



Travel China



**12 Days China Tour
2025**

China Discovery (TC12)



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PRICES

Tour Type	Twin Travelers	Solo Travelers Nett
Departure from Australia	\$1,199 AUD per person	\$1,819 AUD per person
Departure from New Zealand	\$1,326 NZD per person	\$1,503 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

Experience the best of Beijing with a visit to the majestic Forbidden City, where you'll uncover the rich history of China's emperors. Stroll through Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, before heading to the Juyong Pass of the Great Wall for a less crowded, more authentic encounter with this world wonder. Discover the secrets of traditional Chinese medicine at the renowned 'Tong Ren Tang' and gain a deeper understanding of China's jade craftsmanship at the Jade Museum. After exploring Beijing, embark on an exhilarating high-speed train journey to Wuxi. Optional tours, such as a pedicab ride through Beijing's historic Hutongs or a dazzling acrobatic performance at the "Golden Mask Dynasty" show, add even more magic to your adventure.



Available Travel Period

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

02 , 09* , 16 , 23 , 30 March 2025	06 , 13* , 20 , April 2025	11 , 18, May 2025
08* , 15 , 22 , 29* June 2025	06* , 13* , 20* , 27* July 2025	03* , 10* , 17* , 24* , 31* August 2025
07* , 14 , 21 September 2025	12 , 19 , 26 October 2025	02* , 09 , 16 , 23 , 30 November 2025



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 01 | ARRIVAL IN BEIJING

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

 Included Meals: N/A

 Accommodation: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

Flights

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.

Transfers

A group transfer will be available at a designated time. For booking with tailor-made flights, if your flight arrives outside of this scheduled time, you will be responsible for arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.




DAY 02 | BEIJING

After breakfast, you'll visit a **Jade Museum**, where you'll uncover the rich history of jade in Chinese culture and observe skilled craftsmen creating intricate designs. Known as "Yu" in China, jade has been revered for over four thousand years as a symbol of beauty and purity.

Following the museum tour, you'll embark on a scenic drive through picturesque countryside and mountain landscapes on your way to one of China's most iconic landmarks, **the Great Wall**. During the journey, you'll enjoy a traditional Beijing lunch with local flavors.

Upon arrival at the Great Wall, you'll explore the quieter Juyong Pass, offering a more tranquil experience away from the crowds. Spanning over 5,600 km, the Great Wall winds through northern China, showcasing both the majesty of its architecture and the stunning beauty of the surrounding landscape.

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

 Accommodation: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

 Optional Activity: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner

In the afternoon, you can opt to join an additional tour (not included, payable on-site) exploring Beijing's 700-year-old Hutongs, the city's traditional narrow alleyways, by old-fashioned pedicab. This tour includes a visit to a local family home, where you'll experience traditional customs and enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal. You'll also visit Shichahai, a historic and scenic area made up of three lakes—Qianhai, Houhai, and Xihai—surrounded by sites of historical significance, picturesque views, and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard residences. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and requires on-site payment).



DAY 03 | BEIJING

After breakfast, you'll visit '**Tong Ren Tang**' to immerse yourself in the world of traditional Chinese medicine, learning about ancient remedies and healing practices. Next, head to **Tiananmen Square**, one of the largest public squares in the world, where you can appreciate its vast scale and deep historical significance. From there, you'll explore the Imperial Palace inside the **Forbidden City**, also known as The Palace Museum. Originally built between 1406 and 1420 during Emperor Yong Le's reign, the Forbidden City has witnessed many historical events, including fires, invasions, and restorations. The architecture you see today reflects styles from the 1700s onwards, showcasing the site's rich legacy and historical evolution.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

 Optional Activity: The Golden Mask Dynasty

The Golden Mask Dynasty Show is an enchanting theatrical performance set in ancient China, featuring a blend of dance, acrobatics, and special effects, including an on-stage waterfall. Held in Beijing, the show tells the romantic and dramatic tale of a queen from the mythical Golden Mask Dynasty and her love for a rival general, beautifully weaving together themes of love, conflict, and reconciliation. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

Forbidden City Availability:

Due to a daily ticket limit for the Forbidden City, entry is not guaranteed and depends on availability. If tickets cannot be secured, an alternative visit to the Temple of Heaven will be arranged.

Temple of Heaven:

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of Heaven is a 15th-century complex where emperors performed rituals for good harvests. Known for its stunning altars and grand architecture, it symbolizes the connection between earth and heaven and offers a unique insight into China's cultural heritage. a unique glimpse into China's rich cultural heritage.



DAY 04 | BEIJING - WUXI

Prepare for an exciting day as you board a high-speed train to Wuxi! After an easy transfer to the railway station, you'll enjoy the thrill of traveling at impressive speeds. Upon your arrival in Wuxi, a welcoming tour representative will be there to greet you and escort you to your hotel, setting the stage for the adventures that await!

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Rezen Shuguangwei Hotel or similar



DAY 05 | WUXI - SUZHOU

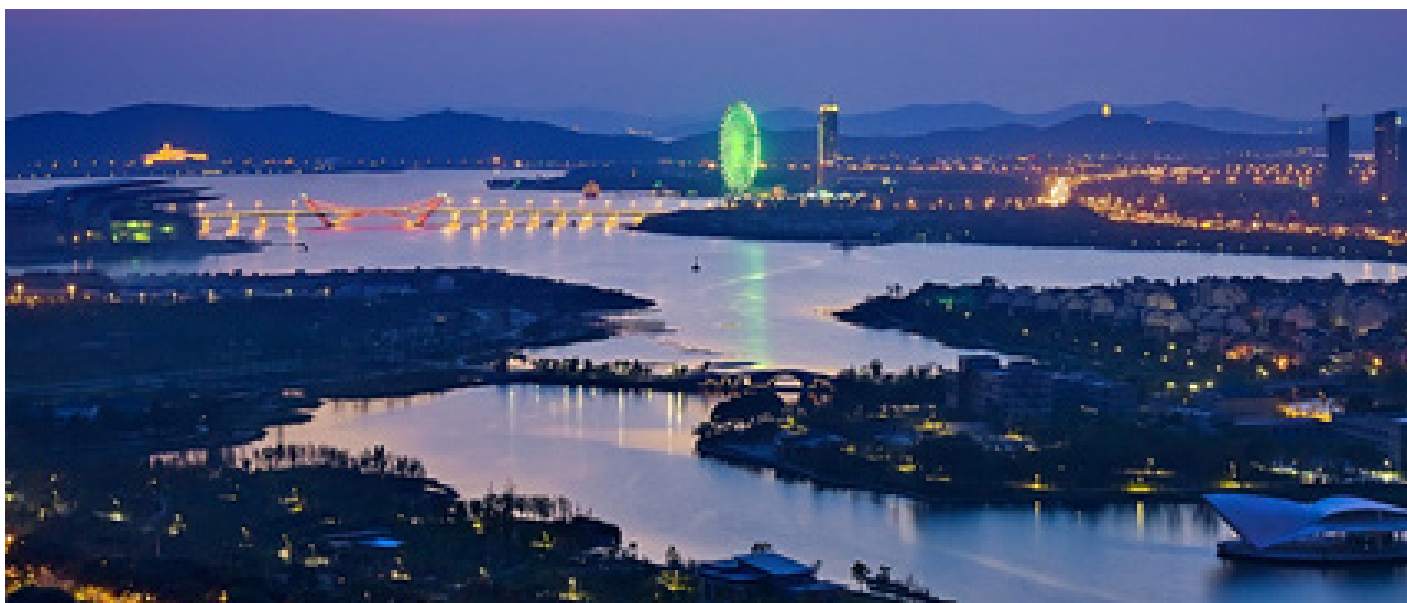
This morning, you'll explore China's impressive manufacturing industry with a visit to a **Pearl Factory**, where you'll discover the process behind freshwater pearls—an important export that has held cultural significance since the Han dynasty.

Next, take in the peaceful beauty of **Lihu Park**, a serene retreat along the shores of Lake Lihu. Stroll through lush greenery, scenic pathways, and charming bridges, while observing locals cycling, fishing, and boating.

In the afternoon, you'll drive to Suzhou, where you'll check into your hotel and unwind before continuing your adventures.

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

 Accommodation: Suzhouwan Holiday Inn Express Hotel or similar





DAY 06 | SUZHOU - HANGZHOU

Dating back to 514 BC, Suzhou is often referred to as the “Venice of the East.” While visiting, you’ll explore the famous Lingering Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its breathtaking landscape and classical design. Afterward, you’ll visit a silk spinning factory, where you’ll see the skilled craftsmanship that has made China renowned for its luxurious silk production.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Jinhuating International Hotel or similar

 Optional Activity: Grand Canal Cruise

Experience the enchanting Grand Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the oldest man-made waterways in the world. As you glide through serene waters, enjoy picturesque scenery, traditional buildings, and vibrant gardens that reflect a rich cultural heritage. This historic canal reveals its significance as a bustling trade route, offering a unique perspective on its fascinating stories. Relax and soak in the charming atmosphere, making your cruise an unforgettable highlight of your journey. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).



DAY 07 | HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI

Hangzhou, known as one of China's tea capitals, provides a must-have experience at a local tea house. Today, you'll visit the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village, situated in the picturesque region surrounding West Lake Park, a prime area for Longjing Tea production. Immerse yourself in the stunning scenery while learning the art of making Longjing Tea, from picking and frying the leaves to savoring the finished brew.

Afterward, enjoy a brief boat ride on the UNESCO-listed West Lake, soaking in the enchanting views of islands draped in willows.

Finally, you'll drive to Shanghai to visit the iconic Bund, where modern skyscrapers on the eastern side of the Huangpu River contrast with traditional European-style architecture on the western side.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Fangta Holiday Inn Express or similar

 Optional Activities: ERA & The Intersection of Time:

"ERA & The Intersection of Time" is a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show that merges traditional artistry with modern performance techniques. Featuring breathtaking stunts, intricate choreography, and stunning visual effects, each act tells a captivating story that highlights China's rich cultural heritage while celebrating the connection between the past and present. With vibrant costumes and talented performers, "ERA" promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you in awe of its incredible talent. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).





DAY 08 | SHANGHAI

This morning, you'll delve into the captivating history of Shanghai at the Shanghai History Museum, a landmark that offers an in-depth look at the city's rich heritage. In the afternoon, enjoy some leisure time to relax or choose from a range of optional activities to enhance your experience.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Fangta Holiday Inn Express or similar



Optional Activities: ERA & The Intersection of Time:

Half-Day Shanghai Tour:

Discover the vibrant blend of tradition and modernity on this half-day Shanghai tour. Start at Yu Garden, a stunning classical garden filled with intricate rockeries and tranquil ponds that showcase the city's rich history. Next, explore the charming Xintiandi district, known for its unique stone-lane architecture and trendy boutiques. Immerse yourself in local culture as you stroll through the historic Old Town and experience the bustling energy of Nanjing Road, Shanghai's premier shopping street lined with both international brands and local shops. This tour offers a delightful mix of history, culture, and contemporary flair. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

Huangpu River Night Cruise:

Experience the enchantment of Shanghai on a Huangpu River night cruise, where the city's stunning skyline shines under twinkling lights. Glide along tranquil waters for breathtaking views of iconic landmarks, including the Oriental Pearl Tower and the historic Bund. The illuminated waterfront showcases the harmonious blend of tradition and modernity that defines the city. Relax aboard the comfortable vessel, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and captivating stories about Shanghai's rich history. This unforgettable cruise offers a unique perspective on the city's mesmerizing nightscape. (Please note: the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).



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DAY 09 | SHANGHAI - CHENGDU

Today, you'll arrive in Chengdu, a vibrant city known for its spicy cuisine and its status as the beloved home of the Giant Panda. Once you land, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you can relax and unwind, taking some time to recharge before your adventures begin.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Yajue Hotel or similar






DAY 10 | CHENGDU

Start your day with a relaxing morning—explore the hotel surroundings at your own pace or opt to join our visit to the Giant Panda Breeding Center for a chance to see these adorable creatures up close. In the afternoon, we'll visit Luodai Ancient Town, where you can wander its charming streets, dotted with traditional architecture and lively local shops. Later, we'll head to Kuanzhai Alley, a captivating blend of old and new, filled with quaint teahouses, unique boutiques, and tempting street food vendors. As evening descends, take in the breathtaking view of Jiuyan Bridge, beautifully illuminated against the night sky—a perfect setting for memorable photos. This day is a wonderful journey through Chengdu's history, culture, and scenic beauty.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

 Accommodation: Yajue Hotel or similar

 Optional Activities: Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center:

Join us for a half-day excursion to the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center, one of the world's foremost panda conservation facilities. Here, you'll get to watch both giant pandas and red pandas in their carefully designed habitats as they munch on bamboo, play, and interact. With insights from an experienced guide, you'll learn about the center's critical conservation and breeding efforts, as well as the cultural importance of pandas in China. There will be plenty of chances to capture photos of these lovable creatures, and you can stop by the gift shop for unique panda-themed souvenirs that help support the center's initiatives. This optional tour offers an unforgettable experience for animal enthusiasts and curious visitors alike (please note: this tour is not included in your package and must be paid for on-site)



DAY 11 | CHENGDU

Enjoy a full day discovering Chengdu's unique blend of tradition and modernity. Start with a visit to the Sichuan Brocade Museum, where you'll uncover the intricate art of traditional brocade weaving and its rich historical importance. Next, take a stroll down Jinli Old Street, a lively area brimming with shops, local snacks, and cultural treasures, immersing you in the city's vibrant heritage.

Afterward, explore Eastern Suburb Memory, a creative hub spotlighting local art and culture—a fantastic window into Chengdu's contemporary scene. In the afternoon, head to Chunxi Road, the city's bustling shopping district, to browse a mix of international and local stores.

Wrap up the day at IFS, Chengdu's iconic shopping center, renowned for its upscale boutiques and impressive architecture. It's the perfect spot to unwind, enjoy some leisurely shopping, or relax with a coffee. This day offers a wonderful journey through Chengdu's history, culture, and modern lifestyle.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Yajue Hotel or similar



Optional Activities: Sichuan Opera and Hotpot Dinner:

For an unforgettable evening in Chengdu, treat yourself to an optional Sichuan Opera performance accompanied by a traditional hotpot dinner. Step into the lively world of Sichuan Opera, famous for its mesmerizing face-changing acts, vibrant costumes, and captivating music, all while enjoying a flavorful hotpot meal. Relish the rich, spicy broth as you cook a variety of fresh ingredients, soaking up the authentic flavors of this iconic dish while being entertained by the dynamic performance before you. This experience beautifully blends Chengdu's rich cultural heritage with its renowned cuisine, creating a night you won't forget (please note: this optional tour is not included in your package and must be paid for on-site).



DAY 12 | DEPART CHENGDU

On the final day of your tour in China, savour a leisurely breakfast before preparing for your journey home. Depending on your flight schedule, you'll be comfortably transferred to the airport. Take a moment to reflect on the amazing experiences and cherished memories you've created during your adventure in this captivating country.



Included Meals: Breakfast



Accommodation: Inflight



Note:

Flights

For the flight-inclusive package, to ensure smooth flight operations and scheduling, certain customers may need to arrive at the airport early in the morning on the day of their departure or the following day (Day 13). In some cases, travellers may experience an overnight layover, during which we will arrange accommodations and transfers for your convenience.

Transfers

A group transfer will be available at a designated time. For booking with tailor-made flights, if your flight arrives outside of this scheduled time, you will be responsible for arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 11 nights' accommodation in quality 4 Star hotels
- One-way high-speed train from Beijing to Wuxi in 2nd class
- One-way domestic flight from Shanghai to Chengdu in economy class
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch with local specialties
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing entrance fees as specified
- Experienced English-speaking guide throughout the tour

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities (mandatory \$20 AUD / \$23 NZD per person per day)
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance and other personal items are not included

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Day 02 - Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - \$300 CNY per person

Day 03 - Golden Mask Dynasty - \$330 CNY per person

Day 06 - Grand Canal Cruise - \$220 CNY per person

Day 07 - ERA & The Intersection of Time - \$390 CNY per person

Day 08 - Hall-Day Shanghai Tour - \$240 CNY per person

Day 08 - Huangpu River Night Cruise - \$280 CNY per person

Day 10 - Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center - \$280 CNY per person

Day 11 - Sichuan Opera and Hotpot Dinner - \$380 CNY per person

SURCHARGES:

A single supplement rate of \$620 AUD applies for solo travellers.

A surcharge of \$380 AUD is applicable during the high season on dates marked with an asterisk (*).

A tipping amount of \$20 AUD / \$ 23 NZD per person per day will be collected before the tour begins.

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 travelers, subject to availability. Solo travelers who have purchased the single supplement have the option for a single bed.

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

Traveller Eligibilities

This program is exclusively available for adult travelers aged 18 and older.

For those holding passports from countries other than Australia or New Zealand, an overseas traveler surcharge may apply. Please reach out to us for more details.

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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: Please note that in the event of tour cancellation fee of \$200 AUD per person will be charged, in addition to any relevant supplier cost. Refund requests must be submitted in writing and will take up to 6 weeks to process. It is important to note that no refunds can be issued once the tour has commenced (for the flight - inclusive package, no refunds can be issued once the flights have been ticketed).

Name Correction Fees: A fee of \$200 AUD per person is applicable for the name corrections on documents, along with any supplier costs. Kindly note that name corrections must be requested at least 72 hours prior to departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.

Document Change Fees: A fee of \$200 AUD per person will be charged for any passport changes, in addition to any application supplier costs. Please note that train tickets and admission access must be linked to your travel passport details. Any changes to passport information must be requested at least 14 days prior to departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.



Supplier Fees: In the event that the tour you have purchased is unable to proceed or a travel supplier is unable to fulfill the tour due to external circumstances (such as a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our suppliers and is unrecoverable. This could be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins, or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. As your agent, Travel China is committed to covering these costs and will make every effort to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your tour. However, please note that this may not be possible in every circumstance. If refunds are unavailable from our suppliers, we will strive to obtain a travel credit with the best possible terms and communicate these options to you. If Travel China cannot obtain a refund, travel service credit, or only a partial refund, this cost will be passed on to the customer as a supplier fee. It is important to note that this fee is not intended to generate revenue but to cover the payments our suppliers withhold during the recovery process.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Maximum Room Capacity: 2 people per room.

Unaccompanied minors are not permitted on this tour.

Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. It is mandatory to purchase travel insurance prior to the tour departure.

By purchasing this tour, you agree to follow the listed itinerary. Any changes or no-shows may result in canceling unused bookings without a refund.

Please note that the itinerary and accommodation listed may be subject to change. We strive to communicate any changes as soon as possible, but please understand that these changes are beyond our control. In the event of any unforeseen changes to flight times or itineraries, we will make every effort to offer you suitable alternative arrangements. We kindly request that you consult with us before making non-refundable bookings for accommodations and other activities not included in this package. Your satisfaction is our utmost priority.

Travel Documents

To ensure a smooth journey, it is imperative that you possess a valid passport and have obtained all necessary visas, permits, and certificates for the countries you plan to visit. Please note that passports are mandatory for all travelers when



departing from Australia and New Zealand. For a permanent resident to travel on a foreign passport, you must also hold an Australian/New Zealand Re-entry Visa. Additionally, many countries require foreign nationals entering their borders to possess a passport with a minimum of six months' validity. Remember, the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of your documentation lies with you as the individual traveler. Any fines, penalties, or expenses incurred due to incorrect documentation will be solely your responsibility.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a requirement for all our travelers and should be obtained at the time of booking. Your travel insurance should cover personal accidents, death, medical expenses, and emergency repatriation, with a recommended minimum coverage of US\$200,000 for each category. We also strongly recommend coverage for cancellation, curtailment, personal liability, luggage loss, and personal effects. On the first day of your trip, you must provide proof of your travel insurance. Please note that joining the trip will not be possible without it. If you would like our assistance in obtaining travel insurance, please contact us via email at hello@travelchina.co.nz.

Private Transfer

Kindly note that our standard airport transfer operates on a group basis, which may involve waiting times of up to 2 hours. To bypass any potential delays, you have the option to book a private transfer for \$100 AUD per person/one-way. This will ensure a more prompt and personalized service for your convenience.

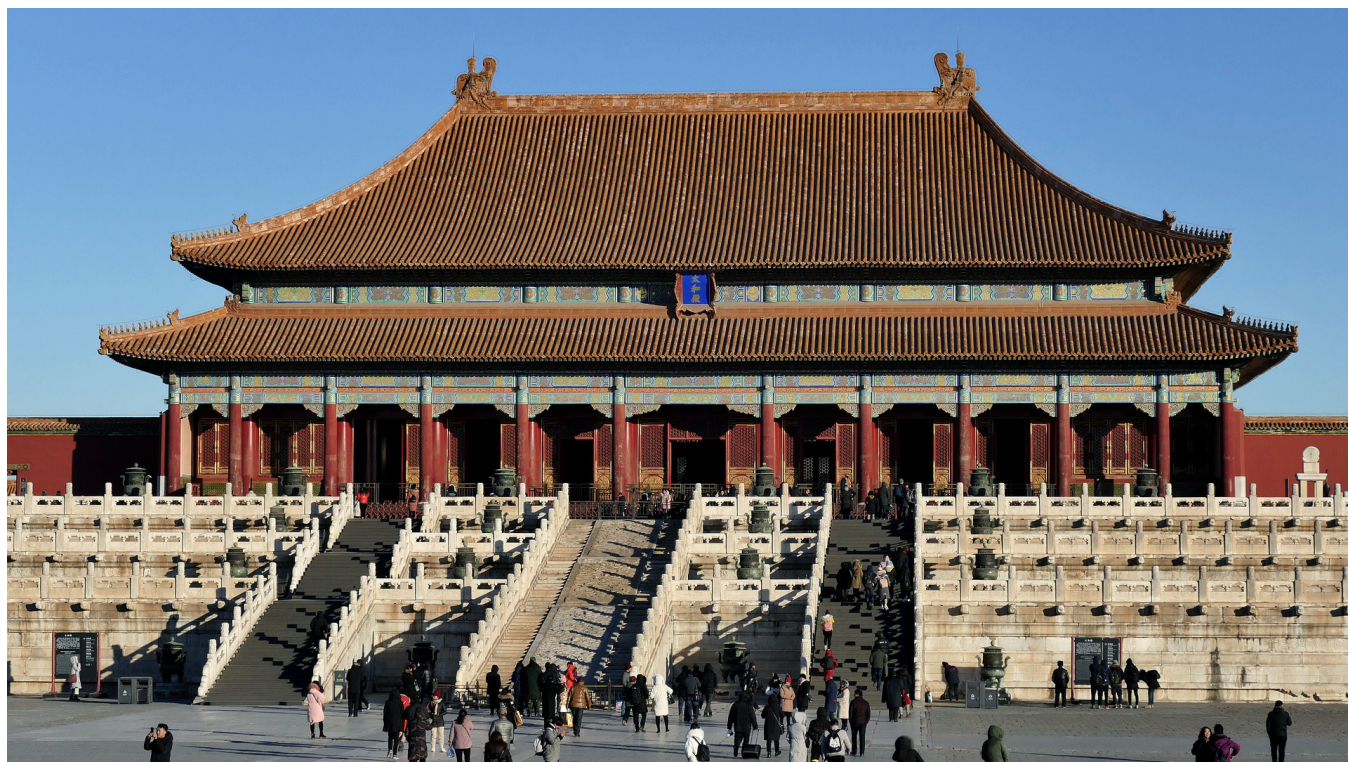
Default Flights

The default flights added to this package have been predetermined by our product team and the airline carriers, and the following conditions apply:

The default flights cannot be changed or refunded at any time. If these flights are not used, the unused sector(s) will be forfeited without any refund.

The flight schedule will be available approximately three months prior to the actual departure.

For any customized flight requests, such as changes in time, airline, or class, the flights will be re-quoted at the prevailing market price, and an additional amount will be charged. Please let us know if you have any further questions or require any assistance.



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We look forward to exploring more destinations with you in the future.
Safe travels!**

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