

China Wonders 12 Days/10 Nights

Beijing - Suzhou - Hangzhou - Wuxi - Shanghai - Xi'an

China is not only renowned throughout time and history, but its natural beauty, stunning architecture and arguably unrivalled culture have inspired the entire world. On this unforgettable tour you'll begin in Beijing, home to the Great Wall, discover the exquisite cities of Suzhou and Hangzhou both on par with heaven for their natural beauty, visit Shanghai, the iconic city of glittering modern beauty before sweeping across the country to Xi'an, site of the marvellous Terrcotta Warriors.



Day1 USA - Beijing

Fly to Beijing. Cross the Int'l Date Line.

Day2 Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, the capital city of China, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day3 - Beijing (B, L)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Tour the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort

for Emperors. Then, visit a Tong Ren Tang to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional tour with dinner, a large scale dramatic musical-"The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$50/p).

Day4 Beijing (B, L, SD)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia enroute. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory. Then we will pass by modern exteriors of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.



Hotel Standard

Beijing - Wyndham Beijing North 5* or similar Suzhou - Pan Pacific Hotel 5* or similar

Wuxi - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wuxi 5* or similar Hangzhou - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Hangzhou East 5* or similar

Shanghai - Wyndham Bund East Shanghai Hotel 5* or similar Xi'an - Grand Noble Hotel or Similar 5* or similar

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Day5 Beijing - Shanghai - Suzhou (B)

Enjoy the morning at your leisure, or join an optional Temple of Heaven and Hutong Tour (including lunch) for \$79/p. Temple of Heaven, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Oing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. Then take a famous rickshaw Hutong Tour & Local Family Visit, this package also includes a traditional Beijing Zhajiangmian ("Fried Sauce noodles") as lunch. Hutongs are traditional alley ways that form an integral part of Beijing's old city neighbourhood communities. Take a traditional rickshaw ride for an immersive tour to get a wonderful glimpse into yesterday's world, the old way of life, and traditional Beijing culture. See the dramatic changes the city has undergone, and continue to visit a local family and local market in the Hutongs afterwards. In the afternoon, depart for Shanghai, and then transferred to Suzhou.

Day6 Suzhou - Wuxi (B/L)

This morning, visit the Lingering Garden, one of the classical garden masterpieces on the UNES-CO World Heritage List. Suzhou is known as the "Venice of the East" as a large part of the city is covered in water. After lunch, you may take an optional cruise along the Grand Canal for a alimpse of the local life and China's golden waterway in its heyday (\$30/p). Then, visit a Silk Spinning Mill to learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the nest thread and cloth. You will be transferred to Wuxi this afternoon.

Day7 Wuxi - Hangzhou (B/L)

To start the day, visit a Fresh Water Pearl Farm. Then, head to admire the famous Lingshan Grand Buddha, with a thousand-year old Buddhism temple nearby. Later, you will be transferred to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". In the evening, you may enjoy an optional performance show "Impression West Lake - Most Memorable is Hangzhou ", and see



the story of West Lake come alive before your eyes (\$79/p).

Day8 Hangzhou - Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning, take a boat ride on the West Lake, known for its scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sights. Then experience an oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. After lunch, travel to Shanghai, the vibrant metropolis and commercial center of China. Followed by a walk along the famous Bund, a milelong stretch along the Huangpu River. It is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. This evening, you may take the optional Huangpu River Night Cruise to get a alimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai (\$50/p).

Day9 Shanghai (B/L)

Today, visit the Shanghai Museum and indulge in ancient Chinese art, furniture, and jade. Visit Shanghai Old City God Temple area, a busy shopping centre where you may find souvenirs and delicious local food. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon. This evening, enjoy Farewell Dinner Shanghai cuisine, then you may attend a thrilling optional Chinese acrobatic show at your own expense (\$60/p).

Day10 | Shanghai - Xi'an (B,L,D)

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure. Then fly to Xi'an. Xi'an was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Over a period of more than 2000 years, Xi'an was the capital for eleven dynasties. Upon arrival, visit the Ancient City Wall which is not only the most complete city wall that has survived in China, but also one of the largest and most complete ancient military defense systems in the world. Then, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city. It is said to have been built to house and protect Buddhist scriptures collected by the Chinese monk, Xuan Zang, the key figure in the classical Chinese novel, "Jouney to the West".

Day11 | Xi'an (B,L)

After breakfast, you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum and see the attached life-sized defending army to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world" and is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics Factory before we enjoy the optional tour "special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" for \$70/p in the evening.

Day12 | Xi'an - USA (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will fly to Beijing/Shanghai for connecting flight to Canada.

Several shopping excursions are arranged during the tours. A minimum amount of time (60 mins) must be spent at each shopping site. However, there is no obligation to purchase anything. For those who are not very keen on shopping, visits to shopping sites should be treated as cultural learning experiences as all the products including jade, silk, tea, etc are deeply ingrained including jade, silk, tea, etc are deeply ingrained and well worth learning.

Depart USA 2	Arrive USA	Package Price
02-Nov	13-Nov	\$2,799 for 2
09-Nov	20-Nov	\$2,599 for 2
16-Nov	27-Nov	\$2,599 for 2

Depart USA	2019	Arrive USA	Package Price
01-Mar		12-Mar	\$2,599 for 2
08-Mar		19-Mar	\$2,799 for 2
22-Mar		02-Apr	\$2,699 for 2
05-Apr		16-Apr	\$2,799 for 2
12-Apr		23-Apr	\$2,799 for 2
19-Apr		30-Apr	\$2,899 for 2
03-May		14-May	\$2,899 for 2
17-May		28-May	\$2,899 for 2
12-Jul		23-Jul	\$3,599 for 2
05-Sep		16-Sep	\$2,799 for 2
12-Sep		23-Sep	\$2,899 for 2
19-Sep		30-Sep	\$2,899 for 2
03-Oct		14-Oct	\$2,899 for 2
10-Oct		21-Oct	\$2,899 for 2
17-Oct		28-Oct	\$2,799 for 2
24-Oct		04-Nov	\$2,799 for 2
31-Oct		11-Nov	\$2,799 for 2
07-Nov		18-Nov	\$2,699 for 2
14-Nov		25-Nov	\$2,699 for 2
21-Nov		02-Dec	\$2,599 for 2
28-Nov		09-Dec	\$2,599 for 2

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05-Mar		16-Mar	\$2,599 for 2
12-Mar		23-Mar	\$2,799 for 2
19-Mar		30-Mar	\$2,699 for 2
26-Mar		06-Apr	\$2,799 for 2
02-Apr		13-Apr	\$2,799 for 2
09-Apr		20-Apr	\$2,899 for 2
16-Apr		27-Apr	\$2,899 for 2
07-May		18-May	\$2,899 for 2
14-May		25-May	\$2,899 for 2

Optional Programs

Day3 Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$50/p) Day5 Beijing "Hutong Life Tour with lunch" (\$79/p) Day6 Suzhou "Grand Canal Cruise" (\$30/p) Day7 Hangzhou "Impression West Lake" (\$79/p) Day8 Shanghai "Huangpu River Night Cruise" (\$50/p) Day9 Shanghai "Chinese Acrobatic Show" (\$60/p) Day 11 Xi'an "Dumpling Banquet and Tang Dynasty Dancing Show"

Price Guide

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation
- Departing San Francisco/San Jose/Seattle with Hainan Airline, China Eastern Airline or Air China. Other airlines can be arranged based on request. (extra cost may apply)
- Add on airfare from other cities Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Diego \$100 New York, Boston, Washington DC \$150 Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit \$200 Salt Lake City, Dallas, Orlando \$300
- No child discount
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check
- with your travel agent or our website for the latest information
- Single supplement \$480/pp.

Price Includes

- Return international economy airfares from San Francisco/San Jose/Seattle
- · Airport taxes and fuel surcharges.
- Arrival/departure transfers
- 5 Star hotel accommodation
- · Daily meals as listed on the itinerary • All transportation: coach, internal flights, cruise.
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- English-speaking tour guide(s)
- Nexus Holidays Travel Kit

Price Does Not Include

- · China visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Tipping: \$120 per perspn for 12 days
- · Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls