

8 Days Essence of China Tour

Discover the Historical & Modern China.



Destination:Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai

Tour Type:Multi-City Tour

Departure:Daily

Tour Code:CTP02

Duration:8 Days & 7 Nights

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HighLights

- See both ancient civilization and modern progress
- Review glories at Olympic Park
- View the ancient life size Terra-Cotta Warrior Corps
- Feel modern development in Shanghai

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrive in Beijing

Activities: You'll be met on arrival at Beijing airport. Free time rest of the day to explore the nearby streets, or rest to catch up on your jetlag. Beijing is a city of amazing contrasts – an ancient capital with incredible historical sites, and a bustling modern metropolis hosted the 2008 Olympics.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals:

Day 02 Beijing

Activities: After breakfast head out for Tian'anmen Square, the world's largest public square, which is closely linked to The Forbidden City, from which the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties governed for over 500 years. Later you'll visit the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperors prayed for good harvests and rain, or gave thanks for the harvest. Today's itinerary includes a visit to the old Beijing handicraft workshop.

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Meals: lunch

Day 03 Beijing

Activities: After breakfast, we will leave for Great Wall at Badaling, which stretches for over 6000km, and was originally built to protect China from the barbarians. You can walk and climb at your own pace.

In the afternoon, you will have chance to view exterior view of Olympic Venues. The 2008 Beijing Olympic Park and Olympic village have been opened to public from October, 2008. You may stop and take some photos and have a glimpse of the Olympic stadiums, such as Bird's Nest - National Stadium, and Water Cube - National Aquatics Center.

Finally visit the Summer Palace, the most beautiful imperial garden in China. You can have a boat ride on the lake which is a best way to enjoy the beautiful view.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals: lunch

Day 04 Beijing to Xi'an

Activities: You will be free in the morning until being transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Xi'an which is one of the oldest cities in China. Xi'an was the national capital for over 1,000 years and was also the starting point of the Silk Road. On arrival we will take a visit to one of the best museums in China, the Shaanxi Historical Museum. Among the 400,000 items on display are treasures from many Dynasties including magnificent bronzes and porcelain, many of which have never been on permanent display before.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals:

Day 05 Xi'an

Activities: Terracotta Warriors and Horses are part of the underground tomb of the Emperor Qin. Well over 7000 figures in full battle array are formed for battle in several large pits. Many of the figures - soldiers, archers, horses and chariots have been restored. In the afternoon we are going to the Bell Tower where you can get a bird's view of the city from the top. We will continue to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda where widely renowned Master Xuanzang (Monk Tripitaka) stored his collection of classic Buddhist artifacts brought from India.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals: lunch

Day 06 Xi'an to Shanghai

Activities: Fly to Shanghai. On arrival we visit the Shanghai Museum which possesses a collection of 120,000 precious works of art, and then The Bund - the old colonial sector, which is home to a myriad of European-styled buildings that face the Huangpu River. It is a must-see when visiting Shanghai. Architectural styles include gothic, baroque, Romanesque, and renaissance.

Hotel: New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Meals:

Day 07 Shanghai

Activities: Today you visit the Jade Buddha Temple, the lovely old Yuyuan Garden, and the famous Oriental Pearl TV Tower (also known as the Pearl Tower, for its distinctive shape). The second-highest platform provides wonderful views over Shanghai and the Huang Pu River, and those with a good head for heights can choose to buy a ticket to continue on to the very top.

Hotel: New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Meals: lunch

Day 08 Depart from Shanghai

Activities: Your time is your own, until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for your departure.

Hotel:

Meals:

Price & Policy

Price Includes:

- Hotel accommodation in twin shared room with daily breakfast.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner).
- Domestic flights, trains or buses as specified in the itinerary
- Airport tax and fuel fee.
- Private car/coach for transfers service and sightseeing program as indicated in the itinerary.
- Local English-speaking tour guide for transfers and sightseeing program as indicated in each city.
- Entrance fees to scenic spots as indicated in the itinerary.
- Service charge and government Taxes.

Price Excludes:

- Entry or exit China international airfare or train tickets.
- Hotel room/cruise cabin single supplement.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax, telephone call, optional activities, etc.
- Gratuities to the tour guide, driver and hotel bellboy.
- Fees for entry visa to China.
- Traveler insurance.
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary.