

## MARVELS OF CHINA TOUR



## Beijing - Xi'an - Guilin - Longsheng - Yangshuo - Shanghai

This tour offers travellers a balanced blend of *must-see* historical, cultural & scenic locations. Your tour begins in majestic Beijing where you can expect to see the most popular attractions such as The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace. You'll then head to Xi'an to behold the amazing Terracotta Warriors in a region which was once China's original capital. Next you'll continue on to discover the picturesque escapes of Guilin, Longsheng and Yangshuo for a refreshingly different part of China that is often overlooked. Lastly you'll conclude your adventure in modern Shanghai for a glimpse of China's bustling metropolis that is famous for its food, fashion and business culture.

Duration	11 Days, 10 Nights
Route	Beijing - Xi'an - Guilin - Longsheng - Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin - Shanghai
Fitness Level	Average
Tour Price	From AU \$2,100 per person - twin share
Inclusions	10 nights twin-share accommodation in 4-star hotels, 1 economy class Bullet Train ticket Beijing > Xi'an, 2 domestic economy class flights Xi'an > Guilin and Guilin > Shanghai (inc. all taxes), 1 cruise on the Li River, accredited English-speaking tour guide, transportation for all specified transfers & tours, entry fees to attractions as per the itinerary, meals as per the itinerary including 10 Breakfasts (B) & 9 Lunches (L).
Exclusions	International airfares & taxes, personal expenses such as telephone, dry cleaning, taxi fares etc, Chinese Visa application fees, gratuities to guides and drivers, optional activities or shows or meals or any items denoted by ** throughout the itinerary

## Suggested Itinerary:

- Day 1 Upon arrival in Beijing, our local guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel where you'll relax for the remainder of the day. Please note no meals have been arranged for today. Your guide can arrange optional evening activities for you.\*\* Tonight you'll be staying at the 4-star Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel.
- Day 2 After breakfast you'll visit Tiananmen Square and tour the amazing Forbidden City headquarters of the imperial emperors for more than 500 years. In the afternoon tour the 700-acre grounds of the Summer Palace and visit the long corridor and beautiful scenery surrounding Kunming Lake. Tonight you'll continue your stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- 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. On the way to the Great Wall, you'll visit a traditional Cloisonné factory to admire some wonderful Chinese arts and crafts. Afterwards you will visit the Beijing Olympics site and time permitting, you can enter the Bird's Nest\*\* and Water Cube\*\* for a closer look. Your final activity is a tour of the Hutongs and back alleys of old-world Beijing. Tonight is your final night's stay at the Beijing Qianmen Jianguo Hotel. (BL)
- Day 4 This morning you'll board the Bullet Train for an exhilarating trip to Xi'an. On arrival you'll be met by your local tour guide and escorted to your hotel for check-in. In the afternoon you'll visit Xi'an Museum, the small Wild Goose Pagoda and participate in learning the art of Chinese Calligraphy. This evening you'll stay at the 4-star Xi'an Grand New World Hotel. (BL)
- Day 5 After breakfast, you'll take a stroll along Xi'an's well-preserved Ancient City Wall. Next you'll visit 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. Time permitting, you'll visit some shopping venues with many interesting and tempting arts & craft. Later you'll enjoy a wander through the old Muslim quarter and then return to the Xi'an Grand New World Hotel. (BL)
- Day 6 Check out this morning and you'll be transferred to Xi'an Airport for your flight to the picturesque city of Guilin. Upon arrival at Guilin Airport, your tour guide will greet you and then to take you on a tour of the beautiful Reed Flute Cave. Later you'll visit a Tea Plantation before retiring for the day. Tonight you'll stay at the 4-star Guilin Plaza Hotel. (BL)
- Day 7 Today you'll have a full day venturing around the magnificent rice terrace fields of Longsheng. Built some 650 years ago, the rice terraces are still in use today and cascade freely down the steep mountainous terrain. Enjoy a lunch of locally grown produce in fabulous surroundings. Return back to Guilin in the late afternoon for your final night staying at the Guilin Plaza Hotel. (BL)

- Day 8 Depart Guilin on a 4 hour cruise to Yangshuo along the crystal clear waters of the Li River. Enjoy lunch onboard whilst cruising through one of the most photographed regions of China. After checking in to your hotel, the afternoon has been left free for you to explore the many restaurants, cafes and shops that line West Street. This evening you'll have the option of attending the visually spectacular Impression Sanjie Liu Show\*\*. Stay overnight at the 4-star Yangshuo New Century Hotel. (BL)
- Day 9 Check-out from your hotel and transfer back to Guilin Airport for your flight to the modern metropolis of Shanghai. Upon arrival at Shanghai Airport, your local guide will transfer you to your hotel where you can relax for the remainder of the day. Tonight you'll be staying at the 4-star Lexington Plaza Mingde Hotel. (BL)
- Day 10 Today you'll visit the Yuyuan Garden which is a 16<sup>th</sup> century Ming period private garden & residence in the heart of Shanghai's old Chinese quarter. Enjoy the surrounds of the local bazaar and Shanghai Old Street. Later you'll take a leisurely stroll through the boulevards of the former French Concession district and then head down to the waterfront promenade known as the Bund district. Time permitting you'll do some shopping and visit an authentic Silk Shop. Tonight you'll have options to go to the amazing Shanghai Acrobatics Show\*\* or check out Shanghai's nightlife at the famous Xintiandi bar & restaurant area\*\*. Tonight will be your final night at the Lexington Plaza Mingde Hotel. (BL)
- Day 11 Enjoy some spare time at your own leisure before being transferred to Shanghai Airport for your onward flight. (B)

## **Important**

Tour group sizes may vary in each city and the group size usually is no larger than 20 travellers. Tour participants may come from different countries though the tour will be conducted in English. Please note that public holidays & seasonal demand directly affect availability. Join-In tours need to be booked no later than 60 days before the tour commencement date. To cater for individual tour members' needs, optional activities will be on offer in each city. Your local guide will notify you of the options and arrange these activities accordingly. Sometimes due to local traffic conditions or other circumstances, the order of your activities may vary slightly from your written itinerary. We also reserve the right to make alternative accommodation arrangements of a similar standard should a proposed hotel be unavailable. The price is correct as of the date of this publication and is based on the current exchanges rates. LetsdoChina.com reserve the right to adjust the package price until full payment has been received.

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