

China Highlights Tour

1. **Tour Name:** Best of China 12 Days
2. **Tour Route:** Beijing-Xi'an-Guilin-Yangshuo-Shanghai
3. **Departure Date:** 1st Monday of each month
4. **Tour Price:** \$2949/person (LAX departure),
5. **Early bird and group discount:** If reserve the tour before 90 days in advanced or 10 people Over, you will get discount \$100/person.

Included:

- Hotels in each city as shown on the itinerary based **on double occupancy**
- International and China domestic ticket.(LAX departure)
- Meals as mentioned on the itinerary
- Entrance fees as mentioned on the itinerary
- China domestic ground and air transportations as shown on the itinerary
- **English**-speaking tour guide in each city

Not included:

- Expenditure of a personal nature
- Gratuities (suggested USD\$8/person/day)
- Chinese visa: USD\$169/person for U.S. passports
- Travel Insurance (optional)
- Gold plan: Trip Cancellation/Interruption, 5.5% of the total tour costs.
- Silver plan: Medical/Emergency Medical Evacuation: \$36/person (12-21 days)

6. **Reservation :**

- Fill out our Tour Reservation Form
- Mail/email/fax the reservation form along with a copy of travelers' passport (the first page)
- **Deposit of \$300/person by check. Check pay to Chinatour.com**
- **Second payment \$1500 can pay by check or credit card.**
- Full payment is due **50 days** prior to departure date by check.



7. **Cancellation:** A written Cancellation Notice via mail or fax must be received by ChinaTour.Com.

The following cancellation fee applies:

- 45 or more days prior to departure: \$200 per person will be assessed.
- 30-44 days prior to departure: \$400 per person will be assessed
- 14-29 days prior to departure: \$600/person
- 4-13 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person will be assessed.
- Less than 3 days or nonappearance: 100% of total charge.

Besides the cancellation fee from Chinatour.com, Penalties from Airlines or Train Companies apply if air or train tickets are issued.

8. **Remarks:**

- The itinerary may subject to minor changes based on local situations;
- HB-Hotel Breakfast; IM-In-flight meal; L-Lunch; D-Dinner; SD/SL-special dinner/lunch

Please note: All of our tours include some shopping, one store per day at most, that's why we can offer you a very competitive price. You do not have to buy anything, but please allow at least 45 minutes for other group members to purchase some souvenirs.

Hotel Information:

Beijing **Four Points By Sheraton** ★★★★★ (or similar)

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3017>

Xi'an **Titan Times Hotel** ★★★★★ (or similar)

<http://www.titantimeshotel.com>

Guilin **Sheraton Guilin Hotel** ★★★★★ (or similar)

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=483>

Yangshuo **New West Street Hotel** ★★★★★ (or similar)

<http://www.nwshotel.com/index.php?Locale=en-us>

Shanghai **RENAISSANCE SHANGHAI PUTUO** ★★★★★ (or similar)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/shaph-renaissance-shanghai-putuo-hotel/>

Itinerary

Day 1: LAX to Beijing → (*Airline will be advised later or your own favorite airlines)

Fly to Beijing. All meals, beverages, and entertainment will be provided.

Day 2: Arrive in Beijing

Upon arriving at Beijing airport, a China Tour representative will greet you and arrange for your transportation to the hotel, allowing you the first chance to see and experience China.



Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK)

Day 3: Explore Beijing

Today you'll begin your China sightseeing tour. The first stop is **Tiananmen Square** in the center of Beijing. Then head for the magnificent **Forbidden City**, which stood as the imperial palace for China from the Ming Dynasty until the end of the Qing Dynasty, a period of 500 years. According to UNESCO, it represents the largest collection of preserved, ancient, wooden structures in the world. Then you'll take a 40-minute car ride from the Forbidden City to the **Summer Palace**, a favorite retreat in summer for many emperors during the Qing Dynasty.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



The Forbidden City

Day 4: Explore Beijing

The **Great Wall** will be the main attraction during this second day of exploring the Beijing area. One of the world's great man-made wonders, it runs about 5,500 miles through 150 different counties. Then you'll visit the "**Bird's Nest**", the National Stadium, and the National Aquatics Center, known as the **Water Cube**, where the United States swimmer, Michael Phelps, emerged as the Gold Medal winner. Then you'll visit a slowly disappearing Chinese treasure, the **Hutongs**, alleys created by courtyard houses

and see how families lived together as a community. The next stop will be the exotic **Lotus Flower Market** where beautiful and colorful displays cover the area. At last, have a nice Peking Duck Banquet before enjoying the iconic martial arts story, a live presentation of “**The Legend of Kung Fu.**”

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner.



Great Wall of China (Chang Cheng)

Day 5: Beijing to Xi'an ➔

This morning our guide will take you to the **Beijing Zoo** where you'll have the chance to see the lovely, intriguing **Giant Pandas**. In the late afternoon you'll board a plane and fly to Xi'an, a famous historical and cultural city in China. Upon arrival, visit the **Ancient City Wall** of Xi'an, constructed in 1370 during the Ming Dynasty to completely enclose the city as protection against invaders.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Explore Xi'an

The **Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses** have been called the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Nearly 8,000 life-size terra cotta soldiers and horses were buried about 2000 years ago to protect the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, in his afterlife. Your dinner tonight will be the feast of the Imperial Dumpling Banquet, followed by the splendid **Tang Dynasty Stage Show**.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner.



Terra Cotta Warriors (Bing Ma Yong)

Day 7: Xi'an to Guilin ➔

The day starts by touring another major landmark of Xi'an - the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, a temple built in 642 for the Tang Dynasty Buddhist monk, Xuan Zang. A Chinese version of Marco Polo, he made a famous pilgrimage to India--and the inspiration for the novel, “Journey to the West--so the pagoda was originally created to store the exotic artifacts he brought back. At last, board a plane for Guilin in

southern China.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Day 8: Guilin to Yangshuo

A leisurely **four-hour cruise down the Lijiang River** from Guilin to Yangshuo begins the day. Enjoy the picturesque landscape, surrounded by the hills and bamboo that have inspired many artists over the centuries. Upon arriving at Yangshuo, you'll then have the afternoon to explore on your own by either renting a bike or taking a walk around **West Street**, a 1,400-year-old street paved with marble. Explore some of the diverse and charming stores and shops around the area. In the evening, enjoy a wonderful light show, "**Impression of Sister Liu**" ("Liusanjie"), directed by the famous director Zhang Yimou and performed by local villagers and fishermen.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



Li River

Day 9: Yangshuo to Guilin to Shanghai ➔

Drive back to Guilin and visit the incredible **Elephant Trunk Hill** awaits you at the junction of the Peach Blossom and Li Rivers. The Hill got its name because the formation resembles an elephant just enjoying a refreshing drink of water. Then take a flight to Shanghai and check in at the luxurious hotel upon arrival.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 10: Experience Shanghai

Today's portion of the tour will take you into Shanghai, China's financial center. Take some time to explore the commercial aspects of **Old Street**, **Nanjing Road**, and the **Lujiazui Financial Area** before checking out the 120,000 art exhibits in the **Shanghai Museum**. Stroll around **the Bund**, the waterfront

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of Shanghai, and alongside the Huangpu River. A special farewell dinner of Shanghai cuisine will be served after enjoying the world-famous **Acrobatic Show**.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 11: Shanghai

Free day at leisure. Or optional **Suzhou** Day trip with lunch - Suzhou, the “Venice of the East,” famous for its canals and stone bridges. Our guide will take you to visit the **Master of Nets Garden**, a representative of all classic gardens in Suzhou, and then to the **Hanshan Temple**, a famous destination since the Tang Dynasty. Then you’ll tour the Silk Spinning Factory and further appreciate China’s silk culture, and finally a visit to the **Suzhou Museum**, designed by the famous architect, I.M. Pei.

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast



Master of Nets Garden

Day 12: Shanghai to LAX

The tour comes to an end today, and it’s time to pack up all your belongings, mementos, and special memories as you get ready to return home. An optional extension tour can also be arranged upon your request. You will arrive Lax on the same day!

Food Amenities: American Buffet Breakfast

