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23 Day China Revealed

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Gubei Water Town

Shanghai

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Yangtze River

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23 Day China Elegance

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Few countries do the great outdoors like China: the scenery here is eye-popping and as varied as it is impressive. On this small group tour visit some of the great wonders that China has to offer, enjoy traditional cuisine and explore villages that time forgot.

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TOUR ITINERARY



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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Beijing
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ Crowne Plaza Beijing Wangfujing, or similar

Your boutique tour through China awaits! The journey begins with an international flight to Beijing; upon arrival at Beijing Airport, you'll be met by our representative and escorted to your hotel to rest after your flight.

Please note: Some flights may depart the day before.

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

DAY 2

Destination	Beijing
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Crowne Plaza Beijing Wangfujing, or similar

Set out today with your guide to discover Beijing's iconic imperial treasures. Stand in Tiananmen Square, one of the largest and grandest public plazas in the world; enjoy the thrill of a rickshaw tour of the city's Hutongs – narrow laneways dotted with *siheyuan* (traditional courtyard-styled houses) and famous for their time-honoured workshops.

Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious meal with a local family before returning to the hotel, where you can spend the evening relaxing, or instead enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** to enhance your experience.

OPTIONAL TOUR - KUNG FU SHOW

A must-see production in Beijing for tourists and Kung Fu lovers. A group of the best Kung Fu practitioners in China perform in this show, a mix of traditional martial arts and modern theatre. Enjoy stunning Kung Fu skills, exquisite ballet and music.

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DAY 3

Destination	Beijing 🚗 Great Wall of China Mutianyu 🚗 Gubei Water Town
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	Yanmen Inn, or similar

An incredible day awaits: today we'll travel into the rugged mountain landscapes of the Mutianyu section of the [Great Wall of China](#). Take in the exceptional views from the top of this famous, ancient structure, often recognised as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a staggering feat of manpower and a bucket list destination. While here, enjoy an **Inspiring Taste**, sip some wine while you admire the views.

En route back to the city we'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia and learn all about China's most precious and celebrated stone. We'll also stop at the remote and ancient Gubei Water Town, which sits in the shadow of one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Wall – Simatai. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the town's narrow laneways and canals.

Tonight your **Inspiring Stay** will be a boutique Chinese courtyard inn. While not a modern five-star hotel, staying in a courtyard inn gives you an insight into the Chinese way of life.

DAY 4

Destination	Gubei Water Town
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Yanmen Inn, or similar

Enjoy free time exploring the elegance of Gubei Water Town today, where carefully preserved old buildings flank the sleepy canals.

Besides sightseeing within the town, the more adventurous may choose to climb a section of the Simatai Great Wall.

Please note: this section of the Great Wall is not reconstructed and is uneven and crumbling in some sections, however, Simatai Great Wall is arguably the most spectacular section of the Great Wall of China.

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DAY 5

Destination Gubei Water Town 🚗 Beijing 🚄 Shanghai

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ The Bund Riverside Hotel, or similar

Today we drive back to Beijing to visit the Forbidden City. Enter through the imposing walls of the Forbidden City, once the domain of the Ming Dynasty, for an exclusive tour of this vast complex of courtyards, halls, palaces and lanes.

Later, board the high-speed train to China's economic heart, Shanghai. China's bullet train network is now the most expansive in the world and you'll be rocketing to Shanghai at speeds of up to 300km/h. On arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel to enjoy some time at your leisure.

DAY 6

Destination Shanghai

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ The Bund Riverside Hotel, or similar

Today, we'll visit the Nanjing Road Shopping District, one of the world's busiest pedestrianised shopping streets featuring more than 600 businesses. Next we'll discover the history and culture of Shanghai at the Shanghai Museum. The building's impressive architecture features a round top and a square base, symbolizing the ancient Chinese philosophy of 'round sky, square earth'.

We'll continue to the Jinmao Building, which stands 420 metres high; it's located next to the Oriental Pearl Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Centre in the Lujiazui area of the Pudong district. Enjoy an **Inspiring Taste** of Shanghai Xiao Long Bao, the famous soup dumplings, which originated here in Shanghai but are now found the world over. Then we'll head to Shanghai's renowned waterfront – known as the Bund, or Waitan. This promenade, which sits next to the Huangpu River, is where you'll witness the collision of the old and new sides of this global financial hub.

Tonight, relax or enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** options to enhance your experience.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Enjoy an evening cruising the Huangpu River, allowing you to take in the famous sites of Shanghai including the People's Hero Monument, the Bund, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, the dramatic skyline of the Pudong business district, bustling Shanghai Cruise Port, the docks, Nanpu Bridge and Yangpu Bridge.

DAY 7

Destination	Shanghai ✈ Xi'an
Meals included	Breakfast, dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Park Xian, or similar

Today, travel by plane to Xi'an, where you'll be met by your tour guide and escorted to your hotel.

Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in all of China, with a history that extends back more than 3000 years. As one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, it served as the country's capital during several of the most significant dynasties in China's history. Xi'an is now home to a great number of precious and ancient relics, but the city is best known as the starting point of the famous Silk Road and the place where the Terracotta Army can be found.

DAY 8

Destination	X'ian
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Park Xian, or similar

Today will begin with a visit to the serene Small Wild Goose Pagoda. The building, constructed during the Tang dynasty, was once the site where a large team of scholars came to translate the Buddhist Scriptures into Chinese; as such it has since become a place of pilgrimage.

We'll then continue on to the Provincial Museum, otherwise known as the Shaanxi History Museum, which documents China's archaeological finds which date as far back as the Neolithic Age.

And finally, our next visit will be to the Ancient City Wall, which was built in 194 BCE; it is recognised as the oldest and best-preserved ancient city wall in all of China.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - TANG DYNASTY SHOW PERFORMANCE

The Tang Dynasty Show, also known as "Music & Dance Dinner Show in Xian" is the pride of the city. Hosted at the "Tang Dynasty Palace", which is a leading entertainment theatre & dinner restaurant in China. This legendary venue offers you a unique opportunity to indulge themselves in exotic Chinese entertainment.

DAY 9

Destination	Xi'an 🚗 Terracotta Warriors 🚗 Xi'an
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Park Xian, or similar

We'll learn about more than 1000 years of Xi'an's history today – a city that served as China's capital for 13 dynasties. We'll also visit the Terracotta Army, considered the Eighth Wonder of the World, which was discovered by accident in 1974, as local farmers were digging a well. Wear comfortable shoes to explore this vast depository of more than 7000 soldiers, archers, horses and chariots, which have guarded Emperor Qin's tomb since 210 BCE. Each figure is unique and the painstaking repair and excavation work continues to this day. On the way to the Terracotta Warriors, we'll also visit an excellent factory where you can learn more about the creation, conservation, and history of the warrior vaults.

After lunch, enjoy a walking food tour of the old Muslim Quarter, where your guide will help to order you delectable dishes and snacks.

DAY 10

Destination	Xi'an 🚗 Chengdu
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or similar

Transfer to Chengdu by bullet train today. Upon arrival in Sichuan's capital, you'll be transferred to your hotel to rest, ahead of your full day of sightseeing tomorrow.

Chengdu's history dates back to at least the fourth century BCE, when it served as capital of the Shu Kingdom, but today it is more famous for the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding – a conservation centre where visitors can view endangered giant pandas in a natural habitat.

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DAY 11

Destination	Chengdu
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or similar

Set out today for an incredible tour of Chengdu Panda Base with an experienced local guide. The centre is famous for its breeding program and home of the giant pandas and their gorgeous cousins, the red pandas.

Later we'll explore some of Chengdu's most famous and historic backstreets, including: Kuan Xiangzi (Wide Alley), Zhai Xiangzi (Narrow Alley), and Jing Xiangzi (Well Alley). The main attraction among these alleys are the traditional courtyards and ancient style streets.

Tonight we'll enjoy an **Inspiring Taste** – the local delicacy of Sichuan Hotpot. Trying this regional dish of hot broth and countless other additions (from thinly sliced meat to leafy vegetables, seafood and wontons) should be a mandatory part of everyone's culinary tour of Sichuan.

DAY 12

Destination	Chengdu 🚗 Leshan Giant Buddha 🚗 Huanglongxi Ancient Town 🚗 Chengdu
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Sofitel Wanda Chengdu Hotel, or similar

After breakfast today we set out for a tour of the Leshan Giant Buddha. A 71-metre-tall stone statue that has been carved out of the side of a towering cliff face, the Leshan Giant Buddha is the largest stone Buddha in the world, and considered to be the tallest pre-modern statue in the world. The wider Mount Emei Scenic Area has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.

We finish today's activities with a visit to the Huanglongxi Ancient Town. With a history of more than 1700 years, Huanglongxi still retains its rustic charm with ancient buildings and old folklore customs kept alive.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - SICHUAN OPERA SHOW

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

A typical local opera in Sichuan, typical local style music and dancing Show, it was a saying in Tang Dynasty: Sichuan Opera is the best in China. Then developed based on the local Opera of Chedeng, and integrated with the singing of other local opera in China, such as Su, Wan, Shan ect. the highlights is the Face Change, a master can change facial makeup tens of times in a short while, and also Tuhuo, Gundeng, Shuixiu ect. specially it is not that sit line by line, but by the teapoy separately to enjoy the opera, it is quite different experience of local culture.

DAY 13

Destination	Chengdu 🚆 Yichang 🚢 Embark on Yangtze Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, dinner
Hotel	Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or similar

Today, we'll transfer to Yichang by bullet train. Upon arrival, board your [Yangtze River cruise](#) ship and settle in before departure tomorrow.

The meandering Yangtze River is the largest river in Asia and the third largest in the world. It is renowned not only for its impressive size but also for the natural beauty of its surrounds. The river begins in the remote mountainous regions and winds its way through stunning gorges, and lush and fertile regions, connecting with numerous lakes and waterways.

Relish an **Inspiring Taste** dining experience over the next four nights in the ship's VIP dining room. Here you'll enjoy a quieter dining experience, better views and complimentary beer and soft drinks.

DAY 14

Destination	🚢 Yangtze River Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or similar

Today, enjoy a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site. The dam is one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken by mankind and is the biggest hydroelectric power project in the world. The scale of the dam will leave you awed.


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Later, return to the ship and enjoy some free time before attending the Captain's Welcome Banquet this evening, where an evening of dancing and good food awaits.


DAY 15

Destination	 Yangtze River Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or similar

Today's included shore experience is to the Lesser Three Gorges. After disembarking the cruise ship board smaller vessels to sail through the narrow and breathtaking Lesser Three Gorges region, lined by sheer cliffs and mountains.

In the afternoon we'll continue to cruise into the western section of the expansive Xiling Gorge.



DAY 16

Destination	 Yangtze River Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	Victoria Jenna Yangtze cruise, or similar

Today we'll pass through the mountains of Eastern Sichuan and enjoy a shore excursion to Fengdu Ghost City. This complex of temples, shrines and monasteries, built on Ming Mountain, depict instruments of punishment and paintings of demons, demonstrating the Chinese people's imagination of hell.

Tonight, enjoy the farewell dinner and pack your bags ahead of disembarkation tomorrow morning.

DAY 17

Destination	Disembark Yangtze cruise  Chongqing  Guilin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Grand Bravo Guilin Hotel, or similar

Today your guide will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Guilin. On arrival in Guilin you'll be transferred to your hotel.

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DAY 18

Destination	Guilin 🚗 Longji
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	Longji Star Wish Resort, or similar

Today enjoy a visit to the symbol of the city of Guilin: Elephant Trunk Hill. So named because the giant rock resembles an elephant dipping its trunk in the water to drink.

Next we drive to Reed Flute Cave, also known as the 'Palace of Natural Arts'. This limestone cave, full of stalactites, stalagmites and tall columns of stone, is illuminated by myriad multicoloured lights, making it a subterranean wonderland.

Later, we make our way to Longji, also known as the 'Dragon's Backbone'. The Longji Rice Terraces, built more than 600 years ago, offer some of the most fantastic scenery in China or indeed the world.

We'll spend the night in an **Inspiring Stay** – a boutique mountainside villa. Although basic, it offers incredible views of the Longji rice terraces.

Please note: the only way to access the rice terraces is by foot. The walk is uphill and takes approximately 40 minutes. For customers who are unable, or do not wish to walk, the local villagers offer a transport service for a small fee (approx \$20). The money paid goes directly back into helping the local community.

DAY 19

Destination	Longji 🚗 Li River 🚢 Yangshuo
Meals included	Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Yangshuo New Century, or similar

This morning we'll enjoy sunrise over the rice fields before we make our way to Yangshuo, where we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise down the Li River. One of the world's 'Top 10 Watery Wonders' according to National Geographic, the Li River offers spectacular views over the stunning karst hills.

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DAY 20

Destination Yangshuo 🚗 Guilin 🚗 Shenzhen 🚗 Hong Kong

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or similar

Today you'll be transferred to Guilin station to board a high-speed train to Shenzhen, the gateway to Hong Kong. On arrival in Shenzhen you'll be transferred to your hotel in Hong Kong. Its vibrant, densely populated urban centre is a major port and global financial hub with a skyscraper-studded skyline featuring architectural landmarks like the Bank of China Tower.

DAY 21

Destination Hong Kong

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or similar

Today is a free day to enjoy this spectacular city at your leisure.

DAY 22

Destination Hong Kong

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ Metropark Hotel Kowloon, or similar

Today is another free day – relax or head out and explore this bustling metropolis.

DAY 23

Destination Hong Kong ✈ Home

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel N/A

Today you'll be transferred to the airport by shuttle bus for your homeward flight. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through China.

Please note: some flights will arrive home one day later.

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Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Small group tour (up to 20 people max)
- Return international airfares with Qantas
- All internal flights
- Return airport transfers
- 15 nights 4 to 5-star accommodation in world-class hotels
- 2 nights in a boutique Chinese courtyard inn at the foot of the Great Wall of China
- 1 night in Longji amongst the rice terraces in a boutique lodge
- 4 nights deluxe Yangtze River cruise in a balcony cabin with VIP dining, which includes beer and soft drinks with meals
- Daily breakfast, 12 lunches and 9 dinners, plus drinks on the Great Wall of China and a memorable Sichuan hotpot experience
- Professional English-speaking tour guides accompanying you throughout
- Dedicated air-conditioned coach transportation
- All bullet train tickets as mentioned in the itinerary (standard seating)
- Incredible sightseeing, including all entry fees as per the the itinerary
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

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SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Beijing – Set foot on the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China and enjoy a glass of wine to celebrate the occasion
- Beijing – Uncover the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- Beijing – Enjoy a rickshaw tour through the city's famous Hutongs
- Gubei Water Town – Travel to the rugged hills behind Beijing to Gubei, an ancient town situated in the shadow of the Great Wall of China
- Shanghai – Enjoy Nanjing Road, one of the world's busiest shopping streets
- Shanghai – Taste the famous xiao long bao dumplings in the city they were created
- Xi'an – Visit one of the most incredible archaeological finds of the 21st century, the Terracotta Army
- Xi'an – See one of China's best preserved ancient city walls
- Xi'an – Learn more about the historic Small Wild Goose Pagoda
- Chengdu – See the majestic giant pandas and red pandas
- Leshan – Stand in awe at the foot of the 71-metre-tall Leshan Giant Buddha and explore the Huanglongxi Ancient Town
- Yangtze River – Cruise through beautiful gorges and soak up the serenity of the Yangtze River
- Guilin – Savour the dramatic landscape of limestone karst hills, Elephant Trunk Hill and Reed Flute Cave
- Longji – Stay at the Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces, the most amazing in all of China
- Li River – Enjoy a leisurely cruise down the Li River, one of the world's 'Top 10 Watery Wonders'
- Hong Kong – Explore this incredible harbour city

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stays

- 2 nights in a traditional Chinese courtyard inn at the foot of the Great Wall of China, in the Ancient water town of Gubei
- 1 night at the incredible Longji Star Wish Resort overlooking the rice terraces of Longji

Inspiring Sights

Choose 2 out of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

- Kung Fu Legend Show
- Evening Huangpu River Cruise
- Tang Dynasty Dance Performance
- Sichuan Opera Show

Inspiring Tastes

- Sip some wine while you admire the incredible view from on top of the Great Wall of China
- Sample the Shanghai xiao long bao, the famous soup dumplings originating in Shanghai that are now found the world over
- Join your group in a traditional Sichuan Hotpot where everyone becomes a chef
- Enjoy VIP dining onboard your luxury cruise, which includes a secluded dining room and beer and soft drinks included with your meals

CRUISE DETAILS

For further information on your cruise, click [HERE](#).

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK AND PAYMENTS

Deposit and Payment

- Secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a second instalment of \$2,499 per person within 28 days
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES AND EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- You will travel with Qantas (Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines if unavailable)
- Most flights will require a minimum of one connection (maximum two)
- Customers from Melbourne and Brisbane will most likely fly via Sydney
- All tickets include 20kgs checked baggage per person, along with 7kgs of hand luggage
- Despite the airlines' baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20kgs per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If your luggage exceeds this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required

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- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy upgrade available from an additional \$1,500 per person in addition to the standard price (subject to availability). Please note, Premium Economy seating is only available on the long-haul leg of your flight from Australia. Hong Kong to China will be economy seating.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$3,500 per person in addition to the standard price (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land-Only discount

A \$900 per person reduction from the twin share price applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. Should you wish to purchase land only, please select this option in the booking process, under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

How to extend your stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow the following steps:

1. Follow the 'Book Now' prompts
2. After selecting your departure date and completing your bedding configuration details, please select that you wish to 'Stay Behind' in the 'Extra Services' field
3. In the 'Special Requests' field please specify your extension requirements
4. Complete the remaining booking requirements and click 'Pay Now'
5. After finalising your purchase a member of our reservations team will be in contact with you to discuss your extension request

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A \$150 per person supplement, plus any fare difference, applies if you wish to confirm your extension. You will be contacted after purchase for collection of this payment. All additional accommodation and sightseeing is at your own arrangement.

EXTRA SERVICES

Airport chauffeur

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation (Beijing) - \$264 per person including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation (Hong Kong) - \$326 per person including breakfast

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer (Beijing): \$76 per vehicle per direction
- Departure Transfer (Hong Kong): \$171 per vehicle per direction

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

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Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

OPTIONAL TOURS/SHORE EXCURSIONS

Optional Inspiring Sights

Choose 2 out of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

- Kung Fu Legend Show (Day 2) – \$60pp
- Evening Huangpu River Cruise (Day 6) – \$65pp
- Tang Dynasty Dance Performance (Day 8) – \$57pp
- Sichuan Opera Show (Day 12) – \$75pp

Optional Shore Excursions

Your package comes with daily shore excursions included:

- Three Gorges Dam Site
- The Lesser Three Gorges
- Fengdu Ghost City

There are three additional shore excursions you may purchase whilst on tour, but it can make for a long day of sightseeing:

- Tribe of the Three Gorges (Day 14) – approx. \$85pp
- White Emperor City (Day 15) – approx. \$85pp
- Shibaozhai (Subject to water conditions - Day 16) – approx. \$85pp

Optional Tour Bundle:

As well as choosing 2 of 4 optional tours for free, if you're wanting to make the most of your time in China, why not purchase our optional tour bundle of all 4 tours?

1. Kung Fu Legend Show (Day 2)
2. Evening Huangpu River Cruise (Day 6)

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3. Tang Dynasty Dance Performance (Day 8)
4. Sichuan Opera Show (Day 12)

\$100 per person.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

Please note that transportation to and from each optional tour is not included in the price. You will be required to make your own way to the starting point of the optional tour, as well as back to your hotel. Your tour guide can provide you with the direction and guidance needed to make your own way.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Tipping

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments

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you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations.

You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$2,499 per person in addition to the twin-share price.

Triple Share

Not available.

Paired Solo Travellers

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return.

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All Australian passport holders will require a visa to enter China

Please note the visa is only valid for 3 months from date of issue.

The best way to apply for your Visa is directly with the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in your nearest capital city. We recommend you to organise an appointment online to arrange a date and time.

You will require specific documents to apply for your visa which we will provide you closer to your departure date. Please keep in mind you are unable to apply for your visa until you are within 3 months of your travel date.

Please see below a check list of items/ documents required :

- Actual Passport
- Application Form (attached)
- Passport Size Photo
- E-ticket/flight schedule
- Tour Itinerary and Hotel List
- Application Fee (approximately \$109.50 - paid direct with consulate)

To apply for your visa direct with the Chinese Consulate you will need to:

- Ensure your passport has a validity of at least 6 months from your departure date / Or 15 months validity if applying for a multiple entry.
- If you have a new passport, you will be required to provide both copies to the Service Centre.
- Make sure your passport has 2 blank pages.
- Complete the China Visa Application form accurately and apply for the correct visa. Each Passport holder is required to complete and sign an individual application form.
- Attach 1 passport size photo to your form.
- Provide a photocopy of your passport Information Page.
- Pay the visa application fee at the time of collection, if by post need to include a sign Payment Authorization Form (extra charge applied if need to return your passport by post)
- Submit your application in person or post to China Visa Center.
- If you submit the application in person, you are required to drop in your

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application to the China Visa Center. We highly recommend you make an appointment to be seen. When your China Visa is issued you are required to go back to the China Visa Center to collect your passport. This may take up to 4-5 business days) You will be provided with a pick up date upon dropping off your application.

- If you do it by post it may take up to 2 weeks for the passport to return to you.
- Traveller under 18 years old travel with parents need to bring original birth certificate.
- (Please note all rush applications are to be submitted (2nd working day collection) before 12 o'clock noon.)

If you are unable to complete the visa direct with the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre for any reason a full visa service is offered by VisaLink by clicking [HERE](#). (Please note: service fees and increased visa costs apply).

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements. Visa's should not be applied for before receiving your final documentation.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

6-20 people.

Trip Style - Small Group

These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or older and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change,

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depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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