



China Highlights 14 Day Package

Day 1: US/BEIJING

Take an international flight from the US to Beijing, China. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane. Movies will also be available during the flight.

Day 2: BEIJING

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be met and transferred to your hotel by our tour guide. For those arriving in Beijing earlier today, you may spend the rest of the day for leisure or join in an optional tour (at an extra expense) in Beijing.

Day 3: BEIJING (AB, L, SD)

Today you will visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the largest and most intact conglomeration of ancient structures of the imperial palace. This was the palace for 24 Ming and Qing Dynasty emperors who ruled China for over 500 years. Take a photo stop at the National Center for the Performing Arts, also known as the National Grand Theatre, designed by the French architect Paul Andreu. You will also tour the Summer Palace, the famous resort of Empress Dowager Ci Xi. Feast your eyes on the Long Corridor, Longevity Hill, and Kunming Lake. If time permits, you may also have the opportunity to see pandas at Beijing Zoo located nearby the Summer Palace. Attend a welcome Peking Duck Dinner tonight.

Day 4: BEIJING (AB, L)

The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall of China at Juyongguan Pass, one of the most remarkable feats of mankind. After lunch, you will stroll along the Sacred Way guarding the Ming Tombs, lined with different statues of animals such as lions, elephants, camels and etc. Later in the day, you will make a photo stop at the Olympic Park where you will view the exterior of the Bird Nest-China National Stadium and Water Cube-China National Aquatic Center. The rest of the day is free at your leisure.

Day 5: BEIJING (AB, L)

This morning you will visit the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site - the Temple of Heaven where emperors used to pray for good harvest. You will also attend a morning lesson of Taiji (also referred to as Tai Chi by the Westerners) exercise on the site of the Temple of Heaven given by a professional. Tai chi is a type of internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Tai chi theory and practice evolved in agreement with many Chinese philosophical principles, including those of Taoism and Confucianism. After lunch, you enjoy your free afternoon for leisure or shopping. You may

also take an optional tour of Hutong (Chinese alleyways) by riding aboard a rickshaw pedicab through the narrow lanes of the old residential quarters in the afternoon (\$45 per person).

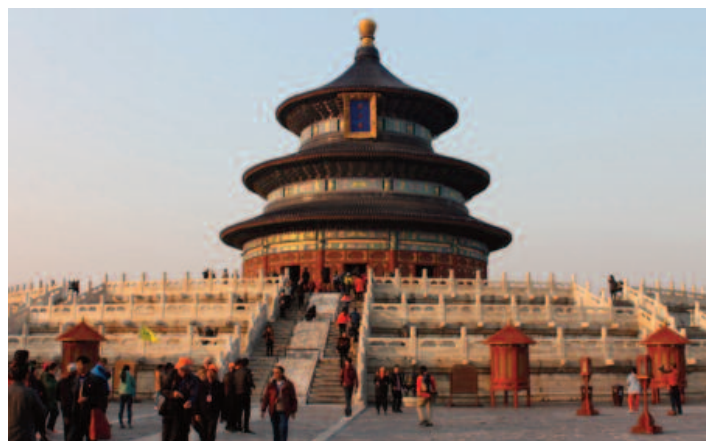
Hutongs are a type of narrow streets or alleys in Beijing, formed by lines of siheyuan, traditional courtyard residences. Many neighbourhoods were formed by joining one siheyuan to another to form a hutong, and then joining one hutong to another. Hutongs represent an important cultural element of the city of Beijing. Thanks to Beijing's long history and status as capital for six dynasties, almost every hutong has its anecdotes, and some are even associated with historic events. In contrast to the court life and elite culture represented by the Forbidden City, Summer Palace, and the Temple of Heaven, the hutongs reflect the culture of grassroots Beijingers. The hutongs are residential neighborhoods which still form the heart of Old Beijing. Taking a Hutong tour is a great way to enjoy the local cultures, giving you a unique opportunity to glimpse into the local resident's daily life.

Day 6: BEIJING/XIAN (AB, SD)

After breakfast, you will take a flight to Xian, the ancient capital city for 11 dynasties in Chinese history. Upon arrival at the airport in Xian, you will be met and taken to tour the well preserved Ancient City Wall of Xian. After hotel check-in, enjoy some free time for leisure, before attending a dumpling dinner banquet, followed by an on-stage show of Tang Dynasty dance and music.

Day 7: XIAN (AB, L)

The excursion today takes you to visit the Tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang and see the awesome Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, widely regarded as the eighth wonder of the world. After lunch, you may enjoy the rest of the day for leisure or join the optional night walking tour of Muslim Street, known for the local yummy snacks and a variety of local artifacts.



Day 8: XIAN/SHANGHAI (AB)

After breakfast, take a departure transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, China's largest city (home to 16 million people). Shanghai is also China's principal port on a deep estuary of the Yangtze River. Often regarded as "the Paris of the East," Shanghai has retained the flavor of its past European influences. Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in. Enjoy the rest of the day for leisure, or join in the optional tour of Zhujiujiao Water Village (\$45 per person).

Day 9: SHANGHAI/GUILIN (AB, L)

The excursion today takes you to the Bund- a waterfront area that showcases many landmark buildings of western style built in the early 20th century, the bustling Nanjing Road, Chenghuangmiao Old Town, and Tianzifang, an old neighborhood with hidden alleyways full of boutiques and art galleries. You will also visit the well-known Shanghai Museum of Art and History, which ranks among the great museums of the world. You will take late afternoon flight to Guilin, famous for its picturesque limestone peaks and rivers. Upon arrival at the airport in Guilin, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 10: GUILIN/LONGSHENG (LONGJI)/GUILIN (AB, L, D)

After breakfast, you will take a day excursion by motor vehicle ride to Longsheng County known for the ethnic minority cultures and the amazing Longji Terraced Rice Fields. You will take a walking tour of the famous Longji Terraced Rice Fields which are built along the slope winding from the riverside up to the mountain top, giving a spectacular scenery. Longji (Dragon's Backbone) Terraced Rice Fields received their name because the rice terraces resemble a dragon's scales, while the summit of the mountain range looks like the backbone of the dragon. After lunch at the restaurant run by the local villagers, you will tour Ping An Village and a local market to experience the local culture of Zhuang ethnic group. Drive back to Guilin in late afternoon.

Day 11: GUILIN/YANGSHUO (AB, L, D)

This morning you will take a motor vehicle ride to Yangshuo, an incredibly beautiful town with its landscape dotted with karst peaks and the Li River winding around it. Upon arrival in Yangshuo, you will take a walking tour and stroll on the Xi Jie (West Street) which has attracted so many foreign tourists that it has been even called the "Global Village". You will also take a relaxing cruise on the Li River while enjoying the haunting beauty of the mist-wrapped monolithic peaks along the riverbanks. In the afternoon, you may take optional hiking or biking tours if time permits. After dinner attend optional "Impression Sister Liu Sanjie" Show in the evening. Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

Day 12: GUILIN/ SHENZHEN/ HONG KONG (AB)

After breakfast, you will take a departure transfer to the train station to board high speed bullet train to Shenzhen, a neighboring city across Hong Kong. Upon arrival at the train station in Shenzhen, you will be picked up and transferred directly to your hotel in Hong Kong, "The Pearl of the Orient". You may stroll around for leisure or shopping for the rest of the day.

Day 13: HONG KONG (AB)

Today's half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island takes you to the Stanley Market, the Aberdeen Fishing Village, Repulse Bay and Victoria Peak for a breathtaking view of the city and its harbor. The rest of the day will be free for you to experience the vibrancy and vitality of urban Hong Kong on your own.

Day 14: HONG KONG/ (AB)

Take a departure transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Complimentary initial airport arrival transfer in Beijing and final airport departure transfer in Hong Kong are provided if your transpacific

flights is booked through Pilgrim Tours. If airfare is booked on your own, then airport transfers are an additional expense.

TOUR FEATURES:

- All domestic air and ground transportation.
- 12 night's hotel accommodations at five-star deluxe hotels.
- Escorted tours and sightseeing with admission and English speaking tour guides in each city.
- 26 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 6 dinners including Peking duck dinner, dumpling dinner banquet in Xian, and Shanghai cuisine farewell dinner party.
- Cultural entertainment: Tang Dynasty dance and music show with dinner in Xian.

PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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