



# Classic China Exploration 17 Days

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## PRICES

Tour Type	Twin Travelers	Solo Travelers Nett
All inclusive Departure from Australia	\$4099 AUD per person	\$4459 AUD per person
All inclusive Departure from New Zealand	\$4438 NZD per person	\$4798 NZD per person

Please Note: Our tour prices do not include airfare. For assistance with booking your flights, please contact us directly.

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# About the Tour

## Tour Highlights

Embark on a captivating 17-day journey through the vibrant tapestry of China! We start in the dazzling city of Shanghai and explore Wuxi, Nanjing, and Suzhou, each offering unique charm. Picture-perfect Hangzhou awaits, followed by a return to Shanghai for another night of excitement. Discover Xi'an's ancient wonders over three nights, then indulge in the imperial grandeur of Beijing for an additional three nights. Conclude your adventure with a leisurely four-night cruise along the Yangtze River, where you'll be captivated by breathtaking landscapes. This tour seamlessly blends history, natural beauty, and modern vibrancy for an unforgettable experience!



## 2024

9/9/24	23/9/24	14/10/24
4/11/24	18/11/24	

Note: A surcharge is applicable during the high season on dates marked with an asterisk (\*).



# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 01 | ARRIVAL IN SHANGHAI

Upon your arrival, a friendly tour representative will warmly greet you at the airport and ensure a smooth transfer to your hotel.



Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar



Note: For the flight-inclusive package, there are cases where customers may be required to arrive at the airport one day before their departure (Depart day 0), depending on their flight times and schedule. In certain situations, travellers may have an overnight layover, during which the airline will provide accommodation and transfers. Rest assured that we have arranged to ensure your comfort and convenience throughout your journey.

## DAY 02 | SHANGHAI - WUXI

Start your day with a visit to the awe-inspiring Lujiazui Skywalk. From this elevated vantage point, you'll be treated to a breathtaking panorama of Shanghai's iconic landmarks, including the Oriental Pearl Tower and Shanghai World Financial Center. Continuing our journey to Wuxi, we'll pause at the Hui-style Ancient Village Food Street for an authentic culinary adventure. Delight in a fusion of traditional and contemporary flavors that are sure to tantalize your taste buds.

Afterward, immerse yourself in the tranquility of the Qingming Bridge Water Alley, a hidden gem amidst the bustling metropolis. Take a leisurely stroll through the alley, admiring the ancient architecture and the serene waters of the canal. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace, or you can opt to join our optional tour for further exploration.



Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar



Optional Activity: The Tranquil Nianhua Bay Zen Town Tour

Step into a realm of serenity and spiritual bliss as you disconnect from the world and delve into the enchanting Zen experience of Nianhua Bay. Wander through tranquil temples, picturesque gardens, and quaint tea houses, immersing yourself in the essence of Zen living. (Note: The optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).





## DAY 03 | WUXI - NANJING

Begin your day with a visit to the serene Changguangxi Wetland Park. This tranquil oasis provides the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in nature as you meander along winding paths, enveloped by lush greenery and vibrant blooms.

Following this peaceful morning, journey to the renowned Taihu Pearl Museum. Here, you'll delve into the fascinating world of pearl cultivation, from the nurturing of oysters to the delicate process of harvesting. Gain firsthand insight into the cultivation and appreciation of these radiant gems.

After a satisfying lunch, venture to the heart of Nanjing to explore the Confucius Temple and the Qinhuai River Scenic Area. Roam through the exquisitely preserved temple complex, marveling at the intricate architecture adorned with traditional Chinese motifs.

To cap off the day, step back in time as you wander through the enchanting Laomendong Historical and Cultural District. Traverse narrow alleyways, uncovering hidden treasures at every corner. Admire the well-preserved traditional courtyard houses and peruse charming shops offering local handicrafts while savoring the tantalizing aroma of traditional snacks.

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

 Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar





## **DAY 04 | NANJING - SUZHOU**

Embark on an invigorating exploration of the Shitoucheng Archaeological Park, unraveling the mysteries of ancient civilizations and gaining profound insights into China's historical legacy.

Continue your journey at the Jade Artifacts Exhibition Center, where intricate jade masterpieces await. Marvel at the profound symbolism and significance of jade in Chinese culture as you admire these exquisite works of art.

After a fulfilling lunch, lose yourself in the serene beauty of the Couple's Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its elegance and tranquility. Spend the afternoon amidst picturesque pavilions, serene ponds, and captivating rock formations, savoring the timeless charm of classical Chinese garden art.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore at leisure, immersing yourself in Suzhou's vibrant culture and lifestyle or opting to join our optional tour for further adventures.



Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar



Optional Activity: Suzhou Boat Tour on Qili Shantang Street

Experience the timeless allure of Suzhou on a mesmerizing boat tour along the historic Shantang Street. Glide along ancient canals past whitewashed houses and bustling markets, immersing yourself in the city's rich heritage and culture. (Note: This optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).



## DAY 05 | SUZHOU - NANGZHOU

Embark on a day brimming with historical richness, cultural immersion, and breathtaking scenery. Our journey begins at the Silk Culture Museum, where you'll be captivated by the fascinating world of silk production. Witness the intricate process from cocoon to loom, delve into the cultural significance of silk in Chinese history, and marvel at the exquisite displays of ancient silk garments.

Following a delightful lunch, we ascend to the Chenghuang Pavilion, a majestic architectural marvel towering over the city of Hangzhou. From its lofty vantage point, soak in the spectacular panoramic views of the city, West Lake, and beyond. Take a moment to appreciate the intricate carvings and artwork adorning the pavilion, adding to its allure and grandeur.

With the remainder of the day at your disposal, indulge in leisurely pursuits at your own pace. Whether you choose to immerse yourself in the local culture, relax amidst the serene surroundings, or opt for our optional tour for further exploration, the day promises to be filled with unforgettable experiences.



Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar



Optional Activity: Unveiling Hangzhou's Spectacular Outdoor Performance

Experience the ethereal beauty of the Most Memorable is Hangzhou Performance. Directed by the acclaimed Zhang Yimou, this outdoor spectacle unfolds against the stunning backdrop of West Lake. Mesmerizing choreography, state-of-the-art effects, and captivating storytelling blend seamlessly to create an unforgettable ode to Hangzhou's allure.







## DAY 06 | HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI

Embark on a Journey of Discovery as Your Day Unfolds at Meijiawu Tea Culture Village, Delving into the Timeless Tradition of Chinese Tea Culture. Sip on the Finest Green Tea Amidst Idyllic Landscapes, Immersing Yourself in Serenity and Authenticity.

Next, Ascend to the G20 City Balcony, Where Spectacular Views of the Majestic Qiantang River Await. Marvel at Nature's Grandeur and the City's Architectural Splendor Unfolding in a Mesmerizing Panoramic Scene.

Continue Your Quest for Wellness at the Health Preservation Center, Unveiling Ancient Chinese Wisdom on Balancing Body, Mind, and Spirit for Optimal Health and Longevity.

After a Delightful Lunch, Indulge in Retail Therapy at Nanjing Road, Shanghai's Iconic Shopping Street. Traverse Through a Wonderland Where East Meets West, Traditional Meets Modern, in a Captivating Fusion of Cultures.

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

 Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express or similar

 Optional Activity: The Bund and Huangpu River Cruise Experience

Explore Shanghai's charm on The Bund and Huangpu River Cruise. Glide along the Huangpu River, marvel at the iconic landmarks like the Bund, and witness the city's evolution under the kaleidoscope of night lights. Experience the vibrant spirit of Shanghai in this immersive river cruise. (Note: Tour not included; on-site payment required.)"heart of Shanghai's charm. (Note: This optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site.)



## DAY 07 | SHANGHAI - XIAN

Indulge in the delight of a sumptuous hotel breakfast, setting the perfect tone for your day ahead. Today, we venture to Xian, the captivating ancient city of China. Upon arrival, a dedicated local tour representative will warmly greet you and escort you to your hotel. Take some time to unwind and recharge, or seize the opportunity to join optional tours and begin your exploration of the enchanting city of Xian.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar



Optional Activities: Muslim Street & Grand Tang Everbright City Tour

Embark on a captivating journey through Xian's Muslim Quarter and Grand Tang Everbright City. The Muslim Quarter stands as a must-see destination, brimming with vibrant energy, delectable cuisine, and bustling markets offering unique souvenirs. Following this cultural immersion, delve into the enchanting world of Grand Tang Everbright City. This cultural theme park presents the rich history and heritage of Xian through captivating performances and informative exhibits. Please note that the optional tour to Grand Tang Everbright City is not included and must be paid for on-site.





## **DAY 08 | TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Today's highlight is an unforgettable visit to the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, a mesmerizing wonder near Xi'an. These life-size sculptures, unearthed from the depths, depict soldiers, chariots, and horses with extraordinary artistry that sparks the imagination. Each soldier boasts unique facial expressions and meticulously crafted weaponry, reflecting the ancient beliefs and customs surrounding the Qin Emperor's afterlife. As one of the greatest excavations of the 20th century, this archaeological marvel leaves visitors in awe of its scale and magnificence.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar



## DAY 09 | FREE DAY IN XIAN

Today presents the ideal chance to embrace freedom and leisure as you uncover the hidden treasures of the city or revisit your favorite spots. For an even more enriching experience, consider joining an optional guided tour. It's a fantastic opportunity to enhance your exploration and make the most of this extraordinary day. Whether you choose to wander independently or embark on a guided adventure, let the day unfold at your own pace, creating cherished memories along the way.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar



Optional Activities: Xian Cultural Guided Tour

Join our guided tour to explore some of Xian's lesser-known cultural and historical sites. Immerse yourself in the city's rich history as you visit iconic landmarks such as the Wild Goose Pagoda, City Wall, and Xian History Museum. Discover the stories behind these fascinating sites and gain deeper insights into Xian's heritage. Please note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover hidden gems and enrich your Xian experience.





## DAY 10 | XIAN - BEIJING

Start your day with a delicious hotel breakfast and treat yourself to pure delight. Today, we'll head to Beijing, the vibrant capital city of China. Upon arrival, a friendly local tour representative will warmly welcome you and escort you to your hotel. Take some time to relax and unwind, or join us for optional tours to explore the enchanting city of Beijing.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar



Optional Activities: Old Town Hutong Tour

Discover the timeless charm of Beijing's Old Town Hutong on our immersive tour. Delve into the rich history of these ancient lanes, connect with a local family to learn about their customs firsthand, and savor the art of dumpling-making in a delightful hands-on session. (Please note that this optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site.)



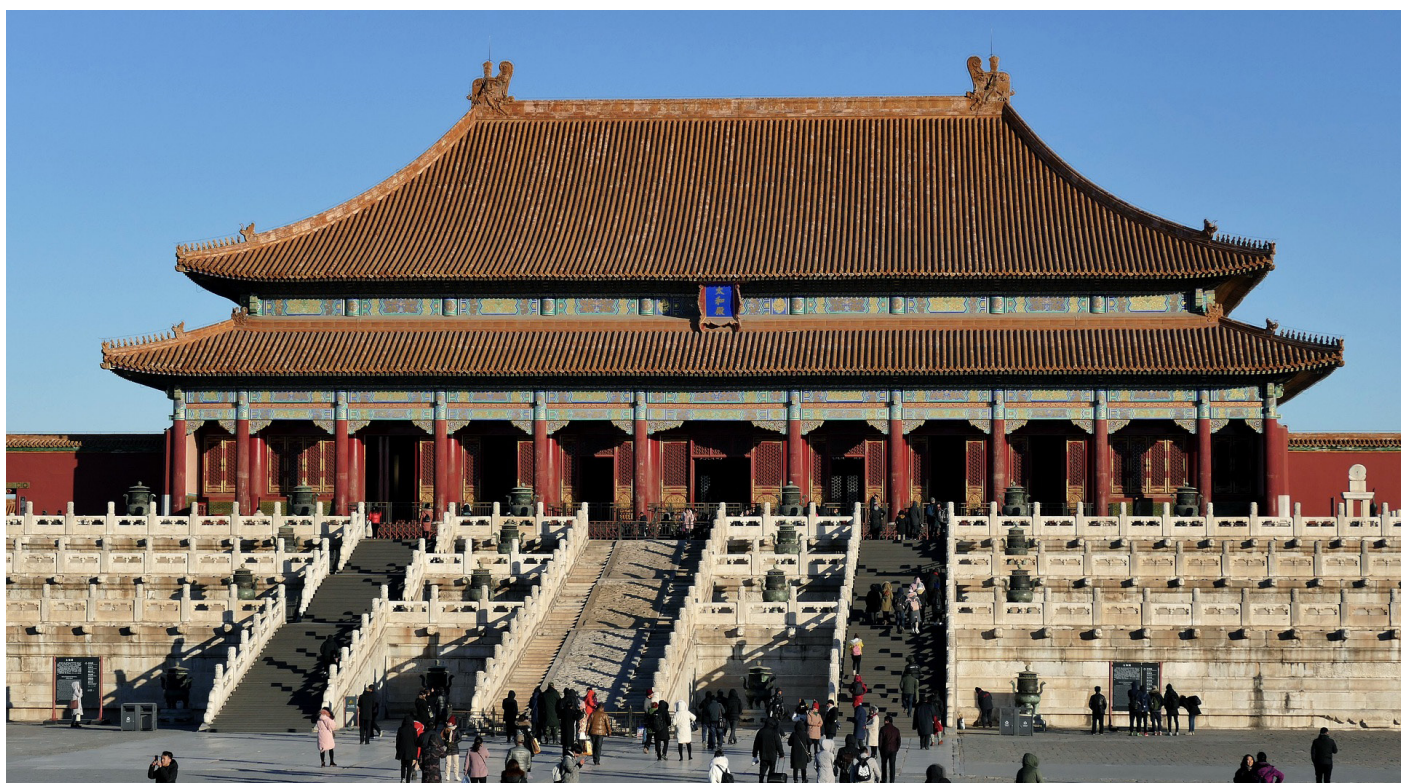
## DAY 11 | TIANANMEN SQUARE & FORBIDDEN CITY

Step into the cultural heart of Beijing with an unforgettable journey starting at Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest and most iconic public squares. Feel the weight of history as you explore this monumental space. Then, venture into the Forbidden City, a majestic imperial palace complex that served as the seat of power for Chinese emperors for centuries. Marvel at the intricate architecture, ornate halls, and rich historical artifacts that transport you to China's imperial past.

Cap off your exploration with a visit to the vibrant Panjiayuan Flea Market, where treasures from China's diverse cultural heritage await. Browse through stalls brimming with antiques, handicrafts, and art pieces, each offering a glimpse into China's fascinating history and craftsmanship. Whether you're drawn by the allure of ancient relics or seeking unique souvenirs, Panjiayuan promises an enriching and memorable experience for all.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar





## **DAY 12 | GREAT WALL OF CHINA**

Embark on an unforgettable adventure to two of China's most iconic landmarks. Start your journey at the Great Wall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated for its historical significance and architectural splendor. Walk along its ancient pathways, take in the breathtaking landscapes, and delve into China's rich history. Feel the awe-inspiring presence of this monumental defensive structure, a testament to human ingenuity.

Next, we'll drive to the Olympic Venues. Be amazed by the striking designs of the Bird's Nest (Beijing National Stadium) and the Water Cube (National Aquatics Center), built for the 2008 Olympic Games. Their innovative architecture is sure to captivate you, so don't forget to capture these remarkable structures in your photos! This tour offers a unique blend of Chinese history and modern architectural brilliance, promising an enriching and memorable experience.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar



### **DAY 13 | BEIJING -YICHANG (EMBARK ON YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE)**

Start your day in Xian with a delicious breakfast at your hotel, energizing you for the adventure ahead. After checking out, proceed to the train station to board a high-speed train to Yichang. Upon arrival, a seamless transition awaits as you're chauffeured to the embarkation point of your Yangtze River cruise. Enjoy the picturesque scenery along the way, building excitement for the thrilling journey ahead. Once aboard the luxurious cruise ship, settle into your comfortable accommodations. Explore the ship's top-notch amenities and attend a welcome briefing that provides valuable insights into the upcoming itinerary and activities, setting the stage for an unforgettable voyage along the stunning Yangtze River.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Victoria Yangtze River Cruise or similar



## **DAY 14 | YANGTZE CRUISE: THREE GORGES DAM SITE**

Start your day with a satisfying buffet breakfast, fueling up for your first shore excursion to the awe-inspiring Three Gorges Dam Site. This colossal engineering feat, the largest and most expensive of its kind in the world, spans an impressive 2,335 meters in length and rises 181 meters high. While it significantly contributes to clean energy production and reduces China's reliance on coal, the dam also carries its share of controversies. Throughout the day, you'll explore the complexities and impact of this massive structure on the region. As evening falls, return to the ship for the Captain's Welcome Banquet, a delightful event featuring a culinary feast and a chance to bond with fellow travelers, enhancing the camaraderie of your unforgettable Yangtze River Cruise experience.



Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner



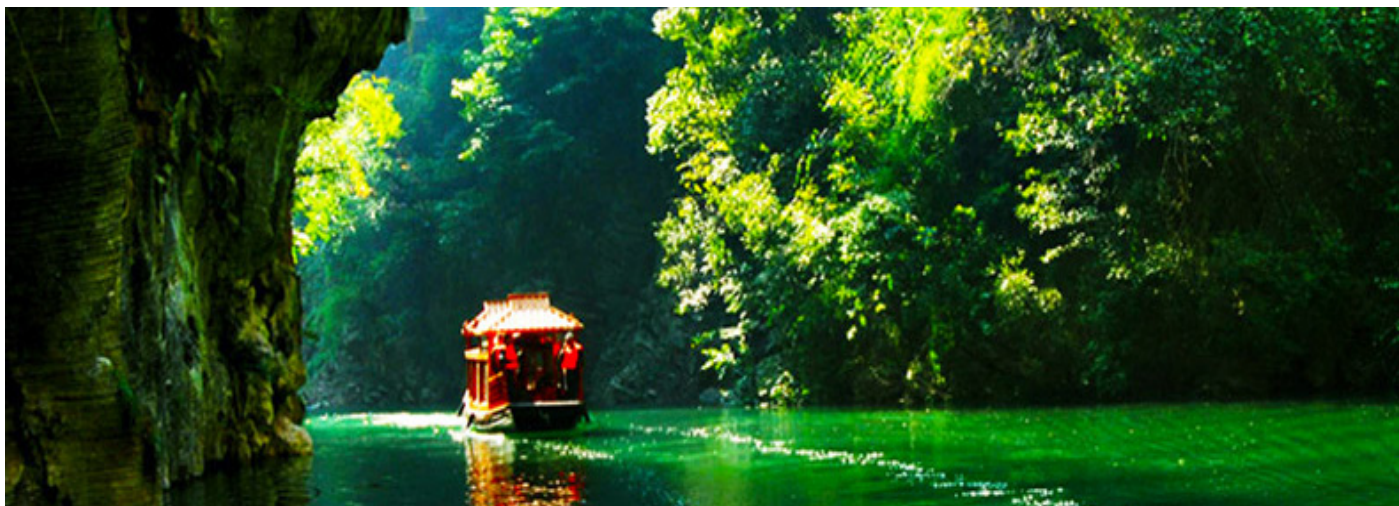
Accommodation: Victoria Yangtze River Cruise or similar



Optional Activities: Tribe of the Three Gorges Shore Excursion

Immerse yourself in the unique blend of Ba and Shu Cultures at the Tribe of the Three Gorges. Explore traditional customs, witness local craftsmanship, and revel in the picturesque surroundings. Engage with the local community to gain insights into their daily lives and cultural practices (Note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).





### DAY 15 | YANGTZE CRUISE: SHENGNONG STREAM, WU & QUTANG GORGE

Today, you'll disembark from the cruise ship and journey to the captivating Shennong Stream, nestled within the breathtaking Outang and Wu Gorges of the Yangtze River. Delve into history as you explore the Ancient Plank Road and Mangling Stairway, where ancient settlements and hanging coffins tell stories of the Tujia people's enduring traditions. These coffins, perched high on limestone cliffs, offer a poignant glimpse into the past. Amidst lush vegetation and diverse wildlife, including monkeys and tropical birds, immerse yourself in the natural splendor of this remarkable landscape.



Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner



Accommodation: Victoria Yangtze River Cruise or similar



Optional Activities: White Emperor City Shore Excursion

Perched atop Baidi Mountain on the northern bank of the Yangtze River in Fengjie County, the White Emperor City is a revered ancient temple complex steeped in history and poetic inspiration. Renowned for its panoramic views over the western end of the Outang Gorge, this iconic landmark holds such cultural significance that it graces the back of the Chinese 10-yuan bill. When river conditions permit, visitors can embark on a journey to explore this storied site, immersing themselves in its timeless beauty and historical allure. (Please note that this optional tour is available on-site and is not included in the package.)

## **DAY 16 | YANGTZE CRUISE: XIAOGUANSHAN ANCIENT FOLK CULTURE PARK & MT SHUANGGUI**

Embark on your final shore excursion at Mt. Shuanggui and Xiaoguanshan Ancient Folk Culture Park, where nature and history converge in perfect harmony. Mt. Shuanggui, a national forest park along the Yangtze River, boasts centuries-old cliffside calligraphy and pavilions honoring historical luminaries. At Xiaoguanshan Park, marvel at panoramic views and explore meticulously recreated ancient buildings, courtyards, and temples from the Fengdu region. This cultural sanctuary also showcases captivating performances such as Sichuan opera, acrobatics, folk music, and puppet shows. This enriching excursion marks the perfect conclusion to your Yangtze River voyage, weaving together natural splendor and profound cultural heritage.

 Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

 Accommodation: Victoria Yangtze River Cruise or similar

 Note: Fengdu Ghost City Shore Excursion

Feeling adventurous today? Dare to explore Fengdu Ghost City, renowned as the “City of Ghosts.” Perched on Ming Mountain, this complex boasts temples, shrines, and monasteries adorned with depictions of punishment instruments and vivid paintings of demons. It offers a fascinating glimpse into Chinese mythology and cultural beliefs surrounding the afterlife. If you’re ready for an expedition that intertwines folklore with history, Fengdu Ghost City beckons with its intriguing tales and ancient allure.





## DAY 17 | DEPART CHONGQING (DEBARK ON YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE)

Today marks the end of your extraordinary Yangtze River cruise adventure as you disembark in Chongqing. Prepare for a seamless transition as we transfer you to the airport for your flight homeward. Take a moment to reflect on the memories made during this remarkable journey, from the majestic landscapes to the rich cultural experiences along the river. Carry with you the enchanting tapestry of sights and sounds that define the allure of the Yangtze region. Safe travels and fond farewells as you depart from this captivating exploration.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: NA



Note:

For the flight-inclusive package, to ensure seamless flight operations and scheduling, some customers may be required to arrive at the airport early in the morning on the day of their departure or the preceding day (Day 14). In certain situations, travellers might encounter an overnight layover, during which we will organize accommodations and transfers for your comfort and convenience.

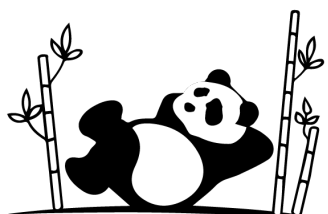


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Safe travels!**

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#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- 12 nights' accommodation in quality hotels
- 4 nights' superior cabins on Yangtze River Cruise
- Daily breakfast at hotels, and meals as specified
- All transfers by air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing entrance fees as specified
- Experienced English-speaking local guide(s) throughout the tour

#### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:**

- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities (mandatory \$12 AUD per person per day)
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance and other personal items

#### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Day 02 - The Tranquil Nianhua Bay Zen Town Tour \$200 CNY per person
- Day 04 - Suzhou Boat Tour on Oili Shantang Street \$200 CNY per person
- Day 05 - Most Memorable is Hangzhou Performance \$500 CNY per person
- Day 06 - The Sund and Huangpu River Cruise Tour \$200 CNY per person
- Day 07 - Muslim Street & Grand Tang Everbright City Tour \$280 CNY per person
- Day 09 - Xian Cultural Guided Tour \$380 CNY per person
- Day 10 - Old Town Hutong Tour \$280 CNY per person
- Day 14 - Tribe of Three Gorges Shore Excursion \$295 CNY per person
- Day 15 - White Emperor City Shore Excursion \$295 CNY per person
- Day 16 - Fengdu Ghost City Shore Excursion \$295 CNY per person

#### **SURCHARGES:**

A single supplement rate of \$1100 AUD applies for solo travellers.  
A surcharge of \$380 is applicable during the high season on dates marked with an asterisk(\*).  
A tipping amount of \$12 AUD per person per day will be collected before the tour begins.

#### **DEFAULT FLIGHT OPTIONS:**

Economy Class Departure from Melbourne/Sydney: \$500 AUD per person  
Economy Class Departure from Brisbane/Adelaide: \$680 AUD per person  
Economy Class Departure from Perth: \$980 AUD per person  
Upgrade to Business Class: \$4800 AUD per person

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**Group Size Requirement:**

A minimum of 20 individuals is required, with a maximum group size of 44 per group.

**Bedding Configuration:**

We offer a choice of double or twin configurations for twin travellers, subject to availability. Solo travellers who have purchased the single supplement have the option of a single bed.

For more information on other available options, please feel free to contact us.



## **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

- **Voluntary Changes:** Changes or upgrades requested within 90 days prior to tour departure incur a fee of \$200 AUD per person per change, plus applicable supplier costs. A minimum of 48 hours notice is required. No changes permitted within 89 days of tour departure.
- **Cancellations & Refunds:** Tour cancellations are non-refundable without exception.
- **Name Correction Fees:** Name corrections requested at least 72 hours prior to departure incur a fee of \$200 AUD per person, plus any supplier costs.
- **Supplier Fees:** In case of tour cancellation or supplier inability to fulfill due to external circumstances, Expedition Exclusive will strive to recover all funds committed. However, unrecoverable costs may result in a supplier fee passed on to the customer.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- **Group Size:** 20-44 persons
- **Maximum Room Capacity:** 2 people per room; Unaccompanied minors not allowed
- **Bedding Configuration:** Double or twin (subject to availability)
- **Travel Insurance:** Compulsory to purchase prior to tour departure
- **Itinerary Adherence:** Agreement to attend listed itinerary; Changes/no-shows may result in unused booking cancellation without refund
- **COVID-19 Policies:** Subject to local government regulations
- **Itinerary & Accommodation Changes:** Beyond our control; Efforts made to communicate changes promptly.