

Beijing - Xian - Shanghai - Suzhou

Day 1: Depart

Day 2 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital and cultural center of China, where virtually every boulevard and building exudes an air of importance. Upon arrival, meet your tour director and transfer to downtown hotel in Beijing for 3 nights with daily buffet breakfast. Balance of the day free.

Day 3 Beijing

Enjoy a full-day tour of the sights that make Beijing a spectacular destination: the sprawling **Forbidden City**, home to 24 Ming and Qing emperors and now a repository of precious art and antiques; the **Temple of Heaven**, famous for its elegance and symmetry; and the **Summer Palace**, an oasis of tea gardens, pavilions, painted corridors, and shimmering **Kunming Lake** with Empress Dowager's eccentric marble ship.



Day 4 Beijing

One of the world's most awe-inspiring sights, the **Great Wall** snakes along nearly 4000 miles of impossibly steep hills and harsh, rugged plains. Today's excursion will give you ample time to explore it in leisure and marvel at the manpower that went into building the world's longest structure entirely by hand. Continue to the **Ming Tombs**, the graveyard of 13 emperors, before returning to Beijing for an imperial-style Peking Duck dinner.



Day 5 Beijing - Xian

Morning visit to local university to meet with Chinese students and faculty, followed by a tour of **Hutong** with rickshaw ride and local home visit. Then take afternoon flight from Beijing to Xian. Upon arrival, transfer to downtown hotel in Xian for 2 nights with daily breakfast.

Afternoon tour in Xian: Bell Tower, City Wall, and Muslim quarters and Great Mosque.



Day 06 Xian

Full-day tour: Terra-Cotta Army Museum, Wild Goose Pagoda and Shaanxi Provincial Museum. A special Tang Dynasty dinner show tonight.



Day 07 Xian - Shanghai

Morning visit a local university in Xian to meet with Chinese students and faculty. Then transfer to airport and depart Xian by flight for **Shanghai**, the cosmopolitan port city near where the Yangtze spills into the East China Sea. Upon arrival, transfer by local guide to your hotel in Shanghai for 3 nights with daily buffet breakfast.

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Day 08 Shanghai

The sights and contrasts of China's most vibrant city fill your day. Stroll the riverfront Bund with its European-style buildings; retreat to the green oasis of the 500-year-old **Yuyuan Garden**; meet local school kids at the Children's Palace after-school program; and gain new appreciation for Chinese art at the magnificent new **Shanghai Museum**. Enjoy the well-known Shanghai acrobatic show following dinner at local restaurant.

Day 09 Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai

Depart Shanghai for **Suzhou** by express train (one hour). Upon arrival,

transfer by local tour guide for full-day sightseeing: Garden of Master Nets, Grand Canal (with a ride), Silk Factory and Tiger Hill. Return to Shanghai by express train in late afternoon. Upon arrival, transfer back to your hotel.

Day 10 Shanghai

Check out and transfer to Shanghai Pudong Airport. Depart for home on your select airline, bid China a fond farewell.



Extension to Hong Kong

Day 10: Fly to Hong Kong

Day 11: Hong Kong

Guided Sightseeing tour

Stanley Market, Tai Po Man Mo Temple, Kowloon, Victoria Peak, Repulse Bay

Day 12: Depart

Price includes:

Round Trip airfare

Full time English Speaking Tour Escort

Lodging

3 nights hotel in Beijing including breakfast and dinners

2 nights hotel in Xian including breakfast and dinners

3 nights hotel in Shanghai including breakfast and dinners

Extension: 2 nights hotel in Hong Kong including breakfast and dinners

All transfers

All transportations

All Entrances, Guided visits & special attractions mentioned in the program

Travel Insurance including health, trip delays, luggage loss/delays

Liability Insurance

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