

# A CHINA EXPERIENCE

8-night Escorted Tour

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## SHANGHAI • WUZHEN • XIAN • BEIJING

This classic itinerary visits the three most famous cities of China : Shanghai, Xian and Beijing. Included are the must-see sights of the Teracotta Warriors, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. For contrast we also visit the historic canal town of Wuzhen.

### FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

Tour prices include international flights, departure taxes, current fuel surcharges, domestic transportation, accommodation, all meals, daily tours, entrance fees, guides and visa fees for UK passport holders.

All you'll have to pay for locally is the compulsory tipping and personal expenditure such as souvenirs, drinks and any optional shows and excursions that aren't included in your itinerary. We pride ourselves on having 'no hidden extras'.



### Days 1-2 : UK - Shanghai

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

### Day 3 : Wuzhen day tour

Travel to the ancient canal town of Wuzhen and enjoy a leisurely stroll to absorb the atmosphere of this centuries-old Chinese town. Home to an intricate system of canals, old wooden waterside houses, arch stone bridges, narrow cobblestone streets and an abundance of local handicrafts, Wuzhen is renowned for its old-world charm and picturesque setting. We visit the Taoist Temple, which was the former residence of Mao Dun, a master of contemporary Chinese literature and browse through little stores. Later, return to Shanghai and enjoy a dinner of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

THE BUND, SHANGHAI



### Day 4 : Shanghai

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the beautiful Yu Gardens and the Old Town as well as a visit to see the superb antiquities and fine arts of the Shanghai Museum which houses over 120,000 pieces of bronze, ceramics, paintings and calligraphy. We also walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings.

Later we indulge in some shopping along Nanjing Road. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River, where the historic Bund and the futuristic Pudong come face-to-face.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE BOWL



### Day 5 : Shanghai - Xian

Enjoy the morning at leisure before flying to the former ancient capital of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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## Day 6 : Xian

Visit one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors, created over 2,000 years ago to accompany Emperor Qin Shihuang into the afterlife. We also walk along the Ancient City Wall.

## Day 7 : Xian - Beijing

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and the renowned Shaanxi Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. We also walk through the lively Muslim Quarter, past the Great Mosque to explore the Islamic food markets. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city and visit the unique Temple of Heaven.

## Day 8 : Beijing

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through Tiananmen Square, past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the treasure-filled Forbidden City, which is the largest and best preserved collection of ancient buildings in China from the Ming and Qing Dynasties and houses over 8,000 rooms. Enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show in the evening.

## Day 9 : Beijing

Walk on the Great Wall to appreciate 2,000 years of historical significance and admire the panoramic views. The Great Wall is China's most iconic attraction, which stretches over 3,000 miles from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Also tour the exquisite Summer Palace. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

## Day 10 : Beijing - UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day or the following morning depending on airline chosen.

TERRACOTTA WARRIOR, XIAN



FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



## ESCORTED TOUR

One of the very special features about this tour is the constant presence of the National Escort and Local Guides. They will meet you at the airport on arrival and will be with you throughout your tour right up to your departure. The National Escort will be with you throughout the tour, while a Local Guide will be in individual locations to share their expert knowledge with you. All of the guides are knowledgeable and proud to show off their English skills - they are completely dedicated to making every minute of your stay in their country an enjoyable one.



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### EXTENSIONS

Your tour can be extended with a few nights in one of a number of destinations, depending on the airline you choose. Stopovers in the Middle East are popular, with Dubai and Abu Dhabi being possible when flying with Emirates. Hong Kong also works well, with itineraries taking in Lantau Island or Macau also being possible. We can also arrange a beach extension in Sanya, or a visit to Japan taking in Tokyo, Mt Fuji and a ride on the Bullet Train!

Here's a few ideas for extensions to this tour:

#### HONG KONG & MACAU

3 nights from £370 per person



Spend 3 nights in Hong Kong with a half day island tour included, plus travel by hydrofoil to Macau for a day trip taking in St Paul's Church, Ama Temple and a casino.

- 3\* BP International from £370 per person
- 4\* Park Hotel from £400 per person
- 5\* Intercontinental Grand from £500 per person

Prices exclude connecting flights from your tour and are subject to seasonal variations

#### TOKYO, MT FUJI & THE BULLET TRAIN

3 nights from £630 per person



Spend 3 nights in Tokyo and explore with a full day tour, before heading to Mt Fuji, the Five Lakes region and Lake Ashi, before returning to Tokyo by Bullet Train.

- 3\* Tokyo Prince Hotel from £630 per person
- 4\* Prince Park Tower from £770 per person
- 5\* Hotel Nikko Tokyo from £920 per person

Prices exclude connecting flights from China and are subject to seasonal variations

### Meals

All meals (excluding beverages) are included in the fully inclusive group tours. Breakfast is a mix of local and western food, usually served in a buffet style. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional local cuisine, with a wide range of dishes to choose from so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked. Meals on group tours start with lunch on the normal day of arrival and finish with lunch on the normal day of departure. As we offer a range of flight options, passengers may arrive and depart at different times during the day.

### Hotels

All of the hotels used in China are of international four-star or three-star superior standard. In remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. The hotels are selected for their comfort, convenience of location and character.

### Group Sizes

All group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany the group subject with a minimum of 10 passengers. The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is never more than 28 passengers.

### Tipping

As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in China. For our passengers' convenience we ask for a compulsory amount to be paid at the beginning of our group tours to cover tipping for guides, drivers, restaurant staff etc. For this itinerary, tips of approximately US\$52 per person is required. Exact tipping amounts will be stated in your final documentation pack.



Tour details are correct to the best of our knowledge, however, they are provided for guidance purposes only. Please check the details of any features that are important to you at the time of booking.

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