# **GLORIES OF CHINA**

12-night Escorted Tour

# 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 optional shows and excursions that aren't included In your itinerary. We pride ourselves on having 'no hidden extras'.



# Day 1 : Arrive Shanghai

Arrive in to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Met on arrival and transfer to your hotel.

# Day 2 : 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 3 : 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 4 : Shanghai - Guilin

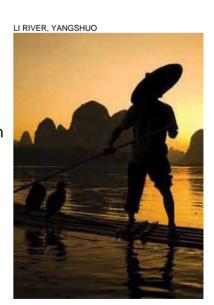
Enjoy the morning at leisure before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

### Days 5-6: 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.



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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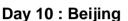
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### Day 8 : Xian

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 9: 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.



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 11: 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 12: 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.

# Day 13: Beijing - UK

Return transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

### **OFFER DETAILS - CHINA TOURING HOLIDAY**

20 November - met on arrival in Shanghai and transfer to your Shanghai hotel

12 night 'Glories of China' escorted tour (Full Board)

02 December - transfer to Beijing airport for your return flight to the UK

£1489 per person (excludes international flights)

WITH FLIGHTS £1989 per person

### **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, wile 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.

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 30/06/2011.



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