

CHINA HIGHLIGHTS

25-night Escorted Tour

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**SHANGHAI • SUZHOU • HANGZHOU • GUILIN • LI RIVER • SUZHOU • HANGZHOU • GUILIN
LI RIVER • KUNMING • CHONGQUING • CHENGDU • LESHAN • XIAN • BEIJING**

Our best value tour to China explores the famous sights of this fascinating land as well as many of its hidden treasures. See historic cities, fabulous landscapes and the famous panda reserve in Chengdu.

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 : Shanghai

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the beautiful Yu Gardens and the Old Town as well as a visit to the Shanghai Museum. We also explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings.

Day 4 : Shanghai – Suzhou

Travel to the charming city of Suzhou, also known as the 'Venice of the East'. Visit two of the finest oriental gardens: the Humble Administrator's Garden and the Garden of the Master of the Nets, a local silk mill still in operation today and enjoy a cruise on the ancient Grand Canal.

Days 5-6 : Suzhou – Hangzhou

Travel to beautiful Hangzhou, one of China's former imperial capitals. Explore the local markets and experience an oriental tea-tasting. The next day, visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the Six Harmonies Pagoda before a relaxing cruise on the tranquil West Lake.

ROCK CARVING, DAZU



Day 7 : Hangzhou – Shanghai

Travel to Wuzhen en route to Shanghai.

Days 8-9 : Shanghai – Guilin

Walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture and shop along Nanjing Road. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on Huangpu River. The next day, visit the modern Pudong area before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

Days 10-11 : Li River Cruise – Guilin

Cruise the stunning Li River to Yangshuo and enjoy the breathtaking landscape of beautiful limestone hills, tranquil fishing scenes and picturesque villages. The next day, explore the colourful local markets before returning to Guilin where we visit Mt Diecai. We also see the cormorant fishermen.

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Days 12-13 : Guilin – Kunming

Visit the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Caves. Fly to Kunming, also known as the 'City of Eternal Spring' and sample the famous Across the Bridge Noodles. The next day, explore the picturesque Stone Forest.

Day 14 : Kunming – Chongqing

Visit the Western Hills and Dianchi Lake before flying to Chongqing.

Days 15-16 : Chongqing – Dazu – Chengdu

Visit Erlin Park, the People's Hall and the General Stilwell Museum. Drive to Dazu, home to some of the most fascinating rock carvings in the world – the UNESCO Beishan Frescoes. The next day we visit the Baodin Stone Carvings, before travelling to Chengdu. Enjoy a delicious Sichuan meal in the evening.

GIANT PANDAS, CHENGDU



Day 17 : Leshan day tour

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha, the world's largest stonecarved Buddhist statue. We take a short boat trip to view the statue from the river. Return to Chengdu, visiting the old town of Huanglongxi en-route.

Days 18-19 : Chengdu – Xian

Visit the famous Panda Reserve to see these adorable animals. The next day, take a city tour of Chengdu before boarding the overnight train to the former ancient capital, Xian.

GIANT BUDDHA, LESHAN



Days 20-21 : Xian

Arrive in Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, visit one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors and walk along the Ancient City Wall.

Day 22 : Xian – Beijing

Visit 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 boarding the overnight train to Beijing, China's capital city.

Days 23-24 : Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and sightseeing later today includes a stroll through Tiananmen Square, past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the treasure-filled Forbidden City. The next day, walk on the Great Wall and visit the unique Temple of Heaven.

Days 25-26 : Beijing

Tour the exquisite Summer Palace and enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show. The next day, visit Lama Temple and shop at the bustling markets. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

Day 27 : Beijing – UK

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

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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:

HIANAN ISLAND - SANYA

5 nights from £410 per person



Relax on the beaches of Hianan Island, staying at China's premier beach resort of Sanya. Explore the Island or just chill on the beach, where temperatures average 22-26 degrees. A great way to relax and unwind after your tour.

5* Crowne Plaza Hotel from £410 per person

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

DUBAI

3 nights from £290 per person



Explore modern Dubai with a 3 night stopover, including a half day tour taking in some of the cities highlights such as the Creek, the Gold Souq and Dubai Museum.

3* Marco Polo Hotel from £290 per person

4* Traders Hotel from £420 per person

5* Sheraton Jumeirah from £520 per person

Prices are based on itineraries flying with Emirates 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\$95 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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