

10 Day Classic China

September 2023 – April 2024

From: \$2099* Land & Air

*call for specific rates for specific dates and departure points



DAY 1, Tuesday - Depart for China

Depart for China. Please note that your flight may depart just after midnight. In that case, you must check in at the airport the evening prior to your departure date



DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the new time zone

Overnight: Beijing



DAY 3, Thursday - Great Wall of China & Summer Palace Tour

In the morning, following breakfast, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for an orientation meeting about the extraordinary journey that lies ahead. After, embark on a full-day excursion to the Great Wall of China, the longest man-made structure on Earth, spanning nearly 4,000 miles of China's northern frontier. Stop at a local jade shop before arriving at the Great Wall. Walk along the promenades and enjoy the unrivaled scenic views of beautiful mountain passes, plateaus, and grasslands from this 7th-century defensive fortification. Afterward, savor lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit the Summer Palace, former resort of the Empress Dowager and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a relaxing boat ride across the lake and admire the stunning scenery. Stroll along the sprawling palace with its lakes and gardens before returning to Beijing. In the evening, your dinner will feature the famous Peking Duck with wine

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 4, Friday - Forbidden City & Panda Visit

This morning, begin at Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza in the world. Erected in 1417 at the height of the Ming Dynasty, the square was renovated and renamed two centuries later at the onset of the Great Qing Dynasty. View several impressive monuments outlining the Square's perimeter, including the Great Hall of the People, the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong and the Square's famed ceremonial gateway. From here, venture north for a visit to the Forbidden City (Imperial Palace). Known today as the Palace Museum, the entire site is comprised of 800 buildings with more than 9,000 rooms. Later, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit a local pearl shop before continuing to the Beijing Zoo to see the famous pandas

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 5, Saturday - High-Speed Train to Xian

This morning, travel via high-speed train to Xian. Upon arrival, trace the beginnings of Chinese civilization at the Xi'an Museum. Opened to the public in 2007, the museum is home to a wealth of historical artifacts and treasures from the Han and Tang dynasties. This evening, attend an *optional* Tang Dynasty 6-course dinner followed by a historical dance performance by the Tang Dynasty Troupe

Optional: Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 6, Sunday - Xian Antiquities Tour with Terracotta Army

This morning, after breakfast you will have the opportunity to visit Xingqing Park. Filled with culture, this local park is a hub of activity in the morning. You may witness and have the chance to participate in morning exercise, singing, and dancing. Later, visit a lacquer furniture shop. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before a tour of Xian's antiquities. Your tour includes the archaeological site at the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang (259-210 B.C.), where more than 8,000 finely sculpted, life-size terracotta soldiers and horses were discovered by local farmers in 1974. The archaeological excavation of the three pits where the Terracotta Army was found continues today, more than forty years since the time of its unearthing. At tonight's *optional* dumpling banquet, you can sample different varieties of delicious dumplings

Optional: Dumpling Dinner

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 7, Monday - Flight to Shanghai

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, the fastest growing city in Asia, with its dramatic ever-changing skyline. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join the *optional* Shanghai by Night with Dinner

Optional: Shanghai by Night with Dinner

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 8, Tuesday - Shanghai City Tour

This morning, take a tour of the major attractions of Shanghai. Wander the classical Yuyuan Garden, built during the Ming Dynasty by the high-ranking government official Pan Yunduan. The Gardens' total area occupies approximately five acres, and features pavilions, ponds, rockeries, cloisters, and streams all within six scenic zones, including the Sansui Hall and Wanhua Chamber. In existence for 400 years, the gardens were specifically constructed for Pan's aging parents as a sanctuary in which to live out their lives. Next, experience the old world charm of the Bund, the former "Wall Street" of the foreign powers. Walk along its park-like waterfront promenade between the Wusong River and Old Town. Later, stop at a silk carpet and embroidery shop. Continue with a visit the Jade Buddha Temple which is the most famous and one of the most active Buddhist temples in Shanghai. It was built during the Guangxu period of the Qing Dynasty to enshrine two beautiful jade Buddha statues that were brought from Burma. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, be sure to attend the *optional* Acrobatic Show with dinner. The Shanghai Circus death-defiers will amaze and astound you with their high-flying versatility, fearlessness, and flexibility

Optional: Acrobatic Show with Dinner

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 9, Wednesday - Full Day in Shanghai

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Shanghai on your own, or join the *optional* full day tour to Suzhou, including lunch and a cruise on the Grand Canal. Morning departure from Shanghai for the drive to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East". Upon arrival in this charming city, relax on a boat ride along the narrow waterways of the legendary Grand Canal followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Then, continue to the beautiful and fragrant Garden of the Master of the Nets, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. End the day in Suzhou with a walk along bustling Guanqin Street, where the locals gather for entertainment and food. Return to Shanghai later this evening for a Farewell Dinner together at a local restaurant

Optional: Full Day Suzhou with lunch

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Thursday - Depart China

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Escorted Package Includes

- Flights Los Angeles-Beijing, Shanghai-Los Angeles
Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight: Xian-Shanghai
- 8 nights First Class accommodations
 - 3 nights Beijing
 - 2 nights Xian
 - 3 nights Shanghai
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- High-Speed Bullet Train from Beijing to Xian
- 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Visit the amazing Forbidden City, once residence of Chinese Emperors and Summer Palace
- See the world-famous archaeological site of the magnificent Terracotta Army
- Visit the 2000-year-old Great Wall, the World's longest man-made structure
- Explore the classical Yuyuan Garden and the Bund Riverside, Shanghai's popular promenade
- Savor a famous duck dinner with wine

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

Is This Trip Right for You?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however, you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. The Great Wall requires a climb of approximately 300 steps, some of which have an incline. It is recommended to wear sturdy shoes, and people who have knee problems may want to carry a walking stick. Some tours require walking in the open air with no shade. Air pollution is a problem in many of China's major cities. Please see the CDC website and/or consult with your healthcare provider for specific recommendations. The usage of a bandanna or, light scarf might help screen out some of the pollutants in the air. This is a Classic program. For more information, [click here](#).

Mercure Beijing Downtown, Beijing



This first class hotel is located in the city center of Beijing.

Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel, Xian



This first class hotel is situated within the old city walls near the West Gate.

Ocean Hotel, Shanghai



This first class hotel overlooks the Huangpu River.

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show

Dine on Imperial set menu of 6 courses. All while you enjoy the beat of Chang'an music. After dinner, enjoy the celebrated Tang Dynasty show, a one-thousand-year-old dance performed by the passionate Tang Dynasty Troupe. This historical performance is a national art, reflective of the glory and richness of China's Tang Dynasty. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #5

01 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2023

\$59.00



Dumpling Dinner

This evening, enjoy a delicious dumpling banquet featuring different varieties of jiaozi, or dumplings, stuffed with an assortment of vegetables, meats, and seafood. The traditional banquet also includes rice wine and bronze hot pot soup. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #6

01 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2023

\$15.00



Shanghai by Night with dinner

Depart for dinner in a local restaurant. After the dinner, drive to the pier near the Bund waterfront to board a ship for a 40 minute cruise on the Huangpu River, the mother river of Shanghai. Witness the 200 years of Colonial history. You will see European style buildings on one side of the river and the futuristic skyline of Shanghai on the other side. After the cruise, experience an exciting drive through the city's wall of buildings to witness this thriving capital of the Far East. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #7

01 May 2021 - 31 Mar 2023

\$35.00



Acrobatic Show with dinner

Having undergone thousands of years of evolution, the Shanghai acrobatic arts has now blossomed into a unique style. The Shanghai Circus death-deifiers will amaze and astound you with their high-flying versatility, fearlessness, and flexibility. This evening, enjoy a world-class performance that includes dance, magic, acrobatics and beautiful music after dinner at a local restaurant. Transfers to and from your hotel included.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Please note: This tour may be canceled locally by the theater and refunded upon your return.

Day #8

25 May 2019 - 31 Mar 2023

\$29.00



Full Day Suzhou with lunch

This morning, depart your hotel for a 2.5 hour drive from Shanghai to Suzhou. Located in Jiangsu Province, this ancient city enjoys the name of "Venice of the East". Your day begins on the famous Grand Canal, the longest man made Canal in the world. Travel leisurely down the narrow waterways and under the stone bridges. From your boat you will see the daily life of the people who inhabit the banks of the canal in this ancient city. Later, enjoy free time along Pingjiang Road, a famous street in Suzhou among locals for gathering, entertainment and food, and a favorite among visitors for its rich culture and sightseeing opportunities. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant followed by a visit to the Garden of the Master of the Nets. This privately owned garden is one of the most perfectly proportioned in Suzhou. The garden demonstrates Chinese garden designers' adept skills for synthesizing art, nature, and architecture to create unique metaphysical masterpieces. Return to Shanghai late this evening.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 11 hours.

Day #9

01 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2023

\$65.00

