

# Postcard from China

## 10 days | Beijing to Shanghai



*From Beijing to Shanghai via the Jinan Province, visit UNESCO sites, Qufu - Confucius' birthplace, sacred Tai Shan, ancient Suzhou and its many waterways, concluding in bustling Shanghai.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

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- **Beijing**- Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, UNESCO-listed Great Wall, UNESCO-listed Ming Tombs
- **Jinan** - capital of Shandong Province
- UNESCO-listed Mt Tai Shan (Peaceful Mountain)
- UNESCO-listed Qufu - birthplace of Confucius
- **Suzhou**- UNESCO-listed gardens, Grand Canal and waterways, Humble Administrator's Garden, Silk factory
- **Shanghai**- Shanghai Plaza Tower, The Bund and Old Shanghai, Yuyuan Garden, Huang River skyline of Pudong City

#### What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 8 nights Standard hotels (Superior and Deluxe available on request) and 1 night overnight train - Qufu - Shanghai (4-berth sleeper cabin)
- Tai Shan - cable car ride

- Rickshaw ride in Old City of Qufu and Confucius show
- Tai Ch'i lesson
- Suzhou - historic Grand Canal cruise
- Shanghai - Huangpu River cruise
- Airport arrival from Beijing Capital Airport on day 1 and departure transfer Shanghai on day 10
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- 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

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Beijing

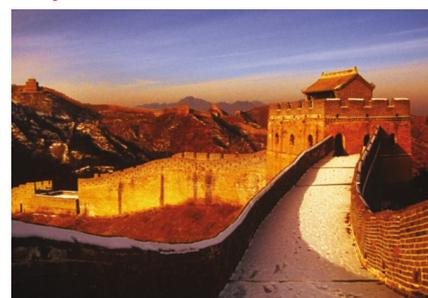
Welcome to Beijing and the start of your holiday. Arrival transfer from airport to hotel.  
**Overnight - Beijing (D)**

#### Day 2 : The Forbidden City

A guided tour of Beijing today takes in Tiananmen Square, which home of the mausoleum of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the father of the Communist People's Republic, and the striking Monument to the People's

Heroes. Across the way is the Forbidden City. A vision in grandeur with its imperial yellow roofs and vermilion walls, the Forbidden City was forbidden to all except those on imperial business until 1911, when the last emperor, Puyi, was removed from the throne. Beijing was always a walled city but the Forbidden City, seat of the great emperors, was the innermost sanctum of the city. Built between 1406 and 1420, it served as the imperial palace for the Ming and Qing dynasties. Enjoy a guided walk through the city's many temples, grand halls and courtyards. **Overnight - Beijing (B)**

#### Day 3 : The Great Wall



Today, travel beyond Beijing to Badaling, where you can walk (and almost climb on some sections) on the Great Wall. No matter how many pictures you've seen, the Great Wall of China is grand. Following a ridge of barren hills through northern China, it stretches as far as the eye can see - at least 6,700 kms. Continuing, a visit is made to the

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tombs of the Ming emperors, where some 13 emperors were interred. The tombs are approached via a sacred gateway and gate houses. **Overnight - Beijing (B)**

## Day 4 : Jinan

Beijing - Jinan. Free morning. Afternoon train from Beijing to Jinan. Located south of the Yellow River as it makes its final thrust to the sea, Jinan, the capital of Shandong Province is famous for its springs. Shandong also produces the famous brew - Tsingtao beer at the former German colony of Qingdao. **Overnight - Jinan (B)**

## Day 5 : Mt Tai Shan



Jinan - Qufu. Enjoy a visit to the UNESCO listed Tai Shan (Peaceful Mountain), perhaps the holiest of the five Chinese holy mountains devoted to Taoism. The upper reaches are approached by cable-car. Visit also Bu Yang Village. Continue to Qufu, birthplace of the sage - Confucius, where tonight by rickshaw, you'll travel to the Apricot Altar Theatre, to enjoy a Confucius Singing and Dancing Show. **Overnight - Qufu (B, L)**

## Day 6 : Qufu

Enjoy a tai ch'i lesson with a Master if you choose. Occupying a hallowed place in the minds of the legions of Chinese, Japanese and Koreans who come here on pilgrimage, Qufu is greatly revered. Although the sage lived in relative obscurity, his descendents lived in the grand Confucius Mansion (Kong Fu) in the heart of Qufu. Wielding immense political clout and wealth, the Kong family, referred to as the First Family Under Heaven, built a palatial mansion. Next to the mansion is the Confucius Temple (Kong Miao), a lengthy complex of memorial gateways, courtyards and pavilions. Afterwards a rickshaw tour

around the Old City. Later, overnight train to Shanghai. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, L)**

## Day 7 : Shanghai



Train - Shanghai. Once known for its decadent magnetism that attracted fortune-seekers and adventurers, Shanghai looks like a European city in a Chinese setting. Enjoy a big day out touring the Shanghai Plaza Tower, charming Yuyuan Gardens, and the Old City. This evening, witness Shanghai's illuminated skyline on a Huangpu River cruise. **Overnight - Shanghai (B)**

## Day 8 : Suzhou



Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai. Today take a day trip by high speed train to ancient Suzhou, a Venetian-like town with its UNESCO-listed gardens and many waterways and bridges. Here you can take a cruise on the Grand Canal, which stretches over 1,000 miles from Beijing to Hangzhou and crosses the Yellow and Yangtze rivers, constructed more than 2,000 years ago serving as China's main North-South artery. The hive of activity comprising of boats and people both on and along the Canal offers an amazing sight and later visit a silk textile factory. Or choose to visit the Fish-Net Master's Garden and Tiger Hill, before returning to Shanghai. **Overnight - Shanghai (B, L)**

## Day 9 : Shanghai

A day of leisure to enjoy the sights of Shanghai independently. Perhaps take a stroll along the Bund or shop on the famous Nanjing Road. Tonight perhaps consider drinks, jazz and nibbles at the historic Peace Hotel on the Bund. **Overnight - Shanghai (B)**

## Day 10 : Shanghai

Hotel check-out and included onward transfer to airport. (B)

### PRICES / DATES INFO

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 per person price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply. Departs any day of the year except 01 - 07 May, 01 - 07 October and Chinese New Year.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Apr	USD 1,695	USD 2,325