Lucky 8 City Break **8 days**

Enjoy a well-rounded 8 day city break in China's top two cities. Take a walk on the Great Wall, stroll along Tiananmen Square and visit Shanghai - a bustling city that offers great sights, restaurants and shopping.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Beijing / Ends in: Shanghai
- Departs: Any day of the year - excluding 01-07 May & 01-07 Oct
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 1
- Hotel Rating: 3-4 star
- Tour Guide: Yes (for scheduled sightseeing)

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

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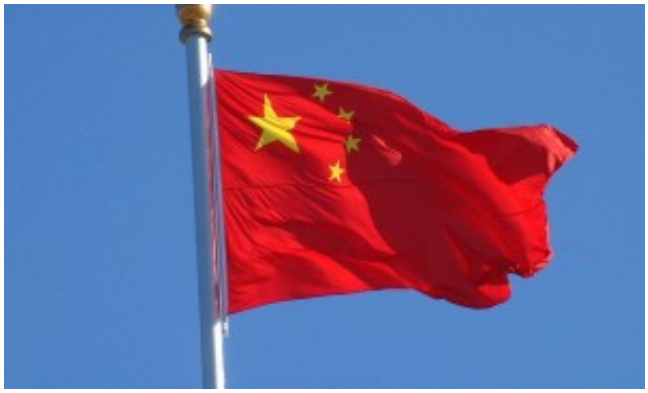
Day 1: Beijing

Welcome to Beijing and the start of your city break! Enjoy an arrival transfer to our hotel. Overnight - Beijing

Day 2: Tiananmen Square

This morning, explore the heart of Beijing including the vast Tiananmen Square where Chairman Mao's tomb and various monuments to the people are located. Dominating the city's heart is the Forbidden City, a centre of power for five centuries and seat of the emperors. Entering through the Gate of Heavenly Peace (replete with Chairman Mao's portrait above the gate), enjoy a guided walk of this old city within a city. Tonight, feast on a traditional Chinese dinner at a city restaurant. Overnight - Beijing



Day 3: The Great Wall

Don some comfortable shoes. Today, drive out of the city to Badaling, where you can walk a section of the Great Wall. Some sections are fairly steep, but the walk on the vast wall that snakes for thousands of kilometres is one of those 'must do' experiences! Continuing a short distance from Badaling, we visit the tombs of the Ming emperors. You'll also visit to a cloisonne workshop, where you can see first hand the unique Chinese art of combining copper and enamel to make decorative pieces. There's a shop if you fancy splashing a little cash. Overnight - Beijing

Day 4: Free day

Free day to enjoy Beijing your way. This evening, take an overnight sleeper train journey to Shanghai. Overnight - Sleeper Train

Day 5: Shanghai

From fishing village to super metropolis, the new Shanghai is perhaps China's Manhattan. Blending old with new, Shanghai is one of planet Earth's most amazing cities. Spend the day at leisure. Overnight - Shanghai

Days 6 - 7: Shanghai

Shanghai is an incredible blend of old and new, Just across the Huangpu River is the new Shanghai, a high-tech development of sky scrapers, the centre piece of which is the rocket-shaped Oriental Pearl TV tower. Mercedes and BMW cars cruise the neon-lit streets, modern department stores rub shoulders with cool bars and Shanghai is staking it's claim to being China's foremost metropolis.

On day 6 our sightseeing of Shanghai takes in the awesome Oriental Pearl TV tower, the Jade Buddha Temple, charming Yuyuan Gardens and the Bund and Old City. This evening, enjoy a cruise on the Huangpu River.

Day 7 enjoy time out to explore Shanghai your own way. Xiangyang Market (at the junction of Xiangyang Lu and Huaihai Lu) is the place to head if you're seeking genuine copy Rolexes, bags, shoes and clobber. Perhaps do drinks, jazz and nibbles at the historic Peace Hotel on the Bund. Overnight - Shanghai

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Day 8: Shanghai

Hotel check-out and included onward transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Beijing - Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, UNESCO listed Great Wall, UNESCO listed Ming Tombs, UNESCO listed Summer Palace, Silk Alley markets and a Cloisonne Factory
- Shanghai- Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Jade Buddha Temple, The Bund, Old Shanghai, Yuyuan Garden, Huang River and the skyline of Pudong City

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 traditional Peking Duck dinner
- 6 nights 3 - 4 star hotels
- 1 overnight night train - Beijing - Shanghai (soft sleeper cabin)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 8
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Guided sightseeing - Days 2, 3 and 6 with an English speaking guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Entrance fees to all included sites

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Hong Kong Express - 1 day - USD $399

At the crossroads between East and West, Hong Kong is one of the most exciting cities in the world. Hong Kong has good museums, numerous markets, great seafood, restaurants, bars and nightlife. Jump aboard the comfortable overnight sleeper train from Shanghai direct to Kowloon in central Hong Kong.

Beijing Hutongs by Rickshaw - FREE

Included on all group tours. For tailor - made or city breaks - book and pay locally.

Hutongs are a special feature of Beijing. On a peddle powered rickshaw and accompanied by a local guide, you'll gain a fascinating snapshot of the city's traditional way of life, as you meander through Beijing's old back lanes. This bolt-on is included in all our group tours. Additionally it can be included to any of our tailormade or city break itineraries.

Chinese Acrobat Evening - FREE

An evening of death-defying acrobatic feats involving very lithe individuals clad in awesome technicolour costumes, performed in tune to sound and light and dinner (Chinese banquet-style). The performance can be added to any tailor-made or city break itinerary.

Suzhou - 3 days - USD $629

Suzhou, a 2,500 year-old cultural city is located in an area of rivers that crisscross the Yangtze River Delta of southeastern China. In the city, boats bob along waterways interwoven with small bridges that run parallel to the streets and traditional houses built along them. Coupled with a stunning collection of UNESCO-listed gardens and famed for it's silk, Suzhou is an oriental treasure!

Guilin & Yangshuo - 3 days - USD $639

Renowned for its striking, if bizarre scenery - vast areas of karst limestone outcrops that rise up from flat rice paddy fields, Guilin is often the subject of Chinese painting. The Lijiang River cruise is a true pleasure that offers an endless procession of peaks and simple villages. Charming Yangshuo, a river town lined with cafes and little shops selling handicrafts, clothing and curios, offers gentle respite far from the madding crowds of the cities.

Datong - 4 days - USD $639

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Datong is an ancient cultural city dating back more than 2,000 years, the region's biggest attraction is the UNESCO-listed Yungang Caves. Built more than 1,500 years ago, the 53 caves are a treasure trove of ancient Buddhist art comprising a fine collection of carved-sandstone Buddhist figures. The 'Hanging Temple' also located outside of Datong was constructed some 1,500 years on a precipitous rockface. Literally hugging the cliff, the temple is a total spectacle.

Yellow Mountain - 5 days - USD $899

Considered the most beautiful mountain in China, Yellow Mountain or Huangshan is one of a range of 72 peaks in Anhui Province. Set amidst rural landscapes and with its slopes clad in pine, the ethereal scenery is nothing short of breathtaking.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,299

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Beijing - Pre-tour accom.	USD $60	USD $60
Shanghai - Post-tour accom.	USD $60	USD $60