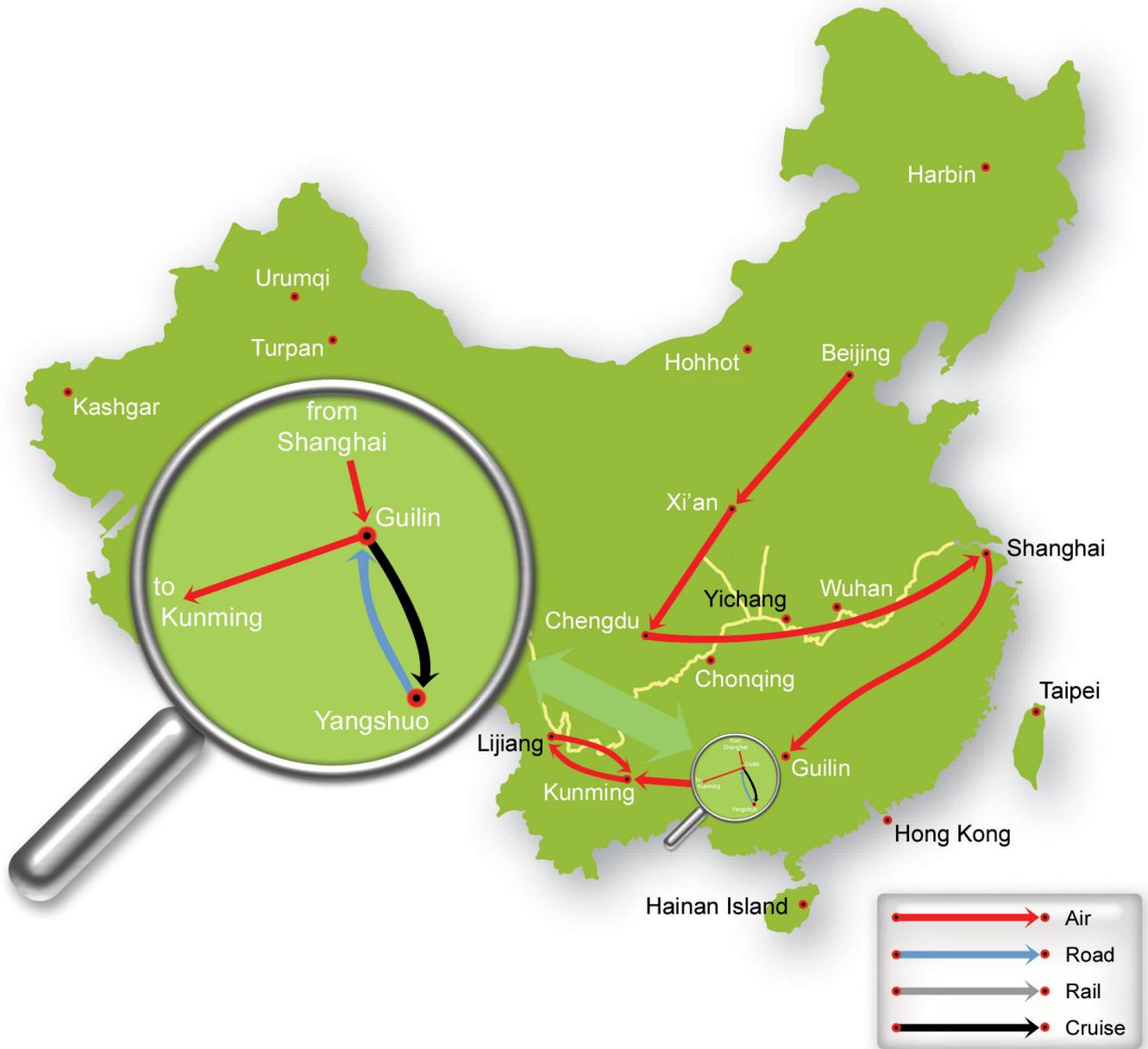


CLASSIC CITIES DISCOVERY TOUR



Beijing - Xi'an - Chengdu - Shanghai - Guilin - Yangshuo - Kunming - Lijiang

Similar to our China Ultima Tour, this package also offers a comprehensive range of historical, cultural & scenic must see locations. Your tour begins in majestic Beijing where you can expect to see some of the big name attractions such as The Great Wall, Forbidden City & Temple of Heaven. You'll head to Xi'an to behold the amazing Terracotta Warriors and then on to Chengdu to meet the cuddly & adorable Giant Pandas. Next you'll visit cosmopolitan Shanghai for a dining & shopping extravaganza, before heading south to discover the picturesque escapes of Guilin, Yangshuo, Kunming and Lijiang.

Duration	16 Days, 15 Nights
Route	Beijing - Xi'an - Chengdu - Shanghai - Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin - Kunming - Lijiang - Kunming
Fitness Level	Average
Tour Price	From AU \$4,229 per person - twin share 4-Star Hotels
Inclusions	15 nights accommodation with Breakfast (B), Lunches (L) & Dinners (D) as per the itinerary, accredited English-speaking tour guide, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, 7 domestic economy class air tickets, entry fees to shows & attractions as per the itinerary.
Exclusions	International airfares & taxes, visa application fees, personal expenses such as telephone, dry cleaning, taxi fares etc, gratuities to guides and drivers, optional activities, shows, meals or any items denoted by ** throughout the itinerary

Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1 On arrival to Beijing Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Please note no meals have been arranged for this day.
- Day 2 This morning you'll visit Tiananmen Square and tour the amazing Forbidden City - headquarters of the Imperial Emperors for more than 500 years. After lunch visit the tranquil settings of the Temple of Heaven and time permitting, visit the Silk Street Markets for some retail therapy. In the evening you'll dine on a sumptuous Peking Duck dinner, one of China's most famous signature dishes. (BLD)
- Day 3 Today you'll journey to the Great Wall of China and be overwhelmed as you walk along one of the greatest man-made structures in the world. You will also visit the Ming Tombs in the Shisanling Forest - resting place for 13 of the Ming Dynasty emperors. This evening has been left open for you to relax or consider options such as attending the Beijing Opera** or the highly acclaimed Kung Fu Show** (BL)
- Day 4 Enjoy a morning visit to the Beijing Olympics site to stroll around the main venues such as the Birds Nest and Water Cube. After lunch, visit the magnificent Summer Palace retreat and take a boat trip on Kunming Lake - Beijing's largest man-made lake. Late in the afternoon transfer to the airport for a flight to Xi'an where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. (BL)
- Day 5 The highlight of today's tour is one of China's most amazing archaeological discoveries - the Terracotta Warriors. Marvel as you study the 6,000 plus life-sized clay soldiers and their horses. Later you'll visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and wander through the old Muslim town and Grand Mosque. In the evening you'll enjoy dinner whilst being entertained by the colourful performance of the Tang Dynasty Cultural Show. (BLD)
- Day 6 Have a relaxed start to the day with a walk along the well-preserved ancient City Wall. Later you'll transfer to the airport for a flight to Chengdu and be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. This evening has been left open for you to relax or venture around Chengdu's colourful streets & restaurants. (BL)
- Day 7 This morning is devoted to a special visit to the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base where you'll spend ample time checking out China's national treasure. This is a wonderful opportunity to view the Pandas from early infancy through to their full-grown adulthood. Later you'll partake in a traditional tea ceremony and stroll through the heritage-preserved city. In the late afternoon you'll be transferred to the airport for a flight to Shanghai. On arrival you'll be greeted by your guide and transferred to your hotel. (BL)

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- Day 8 In the morning visit the Jade Buddha Temple and admire the peaceful Yuyuan Gardens in Shanghai's old city quarters. Afterwards, stroll along the Bund to study the architecture of the waterfront promenade and snap up a bargain in the busy markets of nearby Nanjing Road. In the evening enjoy a BBQ style dinner and cap off your day with a breath-taking performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Show. (BLD)
- Day 9 Today you'll discover the Pudong Development Area and gain an eagle's eye view from the Oriental Pearl Tower. In the afternoon transfer to the airport and board a flight to Guilin where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. If time permits, you can wander down to the Li River night markets to look for a bargain and check out some of the local eateries. (BL)
- Day 10 Depart Guilin on a 4 hour cruise to Yangshuo along the crystal clear waters of the Li River. Enjoy lunch aboard whilst cruising through one of the most photographed regions of China. After checking in to your hotel[^], the afternoon has been left free to explore the many restaurants, cafes and shops along West Street. (BL)
- Day 11 Enhance your skills as a Chinese chef by attending the very popular and relaxed surroundings of the Yangshuo Cooking School. Tour the produce markets for some fresh ingredients, and then master the secrets of some easy to learn local delicacies. Later enjoy some spare time before going to the visually spectacular Impression Sanjie Liu show. You'll have premium seats for this stunning production that proudly boasts the same director of the now-famous Beijing Olympics opening ceremony. (BL)
- Day 12 Transfer by road back to Guilin and visit Elephant Trunk Hill and the beautiful Reed Flute Cave. After lunch you'll fly to Kunming where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Relax for the remainder of the day or explore the city shops & restaurants. (BL)
- Day 13 Pack your camera and check out the abstract rock formations of the Stone Forest. Afterwards you'll board a flight for Lijiang where you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the 800-year-old city. There's always plenty to see or do in Lijiang, so after dinner have a wander around and explore the old town. (BLD)
- Day 14 Today you visit the beautiful Black Dragon Pond, Dongba Museum and Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. A cable car will transfer you to the mountaintop glacier where you'll enjoy stunning views of the alpine ecosystem. After lunch you'll travel back to the old town to visit Mufu Palace and have the remainder of the day to shop for handicrafts and souvenirs made by the local minority people. (BL)
- Day 15 A scenic day tour to the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the spectacular Tiger Leaping Gorge. Spanning a distance of 16km, the gorge measures just under 4000 metres in height making it one of the deepest in the world. Later you'll travel back to the old town to relax and fit in some last minute shopping. (BL)
- Day 16 You'll bid farewell to Lijiang this morning and transfer to the airport for a flight to Kunming and your onward journey. (B)

Important

[^] In Yangshuo there are no 5-Star Hotels available. Please note that public holidays & seasonal demand directly affect availability, fares & accommodation pricing. To enable us to refine your travel plans and provide you with an accurate quotation, please send us some key details via our Enquiry Form. Prior to making a booking, please visit our Terms & Conditions web page to view our policies related to travel in China. We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance prior to your departure to safeguard against unforeseen events. LetsdoChina.com is a registered Safe Travel Charter Partner with the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and is an authorized agent to issue travel insurance to our Australian clients. Visit our Quick Quote site where you can also purchase an online policy. For further information, please go to our Travel Insurance page and also find other useful links regarding advice on safe travel practices.