

INCREDIBLE CHINA

BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI



10 DAYS FROM

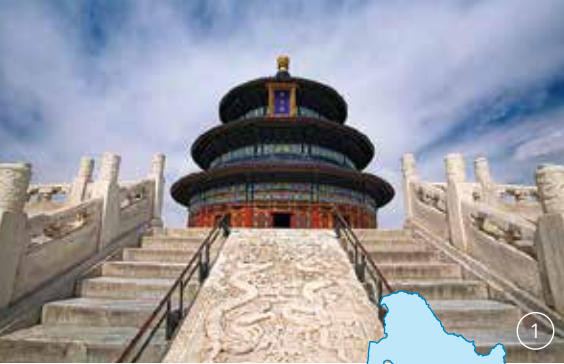
\$999  
per person twin-share

This package offers an ultra low-cost opportunity to discover China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing, discover the exquisite cities Wuxi, Suzhou, and Hangzhou - known for their lakes, canals, and classical gardens. Finally, immerse yourself in dynamic and cosmopolitan Shanghai. A range of optional activities, such as shows, cruises, and special meals, are available for you to tailor your holiday to your satisfaction.

Image: Grand Canal, Wuxi


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Images: 1. Temple of Heaven, 2. Forbidden City, 3. Bird's West, 4. Great Wall, 5. The Golden Mask Dynasty, 6. Summer Palace, 7. Terracotta Army, 8. West Lake, 9. Huangpu River, 10. Ancient City Wall, 11. Great Wild Goose Pagoda

Day 1: Arrive in Beijing

Fly to Beijing. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and will transfer to the hotel. *Note: Some flights may depart the night before.*

Day 2: Beijing (B)

After breakfast, visit **Tiananmen Square** in the centre of Beijing. The square is named after the Tiananmen (Gate of Heavenly Peace) located to its north, which provides entry to the famed **Forbidden City**. The square contains the Monument to the People's Heroes, Great Hall of the People, National Museum of China, and the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao Zedong.

Optional activities

You may also wish to take an **optional Forbidden City Tour** (\$85): discover the former seat of the emperors throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is a true architectural masterpiece, and is home to the fascinating National Palace Museum.

Peking Duck Lunch (\$50): Dine on Peking Duck.

Authentic Old Beijing Tour, with Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, and Dinner (\$115): The Temple of Heaven is recognised as a world heritage site by UNESCO. It is an architectural masterpiece, and was built between 1406 and 1460 AD. The temple was used by China's emperors for ceremonies honouring the god of harvests. Then, take a rickshaw tour of Beijing's ancient Hutong neighbourhoods, and visit a local family. This package also includes a traditional Beijing Noodle dish – zhajiangmian (fried bean sauce noodles) meal at a local restaurant. A speciality of Beijing, zhajiangmian is cooked by mixing noodles with vegetables and fried soybean sauce.

Day 3: Beijing (B, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall**, one of the Seven Wonders of the World! You'll have a chance to climb a portion of this 6,000km marvel, at Juyong Pass. Then tour the iconic **Beijing 2008 Olympic Centre**; which includes the famous **Bird's Nest** and **Water Cube** stadiums, which now host many spectacular events. You'll see these magnificent structures from the outside. You'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en route, and after lunch, see skilled artisans work at a cloisonné factory.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall** near Beijing
- Sit by tranquil **West Lake in Hangzhou**, beloved by Marco Polo
- Stroll in one of the finest Chinese classical gardens in **Suzhou**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**
- Enjoy a wide range of optional shows, activities, and special meals

Optional activity

The Golden Mask Dynasty (\$75): Be amazed by the colour, music, and action of this large-scale stage production (evening).

Day 4: Beijing (B) / Suzhou (B)

Today, tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China, and formerly a summer resort for emperors. This is followed by a visit to a Chinese herbal medicine institute, and learn about this ancient medical tradition. Then, take a high speed train to Suzhou. Alternatively, the group may fly to Shanghai and travel the short distance to Suzhou by bus.

Note: The mode of transport (flight or train) will be confirmed by the time final documentation is ready hence within 2 weeks prior to departure.

Day 5: Suzhou (B) / Wuxi (B, L)

Suzhou has long been known as the 'Venice of the East', for its exquisite canals, bridges, pagodas, and beautiful gardens, and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. After breakfast, tour the **Lingering Garden**, a classic private garden with 500 years of history. Next, visit the largest silk factory in the country, and discover how silk is manufactured from mulberry-munching silkworms.

You may also take an **optional cruise along the Grand Canal** (\$45): Cruise on China's Grand Canal, at 1,776km long and reaching all the way to Beijing, this massive engineering feat was unparalleled in the ancient world.

Afternoon, we continue to Wuxi and visit **Three Kingdoms City**. It is a major CCTV (China Central Television) production studio, and a renowned tourist attraction. The Romance of the Three Kingdoms, a historical TV series, was filmed there.

Day 6: Wuxi (B) / Hangzhou (B, L)

This morning, tour beautiful **Li Lake** (Lihu), which is the most scenic corner of Wuxi's huge **Lake Tai** (Taihu), followed by a visit to a freshwater pearl exhibition and store. Continue on to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival,

You may take an optional **cruise on the serene West Lake (Xihu)** (\$55), which the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and is noted for its scenic beauty, which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites.

In the evening, you may wish to attend **Enduring Memories of Hangzhou (Feb-Oct)** (\$95): see the story of **West Lake** come alive before your eyes.

Day 7: Hangzhou (B) / Shanghai (B, L)

Experience tea-tasting at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantation**, which produces some of the the best 'Longjing' Green Tea in China. After lunch we drive to Shanghai. **The Bund**, on the **Huangpu River** and lined by historical architecture of European design, is the best place to capture the Western influences of the colonial era. Then, visit the **City God Temple Bazaar**, which is composed of stores selling traditional Chinese arts and crafts, medicine, and souvenirs. Tonight you can watch a thrilling **Chinese acrobatic show SPIRAL** (\$85): A thrilling Chinese acrobatic show, featuring dance, drama, music, and multimedia effects.

Day 8: Shanghai (B, L)

In the morning, tour **Shanghai Museum**, to see ancient Chinese art, furniture, and jade, followed by a visit to an emerald exhibition centre.

Optional activities

In the afternoon, you may enjoy an **optional half day tour of the Jin Mao Tower and Xintiandi** (\$85): visit the Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck on the 88th floor, for a panoramic view of the Huangpu River and the Bund. Xintiandi (New Heaven and Earth) holds the historical and cultural legacy of the city. It was the site of the first congress of the Chinese Communist Party, but is now the most expensive place to live in China.

You may enjoy an **optional Huangpu River cruise** (\$75): Get a glimpse of Shanghai, with the colonial-era Bund on one side and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui financial district on the other.

Day 9: Depart Shanghai (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your flight home. The trip may be over, but the experiences and memories will certainly last a lifetime.

Day 10: Arrive Home





DEPARTURES

2019	08 May 15 May	07 Aug 21 Aug	04 Sep 11 Sep	23 Oct 06 Nov
2020	02 Mar [^] 09 Mar [^] 16 Mar [^] 23 Mar [^] 30 Mar [*] 06 Apr [*] 13 Apr	20 Apr 04 May 11 May 18 May 25 May 01 Jun 08 Jun	15 Jun 22 Jun [*] 29 Jun ^{**} 06 Jul [*] 20 Jul 27 Jul 03 Aug	10 Aug 17 Aug 24 Aug 31 Aug 07 Sep 14 Sep 21 Sep ^{**}

*Peak season surcharge: \$300

**School Holiday Surcharge \$400

[^]Yangtze River Cruise Extension is not available
Single supplement: \$550

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- BNE: +\$100, ADL/PER: +\$300

INCLUSIONS

- Full service Chinese carrier fares & taxes (eg. China Eastern/Southern Airlines/Air China)
- 8 nights 3-4 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- 7 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L)
- Beijing to Shanghai internal flight or High-speed bullet train from Beijing to Suzhou
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

EXCLUSIONS

- Compulsory prepaid tipping: \$90
- China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore/ Qantas Airlines fr \$350

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$250
- Hotel w/breakfast: \$75 twin-share, \$150 single
- Private transfer: \$120 per way (max. 3 ppl)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Beijing	Chunhuiyuan Hot Spring Resort
Suzhou	Holiday Inn Express Suzhou Taihu Lake
Wuxi	Holiday Inn Express Wuxi Taihu New City
Hangzhou	Meiziqing Hotel Hangzhou
Shanghai	Holiday Inn Express Shanghai Pujiang

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (AUD)

Beijing	Forbidden City Tour	\$85
Beijing	Peking Duck Lunch	\$50
Beijing	Authentic Old Beijing Tour: Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour & Dinner	\$115
Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$75
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$45
Hangzhou	West Lake Cruise	\$55
Hangzhou	Show: Enduring Memories of Hangzhou (Feb-Oct)	\$95
Shanghai	Half day tour to Jin Mao Tower and Xintiandi	\$85
Shanghai	SPIRAL Acrobatic Show	\$85
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$75

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Xi'an Terracotta Warriors 2 Nights

from \$590; single supplement \$120; includes
+ Economy class flights
+ 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
+ 2 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D)
+ Coach transportation & transfers
+ Admissions to scenic attractions
+ English speaking tour guide
Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: \$30

Day 1: Arrive in Xi'an

Board your international flight to Xi'an. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest. *Note: Some flights may depart the night before.*

Day 2: Xi'an (B, L, S)

The highlight today is a visit to the **Terracotta Army** to see the life-sized defending army of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. This will be followed by a visit to a ceramic art factory. In the evening, enjoy a special **Imperial Dumpling Banquet and traditional Tang Dynasty Singing & Dancing Show**.

Day 3: Xi'an ✈ Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum**. The museum is one of China's largest, and houses over 370,000 items, including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. Enjoy a special noodle lunch including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the **Great Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the **Ancient City Wall**, which is not only the most complete city wall to survive in China, but also one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly out of Xi'an in the evening to continue your holiday.



A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a lifetime. You will enjoy the stunning picturesque scenery and amazing natural beauty of the famed Three Gorges: Qutang, Wu, and Xiling, while exploring historical relics and ancient cultural sites along the mighty river.

Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes of the region, including the spectacle of Fengdu Ghost City, a peculiar site that contains statues of demons and ghosts that roam the after-world; the fun of drifting through Shennong Stream, which offers clear running waters, picturesque rock formations, and monkeys and goats along its banks; and the wonder of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest.



EXECUTIVE SERVICE PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

President 7: +\$150

- Free upgrade to higher floor (4th-6th floor)
- Free coffee, tea, and snacks at happy hours in afternoon
- Enjoy all meals at VIP restaurant and a la carte available (paid separately)
- Free drinks before dinner
- Unlimited soft drinks, wine, and beer at lunch and dinner
- Express check-in/out
- Room turn-down service
- Welcome fruit basket in cabin
- VIP area reserved for evening entertainment
- Two hours free internet per sailing

Victoria Cruises: +\$150

- Complimentary wi-fi service in the Executive Lounge and Lobby areas
- Complimentary regular laundry service before 10am every day (maximum of four pieces/person/day, not available on embarkation & disembarkation days)
- Complimentary shoe shine service
- Diet soda included for lunch and dinner service
- Complimentary house wine and beer offerings at dinner
- Beverage service available daily in Executive Lounge incl. cookies, soft drinks, tea & coffee
- Afternoon Happy Hour an hour before dinner (house wine, beer, and soda). *Note: No Happy Hour on the second day*
- You may choose which dining room you prefer for your meals - downstairs buffet for all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), or upstairs on Deck 6 for buffet breakfast and lunch, a la carte for dinner.

 YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 4 Nights

from \$950; single supplement \$750; includes

- Economy class flights
- 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)
- 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- All transfers
- 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)
- English speaking guide (on board)

Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: \$50 & optional shore excursions

Note: Aboard Yangtze Gold 1, 2, 6 or 7, President 7, or similar. Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

Day 9: Shanghai ✈️ Yichang 🚢 Yangtze River Cruise (D)

This morning fly to the port city of Yichang, the starting point of our Yangtze River Cruise for the next four nights. After dinner, we board the cruise and receive an introduction on cruise events and onboard activities.

Arr/Dept

19:00-20:00
24:00

Events

Board the ship at Yichang Dock
Departs Yichang

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Today, your cruise enters the **Xiling Gorge**. Named for Mount Xiling, this is the longest of the Three Gorges. In fact, Xiling Gorge comprises four smaller gorges with rather poetic names; Precious Sword, Horse Lung & Ox Liver, Soundless Bell, and Shadow Play.

Arr/Dept

08:00
08:00-09:00
09:00-11:00
11:00-13:00

Events

Briefing on the cruise
Passing the Xiling Gorge (East Part)
Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam Site
Shore excursion: Visit Ba and Tujia ethnic minorities of the Three Gorges. Experience a charming reenactment of traditional life ways in a peaceful hillside village setting (optional)
Passing the Three Gorges Dam
Sail through 5-stage shiplock
Captain's Welcome Dinner
Evening entertainment

13:30-15:30
16:00
18:00
20:00

Day 11: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Populated since at least the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD), this once-wild tributary to the Yangtze has calmed since the construction of the **Tree Gorges Dam**. This charming gorge and the surrounding forest park are named for Shen Nong, the mythical 'Divine Farmer', who is said to have taught the ancient Chinese the secrets of agriculture, herbal medicine, the solar calendar, and brewing tea.

Arr/Dept

06:30
08:00-12:00
13:30-17:00
17:30

Events

Breakfast
Shore excursion: Shennong Stream
Sail through Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional)

Day 12: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept

07:00
08:30-10:30
10:30-12:30
14:00-16:00
18:00

Events

Breakfast
Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)
Lectures
Farewell Dinner

Day 13: Depart Chongqing (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport to board your flight to home.

Day 14: Arrive Home

Images: 12. Yangtze River
13. Shore excursion
14. Yangtze Gold 1