



Day 1: Fly to China

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Beijing.

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing: Welcome to Beijing, one of the most populous cities in the world. It was in this city that Chairman Mao established the People's Republic of China in 1949. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own.

Day 3: Beijing

Sightseeing tour of Beijing: An expert local guide introduces you to the Chinese capital, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. Your first stop is the Summer Palace, constructed during the Jin Dynasty (1115–1234). An included dragon boat ride (seasonal) will give you a panoramic view of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, deemed by the organization to be “a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design.” Then, explore Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest public square in the world.

Forbidden City: Surrounded by both a moat and a protective wall, the Forbidden City was accessible only to members of the imperial court until as late as 1949. Get a close-up look at the golden-roofed Imperial Palace, one of the world's greatest architectural achievements.

Day 4: Great Wall | Beijing

Great Wall of China: Travel north to Badaling to view one of the Seven Wonders of the World—the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against the Mongols, and 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. The Great Wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles—perhaps only a tenth of its former length.

Tea ceremony: Experience the timeless flavors and age-old tradition of a local tea ceremony.

Rickshaw tour of hutongs: A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing. Today, hutongs still provide access to dwellings for half of Beijing's urban population.

☛ **The Legend of Kung Fu show:** This popular show is sure to impress with its combination of ornate costumes, vibrant set design and gravity-defying kung fu moves.

Day 5: Beijing

Business visit: China's second largest city, Beijing, is recognized as the political, educational and cultural center of the country. Visit a leading Beijing company for insight into its business environment.

Peking Duck dinner: Enjoy northern China's most famous dish—Peking Duck. During this special feast, learn about the ritual preparation and savory side dishes that accompany this regional specialty.

Day 6: Beijing | Shanghai

Train to Shanghai: Take a high-speed train from Beijing to Shanghai, China's largest and most cosmopolitan city.

Shanghai World Financial Center: With 101 floors, the Shanghai World Financial Center is home to a wide variety of businesses and services. At a height of 1,555 feet, the observation deck offers spectacular views of the city.

Day 7: Shanghai

Sightseeing tour of Shanghai: Your tour of Shanghai begins with a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple. The extraordinary Buddhas you'll see were each sculpted

from a single piece of white jade from Burma. Continue on to the glorious Yu Yuan Garden, a showplace of classical Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537.

Free time at the Bund and Nanjing Lu: Once considered the “Wall Street of the East,” the Bund is a waterfront promenade offering a postcard-perfect view of Shanghai's famous skyline. Stop by the storefronts on colorful Nanjing Lu and pick up a keepsake.

Cultural exchange with local students: Meet with a local professor and students to learn about college life in China. Exchange ideas, share opinions and ask questions about the future of business in this thriving country.

Acrobatics show: This evening, witness a thrilling display of balance, agility and coordination during an acrobatics show. The Chinese have been enjoying such performances for 22 centuries.

Day 8: Shanghai

Business visit: Starting out as a fishing and textiles town, Shanghai has emerged as the world's busiest cargo port and a major player in the global economy. Today, visit a leading company located in Shanghai.

Free time: Enjoy free time in Shanghai. You might choose to visit People's Square, a large public square in the heart of the city, or the impressive Shanghai Museum.

Day 9: Shanghai | Hong Kong

Fly to Hong Kong: Board your flight to Hong Kong, a former British Crown Colony reverted to Chinese control in 1997.

Star Ferry ride: Journey to Kowloon, home to the Avenue of Stars. Here you'll enjoy A Symphony of Lights, a truly awesome light and music performance. After the show, you'll return to Hong Kong Island aboard the Star Ferry and ride the subway back to your hotel.

Day 10: Hong Kong

Sightseeing tour of Hong Kong: Visit Repulse Bay, site of Hong Kong's most popular beach, and Aberdeen, which is known for its floating restaurants. Peruse the traditional open-air Stanley Market before taking the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for a breathtaking view of the city, harbor and neighboring islands.

Dim sum tasting: Enjoy the local tradition of dim sum, which gives you the chance to try an amazingly diverse range of Chinese culinary specialties.

Business visit: One of the largest financial centers in the world, Hong Kong was once characterized by Milton Friedman as “the world's greatest experiment in laissez-faire capitalism.” Get a glimpse behind the curtain with a visit to a local company.

Day 11: Hong Kong

Free day in Hong Kong: Enjoy a free day to explore the city at your own pace. You may choose to browse amid Hong Kong's renowned bargains or stop for tastes of a variety of Chinese regional cuisines.

☛ **Macau:** Venture via ferry to the island of Macau, the first and last European colony in China.

Day 12: Depart for home

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.