



tour spotlight

what you see

- **Shanghai** - Oriental Pearl Tower, Jade Buddha Temple, The Bund and Old Shanghai, Yuyuan Garden, Cruise along the Huang River
- **Suzhou** - UNESCO-listed gardens, Grand Canal and waterways, Humble Administrator's Garden, silk factory

To get the lowest price, book your Expo tickets in advance, online. A pre purchased single day adult ticket costs 170Y (USD£25) and a 3 day multi-entry ticket costs 400Y (USD\$58)

what you get

- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch
- 6 nights 4★ hotels
- Shanghai - Huangpu River cruise
- Suzhou - historic Grand Canal cruise
- Airport arrival and departure transfer day 1 and day 7
- Touring of Shanghai & Suzhou
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

Visas are required by all visitors to China. It is essential the visa is procured prior to travel. Visa forms are available from us and also supplied upon booking. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of return from China. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is also the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go.

climate

In all, China has a great diversity of climates. To sum it up - China experiences hot summers in most parts of the country, very cold winters in the north and comfortable winters in the south! Sep-Oct is warm to hot and dry across the country. Nov-Mar is winter with very cool temps in the north, whilst mild in the south. If combining the north and south, you'll experience 2 distinct weather patterns. Apr-May - perfect in the north, if a little humid and rainy in the south. Jun-Aug can bring a few showers.

time

China is 8 hours ahead of GMT (during BST-7hrs)

money

GBP £1 = CNY 11 USD \$1 = CNY 6.8 AUD \$1 = CNY 6 (subject to fluctuation). The Yuan is exchangeable only in China. Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks. ATM machines exist in all major towns and cities.

health requirements

Recommendations - Tetanus, Polio, Typhoid and Hepatitis A. A Malarial risk exists in remote areas of the south, and Rabies and Meningitis are present in Tibet and remote areas, so seek medical advice. This advice is intended as a guide only. Always check with your local health provider.

how much?

ENTRANCE FEES

Entrance fees are not included in your tour. Please budget approximately **USD \$25-58**

Approximate food and drink prices

- Can of coke, 330ml **CNY 3-5**
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) **CNY 22-5**
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) **CNY 120**
- Beer (local brew Tsingtao - 640ml approx) **CNY 4-10**
- Chocolate candy bar (local brand) **CNY 7**

bright ideas

- Bring a hat for the sun. Bring a brolly for any rain!
- Food is very different to your local takeaway! If you prefer western snack food consider bringing a supply.
- Buy some Yuan (currency) at the airport on arrival.
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Mandarin.
- Bring a small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.
- Take comfortable walking shoes for the great wall.

top experiences

- Enjoy a drink and a few nostalgic jazz classics at the famous Peace Hotel on The Bund.
- Blow a bit of cash at Xiangyang Clothing Market, Shanghai. Snag bargain casual clothing, bags etc.
- Buy Chairman Mao's famous quotation-filled little red book. A classic People's Republic souvenir.
- Stroll in peaceful Yuyuan Gardens - a Ming delight.
- Shanghai's futuristic Pudong skyline, and The Bund. Once old Shanghai's commercial heart, it's a combination of Liverpool and 1920s Manhattan.





expo in shanghai 2010: itinerary

day 1 - shanghai

Welcome to Shanghai! Airport arrival transfer and hotel check in. Overnight - Shanghai.

day 2 - shanghai

Shanghai - breakfast. Just the mere mention of 'Shanghai' conjures up mystery, romance and general decadence. Pre - 1949, cosmopolitan Shanghai was a magnet for seekers of wealth, idle colonialists, explorers and the dispossessed. The city's oddities were due to the unusual circumstances of the city's existence. Written into the Treaty of Nanjing was the notion of extraterritoriality, which translated as foreign nationals not being bound by Chinese law, but rather by the laws of their own consuls. Basically anything went. Until 1949, foreigners dominated commerce, banking and industry, amassing huge fortunes and transforming the landscape of foreign concessionary sections of Shanghai. Everything went belly up in 1949, when Mao and the communists took to power and swept the good times and rock and roll away rather swiftly.

A legacy of these heady times, is Shanghai's Bund where on and around this waterfront promenade are a vast series of grandiose pre-1949 buildings. Just across the Huangpu River is the new Shanghai, a high-tech development of amazing skyscrapers. After four decades of austerity, economic reforms implemented by Deng Xiaoping, reawakened Shanghai.

Today our sightseeing of Shanghai takes in many of the city's top spots including the Yuyuan Gardens and market - Shanghai's finest traditional garden, the impressive Oriental Pearl TV tower, the Jade Buddha Temple and the Bund and Old City. Afterwards enjoy a cruise on the Huangpu River. Overnight - Shanghai.

day 3 - suzhou water canals

Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai - breakfast. Today, we journey to Suzhou. A sort of oriental Venice, ancient Suzhou is interwoven by a

series of striking canals and pretty waterways which feed a series of classical gardens, laid out here since the Song dynasty, a thousand years ago. They are justly famous across China. Suzhou sits very close to the Grand Canal. At 1800km, it is the longest canal on earth and ranks alongside the Great Wall as China's greatest engineering achievement. We enjoy a cruise and visit a silk workshop. The silk trade has flourished here since the Tang dynasty. Later, we return to Shanghai. Evening free to enjoy your last night in Shanghai. Lunch and overnight - Shanghai.

day 4 - 6 - world expo 2010

Shanghai - breakfast. The coming 3 days offer free time for you to discover and explore World Expo 2010, Shanghai.

Set to be the largest World Expo ever, in the grand tradition of international fairs and expositions some 192 countries and 49 international organisations have confirmed participation in the event. Organisers expect approximately 70 million visitors will experience the fair held between 01 May - 31 October 2010. The theme for the 2010 exposition is 'Better City - Better Life' signifying Shanghai's new status in the 21st century as a major economic and cultural center.

The 5.2 sq km area is filled with a series of pavilions dedicated to giving a combination of scientific, technological and cultural insight as to how each of the countries/exhibitors intend to deal with the demands of lifestyle and everyday urban life in their region of the globe. Overnight (3) - Shanghai

what to see and do at expo?

A series of 20 000 cultural, artistic, folk, thematic, musical, technological and interactive performances will take place in some 34 venues within the site. Attending nations also host their own foray of events and

performance within their own purpose built pavilions.

our top picks

The Japanese Pavilion - highlights the role of advanced ecological technology in helping humans achieve a more comfortable life with its huge 'breathing organism' pavilion. Visitors will be presented with the latest solar technologies, gizmos, gadgets and life like intelligent robots for the home.

The UN World Meteorological Organisation presents its pavilion as a massive weather station complete with fluffy white cloud and mist around it. When the sun falls below 42 degrees a spectacular rainbow glistens high above the structure. Inside guests will experience climatic cataclysms - rain, hail, thunderstorms and tornados.

The GM Pavilion takes driving to the year 2030! Exhibiting future super highways, electric cars, new traffic system to predict traffic jams, un-piloted vehicles, cars that communicate with each other to avoid accidents and autos that talk with roads to choose the best route. Also, checkout out their 500 seat four-dimensional movie cinema, where your chair will spin around according to the film's plot. Enjoy your days exploring World Expo 2010 in Shanghai. Overnight (3) - Shanghai.

day 7 - shanghai

Shanghai - breakfast. Hotel check-out and included onward transfer to airport.

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