

TOUR OF CHINA

Day 1 Australia - China

Depart Australia on your flight to China. Upon arrival in Shànghǎi, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation in the city.

First night's accommodation in Shànghǎi

Day 2 Shànghǎi (B,L,D)

After breakfast, visit the Jade Buddha Temple, the classical Yu Gardens, the old Tea House and the Zigzag bridge. This afternoon, make your way to the Shànghǎi Museum. Visit the People's Square. This evening, enjoy a cooking class, where you will prepare your own dinner!

Second night's accommodation in Shànghǎi

Day 3 Shànghǎi (B,L,D)

This morning, take a stroll along the famous Bund and visit the Pearl TV Tower for spectacular panoramic views of the city. After dinner tonight, attend an acrobatic performance.

Third night's accommodation in Shànghǎi

Day 4 Sūzhōu (B,L,D)

Depart Shànghǎi by train for the garden and canal city of Sūzhōu, known as the Venice of the East. Visit Tiger Hill and the serene Garden of the Humble Administrator. Continue on to Nánjīng for dinner.

First night's accommodation in Nánjīng



Day 5 Nánjīng (B,L,D)

Enjoy a full-day tour to the southern slopes of Purple Mountain. Visit the blue and white Sun Yatsen Mausoleum, the Tomb of Hong Wu, the Spirit Valley Temple, and the Botanical Gardens at the foot of the mountain. Return to Nánjīng for dinner.

Second night's accommodation in Nánjīng

Day 6 Nánjīng (B,L,D)



Spend the day exploring the temples and palaces of Nánjīng. Visit the Memorial of the Nánjīng Massacre, which commemorates wartime atrocities committed against the Chinese people by Japanese soldiers, and see the Yangzi River

Bridge, one of the longest Communist built bridges in all China. This afternoon, board your flight for Xī'ān.

First night's accommodation in Xī'ān

Day 7 Xī'ān (B,L,D)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour, including visits to the incredible Terracotta Warriors, the old City Wall and the 600 year old Bell Tower. This evening, attend a performance of Tang Dance.

Second night's accommodation in Xī'ān

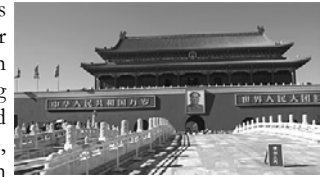
Day 8 Xī'ān (B,L,D)

Enjoy a full-day tour to the west of Xī'ān, taking in rural villages, Buddhist temples and dynastic tomb remains. Stop at the Famen Temple for a visit. Return to Xī'ān railway station this evening for your overnight train to Běijīng.

Overnight accommodation on board sleeper train

Day 9 Běijīng (B,L,D)

Arrive in Běijīng early this morning and transfer to your accommodation to freshen up. Begin your sightseeing this afternoon with a guided visit to Tiānānmén Square, the largest public square in the world. See too the Imperial Palace or Forbidden City, home of the emperors.



First night's accommodation in Běijīng

Day 10 Běijīng (B,L,D)

After breakfast, stop to see the pandas at the city zoo before visiting the Summer Palace, which was used as a holiday palace by the Imperial family. See the famous Marble Boat. Return to Běijīng and visit the largest temple in China, the Temple of Heaven, and admire its beautiful blue tiled roof.

Second night's accommodation in Běijīng

Day 11 Great Wall of China (B,L,D)

Today, visit the Great Wall of China, which was originally built to protect civilised China from barbaric northern nomads. This afternoon, visit the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way on your way back to Běijīng city. After dinner, enjoy a performance of Peking Opera.

Third night's accommodation in Běijīng

Day 12 Běijīng, China - Australia (B,L,D)



This morning, visit the hùtōngs of Běijīng by rickshaw. Běijīng's back alleys are where Chinese life can be seen at its most typical and traditional. This afternoon, visit the Lama Temple, tended by some 70 Mongolian lamas.

You might like to do some last minute shopping on Silk Street before your final dinner. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Australia.

Day 13 Australia

Arrive home.

Extension Suggestion

Day 4 Hángzhōu (B,L,D)

After breakfast, travel by train to Hángzhōu. Visit the beautiful Six Harmonies Pagoda, the West Lake, the Running Tiger Spring and a Longjing tea plantation. After dinner, enjoy the Song City night show.

Overnight accommodation in Hángzhōu



B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, PL = Packed Lunch, D = Dinner

We tailor all tours to meet your specific requirements.