

# CHINA HIGHLIGHTS

1 March 2020

16 Day Fully Escorted Small Group Tour



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### SUN 01 New Zealand - Beijing

Home pick up from your front door. Meet fellow tour members prior to your departure flight to Beijing. Meals in-flight.

### MON 02 Beijing

This morning we arrive into Beijing and we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free time to gain your bearings and get prepared for the evening's welcome meeting with our National Escort. A free evening making our own arrangements for dinner. Overnight in Beijing.

### TUE 03 Beijing

(B) (L) (D)

After breakfast we take a walk through Tiananmen Square and into the magnificent Forbidden City; sightseeing at Tiananmen Square (Hall of Prayers for Good Harvest only) and the Forbidden City will involve approximately 3-4 hours on foot. Later we enjoy a rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs. Overnight in Beijing.

### WED 04 Beijing

(B) (L) (D)

Today we are in Gubei Town, surrounded by the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir, which leans against the Simatai Great Wall and is the most majestic section of the entire Great Wall. We have a full day tour to Gubei-kou Great Wall water town – a long day but well worth it. We end the day with sunset at the Great Wall and a cable car ride. Overnight at Gubei Water Town Hotel.

### THU 05 Beijing

(B) (L) (D)

Today is a free exploration day, amongst many other sights and sounds we will see the Beijing Art Zone (NZ Café stop). Enjoy a photo stop by the Olympic site, where we see the Water Cube and Bird's Nest buildings made famous by the 2008 Olympics. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner and a Kung Fu show together. Overnight in Beijing.

### FRI 06 Beijing - Xian

(B) (L) (D)

This morning we embark the Bullet Train for our journey to Xian. This 5 to 6 hour journey is not only a good way to transfer between the two cities, but also an impressive way to experience the real China. Xian is a must see destination. On arrival we take a NZ Café stop before overnighting in Xian.

### SAT 07 Xian

(B) (L) (D)

This morning we visit the Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Within the museum area the warriors can be seen in three different 'pits', which are active archaeological digs. The site is large and will take about two and a half hours to explore. After this, we visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition centre to see smaller models of the warriors being made. Later we will stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. We will have time to explore the ancient city walls at our own pace. Enjoy a dumpling dinner tonight. Overnight in Xian.

All in flight meals included.

(B) Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner

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If you are looking for a destination that is exotic, packed full of new sights and experiences, stimulating, and overall different, China is one of the best in the world. Did you know the adorable giant panda lives nowhere else in the world outside captivity and is “China’s national treasure”?

Be part of this special 4.5-star fully escorted tour visiting beautiful China and all its highlights. We will cruise the Yangtze River, one of the world’s legendary waterways, for 4 days. The Yangtze is 6,300km long and it is estimated that the banks of this river is home for almost a third of China’s population.



## SUN 08 Xian - Guilin (B L D)

This morning we enjoy some free time in Xian before being transferred to the airport for our flight to Guilin. On arrival in Guilin we will visit the Pearl Factory before being transferred to our hotel for dinner. Overnight in Guilin.

## MON 09 Guilin (B L D)

This morning we drive for one hour to where our boat is moored. Today we are taking a relaxing cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. We will pass tranquil farming and fishing scenes and picturesque villages. The main attraction is the stunning limestone karsts that tower above the river. The unique and natural beauty of this region has for centuries been an inspiration to Chinese artists and poets alike. We transfer back to Guilin and have the opportunity to partake in a Tai Chi lesson. Overnight in Guilin.

## TUE 10 Guilin - Chongqing (B L D)

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Chongqing, where we will visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo. In the evening we visit the Ciqikou Porcelain Port. It dates back to the Ming Dynasty and has maintained its original appearance. Lined with shops selling delicious snacks, Ming-style trinkets and Chinese curios, Ciqikou is a fun way to spend an evening and enjoy a nice dinner before embarking on our four day cruise along the Yangtze River tomorrow. Overnight onboard.

## WED 11 Yangtze River (B L D)

Today we sail the Yangtze River, one of the world’s great and legendary waterways. This 6,300km river has its origins high up in the snow covered mountain of Tanggula in the south western Qinghai Tibet Plateau and runs into the ocean in Shanghai. It is estimated that the banks of this river are home to almost a third of China’s population. We visit Shibaozhai Temple, an 18th century architectural marvel. This small temple was built at the top of a nine-storey pavilion. Sightseeing here involves climbing the nine storeys inside the building. Overnight onboard.

## Trip Highlights

- SIMATAI GREAT WALL
- TIANANMEN SQUARE
- FORBIDDEN CITY
- THE BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN
- TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
- LIMESTONE KARSTS ALONG THE LI RIVER
- FOUR DAYS CRUISING THE YANGTZE RIVER
- SHIBAOZHAI TEMPLE
- SHANGHAI FRENCH CONCESSION
- YU GARDENS
- THE BUND

## THU 12 Yangtze River (B L D)

Today prepare for breathtaking vistas as the ship passes through Wu and Qutang Gorges. Switching to a smaller vessel, we take a relaxing trip on the Goddess Stream, cruising through the beautiful, narrow gorges for 15km. Many protected species make the stunning peaks their home, including monkeys, mountain goats, deer and wild boar. Overnight onboard.

## FRI 13 Yangtze River - Shanghai (B L D)

Today we visit the Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydroelectric dam in the world. We will be dropped off at the viewing area above the ship locks to truly appreciate the scale of this hydroelectric project. Later in the day we disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for our flight to Shanghai. Overnight in Shanghai.

## SAT 14 Shanghai (B L D)

Today we visit the French Concession area, Changle Road and the Shanghai Museum, which has a comprehensive collection of the Middle Kingdom’s history. Overnight in Shanghai.

## SUN 15 Shanghai (B L D)

Today’s explorations include the peaceful Yu Garden and a visit to the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund before visiting the Silk Museum. Sightseeing today involves a full day of touring around the centre of the city including 3-4 hours on foot. End the day with a panoramic evening cruise on the Huangpu River. Overnight in Shanghai.

## MON 16 Shanghai - New Zealand

Our amazing adventure in China ends today. We have time at leisure until our transfer to the airport for our flight home to New Zealand.



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