

8 Days Taste of China

This luxury tour covers the major historical sites in most important historical cities- historical Beijing and Xi'an plus modern Shanghai. You will taste the famous Beijing roast duck, Xian dumpling dinner, Tang Dynasty Show & Dinner and also Shanghai traditional cuisine.



Destination:Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai

Tour Type:Multi-City Tour

Departure:Daily

Tour Code:CTP35

Duration:8 Days & 7 Nights

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- Visit legendary historical sites in former ancient capitals to compare the old and the new
- Taste all typical and famous local flavors and tell the difference from the Chinese food you knew
- Stroll on Huangpu River Bund and view modern constructions at Shanghai

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrive in Beijing

Activities: Beijing is a city of amazing contrasts - an ancient capital with some incredible historical sites and a bustling modern metropolis getting ready to host the 2008 Olympics. Upon your arrival in Beijing, our guide will meet you and transfer you to your Hotel. The guide will give you some tips on local restaurants that we recommend and you can do some shopping in streets nearby. The rest of the day is free to rest to recover from jetlag or to explore by yourself.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals:

Day 02 Beijing

Activities: After breakfast head out for Tian'anmen Square, the world's

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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.

in the afternoon visit Summer Palace with boat ride: The palace is positioned in the west suburb of Beijing, about 12 kilometers northwest of the city center. Equally famous as the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace is called 'Yiheyuan' (Garden of Nurtured Harmony) in Chinese. It is up to now the best preserved and the largest imperial gardens in China. You may regret it if you come to Beijing without visiting this grand imperial garden. In the park, you can also have a boat ride on the lake for about 10 minutes.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals: lunch

Day 03 Beijing

Activities: Leave town in the morning for the drive (a bit under two hours) to the Badaling Section of The Great Wall, which stretches for over 6000 km, and was originally built to protect China from the barbarians. You can walk and climb at your own pace, or enjoy spectacular views from the cable car. Today's lunch will be arranged at Commune by the Great Wall. Before returning to the city you'll enjoy visiting the Changling (one of the Ming tombs), and the attractive tree-lined Sacred Road, bordered by stone statues, along which the Emperors once trod to conduct their sacred ceremonies. During the day a visit to Jade Caving Factory or Cloisonne (enamelware) workshop is included. Dinner tonight is at Quanjude Restaurant, where you'll taste some of the best 'Peking Duck' in Beijing.

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 half-hour's hike along the Ancient City Wall to familiarize ourselves with this fascinating cross cultural city. For the energetic we recommend a ride bike along the top of the wall (Bikes can be rented for around 20 yuan/hour).

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals: lunch

Day 05 Xi'an

Activities: Spend today visiting some marvelous historical sites in and around this most ancient city, which was the national capital for over 1,000 years, and the starting point of the Silk Road. Despite a lot of modern development Xi'an remains a charming city, and you'll enjoy visiting the Bell Tower, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Then out to see the incredible Terracotta Warriors.

Tang Dynasty Show & Dinner: The fantastic show that presents the palace dances and sings in the Tang Dynasty when Xian was the capital of ancient China.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals: lunch

Day 06 Xi'an to Shanghai

Activities: Spend the morning at 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. After a simple lunch at a local restaurant you'll fly to Shanghai. On arrival we will go directly to 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.

At night enjoy a wonderful Huangpu River Night Cruise. Huangpu River, is the name for grand Yangtze River Shanghai section where it joins in the East China Sea. It divides the Bund into two sections, Pu Dong and Pu Xi which means "east of river" and "west of river".

Hotel: New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Meals: lunch

Day 07 Shanghai

Activities: We start the day by visiting Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall which is much more interesting and impressive than its sounds. It tells the story of growth of the metropolis, explains her foundation, development and future in 2-3hours. Then we head to the famous Oriental TV Tower (also known as the Pearl Tower, for its distinctive shape). The second highest viewing 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. In the afternoon, we take a relaxing walk to the

lovely old Yuyuan Garden, the most famous garden in Shanghai which is decorated by beautiful pavilions, miniature lakes, bridges and rock formations. It is also a shopper's paradise with many small shops, often housed in authentic historic structures, carrying everything from furniture to porcelain.

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.