

# GLORIES OF CHINA

12-night Escorted Tour

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## SHANGHAI • GUILIN • LI RIVER • XIAN • BEIJING

The striking landscape along the Li River is the defining highlight of this popular itinerary. Stay overnight in the small town of Yangshuo surrounded by rice fields and limestone hills. Add the history of Beijing and Xian along with cosmopolitan Shanghai and you have the best that China can offer.

### 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 options 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 : Shanghai

Sightseeing today includes a visit to the Shanghai Museum and a walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture. Our dinner this evening will be of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

### Day 4 : Shanghai

Visit the beautiful Yu Gardens, the Old Town and then cross the great Nanpu Bridge to explore the modern Pudong area. We also explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.

### Day 5 : Shanghai – Guilin

Enjoy the morning at leisure before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

### Days 6-7 : Li River Cruise – Guilin

Cruise the stunning Li River and enjoy the breathtaking landscape of beautiful limestone hills, tranquil fishing scenes and picturesque villages. We continue downstream to the town of Yangshuo set in the lush green rice paddies of Southern China. The next day, explore the colourful local markets, walk along the cobblestone streets and soak in the atmosphere of this charming town before returning to Guilin. Here we stroll through the picturesque Seven Star Park to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Seven Star Cave, which is the largest in the area. We also visit the 'Giant Panda Hotel', which is home to one of these adorable animals. We also see the cormorant fishermen.

LI RIVER, YANGSHUO



### Day 8 : Guilin – Xian

Visit Mt Diecai for views of the surrounding karst landscape before flying to the former ancient capital of Xian. In the evening we will enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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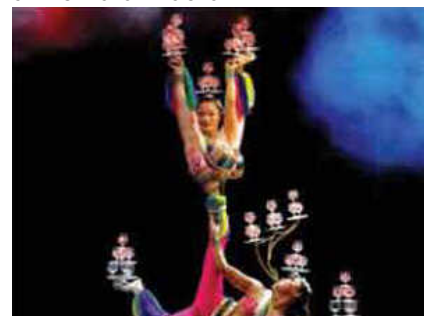
## Day 9 : Xian

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

## Day 10 : Xian – Beijing

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and the renowned Shaanxi Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. We also stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter, past the Great Mosque to explore the Islamic food markets before flying to Beijing. Enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show in the evening.

CHINESE ACROBATIC SHOW



## Day 11 : 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.

## Day 12 : Beijing

Walk on the Great Wall, China's most iconic attraction, which stretches over 3,000 miles to the Gobi Desert. Also visit the unique Temple of Heaven.

## Day 13 : Beijing

Experience a rickshaw ride through the Traditional Hutong areas and tour the exquisite Summer Palace. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

FORBIDDEN CITY, BEIJING



## Day 14 : Beijing – UK

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

### 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:

### 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

### HIANAN ISLAND & HONG KONG

6 nights from £799 per person



Combine the beaches of Sanya with vibrant Hong Kong, with three nights relaxing on the beach followed by 3 nights in the city, with a half day Island tour included.

Combine the 5\* Crowne Plaza Sanya with...

3\* BP International from £799 per person

5\* Intercontinental Grand from £999 per person

Prices exclude connecting flights from your tour 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\$60 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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