

Best of China ...Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Shanghai

Program Includes

- Air transportation from choice of Newark or JFK
- Meals: (28) 12 Breakfasts (B), 8 Lunches (L), 8 Dinners(D)
- 12 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- Inter Country Air Flights
- Tours: Beijing City Tour, Rickshaw Tour, Reed Flute Caves, Shanghai Waterfront District
- Visits: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Valley of Ming Tombs, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Wild Goose Pagoda, Guilin Tea Institute, Children's Palace, Yu Yuan Gardens, Temple of Jade Buddah, Ancient city of Zhujiajiao
- Admissions: Peking Opera Show, Terra-Cotta Warrior Museum, Shanghai Natural History Museum
- Specialty Meals: Peking Duck Dinner, Hutong Family Lunch, Xian Dumpling Lunch
- Cruising: Li River, Zhujiajiao Canal
- Tai Chi Lesson
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Local Escort throughout

Price: 14 Days: **\$3599** per person / double
Includes current instant purchase non-refundable airfare.
Current air cost \$988 per person (subject to change)
Includes current air taxes and Inter-China air costs



Yu Yuan Gardens



Xian Warriors

ACCOMMODATIONS

Beijing: Traders Shangri-La Hotel (4 Nights)
Xian: Grand New World Hotel (2 Nights)
Guilin: Guilin Bravo Hotel (2 Nights)
Shanghai: Renaissance Yangtze Hotel (4 Nights)

Depart	Return	Double*	Single*
Wed. Sept. 22	Tue. Oct. 5	\$3599	\$4299
Wed. Oct. 27	Tue. Nov. 7	\$3599	\$4299

*Above prices includes current instant purchase non-refundable air cost from Newark. Includes current air taxes and fees, plus Inter China air costs

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This special program promises to be an unforgettable adventure. Begin in the history filled city of Beijing. Continue to the home of the Terra-Cotta Warriors in Xian, then on to the mystical landscapes of Guilin. Complete your journey in Shanghai, a culture-filled metropolis. Each of these cities is worth a visit on their own and combining them makes it even more unforgettable.



Great Wall of China

Day 1: Overnight Flight. Depart your gateway city for one of the world's most fascinating countries: The People's Republic of China.

Day 2: Arrive Beijing, China - Tour Begins. Arrive Beijing, clear customs and meet your local representatives. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure.

Day 3: Beijing. Learn about the language(s) you will experience on this tour then take a sightseeing tour of Beijing. Start with a visit to historic Tiananmen Square. Named after Tiananmen (gate of Heavenly Peace), the square has great cultural significance. Continue to the Forbidden City, a vast network of palaces and courtyards once

reserved for China's rulers. Now known as the Palace Museum, it is the world's largest palace complex. It was said that a million workers including one hundred thousand artisans built the complex. (B, L, D)

Day 4: The Great Wall China's legendary landmark the Great Wall is yours to discover today. Walk along a portion of this 3,700 mile marvel! Continue to the valley of the Ming Tombs and visit the extensive Sacred Way burial site. You will have time to experience a time-honored and favorite pastime of the Chinese when you go kite-flying. This evening enjoy a Peking duck dinner followed by a traditional Peking opera show. You will be delighted by the colorful costumes and interesting music. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Beijing This morning visit the Summer Palace which is ranked amongst the most noted classical gardens in the world. It is an extremely fine example of the ancient arts containing graceful landscapes and magnificent construction. In 1998, it was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Begun during the Jin Dynasty (1115), by the Qing Dynasty (1644), it had become a luxurious royal garden providing royal families with rest and entertainment. After lunch, the remainder of your day is at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Beijing – Xian. Explore the world-famous Temple of Heaven, where Chinese Emperors worshiped their gods. Bigger than the Forbidden City and smaller than the Summer Palace, the Temple was built to offer sacrifices to Heaven. Then take a once-in-a-lifetime rickshaw tour through the Hutongs of ancient Beijing. You will visit a local home, share a simple lunch, and learn the art of dumpling making. Then, continue your journey with a flight to China's interior city of Xian. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Xian. Xian is one of the most ancient capitals in the world. It was the national capital of China from 1046 BC to 907 AD. Begin your experience with a visit to one of the most famous Buddhist temples in the world, the classical Wild Goose Pagoda. For lunch you will savor a local specialty, Xian dumplings. Then, visit the excavation site of the incredible Terra-Cotta Warriors. The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century. Currently over 7,000 pottery soldiers, horses, chariots, and even weapons have been unearthed. Most of them have been restored to their former grandeur. (B, L)



Elephant Trunk Hill

Day 8: Xian – Guilin. An early morning flight will fly you to the beautiful city of Guilin. Here you'll find mystical landscapes of limestone karst pinnacles covered with lush vegetation. Visit the legendary Reed Flute Caves. Inside this water-eroded cave is a spectacular world of various stalactites, stone pillars and rock formations created by carbonate deposition. Enjoy a guided tour showcasing the spectacular underground scenery. You'll also stop to take in the view of Elephant Trunk Hill. The hill is named for its curious shape, which resembles an enormous elephant drinking water from the placid river. Finally return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L,)

Day 9: Guilin. Today is a day to remember. Begin with a scenic cruise along the Li River. A Li River cruise is the centerpiece of any trip to northeastern Guangxi Province. Gorgeous landscapes give you surprises at each bend of the limpid river. With its breathtaking scenery and taste of a life far removed from the concrete metropolis, the scenery along the Li River has become one of China's top destinations. Then visit the Guilin Tea Institute. Learn the art of tea leaf picking and enjoy a traditional tea ceremony. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Guilin – Shanghai. Start the day with a Tai Chi lesson, a highly-revered Chinese martial art. Then depart for Shanghai, a bustling trade port and the economic heart of China. The sight of the city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless. After lunch, enjoy a locally-guided tour of the waterfront district known as the Bund. This area was the center of Shanghai's politics, economy and culture hundreds of years ago. You'll feel as though you've stepped back into 19th century Europe as you wander among the impressive Gothic, Baroque, and Renaissance architecture. (B, D)

Day 11: Shanghai Visit the Children's Palace, an ornate fortress where the local children come to learn various arts including calligraphy, piano and dance. Next, visit the Old Town and walk its winding, narrow lanes on the way to the once-private Yu Yuan Gardens. Leave the hustle and bustle behind as you wander through this 400-year-old oasis. The garden occupies about five acres, however, the small size is not representative of the attractions of the garden. End your day with a stop at the beautiful Temple of the Jade Buddha. These two precious Jade Buddhist statues are not only rare cultural relics but also porcelain artworks. Tonight, take in the energy and excitement of a Chinese acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Shanghai - Zhujiajiao – Shanghai A full day excursion to the water village of Zhujiajiao, an ancient city located on Dianshan Lake. After more than one thousand years, Ming & Qing dynasty buildings still stand and 36 ancient stone bridges cross the canal that runs through the center of the town. Visit the rice museum, enjoy a boat ride on the canal and have time to shop. This evening you may choose an optional cruise on the Huangpu River to enjoy the Shanghai skyline, followed by a western dinner. (B, L)



Zhujiajiao

Day 13: Shanghai. Today, discover the treasures of the Shanghai National History Museum. The 40,000-plus exhibits collected by the museum reflect the historic vicissitudes of Shanghai city. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore more of the city on your own. This evening, bid farewell to China at an indulgent farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 14: Shanghai - Tour Ends. Your tour ends in Shanghai but you will carry your memories of China with you as you make the journey home. (B)