

## China 15 days Tour

(Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Shanghai, Yangzhou, Nanjin, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hanzhou)

- Day 1            USA - Beijing  
We started our tour by boarding an international flight to Beijing, the capital of modern-day China. Spend the night aboard the plane.
- Day 2            Arrive Beijing  
Arrive at Beijing in the evening. After clearing customs and retrieving our baggage, we are met by our guide and transferred to the hotel for a good rest.
- Day 3            Beijing (B, L, D)  
We start with a visit to the Tiananmen Square, the world largest public square. Proceed to Forbidden City, where for over 500 years commoners were forbidden to enter. The next roll over to the Summer Palace at Kunming Lake, the summer home of the emperor and his royal court is also visited. Tonight, we have a Peking Duck dinner.
- Day 4            Beijing (B, L, DS)  
The Great Wall was built to protect its people from northern marauders, snakes its way thousands of miles across Northern China and is one of the few objects on the earth visible even from the moon. This morning we spend time walking on top of this man-made wonder of the world, descending to visit the Ming Tombs Museum. Enjoy local cuisine and take in a Chinese Opera tonight.
- Day 5            Beijing - Xian (B, L, D)  
We visit the Temple of Heaven in the morning before board a flight to Xian, the historic starting point of the famed Silk Road. Enjoy the imperial Dumpling Banquet for dinner tonight.
- Day 6            Xian (B, L, DS)  
Xian is home to the life-sized Terra-Cotta Warriors of Qin Shi Huang. Made to protect China first emperor even in death, the Terra-Cotta Army was found by a farmer in 1974 and attracts thousands of visitors each year. After viewing the fine troops, we head to Hua Qin Hot Springs. Tonight we watch a stage opera of the Tang Dynasty after we are served the local hot pot cuisine for dinner.
- Day 7            Xian - Guilin (B, L, D)  
We visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, pass by the Old City Wall and the ancient Bell Tower. Later we fly to the picturesque city, Guilin. Upon our arrival, we visit the Reed Flute Cave where fantastic stalactite and stalagmite formations impress us as magical and otherworldly. Elephant Trunk Hill is also visited.
- Day 8            Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin (B, L, DS)

A meandering river cruise down the Li River is a delightful way to savor the serene, fairytale scenery of Southern China. We may even catch the fascinating sight of fishermen fishing with cormorant birds! The cruise ends at Yangshuo, then we take a bus back to Guilin. Tonight we are treated to a dinner show of China's minority folklore dance.

- Day 9            Guilin - Shanghai (B, L, DS)  
Catch a short flight to Shanghai, China largest city with a population of over 14 million. An afternoon city tour takes us to Yu Garden, the Jade Buddha Temple, bustling Nanjing Road, and the famous waterfront Bund. Tonight, we are captivated by an impressive Chinese Acrobatics Show.
- Day 10           Shanghai - Yangzhou (B, L, D)  
Yangzhou, a 2500-year-old city, is known for its gardens, pavilions, and fried rice. In Yangzhou, we visit the man-made "Slim West Lake", which dates back to Tang Dynasty. The lake is surrounded by weeping willows and beautiful pavilions. Yangzhou sightseeing tour also includes Daming Monastery. The main buildings in this temple consist of Daxiongbaodian Hall, Pingyuan Tower, Pingshan Hall, Yuyuan Garden, Jianzhen Memorial Hall, Qiling Pagoda and the "Fifth Spring under Heaven". In the Daxiongbaodian Hall, the statue of Sakyamuni is sitting on a lotus seat with eighteen arhats standing on both sides.
- Day 11           Yangzhou - Nanjing (B, L, D)  
Motor coach takes us to Nanjing and where we have an excursion showing us the famed Yangtze River Bridge and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum.
- Day 12           Nanjing - Wuxi (B, L, D)  
Our Wuxi city tour takes us to the famous Yuantoudu Park which is built by the Lake Tai. For lunch, we are served the local cuisines including the delicious Wuxi Ribs.
- Day 13 Wuxi - Suzhou - Hangzhou (B, L, D)  
Suzhou, Known as the "Venice of the East", is built around Grand Canal. The city many excellent classical gardens have entitled Suzhou the "Garden City". Our sightseeing includes the Humble Administrator Garden, Tiger Hill and Hanshan Temple. Proceed to Hangzhou, China's poets have praised Hangzhou as it to a paradise on earth.
- Day 14           Hangzhou - Shanghai (B, L, D)  
Our sightseeing tour in Hangzhou includes visits to the majestic Lin Yin Temple, Fei Lai Feng, General Yue Fei Mausoleum and a scenic cruise on the famous West Lake. Later, we head back to Shanghai.
- Day 15           Shanghai - USA (B)  
We transfer to the airport for our flight home as our unforgettable China trip ends.