CHINA TOUR

9-night Escorted Tour



CHINA CONTRASTS - ESCORTED TOUR

Combine the striking and breathtaking landscape scenery of limestone karsts, tranquil fishing scenes and lush green rice paddies along the Li River with the famous sights of cosmopolitan Shanghai. historic Xian and China's capital city – Beijing. This truly is a tour of contrasts.

DAYS 1-2 SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. In the evening, enjoy a dinner of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

DAY 3 **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. We also walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River, where the historic Bund and the futuristic Pudong come face-to-face.



DAY 4 **SHANGHAI-GUILIN**

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. In the evening, enjoy a demonstration by the unique cormorant fishermen.

DAY 5 LI RIVER DAY CRUISE

Cruise the stunning Li River and enjoy the tranquil fishing scenes, picturesque villages and lush green rice paddies. The Li River is set against a backdrop of beautiful limestone hills that tower above. creating a breathtaking landscape. We arrive in the rural town of Yangshuo and visit the local markets before returning to Guilin by road.

DAY 6 **GUILIN-XI'AN**

Visit the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Caves before flying to the former ancient capital of Xian.

DAY 7 XI'AN

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. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



DAY 8 XI'AN-BEIJING

Visit the renowned Shaanxi Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. We also stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter to visit the Great Mosque and explore the Islamic food markets. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.





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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. We also visit the unique Temple of Heaven. In the evening, enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show.

DAY 10 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. We also tour the exquisite Summer Palace.



DAY 11 BEIJING-RETURN

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day.

PRICE INCLUDES

- All international airfares
- All domestic transportation, departure taxes and current fuel surcharges
- All accommodation
- All meals
- Entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

OFFER DETAILS - CHINA TOURING HOLIDAY

Depart Heathrow on 29 October, flying to Shanghai Met on arrival and transfer to your Shanghai hotel 9 night 'China Contrasts' tour (Full Board)

08 November - transfer to Beijing airport for your return flight to the UK

£1425 per person

All special offers are subject to availability, which is very limited at these prices. Special offers may be withdrawn at any time, and prices are subject to change without prior notice. Selected offers are subject to special terms & conditions, which may include full payment at the time of booking - ask for details at the time of booking. Last update 06/10/2010.



