



Grand Tour of China

From \$5,949 - 28 Days - Fully Inclusive From New Zealand

You are invited to experience the many wonders of China on this 'grand tour'. This encompassing programme captures not only the historical and cultural aspects of China but it also allows you to live and breathe its many other, lesser known aspects.

Commencing your tour in the capital city of Beijing you will visit famous sites such as Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven. The highlight for many will be 'walking' the Great Wall. The wall was once used as a defence fortress, yet today stands tall and proud and amazes everyone who visits this incredible UNESCO World Heritage listed site. In Xian, view the incredible Terracotta Warriors who were hidden underground until they were discovered by a local farmer in 1974. What a find! There will be time to relax on board your Yangtze River cruise. Take in the magnificent scenery, breathtaking gorges and beautiful mountains. Enjoy shore excursions to the Lesser Three Gorges and see the trackers path carved out of the steep rock walls. At Chongqing Zoo you will see the adorable Giant pandas and learn all about the zoo's successful breeding programmes. Tour the amazing Stone Forest in Kunming. A stay in the enchanting town of Dali will delight you as will a cruise on stunning Erhai Lake.

Visit Guilin; one of the most picturesque places in the world and cruise on the wonderful Li River. The cruise will be rather peaceful as you pass by tranquil farming and fishing scenes and marvel at the simplicity of life in this region. In Yangshuo visit the markets and observe locals going about their daily business. See the magical fairyland of stalactites and stalagmites at the Reed Flute Caves. The caves are sometimes known as a 'huge art palace of nature' due to the many beautiful formations.

Wander through the majestic Yu Gardens in Shanghai; marvel at the superb antiquities and fine arts at the Shanghai Museum. In Suzhou visit a Silk Mill and stroll through some of the finest traditional gardens in China. Sample oriental tea in Hangzhou and visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the Six Harmonies Pagoda. The name 'Six Harmonies' comes from the six Buddhist ordinances, meaning 'harmonies of the Heaven, Earth, East, West, South and North'.

At the end of this amazing tour you too will feel in harmony with what you have learned about China, its people, its incredible past and future.

Days 1-2: New Zealand to Beijing

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Beijing via Singapore for 4 nights. Our welcoming banquet includes the local delicacy, 'Peking Duck'.

Day 3: Beijing

Today we stroll through Tiananmen Square, past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum followed by a visit to the Forbidden City.

Day 4: Beijing

Enjoy an exciting walk on the Great Wall and tour the Temple of Heaven.

Day 5: Beijing

Enjoy some shopping time at the silk markets and tour the Summer Palace. Our evening entertainment will be a Chinese Acrobatic show.

Day 6: Beijing to Xian

This morning explore Liulichang's ancient shop fronts and the calligraphy market before boarding our overnight sleeper train to Xian.

Day 7: Xian

Arrive in Xian this morning and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and the Shaanxi Provincial Museum. We will walk through the lively Muslim Quarter to the Great Mosque and explore the Islamic food markets. Tonight we enjoy a Shui Jiao Dumpling Banquet.

Day 8: Xian

Today we visit the life-size Terracotta Warriors and the ancient City Wall. Enjoy an evening performance of traditional Tang Dynasty dancing this evening.

Day 9: Xian to Wuhan (Yangtze River Cruise)

Fly to Wuhan and transfer by coach (approx 4-5hrs) to board our Yangtze River cruise for the next 4 nights.

Days 10-12: Yangtze River Cruise

Enjoy a tour to the Three Gorges Dam before cruising on the Yangtze River, passing beautiful scenery along the way. Take shore excursions

to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes (subject to change).

Day 13: Chongqing to Kunming

We disembark this morning and visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo before we fly to Kunming. Sample 'Across the Bridge Noodles'.

Day 14: Kunming

Enjoy a full day tour to the Stone Forest, where massive limestone columns form a vast forest of surreal shapes and images.

Day 15: Kunming to Dali

Today we drive to Dali for a 2 night stay.

Day 16: Dali

Enjoy a cruise on Erhai Lake, participate in a traditional tea tasting, visit the Three Pagodas and explore Dali's ancient City Wall.

Day 17: Dali to Kunming

We visit Xizhou Village to explore the local market and the Yen Family House, an ancient courtyard home, before returning to Kunming.



Day 18: Kunming to Guilin

Today we visit the Flower Market before we fly to Guilin.

Day 19: Guilin to Yangshuo (Li River Cruise)

Relax on a stunning Li River cruise as we travel to Yangshuo for an overnight stay.

Day 20: Yangshuo to Guilin

Visit the local markets before returning to Guilin where we visit Mt. Diecai.

Day 21: Guilin to Shanghai

This morning we visit the Reed Flute Caves before flying to Shanghai.

Day 22: Shanghai

Today we visit Yu Gardens, the Old Town, the antiques and fine arts at the Shanghai Museum and the famous Bund. Our dinner this evening will be a banquet of delicious Shanghai cuisine.

Day 23: Shanghai to Suzhou

Travel to Suzhou. We visit a Silk Mill still in operation today, cruise on a section of the ancient Grand Canal and visit some of the finest oriental gardens in China.

Day 24: Suzhou to Hangzhou

Travel to Hangzhou and visit the local markets and experience an oriental tea tasting.

Day 25: Hangzhou

Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, the Six Harmonies Pagoda and relax as we cruise along tranquil West Lake.

Day 26: Hangzhou to Shanghai

Return to Shanghai and explore the Xintiandi area. Enjoy an evening Huangpu River cruise as our farewell celebration.

Day 27: Depart Shanghai

Enjoy the morning at leisure before boarding our overnight flight to New Zealand.

Day 28: Arrive New Zealand

Arrive home this morning.

Inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in China, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, New Zealand and China departure taxes (where included in air tickets)

Price Guide

28 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share

- ✈ From \$5,949 per person - Departing Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch with Singapore Airlines
- 🏨 Single Hotel Supplement - From \$994
- 🚢 Single Cruise Cabin Supplement - From \$521
- 🚗 Land Only - From \$4,070
- ★★ Medium Paced Tour (see page 2)
- 💰 Compulsory Tipping: Approx US\$90 per person - see page 54

Departures

| Tour Code | Depart New Zealand | Arrive New Zealand | Twin Share Price |
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| 2010 | | | |
| T30111 | 10 Mar | 06 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T30112 | 17 Mar | 13 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T30113 | 24 Mar | 20 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T30114 | 07 Apr | 04 May | \$5,949 |
| T30117 | 05 May | 01 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T30118 | 12 May | 08 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T30119 | 19 May | 15 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T301110 | 26 May | 22 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T301111 | 09 Jun | 06 Jul | \$5,949 |
| T301112 | 30 Jun | 27 Jul | \$5,949 |
| T301113 | 14 Jul | 10 Aug | \$5,949 |
| T301114 | 18 Aug | 14 Sep | \$5,949 |
| T301115 | 01 Sep | 28 Sep | \$5,949 |
| T301116 | 08 Sep | 05 Oct | \$5,949 |
| T301117 | 15 Sep | 12 Oct | \$5,949 |
| T301118 | 22 Sep | 19 Oct | \$5,949 |
| T301119 | 06 Oct | 02 Nov | \$5,949 |
| T301120 | 13 Oct | 09 Nov | \$5,949 |
| T301121 | 27 Oct | 23 Nov | \$5,949 |
| T301122 | 03 Nov | 30 Nov | \$5,949 |
| T301123 | 10 Nov | 07 Dec | \$5,949 |

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| 2011 | | | |
| T3120 | 09 Mar | 05 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T3121 | 16 Mar | 12 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T3122 | 23 Mar | 19 Apr | \$5,949 |
| T3123 | 06 Apr | 03 May | \$5,949 |
| T3124 | 27 Apr | 24 May | \$5,949 |
| T3125 | 04 May | 31 May | \$5,949 |
| T3126 | 11 May | 07 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T3127 | 18 May | 14 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T3128 | 25 May | 21 Jun | \$5,949 |
| T3129 | 08 Jun | 05 Jul | \$5,949 |

