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

HISTORIC CHINA & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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A bestseller, and for good reason, see the essential highlights on this 13 day journey to the Middle Kingdom. Discover the best of China on this group journey from the ancient sites of Beijing through to Shanghai's modern wonders. Climb the Great Wall, walk through the Forbidden City, admire the serenity of the Temple of Heaven in Beijing and then head to Xian to see the Terra Cotta Warriors before your three night cruise on the Yangtze River. Admire the majestic three gorges, enjoy some R & R on board, and then head onward to the fabled city of Hangzhou and the town of Suzhou, home to classical gardens, canal homes, and an impressive silk industry. Continue on to vibrant Shanghai for a tour of the city and some free time for independent exploration. Complete with English speaking guides, international airfare, and more!

DATES & PRICES (2018)

| DEPARTURE DATE | DEPARTING TORONTO/VANCOUVER |
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| October 27..... | \$3,495 |
| November 3..... | \$3,395 |
| China Entry Visa..... | \$180 |

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- International flights on Air Canada
- Small groups of no more than 20 guests
- English speaking guides
- Climb the Great Wall
- Stay in well-appointed accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 10 lunches, 4 dinners
- Airport transportation
- Admissions, sightseeing, shopping, leisure time, and more!



TO BOOK CONTACT

1.877.578.8888 or contact your travel agent. For more details, visit www.toureast.com, email tour@toureast.com, or call us at **1.877.578.8888**.

DAY 1 | DEPART HOME CITY

Fly to Beijing, the political, economic and cultural center 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)

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 4 | 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 evening activity available this day. Please inquire.

DAY 5 | BEIJING - XIAN (B/L)

This morning, meet at the hotel for transportation to the airport for your flight to Xian. On your arrival in Xian, you'll be met and then driven 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 your hotel for the evening free at your leisure. Optional dinner & show is available this evening. Please inquire. Stay one night at the Grand Noble Hotel (or similar).

DAY 6 | XIAN - CHONGQING - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

This morning, take a stroll through the lively streets of the old quarter nearby the Bell & Drum Towers and then 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. Afterwards, transfer 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 your arrival in Chongqing, meet for transportation to a local restaurant for dinner followed by a transfer to the pier to board your river cruise ship. Stay three nights on board the MS Yangtze No. 2 Cruise Ship (balcony cabin).

DAY 7 | 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 8 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (B/L/D)

Enjoy breakfast on board and then disembark for the Shennv Stream excursion. Continue the cruise and 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 9 | YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE - YICHANG - HANGZHOU(B/L/D)

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 one night at the Sanli New Century Hotel (or similar).

DAY 10 | HANGZHOU - SUZHOU (B/L)

Enjoy a guided city tour as you 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. Afterwards, drive to the city of Suzhou where you will check-in and have the evening free at your leisure. Stay one night at the Grand Metropark Hotel (or similar).

DAY 11 | SUZHOU - SHANGHAI (B/L)

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 Linger 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. Later, you will head to Shanghai and check-in to the hotel. Stay two nights at the Regal International East Asia Hotel (or similar).

DAY 12 | SHANGHAI (B/L)

Enjoy a full day guided city tour of Shanghai. 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. Please inquire. Overnight in Shanghai

DAY 13 | SHANGHAI - DEPARTURE (B)

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

» 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. This trip is guaranteed with a minimum of 10 guests.

» 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.

» For departures from Montreal & Ottawa, please add \$300 to the price quoted for Toronto departures; from Halifax, Saskatoon, Regina & Winnipeg, please add \$400 to the Toronto price; and from Edmonton & Calgary, please add \$300 to the Vancouver price. Departures from other cities are available, please enquire.

» Optional tours are available, please inquire for prices & details.



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