



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. 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. Enjoy dinner with your group.

Day 3: Beijing

Sightseeing tour of Beijing: An expert guide will introduce you to Beijing, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. Explore the tiered pagodas on the magical garden grounds of the Summer Palace. Cross nearby Kunming Lake on your dragon boat ride (seasonal) and see man-made Longevity Hill rise up off the waters. Next, visit the legendary Forbidden City, whose grandeur was once accessible only to the emperor. Venture inside and get up-close to the palatial, golden-roofed Imperial Palace.

Tiananmen Square: Stand in Tiananmen Square, the world's largest public square and site of many political protests. Images of the 1989 protests, which led to the death of hundreds of citizens, still hold a somber place in popular consciousness.

Day 4: Beijing

School visit: Meet with students and discover life in a Chinese high school.

Temple of Heaven Park: Temple of Heaven Park is a huge outdoor complex adorned with relics from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Locals often gather together to practice martial arts by the old cypress trees.

☞ **The Legend of Kung Fu show:** A mixture of kung fu, dance and gravity-defying acrobatics, this show tells the tale of a boy who dreams of becoming a kung fu master.

Day 5: Beijing | Badaling | Beijing

Great Wall of China: Travel to Badaling for a guided tour of 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 continued over several centuries.

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

Rickshaw tour of hutongs: Go off the beaten path and ride a rickshaw through the web of ancient alleys, or hutongs, of Beijing.

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 | Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an: Board a flight to Xi'an, a city nearly 3,100 years old.

Ancient City Walls of Xi'an: Explore one of the largest ancient military defense systems in the world on bike and see the city from a different perspective. After, enjoy dinner with your group.

Day 7: Xi'an

Sightseeing tour of Xi'an: Follow in the footsteps of Silk Road traveler Marco Polo during your sightseeing tour, led by a local guide.

Terracotta Warriors: The life-size sculptures known as the Terracotta Warriors

were created to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Discover these treasures in person, then learn how they were excavated during a fascinating 3-D film.

Free time: In the afternoon, enjoy some free time exploring the city, like a walk through the magnificent Bell and Drum Tower to discover the wonder of Xi'an's historical Muslim Street filled with beautiful mosques.

☞ **Tang Dynasty show and dinner:** Experience the splendor of the Tang Dynasty as you enjoy famous Cantonese cuisine.

Day 8: Xi'an

Shaanxi Provincial History Museum: See artifacts from the Han and Tang dynasties at this museum, built on the site of a former Confucian temple.

School visit: Continue your examination of the Chinese educational system as you visit another school in Xi'an.

Free time: Explore the city of Xi'an on your own.

Day 9: Xi'an | Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai: Board a flight 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 variety of businesses and services. The observation deck, 1,555 feet up, offers spectacular views of the city.

Dinner: Commemorate your first evening in Shanghai with a group dinner.

Day 10: Shanghai

Sightseeing tour of Shanghai: Your tour of Shanghai begins with a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple. The extraordinary Buddhas you see here 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.

School visit: Get a glimpse of life in the early stages of Chinese education.

Acrobatics show: This evening, witness a thrilling display of balance, agility and coordination during an acrobatics show, a Chinese tradition for 22 centuries.

Day 11: Shanghai

University visit: Observe Chinese higher education practices during a visit to a local university.

Foreign language training center visit: Discover the daily operations of a foreign language training center during a comprehensive visit.

Free time: Take some time to explore Shanghai on your own.

Dinner: Celebrate the final night of your trip with a group dinner.

Day 12: Depart for home

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⊕ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 12: Shanghai | Hong Kong

Fly to Hong Kong: Travel to Hong Kong and delight in the city's gleaming skyline and beautiful harbor vistas.

Star Ferry ride: Journey across Victoria Harbor 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.

Dinner: Explore Hong Kong's cuisine with a group dinner.

Day 13: Hong Kong

Sightseeing tour of Hong Kong: You'll visit Repulse Bay, site of Hong Kong's most popular beach, and Aberdeen, known for its floating restaurants. Then, peruse the traditional open-air Stanley Market before seeing a Man Mo Temple, one of several in the Hong Kong city-state. Finish your tour by taking the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for a breathtaking view of the city and harbor.

Dim sum tasting: Enjoy traditional dim sum and the chance to try an amazingly diverse range of Chinese culinary specialties.

Day 14: Hong Kong

Free time: The treasures beneath the city's gleaming skyline are yours to explore today.

⊕ **Lantau Island:** Venture via ferry to the largest of Hong Kong's islands.

Day 15: Depart for home