

Great Wall & Warriors

9 days | Beijing to Shanghai



Uncover the best of China, from Beijing to Shanghai and Xi'an to Suzhou. This nine-day adventure takes you through China's illustrious living history, along its traditional streets, and into the heart of its ultra-modern mega cities.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Beijing – explore China's captivating capital, from Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City and enjoy a rickshaw ride through the backstreets
- The Great Wall – discover two separate sections of this ancient masterpiece, at Badaling and Juyongguan Pass
- Xi'an – marvel at the sculpted army of Terracotta Warriors and cycle along the Xi'an City Wall
- Shanghai – take in the highlights of the bustling metropolis, where age-old tradition meets the future
- Suzhou – wander through the classical Linger Garden and explore this oriental Venice

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 1 Peking Duck dinner
- 7 nights 3 – 4 star hotels
- High speed train: Xi'an – Shanghai
- 1 overnight train: Beijing – Xi'an (4-berth soft sleeper cabin)
- Touring of Beijing, Badaling, Juyongguan, Xi'an, Shanghai and Suzhou
- Chinese acrobatic performance
- Rickshaw ride through Beijings' Hutongs
- Xi'an – bike ride on medieval City Wall
- Shanghai – Huangpu River cruise
- Suzhou – historic Grand Canal Cruise
- Tour Guide escorted for groups of 6 or more
- Beijing Capital Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer day 9 from Shanghai Airport
- English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private A/C vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$60–70pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$105–115pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide is not included in the Tip Kitty. We suggest USD\$3–5

per day, per traveller for a job well done, however the amount is up to you

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to China!

Saturday. You've arrived in Beijing and your adventure has begun! There's an included arrival transfer to your hotel. Once you've checked in, the rest of the day is yours. Why not head out for your first glimpse of China's captivating capital? **Overnight – Beijing**

Day 2 : A Beijing beginning



We're kicking off our adventure with a day of Beijing sightseeing! We'll visit the iconic Tiananmen Square and the majestic Forbidden City. And we'll take a traditional rickshaw ride through the winding hutongs (backstreets).

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This evening, we'll head to an acrobat show in the heart of the city. Expect stunning costumes, captivating colours, and gravity-defying tricks, then tuck into a Welcome Dinner of Peking Duck.

Overnight - Beijing (B, D)

Day 3 : The Great Wall



Beijing - Great Wall. Today, we're ticking the big one from the bucket list. After a free morning, we'll bid farewell to Beijing and head north to Badaling. And the most preserved stretch of the Great Wall. We'll walk the cobbles, we'll cross the watchtowers, and we'll follow the way of the rugged mountains. We spend the night at our quaint hotel near Juyongguan Pass, which offers views of the Great Wall. **Overnight - Great Wall (B)**

Day 4 : Granite and limestone, jade and pearl



Great Wall - Beijing - Xi'an. We'll be up bright and early for a final view of the Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass - arriving as it opens to beat the crowds. From here, we'll visit a jade carving workshop. And we'll learn about its importance in Chinese culture.

After lunch, we'll head back to Beijing to catch the sleeper train to Xi'an. You'll have a couple of hours to spare before

boarding - ideal for a spot of shopping at the Pearl Market! **Overnight - Overnight sleeper train to Xi'an (B, L)**

Day 5 : Ancient warriors and archaeological treasures



Today we discover the Terracotta Army: 7,000 unique soldiers carved in exquisite detail, with no two faces alike. The warriors have stood strong for over 2,000 years, originally created to protect Emperor Qin Shihuang in the afterlife. The iconic sculptures have inspired the work of clay workshops across China - including the one we'll visit!

Tonight, we welcome you to join the optional Tang Dynasty Show, which includes dinner, a traditional performance and transfers (bookable locally).

Overnight - Xi'an (B, L)

Day 6 : Step back into old Xi'an



Xi'an - Shanghai. Xi'an was once the centre of Chinese culture and politics. It was once home to emperors, warriors, merchants, and monks. And relics of the past are hidden at every turn.

Today, we'll explore Xi'an's towering Big Wild Goose Pagoda. We'll cycle along

the ancient city walls. And we'll wander through the vibrant Muslim Quarter. After our morning of sightseeing, we board the high-speed train to Shanghai. Arrival Shanghai and check into our hotel. **Overnight - Shanghai (B, L)**

Day 7 : Set your sights on Shanghai



Where centuries of tradition and culture meet the modern age - and get a glimpse of the future. Today, we'll tour Shanghai. From the bustling Bund to the charming Old City. From the striking Plaza Tower to the serene Yu Garden. We'll also cruise the Huangpu River. And you'll get the best view of the famous Pudong skyline. **Overnight - Shanghai (B)**

Day 8 : Canal streets in Suzhou



Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai. Today we'll swap Shanghai for Suzhou. With serene canals, tranquil waterways, and traditional gardens, Suzhou is the Venice of the Orient. We'll enjoy a cruise along its Grand Canal. And we'll explore its ancient Lingering Garden - a peaceful spot of classic pavilions, hidden pagodas, wooden walkways, and calm ponds.

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We'll finish our day with a silk workshop visit, before heading back to Shanghai.

Overnight - Shanghai (B, L)

Day 9 : So long, Shanghai

Sunday. Our tour comes to an end today. After breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport in time for your flight. You'll land back home with a lifetime's worth of memories, and a love of adventure.(B)

ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven

The Beijing Holiday Inn Temple of Heaven is an elegant and comfortable hotel with well-furnished and spacious rooms. Practical in design, the guestrooms feature internet access and the hotel also boasts a range of restaurants and bars, as well as an indoor swimming pool. Located just a 10 minute walk from the Temple of Heaven, the hotel is the perfect base from which to explore this fascinating city.



Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan

Located just a stones throw from the Beitucheng Subway station, with access to Line 10 & Line 8, the Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan is a perfect base to explore the many amazing highlights of Beijing. Within walking distance of the hotel you'll find the famous Birds Nest Olympic

Stadium. The hotel boasts a stylish restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel

Located a stone's throw away from the Ancient City Wall and Islamic Mosque, is the Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel. The hotel offers modern comforts in the heart of the city. Each air-conditioned guestroom features WiFi, a minibar and satellite TV. There is an onsite restaurant which serves a daily buffet or a la carte breakfast as well as a variety of Asian and Western dishes. During free time, guests can enjoy a relaxing massage or work out in the fitness centre.



Ramada Encore Shanghai Hotel

Ideally located close to several plazas and shopping centres, this modern hotel offers you a comfortable stay in one of China's fastest growing cities. Guestrooms are equipped with all the essential amenities, with free WiFi and access to the breakfast buffet included. The onsite Dakang Restaurant also serves lunch and dinner, and you can expect a tasty menu featuring both Western and Chinese cuisine. Other amenities include a fitness centre, coffee shop and small convenience store.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates marked with a 'G' are operating. All dates are guaranteed to operate when there are 2 persons booked on the tour. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to solo travellers or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Nov	USD 1,325	USD 1,735

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