

China Highlights – optional extension.

We are pleased to offer an optional tour for those travellers keen to see the traditional highlights of China including Shanghai, Beijing and Xi'an in an exclusive small group with private guide. We will use the modern bullet train network to commute between cities to see the countryside and avoid airports. This tour will neatly fit on the end of our main Wild China tour.



Saturday 29 Oct Wuzhen/Hangzhou/Shanghai (L/D)

Start by travelling with the group from Wuzhen to Hangzhou where you will catch the bullet train to Shanghai. Sightseeing in Shanghai will include a visit to the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. Next is a visit to the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. After the garden is an interesting visit to the Silk Spinning Mill.

Hotel: Lee Gardens Hotel or similar 4star hotel

Sunday 30 Oct Shanghai/Beijing (B/D)

In the morning you will take the bullet train to Beijing, the dynamic capital of the People's Republic of China. Upon arrival you will be met by your local guide and enjoy a Pedit-cab tour of Hutong – the 'old city' neighborhoods of narrow alleyways and courtyard gardens. Next is a visit a local family to see local life in the Hutongs. Tonight you will experience the famous Beijing Duck banquet for your Beijing welcome dinner.

Hotel: Novotel Xinqiao Hotel or similar 4star hotel

Monday 31 Oct Beijing (B/L/D)

Today you will tour Tiananmen Square, the biggest public square in the world. You will also be able to have a photo stop at The National Centre for the Performing Arts, formerly known as the National Grand Theatre, and colloquially described as The Egg. Afterwards, visit Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. Later visit the Temple of Heaven, the 500 year old Temple houses altars on which sacrifices and offerings were laid to the gods in a glorious setting of gardens, trees and sculptures.

Tuesday 01 Nov Beijing (B/L/D)

This morning tour to the Great Wall at Juyongguan section, stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the ten wonders of the world. Along the way, you will stopover at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. After lunch, continue to the Summer Palace, the largest and the best preserved of all imperial palace gardens, which boasts the famous Marble Boat and the ornately painted 'Long Corridor', and take a boat ride on its Lake Kunming if the weather permits.

Wednesday 02 Nov Beijing/Xi'an (B/D)

In the morning take the bullet train to Xi'an. Upon arrival, visit the wonderful Shaanxi History Museum. This evening we will taste the local specialty – dumplings in all shapes and sizes in the Tang Dynasty Dumpling Dinner Show. The show is a colourful and interesting exploration of the long history of Xi'an.

Grand New World Hotel or similar 4 star hotel

Thursday 03 Nov Xi'an (B/L/D)

Today you will tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Included are the Circle Vision Movie and Bronze Chariot. On the way to the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit the Great Mosque, the best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

Friday 04 Nov Xi'an/ (B/and meals in flight)

Some free time this morning before a transfer to the airport to board your flight home.

Saturday 05 Nov Arrive home

Arrive home at 8.25am Flight times TBC



Cost	\$2595pp twin share (single sup payment \$500)
Inclusions	Airfare extensions and taxes, Bullet train tickets, 4 star accommodation and meals, all entries, tipping Private local guides and transport (exclusive to our group)
Exclusions	Items of a personal nature

Prices subject to change based on currency fluctuations or charges imposed by external agencies.