Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays
WELCOME TO CHINA & CENTRAL ASIA!

Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we’ve developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

CLASSIC
See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

FLEXIBLE
Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more.

PRIVATE
A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILORMADE
For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

ACTIVE
Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows you to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION
The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, exclusive experiences and additional touches like VIP door-to-door home transfers. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you.

SOLO
Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide who will involve you in the group activities discovering the sights and experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

GO BEYOND
Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.
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UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE
No one knows our destinations like we do, and we are passionate about sharing the best of them with you, so there is no one better to recommend the very best tours and experiences for your holiday.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS
Flights, accommodation, meals, touring, trains, cruises, evening shows, amazing guides and visas...we include it all.

TIPPING MADE EASY
We will advise you how much and when to tip and our National Escort will take care of it on your behalf.

COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS
Whether you’re looking for a classic escorted tour experience, a luxury journey or something more off-the-beaten-track, we’ve got a tour or tailor-made holiday for you.

OUTSTANDING GUIDES
Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge and dedication have won us the best reputation in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary.

THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE
This 2020–2021 brochure is once again packed with pioneering tours exploring the many wonders of China and, new for this year, Central and Western Asia, and Russia too! Travelling with us, you can relax in the knowledge that over the past 25 years, we’ve mastered the art of creating a tour that balances the iconic sights with local experiences, to give you the perfect overview of your destination. Throw in the exceptional value of our inclusions, the expertise of our team and the host of fantastic guides we have waiting to show you their homeland, and you’ve got an extraordinary adventure!

We can’t wait to welcome you on tour soon and show you China, Russia, and Central and Western Asia, the Wendy Wu way.

**COMFORT & CONVENIENCE**
We hand-pick comfortable hotels in great locations, have a ‘seat and a half’ policy on our coaches and include all meals on our Classic tours, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday with us, knowing everything is taken care of.

**EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES**
On tour with us, you will be immersed in culture and history through experiences such as meeting local families, learning ancient traditions and watching cultural shows. We also include delicious local meals in each region. Look out for the ‘Experiences You’ll Love’ box on each tour page!

**SAFE AND SECURE**
We are a member of IATA and an allied member of TAANZ and our holidays are fully protected.

**PRIVATE GROUP SPECIALISTS**
Got a unique interest you’d like to indulge with a group of fellow hobbyists? No problem, we can plan a host of exciting itineraries that will fulfil your group’s wants and needs.

Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours
YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want every person who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary second of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we’ve made it easy to ensure that you are getting a holiday that is perfect for you. As well as Tour Styles (which you’ll find on page 2), we also give each tour a physical rating, choose accommodation that fits the tour and allow you to tailor your trip...

TOUR PACE
We’re not going to deny it, on many of our tours you’re going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don’t miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you’ll return home with some incredible memories! Take a look at our Flexible tours if you are looking for a holiday with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES
You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you’ll visit. Our Classic tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3 star to 4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Active/Flexible/Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with the adventurous spirit of these tours. Our Exclusive Collection features world class, luxury 5 star properties.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP
Interested in exploring your destination further, stopping off en route or adding on some relaxation time? All you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 110) or, if you’re looking for something a bit different, a knowledgable team of experts who can help you create your very own add-on, to any tour in this brochure!
All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the detailed ‘Tour Dossier’ available to download on each tour page of our website.

**LEVEL 1**
A reasonable level of fitness is required but it’s more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You’ll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

A Level 2 tour will involve a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.

**LEVEL 3**
A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

A Level 4 tour will feature similar physical activities but these may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.

**LEVEL 5**
You’ll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.
You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING
On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your ‘National Escort’. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

✔ Have at least five years’ guiding experience
✔ Are fluent in English
✔ Were born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day

"My husband and I did the two week Glories of China trip recently, and our National Escort was exceptional. We had him with us for the whole two weeks, and he helped to make it the trip of a lifetime for us. By the end of our holiday he really felt more like a friend than a guide."

Catherine Prior
Award-winning expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we’ve received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We’re just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.

Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it’s our customer feedback that means the most to us. We’re proud of our 5-star Trip Advisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family – that’s all the accolade we need.

98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!
Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We’ve highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the ‘Experiences You’ll Love’ box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to…

**TAI CHI**
Many locals begin their days with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, and you can join them or learn some basic steps from a Tai Chi master.

**BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI**
Join the locals on their morning commute and stop where they stop to sample local breakfast delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.

**HUTONGS TOUR**
Explore Beijing’s atmospheric hutongs on foot, venturing down the old alleyways to reach one of the traditional houses, where you will be welcomed by a family into their home.
ERA SHOW
The ERA show tells the story of China from humble beginnings to world power, with breathtaking special effects and incredible martial arts in one acrobatic extravaganza!

CALLIGRAPHY CLASS
A long practised art, calligraphy is an essential part of China’s heritage and, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this stylised writing, is the perfect way to connect with the local culture.

NAADAM FESTIVAL
Mingle with the locals and cheer on the competitors as you experience the colourful Naadam, Mongolia’s annual festival featuring the ’Three Manly Skills’ - archery, horse riding and wrestling.

MATCHMAKER’S CORNER
Found in People’s Parks across the country, Matchmaker’s Corner is the place where parents search for love for their children - it’s fascinatingly unique!
Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

China is a colossal nation of unrivalled history, incredible sights and fascinating culture. We have the expertise to cover every corner of this extraordinary land; here are some of our favourite destinations...

**WENDY’S TOP 8 CHINA SIGHTS**

1. **BEIJING**
   Capital city, imperial treasure trove and home to the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China, Beijing is featured on the majority of our China tours.

2. **XIAN**
   Xian is best known for the Terracotta Warriors. With its illustrious past and rich history, it’s a must-see on most of our China tours.

3. **SHANGHAI**
   Once known as ‘Paris of the East’, Shanghai is China’s great metropolis where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th Century temples.

4. **CHENGDU**
   The gateway to Sichuan province and the home of the cuddly giant panda. As we all love a giant panda, Chengdu appears on a number of tours.

5. **YANGTZE RIVER**
   China’s vital waterway brings together a plethora of unmissable sights. A Yangtze River cruise is included on a number of our tours.

6. **GUILIN**
   Cruise through the breathtaking landscapes of the Li River to vibrant Yangshuo. Both Guilin and Yangshuo are featured on a number of tours.

7. **LIJIANG**
   Located amongst Yunnan’s most dramatic mountain landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on several of our tours.

8. **LHASA**
   Tibet’s magical capital, a city on the roof of the world, Lhasa features on our Ultimate China, China & Tibet Discovery, Himalayan Adventure and Tibetan Wonders tours.
Introduction to Central Asia

Here at Wendy Wu Tours, we’ve never lost our passion for travel and are always on the lookout for destinations to add to our ever-growing list of magnificent places to offer our customers. This year we’ve looked both north and west from China to the furthest reaches of Asia and into Europe, setting our sights on The Caucasus (Eurasia), the Trans-Siberian Railway and Russia, and we’re excited we did! We have improved our Central Asia and Mongolia tours, regions we have been traversing for over a decade. A lesser-discovered but increasingly popular region, these are destinations perfect for those who are looking for fascinating countries to explore: let us introduce you to...

CENTRAL ASIA (THE STANS)

Nestled between Russia and China, the Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan make up an area sometimes called the ‘Stans. Entwined with legends of the Silk Road, the ancient trading route on which goods, ideas, philosophies and religions moved between the East and the West, this is a land where mountains, deserts and steppe grassland dominate the landscapes. Here, beautiful blue domes and towering minarets watch over ancient cities and legendary names litter a rich history – Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, to name just a few. Venture here to experience the romance of a golden past, to explore ancient cities that have earned a place not only in history but in legend, and to experience a beautiful, uncomplicated way of life unchanged for centuries. Explore them all on our Journey through Central Asia tour, on page 82.

THE CAUCASUS (EURASIA)

Sandwiched between the shores of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, the charming countries lying south of the Caucasus Mountains – Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan – have long been the focal point of powerful ancient empires. As the point where Europe and Asia meet, these lands have a varied and rich heritage amongst their spectacular mountains, lake and forest landscapes, best seen in the old stone watchtowers, ancient monasteries and vibrant cities that reside there. Considered the last unexplored areas on the edge of Europe, these three nations remain bastions of the old world, where life is traditional and the welcome always warm, and are just begging to be explored! See them for yourself on our Eurasia Explorer tour, on page 86.
RUSSIA

Russia, to many, is an enigma. Outside the opulent grandeur of Moscow and St Petersburg, where the fairytale palaces of the Tsars starkly contrast with the stone simplicity of the Soviet-era, it is easy to forget about the patchwork of people, religions and cultures that call it home. Here, the present fades to the background and old traditions and rural beauty shine through, giving a completely different vision. Tolstoy’s weighty tomes may not appeal to everyone, but they say you should never judge a book by its cover. Explore it on our Classic Russia tour, on page 56.

MONGOLIA

Home to the legendary Genghis Khan, the vast wilderness and endless blue skies of Mongolia have long captured the imagination of travellers. Whilst the capital Ulaanbaatar is a rapidly modernising, cosmopolitan city, this is a country that takes the ‘great outdoors’ to extremes with its unique, rugged and pristine landscapes. Explore the majestic emptiness of the steppes and deserts, still very much the territory of the planet’s last true nomads, and stay in a traditional ger camp, experiencing the fabled hospitality of the Mongolian people – a truly authentic experience. Discover more on our Mongolia and Naadam Highlights tour, on page 90.

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

The ultimate journey of a lifetime for many, travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway harkens back to a golden age when travel was slow and rewarding. Crossing seven time zones and around one third of the earth’s surface, the train winds its way from the rich history of Beijing, through the vast Mongolian steppe, where the nomadic lifestyle still reigns supreme, and into Russia where the endless horizon of Siberia awaits. After journeying through these spectacular landscapes, the bustle and extravagance of Moscow and St Petersburg bring the epic adventure to a cultural conclusion! Find out more about our Trans-Siberian Railway tour, on page 88.
Discover Central Asia and Russia with Wendy Wu Tours

With Central Asia’s dramatic landscapes entwined with legends of the Silk Road, and Russia, a land of incredibly rich culture, boasting literary, artistic and musical greats, and world-class sights, it’s no wonder these incredible destinations are a beacon for travellers looking for a new adventure...

WENDY’S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA & RUSSIA SIGHTS

1. ST BASIL’S CATHEDRAL
   The famous onion-domed, candy-coloured cathedral, an icon of Moscow, looks like it belongs in a story book. Step into the fairy tale yourself on our Classic Russia tour (page 56).

2. THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND
   The beautifully ornate heart of ancient Samarkand, explore the Registan, this legendary city’s central square. See this majestic gem on our Journey through Central Asia and Road to Samarkand tours (pages 82-85).

3. PETERHOF GARDENS
   Grand and opulent, Peterhof Palace and Gardens reflect the exquisite tastes of Peter the Great. Enjoy walking amongst the marvellous sculptures, fountains and flowers on our Classic Russia tour (page 56).

4. FERGANA VALLEY MARKET
   Chat with the locals at this traditional bazaar as you peruse the many colourful wares, from silk to ceramics to local breads, part of our Road to Samarkand tour (page 84).

5. GOLDEN EAGLES
   Watch a demonstration of golden eagle hunting, an age-old tradition from the endless steppes of Kyrgyzstan, on our Journey through Central Asia and Road to Samarkand tours (pages 82-85).

6. MOUNT KAZBEGI
   This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular alpine scenery on our Eurasia Explorer tour (page 85).

7. DARVAZA GAS CRATER
   A magical sight, the gas crater is known as the ‘Gates of Hell’ and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 82).

8. TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY
   A journey of epic proportions, the longest railway in the world stretches across continents. Undertake this once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Beijing to St Petersburg on our Trans-Siberian Railway tour (page 88).
CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading national escorts.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
• International airfares
• 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
• All meals
• All transportation in destination
• All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
• Visa fees for NZ passports

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF
With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 28 fellow travellers.

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED
Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you’ll be dining in local establishments. We include a few ‘feature meals’, so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you’ll eat a delicious range of your destination’s top dishes.

NATIONAL ESCORTS
You can relax in the knowledge that throughout your tour you’ll be in the company of one of our award-winning national escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can take your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES
Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the ‘Experiences You’ll Love’ box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.
Visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven to soak up the beautiful surroundings and mingle with the local people who gather here daily to exercise, socialise, play cards and relax – you can even take part in a group dance session!

One of Beijing's must-see shows, enjoy a Chinese acrobatic spectacular featuring many forms of dramatic arts such as contortionism, juggling and plate spinning and full of edge-of-your-seat action.

At the heart of Sichuan province, the native land of the giant panda, visit the excellent Dujiangyan Panda Base where you’ll learn all about China's iconic bear, the conservation projects in action to increase their numbers and, of course, see these beautiful animals for yourself.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING**
Fly to Beijing, China’s historic capital, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

**DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING**
Begin in Beijing’s symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambiance of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before deciding on an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

**DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL**
This morning is dedicated to China’s most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world’s most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. Also included is a visit to a jade factory. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

**DAY 4: XIAN CITY WALLS**
Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian’s old town. Tonight, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

**DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**
After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and perhaps buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province.

**DAY 6: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE**
This morning visit Dujianyan Panda Base for your first panda encounter! Located 1.5 hours outside of Chengdu, this centre is dedicated to the study of disease control and the rescue of wild pandas – the perfect place to gain insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of these endangered species. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.

**DAY 7: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE**
Your second panda experience will take place at Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre, located right in the city. An education centre and breeding facility, here you’ll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of bamboo.
sleep and play and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Back in Chengdu, enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker’s Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

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Enjoy Christmas and New Year with a difference! With an extra night in both Xian and Chengdu, there is plenty of time to relax and get into the festive spirit. Take advantage of the crisp winter air as you walk the Great Wall on Christmas Day and spend New Year’s Day watching the pandas play! Also included is a day trip to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. See our website for more details.
Jade has long been a sacred stone to the Chinese people, bringing fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a jade factory where you can learn more about its origins, its importance and how it is crafted.

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DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai’s sleepy water towns and explore its many charms. Return to Shanghai to see the antiquities of the Shanghai Museum before admiring magnificent architecture with a stroll along the Bund.

DAY 4: SEVEN STAR PARK
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening there is an option to watch the spectacular Impression Liu Sanjie music and light show.

DAY 5: YANGSHUO
Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking.

DAY 7: CORMORANT FISHERMEN
Return to Guilin. En route, stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. Visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer.

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DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING
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Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its ‘face-changing’.

DAY 8: PANDAS
Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China’s celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve’s breeding programme. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

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DAY 10: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA
Today, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China’s capital city.

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DAY 6: ANCIENT XIAN
Fly to Xian, the historic former capital and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city wall. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before watching a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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Fly to Chongqing and transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park is relatively unspoilt. It comes as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

DAY 9: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA
Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Heilong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river.

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DAY 12: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA
Take a day trip to Leshan to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha’s presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before taking a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective from below.

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DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE
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DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING
Fly to Beijing, China’s historic capital, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING
This morning, head to Beijing’s symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing’s old hutongs by foot and visit the home of a local family. Eat traditional Peking duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China’s most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN
Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian’s old town.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city’s fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 7: GIANT PANDAS
A visit this morning to Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China’s celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, stroll through People’s Park to see Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children.

DAY 8: OLD CIQIKOU
Drive from Chengdu to Chongqing and spend some time wandering the picturesque old alleyways of Ciqikou. Later, board your Yangtze cruise vessel and set sail for the next three days on the Yangtze River.

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China’s most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat
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**DAY 12: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**
Shanghai is China’s great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Begin today with a visit to Yu Garden and the old town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

**DAY 13: FLY TO HONG KONG**
Fly to Hong Kong. No other city in Asia encapsulates the concept of east-meets-west quite like Hong Kong. Known for its spectacular harbour and jaw dropping skyline, Hong Kong is a city that never sleeps! Upon arrival, embark on an island tour, starting with a visit to Stanley Market and Aberdeen fishing village, where you take to the water and enjoy a sampan ride.

**DAY 14: LANTAU ISLAND**
Spend the day at Lantau Island. Start by taking a ride on the cable car which offers stunning views of the island’s breathtaking coastline to Ngong Ping Plateau, where the Giant Buddha sits majestically close to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Enjoy a farewell dinner atop Victoria Peak.

**DAY 15: DEPART HONG KONG**
Today is at leisure until your flight home. With over 260 outlying islands, choose to tour the New Territories, explore Kowloon or take a short hike on Lamma Island. Transfer to the airport for your flight to New Zealand, arriving home the following day.

**DAY 16: ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND**
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Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally-dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning.

**DAY 9: POTALA PALACE**
The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. Also visit a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner and dance performance in the evening.

**DAY 10: FLY TO CHENGDU**
Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, there will be a delicious Sichuanese meal to savour.

**DAY 11: PANDAS**
Begin today with a visit to Chengdu’s Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China’s celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Watch them play and chomp on bamboo before travelling to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise ship.

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**DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM**
The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark your cruise vessel and travel to Wuhan to board your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the ‘Paris of the East’.

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Explore the quirks of local culture in Chengdu at the fascinating ‘Matchmaker’s Corner’, a place where parents search for potential suitors for their children.

ITINERARY

**DAY 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING**

Fly to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**DAY 3: STONE FOREST**

Spend the morning meandering through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles. Tonight, there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan’s performing arts.

**DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI**

Travel to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at the China of times-gone-by. Begin your tour by exploring the fascinating old quarter and lively market to soak up the local atmosphere. Next, visit the age-old Three Pagodas and later this evening, take a stroll down Foreigners’ Street.

**DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE**

Spend the morning cruising the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to further explore the area.

**DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG**

This morning, explore Xizhou Village, where you can mingle with traditionally-dressed Naxi women, and browse its lively local market. Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains.

**DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN**

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view the fascinating frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty followed by a visit to the Embroidery School.

**DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China’s most extraordinary sights with spectacular and breathtaking views. Return to Lijiang and explore the old quarter, the quintessential Chinese ‘old town’ and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

**DAY 9: WULONG**

Fly to Chongqing and transfer to Wulong – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park is relatively unspoilt. It will come as no surprise that Wulong is a UNESCO World Heritage site!

**DAY 10: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA**

Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Heilong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river.

**DAY 11: LESHAN**

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DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA
Take a day trip to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha’s presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip, which will give you a great perspective of the impressive rock carving. Later, continue to Emeishan.

DAY 13: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI
Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century. Take a cable car to the summit and admire the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and surrounding landscape. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring.

DAY 14: CHENGDU
Travel to Chengdu and take a walk through the famous snack street – Jinti! Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of the Sichuan Opera, famous for ‘face changing’.

DAY 15: PANDAS
Visit Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China’s celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. Later, stroll through People’s Park, visit a traditional teahouse and see Matchmaker’s Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. This evening, dine on mouthwatering Sichuanese cuisine.

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Venture into Beijing’s atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways by traditional rickshaw, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.

As part of a visit to the Shaolin Temple, with its long and famous history of martial arts, watch an action-packed kung fu show by the monks and their trainees, who will demonstrate their astonishing skills.

Admire the Buddha statues in the Yungang Grottoes.

DAY 5: HISTORICAL DATONG
Travel by train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Datong is known for its abundant historical relics and natural beauty. Arrive in time for a local dinner in this fascinating city.

DAY 6: THE HANGING TEMPLE
Today, you will explore some of China's UNESCO World Heritage sites. Grottoes carved from sandstone cliffs in the 5th and 6th centuries, Yungang Caves are replete with intricate Buddhist imagery. Also visit the 1,400 year old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple that seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge. Travel on to Wutaishan.

DAY 7: WUTAISHAN
One of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains, Wutaishan (Five Terraced Mountain) is a place of scenic magnificence. In Wutaishan's shadow, an alpine valley shelters many important monasteries, temples and sculptures, some dating back over 1,000 years. Here, visit the Bodhisattva Summit Temple and Xiantong Buddhist Temple. Continue to Taiyuan, the capital and largest city in Shanxi Province and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, constructed during the Ming Dynasty.

DAY 8: TAIYUAN AND PINGYAO
Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Jinci Temple before travelling to the old town of Pingyao. Pingyao is a living museum and home to China’s best preserved ancient city walls. Here, take part in a traditional Chinese paper cutting experience, an art dating back to the 6th century.
DAY 9: EXPLORE PINGYAO
Explore the characterful old town of Pingyao, strolling along the cobbled streets to view the old city walls and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum. There will also be time to see the Yamen, a government building during the Qing Dynasty, before taking the bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian.

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved ancient city walls that enclose Xian’s old town. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 11: DISCOVER XIAN
Admire the relics at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and watching a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

DAY 12: LUOYANG
Board a bullet train from Xian to Luoyang, a city that was the capital for more than 13 dynasties. This afternoon, visit the Longmen Grottoes which houses tens of thousands of age-old statues and sculptures depicting Buddha and his disciples carved from the limestone cliffs of Xiangshan and Longmenshan.

DAY 13: SHAOLIN TEMPLE
Travel to Dengfeng and visit the famous Shaolin Temple, best known for its association with martial arts, and walk through the Pagoda Forest, a collection of 228 pagodas of various styles built from the Tang through to the Qing dynasties. Later, witness a kung fu demonstration by the famous Shaolin Monks. Continue to Zhengzhou.

DAY 14: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE
Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the ‘Paris of the East’. In the evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a scenic cruise.

DAY 15: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI
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Shanghai is China’s great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th century temples. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the classical Yu Garden and a stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round off the day with a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 3: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI
Explore ultra-modern Pudong followed by a visit to a silk factory and the Shanghai Museum to see the collection of fine arts and antiquities. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 4: HISTORIC SUZhou
Suzhou’s centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm even as the city has grown up around it. Renowned for its traditional gardens, visit the Humble Administrator’s Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Later, cruise on the thousand-year-old Grand Canal.

DAY 5: WUZHEN
Travel to the water town of Wuzhen. A charming place of old-world timber buildings, cobbled streets and narrow waterways, it is an easy place to while away the day. Later, continue to the garden city of Hangzhou.

DAY 6: HISTORIC HANGZHOU
A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China’s most renowned Buddhist temples. Later, enjoy a cruise on Hangzhou’s West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

DAY 7: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS
Browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to learn the tea-making process, from bush to brew. Enjoy a cup of organic green tea and decide which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Later, fly to the beautiful city of Guilin and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE
Begin today with a relaxing cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo. Wander through the cobbled streets and visit the local market, then stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman.

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DAY 10: CHENGDU
Visit Reed Flute Cave to admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.Continue to the pearl factory, then fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, enjoy an optional performance of Sichuan opera for the actors’ famous ‘face-changing’.

DAY 11: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAH
Travel to Leshan to visit the UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world’s largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. Get a bird’s eye view of the Buddha from the adjacent park, then a short
Explore rural Yangshuo

boat trip will give excellent views from the river. Return to Chengdu and in the evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.

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Visit Chengdu’s famous giant panda reserve to see and learn about China’s celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

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**DAY 14: BEIJING**
Visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, fly to Beijing, the capital of China.

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Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, head to Beijing’s symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

**DAY 16: THE GREAT WALL**
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Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KUNMING
Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Factory before flying to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.

DAY 10: THE STONE FOREST
Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland.

TOUR TICKLIST

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Explore friendly Yangshuo
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Discover the past in Lijiang
- Explore Tiger Leaping Gorge

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DAY 11: EXPLORE LIJIANG
Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese ‘old town’ and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. Continue to the Black Dragon Pool Park, where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain itself.

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DAY 14: FLY TO CHENGDU
Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, dine on some fantastic local cuisine followed by an option to watch a traditional Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 15: PANDAS
A visit to Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China’s celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take a stroll through People’s Park to see Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

DAY 16-18: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

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Shanghai is China’s great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

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DAY 6: ANCIENT CITY WALL
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian’s old town. Later this afternoon, explore the narrow streets of the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city’s fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, where you will stay for the next four nights.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
The Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

DAY 11: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU
Disembark in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for ‘face-changing’.

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Stop by the Taiguli area, the centre of Chengdu, before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

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DAY 16: DISCOVER GUILIN
Travel back to Guilin and enjoy a walk around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and continue to the South China Pearl Factory to see the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearl mining in the South China Sea with displays and demonstrations.

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DAY 15: SONGZANLIN MONASTERY
Spend the morning exploring the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery. Afterwards, make your way to a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers’ way of life and taste home-cooked dishes. End the day with a tour of the old town and Dafo Temple.

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DAY 19-20: ENCHANTING DALI
The area surrounding Dali is extremely scenic. Explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market. See the Yan family home and watch a tie-dying demonstration. Wander through Dali’s ancient quarter and relax with a cruise on Erhai Lake. The next day, visit the Three Pagodas and take the bullet train to Kunming. This evening, dine on local dish Across the Bridge Noodles.

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Venture into Beijing’s atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.

Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.

Cruise on the waters on the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you’ll find the colonial architecture of The Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

Admire Shanghai’s futuristic skyline the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING
Fly to Beijing, China’s historical capital, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

DAYS 2-3: THE GREAT WALL
Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before exploring Beijing’s old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, spend the morning taking a walk on the Great Wall and in the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAYS 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN
In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and wander through the park, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate in Tai Chi or play cards. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

DAYS 5-6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Later, stroll on Xian’s beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAYS 11: OLD CIQIKOU
Disembark in Chongqing then explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

DAYS 12-14: ENCHANTING DALI
Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. Over the next two days, travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, explore Dali’s ancient quarter and visit the Three Pagodas. Transfer to Kunming.

DAYS 15-16: STONE FOREST
Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck in to local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight.

DAYS 17: FLY TO GUILIN
Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAYS 18-20: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo.
DAY 18: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE
Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available.

DAY 19: GUILIN
Return to Guilin and visit a pearl factory and Reed Flute Cave. Also stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture.

DAYS 20-21: DISCOVER HANGZHOU
Fly to Hangzhou and visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the tea plantations of Meijiawu. The next day, enjoy a cruise on West Lake and visit Xihutiandi before continuing to Suzhou.

DAY 22: SUZHOU
Suzhou’s centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator’s Garden – typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

DAY 23: SHANGHAI
Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the ‘Paris of the East’. Visit Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, the Shanghai Museum and People’s Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 24: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
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Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 and 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.

Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cangshan Mountains and passing its many famous islands, many of them complete with colourful temples.

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DAY 13: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dying demonstration and wander through Dalí’s ancient quarter. Also enjoy a relaxing cruise on Erhai Lake.

DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

DAY 15: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China’s most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 16: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers’ way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

DAY 17: MYSTICAL LHASA

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 18: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 19: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

DAY 20: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People’s Park to see Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Tonight, dine on local Sichuan cuisine.

DAY 21: PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu’s famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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DAY 3: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY
Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN
Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAYS 7-8: FLY TO GUILIN
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and then fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local markets.

DAY 9: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE
Return to Guilin. En route, see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI
Begin today with a stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the ‘Paris of the East’.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
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DAY 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN
It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan! Fly to the vibrant city of Osaka.
DAY 13: OSAKA CASTLE
Explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through vibrant Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI
Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the ‘Three Great Gardens of Japan. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses).

DAY 15: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA
Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. After lunch, return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 16: TRAVEL TO KYOTO
Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto, imperial capital for 1,000 years. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan’s most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the ‘Golden Pavilion’.

DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO
Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates and then head to Nishiki Market, also known as ‘Kyoto’s Kitchen’ with its lively open-air market specialising in all things food! Also visit a restored wooden Japanese townhouse to experience the rituals of a tea ceremony and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE
Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway where the views of the surrounding landscape and Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course! Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan’s capital city.

DAY 19: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO
Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON
Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam’s most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAYS 3: CU CHI TUNNELS
Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the harrowing War Remnants Museum.

DAYS 5-6: HISTORIC HOI AN
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and willfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant’s house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and the workshop of social enterprise, Reaching Out. The next day, pop out to the scenic Tra Que village and help with the cultivation of vegetables before enjoying lunch at a local family home.

DAYS 7-8: IMPERIAL HUE
Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel before travelling to the charming An Hien garden house. Later, visit Thien Mu pagoda and enjoy a local boat trip along the beautiful Perfume River.

DAYS 9: COLONIAL HANOI
Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the ‘Paris of the Orient’. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter’s atmospheric streets and enjoy a Vietnamese coffee.

DAYS 10-11: HALONG BAY CRUISE
Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the night onboard. Return to Hanoi the next day and in the evening attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 12: DISCOVER HANOI
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAYS 13-14: GIANT PANDAS
Fly to Chengdu. The next day, visit Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can learn all about these delightful bears and the conservation project to increase their numbers, as well as visiting the giant pandas as they eat, sleep and play.

DAYS 15: RONGHU LAKE
Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and visit the Sun and Moon pagodas.

DAYS 16-17: LI RIVER CRUISE AND YANGSHUO
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Around every bend is a view to take your breath away with jagged limestone karsts, lush green scenery and grazing buffalo. The next morning, explore this unique

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► Dine on delicious, doughy Shui Jiao dumplings, a Xian speciality, before getting swept away in the sights and sounds of the Tang Dynasty with a spectacular show full of traditional music, dancing and performance.

TOUR TICKLIST
✓ Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
✓ Be charmed by Hoi An
✓ Marvel at Hue’s Imperial Citadel
✓ Cruise spectacular Halong Bay
✓ Visit the adorable giant pandas
✓ Face the Terracotta Army
✓ Stand on the Great Wall

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rural location and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure exploring the countryside or choose from one or more of the many optional activities available including cycling, bamboo rafting and walking.

**DAY 18: REED FLUTE CAVE**

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**DAY 19: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS**

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th-century city walls. This evening, indulge on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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DAYS 1-2: FLY TO MOSCOW
Fly overnight to Moscow, Russia’s majestic capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: MOSCOW CITY TOUR
Venture out on a walking tour, starting at the famous Red Square. Here you’ll see the spectacular St Basil’s Cathedral and the Kremlin, which includes a visit to the Armoury and Diamond Fund as well as the Monument to Karl Marx and the Bolshoi Theatre, home of Russian ballet. Continue to the Lubyanka Building; once a notorious prison and former home of the KGB headquarters, and Revolution Square before admiring the Hotel Metropol, one of the finest Art Nouveau buildings in Moscow. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

DAY 4: EXPLORE MOSCOW
Continue exploring this great city with visits to Moscow State University, Novodevichiy Convent, Stalin’s Seven Sisters, Eliseyevsky Delicatessen, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Red October Arts District. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva.

DAYS 5: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE
Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of the city’s most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow’s metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. Board an early afternoon express train to Vladimir and tour the town, visiting the Assumption Cathedral, the Vladimir Museum and the Cathedral of St Dmitry. Travel to Suzdal.

DAYS 6: EXPLORE SUZDAL
A highlight of the Golden Ring, the quaint town of Suzdal gives a glimpse of Russia in times gone by. Once a royal capital, a monastic centre and commercial hub, Suzdal’s historic centre managed to avoid Soviet development and retains its delightful, fairytale character. Tour its medieval monuments and soak up the charming atmosphere.

DAY 7: SUMAROKOVSKAYA ELK FARM
This morning visit Plyos, exploring Resurrection Hill, the Church of St Barbara, Torgovaya Square before enjoying a home-cooked, traditional lunch on the picturesque river embankment. This afternoon, visit the Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm where your guided tour includes a bag of carrots for you to feed the beautiful residents. Arrive in Yaroslavl in the late afternoon and check into your hotel.

DAY 8: YAROSLAVL CITY TOUR
Start the day with a walking tour of the town, visiting the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, the eclectic Music & Time museum and John the Baptist Church before participating in a masterclass on painting the iconic Matryoshka. Enjoy lunch and a free afternoon where you can relax in the vibrant main square or in your hotel before dinner in a traditional restaurant.

DAYS 9: LAKESIDE PERESLAVL-ZALESSKY
Drive to Sergiev Posad visiting the lakeside town of Pereslavl-Zalessky en route. This town is a popular dacha (summer country house) getaway for Muscovites with a range of attractions, such as the 14th-century hilltop Goritsky Monastery and the Assumption Cathedral. Arrive in Sergiev Posad. Tour the town and admire the striking blues and golds of the city’s monastery.
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DAY 10: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG
Catch the train to St Petersburg arriving in the afternoon. Russia’s imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, having long been considered Russia’s cultural hub. There will be time to tour some of the sights in the late afternoon and dine beside one of the city’s famous canals.

DAY 11: PETERHOF GARDENS
This morning travel out of St Petersburg to the majestic Peterhof, a former Tsar’s Palace often compared to the Palace of Versailles and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine’s Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River, seeing some of St Petersburg’s main sights.

DAY 12: THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM
This morning immerse yourself in St. Petersburg’s extensive variety of culture at the Hermitage Museum, one of the world’s largest and oldest museums. Within the complex is a vast collection of art, antiquities and jewellery and many interesting exhibitions. Later, visit the Peter & Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city and St Isaac’s Cathedral.

DAY 13: EXPLORE ST PETERSBURG
Another day to explore the wonders of St Petersburg. Head to St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral, the Mariinsky Theatre, Smolny Cathedral, and the Monument to Heroic Defenders of Leningrad on Victory Square. Stroll through the Summer Garden, see the Field of Mars, visit the Bronze Horseman, the General Staff Building and Palace Square. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 14: DEPART ST PETERSBURG
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2020 DATES
20 Jun - 04 Jul $11,980
12 Sep - 20 Sep $11,980

2021 DATES
Refer to wendywutours.co.nz for 2021 dates and prices.

Flight and supplement information
• Based on AKL, WLG & CHC departures
• Regional NZ departures available
• Flight upgrades available on request
• Land only from $9,980 (Moscow – St Petersburg)
• Single supplement from $2,000
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FLEXIBLE TOURS

For those who like more choice in their travels

Everyone likes to travel differently, even friends, partners and family who travel together, so our Flexible tours are designed to give you the flexibility to create the perfect holiday for each of you. While a flexible itinerary includes the big, unmissable sights, there is also plenty of free time and it’s in this free time that the flexibility comes.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
• International airfares
• 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
• Most meals
• Guiding
• All transportation in destination
• Entrance fees and daily tours
• Small groups: max. 18 people

FLEXIBILITY
For the free-spirited, use this free time to explore on your own; for those looking for relaxation, the free time is for just that; and for the most adventurous, each block of free time has an optional excursion, usually more culturally immersive or active in nature, to join. The great beauty though? You, and your travel companions, can be flexible and just pick and choose as you wish!

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Most of your meals are included on a Flexible tour so you’ll be dining in well-regarded local restaurants, tasting the many delicious flavours of the region. For the remaining meals, you are free to embark on culinary explorations of your own – you can always ask your national escort for some tips on the best places to try local delicacies!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
Each block of free time on a flexible tour has a corresponding optional excursion (payable locally) which helps you delve deeper into the area that you are exploring. This could be a physical activity, like cycling, or an authentic local experience such as learning a local handicraft or meeting a local community.

NATIONAL ESCORTS
You can relax in the knowledge that throughout your tour you’ll be in the company of one of our award-winning national escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.
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**ITINERARY**

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Fly to Beijing, China’s historic capital, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

**DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING**
Begin today in Beijing’s symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs and then spend the evening at leisure exploring the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

**DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING**
This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

**DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE**
Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Also make a stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

**DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**
Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they begin their day practising Tai Chi, dancing or playing cards. Later, fly to the former capital city, ancient Xian. (B,L)

**DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China’s first emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers’ fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. Enjoy the evening at leisure with a cold beer in Dufu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night. (B,L)

**DAY 7: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)**
Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around Xian’s beautifully preserved city wall for a fantastic overview of the city. This evening, enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty show. (B)

**DAY 8: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL**
Take the bullet train to Chengdu and walk around People’s Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practising Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse, and most interesting of all spend time in Matchmaker’s Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children. This evening, enjoy an optional Sichuan hot pot dinner and a ‘Changing Faces’ show. (B,L)

**DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)**
Today is a day at leisure to relax in Chengdu or take the option of visiting the old town of Pingle. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Rope Bridge. (B)
DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS
Spend the morning visiting the famous pandas at Chengdu’s Panda Conservation Centre. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE CRUISE
As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China’s riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. Over the next two days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM
Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. Travel to Wuhan, then fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 14: SHANGHAI
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city’s most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 15: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)
Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiashao, one of Shanghai’s sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town’s narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, enjoy the ERA show and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghai cuisine. (B,D)

DAY 16: DEPART SHANGHAI
Fly to New Zealand, arriving home the following day. (B)

DAY 17: ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND
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04 Apr - 20 Apr $5,980
02 May - 18 May $5,980
16 May - 01 Jun $5,880
02 Sep - 21 Sep $5,980
05 Sep - 21 Sep $5,980
12 Sep - 28 Sep $5,980
17 Oct - 02 Nov $5,980

2021 DATES
03 Apr - 19 Apr $6,280
24 Apr - 10 May $6,280
01 May - 17 May $6,280
15 May - 31 May $6,080
04 Sep - 20 Sep $6,080
11 Sep - 27 Sep $6,280
09 Oct - 25 Oct $6,280

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• Flight upgrades available on request
• Land only from $4,380 (Beijing – Shanghai)
• Single supplement from $1,370
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GARDENS BY THE BAY STOPOVER
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HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
2 nights from $540pp

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...
Ascend to the summit of Moon Hill, one of the Li River valley’s unique karst rock formations, from where you’ll get spectacular views over the lush paddy fields and limestone towers for which the area is famous.

Circle Xian’s beautiful old town by bike along the magnificent city walls, admiring views over its plethora of historic sights as you go.

Take a morning stroll through Shanghai’s old concessions, stopping where the locals stop to sample delicious local breakfast delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.

Visit Huanghuaicheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street and in the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Later, take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since its discovering in the 1970s. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses. Next, soak up the lively atmosphere in the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Enjoy the evening at leisure or take an optional tour of the city by night. (B,L)

DAY 7: CYCLE XIAN’S CITY WALL (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take a gentle nine mile cycle ride on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian’s old town. (B)

DAY 8: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to Guilin and explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave, then browse the displays of the South China Pearl Factory. Later, stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes, before heading to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B)

DAY 9: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional four-hour hike in the rice terraces of Longji. Walk over the fields and enjoy picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. (B)

DAY 10: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush green scenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Upon arrival, climb up Moon Hill. (B,L)

DAY 11: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. The afternoon is at leisure where you can choose from the many optional activities available, including cycling and bamboo rafting. (B)
DAY 12: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL
Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People’s Park, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, visit Matchmaker’s Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and see a ‘face-changing’ show. (B,L)

DAY 13: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)
Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets and see the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Rope Bridge. (B)

DAY 14: GIANT PANDAS
Visit Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about the pandas in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 15-16: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions and take time to relax and absorb one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: FLY TO SHANGHAI
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DAY 18: SHANGHAI
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city’s most fascinating districts, marveling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Bund and a silk factory before a cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 19: ZHUJI JIAO (OPTIONAL)
Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhuji Jiao, one of Shanghai’s sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town’s narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, see the ERA acrobatic show and enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghai cuisine. (B,D)

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06 Oct - 26 Oct $6,980

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08 Oct - 01 Nov $7,280

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Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

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**DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY**
Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street where there’s time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleyways offer a glimpse of old Beijing. (B,L)

**DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL**
Visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall. Reached by boat it boasts particularly spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing Street. In the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

**DAY 4: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE**
Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace, including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B,L)

**DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**
Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

**DAY 6: CYCLING IN XIAN**
Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you nine miles around the city wall that enclose Xian’s old town. Also visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and Xian Museum. (B,L)

**DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**
Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers’ fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

**DAY 8: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN**
Fly to Guilin. Walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure – you may wish to stroll down Zhengyang Street. (B)

**DAY 9: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)**
Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

**DAY 10: LI RIVER CRUISE**
Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There’s an option to hike to the top of Moon Hill for epic views. (B,L)

**DAY 11: YANGSHUO TAI CHI**
Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. (B)

**DAY 12: KUNMING AT LEISURE**
Transfer to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave before flying to Kunming. (B)

**DAY 13: STONE FOREST**
Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)

**PRICE INCLUDES**
- 26 breakfasts (B), 17 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for NZ passport holders

**EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE**
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DAY 14: DALI’S ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to Dali and visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Also stroll along Foreigner’s Street and enjoy time at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 15: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)
Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional visit to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the hillside to see a handful of intricately decorated temples and meet a Taoist priest for a meditation session. (B)

DAY 16: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to the ancient town of Shaxi, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang and spend the evening in the historic old town. (B,L)

DAY 17: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN
Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy the vistas. Visit the minority Naxi village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty. (B,L)

DAY 18: TIGER LEAPING GORGE (OPTIONAL)
Enjoy the day at leisure or trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge, through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. (B)

DAY 19: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL
Fly to Chengdu and walk around People’s Park. Visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker’s Corner. (B,L)

DAY 20: GIANT PANDAS
Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming bears up close. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a “face-changing” show. (B,L)

DAY 21: ANCIENT CIQIKOU
Take the bullet train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the charming old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAY 22-24: YANGTZE CRUISE
A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world’s most dramatic scenery. Over the next few days, visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy various side trips and shore excursions. Disembark your cruise vessel, travel to Wuhan and then fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 26: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)
Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy the ERA show and a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 27: DEPART SHANGHAI
Fly to New Zealand, arriving home the following day. (B)

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SOLO TOURS

For solo travellers looking for an easy, companionable group tour experience

Joining a Solo tour offers you a ready-made group of like-minded fellow travellers to share your holiday with. Looked after every step of the way by one of our fantastic national escorts, there are plenty of opportunities to mingle with other group members whilst you’re out and about exploring and taking part in cultural experiences. There’s also some built-in free time so, if you fancy, you can do some independent exploration or explore with your new-found friends.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
• International airfares
• 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation with a guaranteed room of your own
• Most meals
• All transportation in destination
• All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
• Visa fees
• Small groups: max. 18 people

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
You’ll travel with a small, convivial group of up to 18 fellow travellers and enjoy the comfort of having a room of your own. But the best part of all? There is no single supplement to pay!

LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE
The other members of your Solo tour group are a ready-made group of travel companions with whom you can share those exciting moments of discovery. There are even a few group cultural experiences incorporated throughout the tour which are the perfect opportunity to interact and form connections.

PERFECTLY PLANNED
Whether you usually travel independently or prefer to be part of a group, our Solo tours are perfectly balanced for both. With a free day here and a few free evenings there, you can embark on your own explorations – it’s up to you whether you want to do that as a group or head out solo.

EXPERT GUIDES
Whether you need someone by your side to navigate you through the cultural quirks or simply someone knowledgeable to point you in the direction of the best dumpling restaurant, your national escort will be there, ready and willing to do whatever they can to make your tour extraordinary.
CHARMING CHINA

DAYS FROM $5,980
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 TOUR TICKLIST
  Walk on the Great Wall
  Discover the Forbidden City
  Face the Terracotta Army
  Explore friendly Yangshuo
  Cruise the tranquil Li River
  Admire Shanghai’s bright lights

PRICE INCLUDES
• 12 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
• International flights and current taxes
• Domestic transportation
• 4 star accommodation
• Touring with guides and entrance fees
• Visa fees for NZ passport holders

EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE

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Take a relaxed stroll on Xian’s magnificent city walls, which encircle the old town, taking in the views as you go.

Find yourself amongst some of China’s most spectacular scenery as you cruise peacefully down the Li River, the perfect showcase for the spectacular karst peaks and lush, pastoral scenes that surround its gentle waters.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING
Fly to China’s historic capital, Beijing, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL
Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day exploring China! We start with the iconic Great Wall, where we will take a walk on this incredible structure to truly appreciate its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it, followed by a visit to a jade factory. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. Tonight, the group will dine on local delicacy Peking duck. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY
Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, where we can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Together, we will take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood, popping in to visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. We then head to Beijing’s symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches. (B,L)

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN
Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. On arrival, we will check in to the hotel and freshen up before heading out for a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. We spend the morning admiring the enigmatic ranks of warriors and horses, before stopping by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, the group will stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian’s old town. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO GUILIN
Fly to the city of Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and see the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. We will also take a walk down Guilin’s pedestrian street that is lined with shops and restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 7: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River. Around every river bend is a view to take our breath away, as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Arriving in the charming town of Yangshuo, we will have a look around the local markets and stroll along West Street together to get our bearings. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORE YANGSHUO
The day begins with a shared Tai Chi experience before heading out into Yangshuo’s breathtaking surroundings, exploring the landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or enjoy one of the many optional activities available, such as cycling, walking or bamboo rafting. (B)

DAY 9: CORMORANT FISHERMEN
We head back to Guilin by road, stopping en route on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Also visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700 year old history of pearl mining and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer. (B,L)
**DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI**
Take a short flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the ‘Paris of the East’. This evening, we will get an alternative view of Shanghai with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu, the river that flows through the heart of the city. (B,D)

**DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**
This morning, the group will visit the traditional Yu Garden, pass through the charming old town and visit the Silk Factory. After lunch together, the afternoon is at leisure to relax or further explore this bustling city. This evening, we will all head to Shanghai Circus World to see the spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

**DAY 12: SHANGHAI FREE TIME**
Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to explore this city further with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, the group will meet for a final dinner together, where we can reflect on the adventure we’ve shared. (B,D)

**DAY 13: DEPART SHANGHAI**
Fly to New Zealand, arriving home the following day. (B)

**DAY 14: ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND**
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**Flight and supplement information**
- Based on AKL, WLG & CHC departures
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Try the traditional craft of ‘guohua’, the art of painting with black ink. After a bit of practice and some expert guidance, we’ll each decorate our own quintessential Chinese accessory, a fan!

Venture into Beijing’s atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family where we’ll enjoy lunch and get a glimpse of their daily life.

Visit the serene Temple of Heaven park for an afternoon with the locals who congregate there for a game of cards, to practice Tai Chi or simply for a chat – we will be more than welcome to join in the activities!

See the adorable pandas in Chengdu
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DAY 12: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE
Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to further explore this city on your own or with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascending the Jin Mao Tower. This evening the group will meet for a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River before a final dinner together where we can reflect on the adventure we’ve shared. (B,D)

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Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.

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Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on Jinji’s breathtaking suspended rope bridge.

**ITINERARY**

**DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO GUILIN**
Fly overnight to Guilin. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**DAY 3: YANGSHUO’S LANDSCAPES**
Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Later, take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There’s an option to take a rewarding hike to Moon Hill for beautiful views. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: TAI CHI AND BAMBOO RAFTING**
Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is an option to go bamboo rafting on the Yulong River. Drift past verdant riverbanks and under ancient bridges as you paddle on the glass-like water. This evening, you have the option of enjoying the magical Liu Sanjie night show. (B,L)

**DAY 5: REED FLUTE CAVE**
Drive back to Guilin and spend the afternoon exploring Reed Flute Cave and learning about the South China pearl industry at a pearl factory. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES**
Travel to the iconic Longji Rice Terraces and head out for a three-hour walk through the traditional rural landscapes. There are several viewpoints boasting picture-postcard views of the extensive rice terraces that cover the hillside in intricate patterns. Drive back to Guilin. (B,L)

**DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN**
Take the bullet train to Changsha and then travel by road to picturesque Zhangjiajie, located in Hunan province. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE**
A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation, Zhangjiajie’s striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. Over the next two days, enjoy some beautiful walks, take a cruise on Lake Badeng and spend some time exploring Huanglong Cave, also known as ‘Yellow Dragon Cave’. Trek to Jinbian Stream and explore the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will also see the famous Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: YICHANG**
Catch the train to Yichang and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**
A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China’s riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. Over the next three days, take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: HEISHAN VALLEY**
Disembark in Chongqing and transfer to Wulong. Stop en route at Heishan (Black Mountain) Valley, a scenic area enveloped by mysterious fog that is home to deep valleys, lush green forests, majestic waterfalls, rivers and streams, caves and wildlife. (B,L,D)
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DAY 15: THREE BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK AND LONGSHUIXIA
Today, visit Three Bridges National Park, a rare geological wonder consisting of three natural karst bridges: Tianlong Bridge, Qinglong Bridge and Helong Bridge. Continue to Longshuixia Fissure, a narrow fault line that has been carved out by the river. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: WULONG NATIONAL PARK
Spend the day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wulong National Park – an area of stunning natural scenery with towering limestone karsts, deep gorges, caves and natural bridges. Its remote location has ensured that the park remains relatively unspoilt. Later, return to Chongqing. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: CHONGQING
Visit the charming town of Ciqikou and spend some time strolling the streets, admiring the traditional architecture. Continue by road to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA
Travel to Leshan to see the 71-metre high UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha’s presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from below on a short boat trip. Later, continue to Emeishan. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI
Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN
Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE
Spend the morning visiting the giant pandas. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People’s Park. People-watching here is an endless pleasure, from the lively locals playing mahjong to the singles looking for love in Matchmaker’s Corner. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese dinner and an optional ‘face-changing’ show. (B,D)

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Experience the tranquility of Phewa Lake in Pokhara

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DAY 12: ARRIVE INTO NEPAL
Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The tiny Kingdom of Nepal sits atop the Himalayas wedged between India, Tibet and China. Upon arrival, meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market.

DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR
Visit Changu Narayan Temple before taking a hike to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and see the old houses and meet a local Newari family before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon, wander Bhaktapur’s cobbledstone streets where you will stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows.

DAYS 14-15: POKHARA
Rise early and drive to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. The next day, visit the Old Bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi’s Fall before looking around the International Mountain Museum.

DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK
Rise early to visit a Hindu temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. The next day, take an early morning nature walk and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene boat trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu stick dance performed by local farmers.

DAY 18: DAMAN
Drive to Damai which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu.

DAY 19: LAMA BLESSING
Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan’s Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Boudhanath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple.

DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH
Explore Kathmandu, a city of many layers. A modern day assault on the senses, it is a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today’s visits include Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market.

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Physical Rating

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Embark on a journey of extremes, traversing the starkly beautiful and dramatic landscapes of Tibet and Nepal. Some days are spent at altitude with long periods of driving. A good level of fitness is required for this tour.

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DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE
Visit Black Dragon Pool Park for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China’s most extraordinary sights. Continue to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and spend some free time exploring the old town. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA
Visit Songzanlin Monastery before hiking 2-3 hours to Napa Hai. Here you are surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Next, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers’ way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LHASA
Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (B,D)

DAY 11: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND SPIRITUAL BARKHOR CIRCUIT
Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you will feel a million miles from the stresses and strains of the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, one of the three great monasteries of Tibet, to witness the debating monks. Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan dinner and dance. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: POTALA PALACE
The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder, towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KUNMING
Fly overnight to the relaxed city of Kunming, also known as the ‘city of Eternal Spring’.

DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST
This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Visit Dianchi Lake and the Western Hills. Return to Kunming and tuck into local delicacy ‘Across the Bridge’ noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI
Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek into bygone China. Wander the ancient quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION
Weibaoshan is one of the Taoist religion’s most sacred mountains and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples and meet with a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. (B,L)

DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to Shaxi ancient town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people who live in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang and spend the evening wandering the old town. (B,L)

DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN AND DONGBA SHAMAN
A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

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Learn about the Dongba Pictograms
treasures. Next, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: SHIGATSE**

Travel across Tibet’s stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet’s second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Enjoy some free time to explore the local markets. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: NEW TINGRI**

Continue by road to New Tingri, admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as you go. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: MOUNT EVEREST**

Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue-La Pass to Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. With Mount Everest dominating the horizon, stop by the world’s highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Satuated under the gaze of Everest’s north face, the views of the world’s highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). A total of 1–2 hours will be spent on foot today. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE**

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest (weather permitting) before returning to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE AND GYANTSE**

Return to Shigatse. The next day, visit Tashilhunpo Monastery and join the pilgrims on their evening ‘kora’ of the monastery. Continue to the pleasant town of Gyantse to visit the 14th Century Kumbum located inside the Pelkor Monastery. Visit a traditional folk house for some home brewed ‘chang’. (B,L,D)

**DAY 19: TSEDANG**

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri, the ‘birthplace of the Tibetan people’. (B,L,D)

**DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE**

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, legend says that the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace was the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue to the Chang Chum Monastery and the King’s Tombs before returning to Lhasa. (B,L,D)

**DAY 21: CHENGDU**

Fly to Chengdu in Sichuan Province. (B)

**DAY 22: PANDAS**

Visit Chengdu’s famous Panda Conservation Centre, stroll around People’s Park, see Matchmaker’s Corner and stop by a traditional teahouse. In the evening, enjoy Sichuanese cuisine followed by an option to see a ‘face-changing’ show. (B,L,D)

**DAY 23: DEPART CHENGDU**

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Sample Tibetan foods and flavours with a traditional Tibetan lunch, featuring ‘momos’, the tasty steamed and stuffed dumpling whose popularity has spread from the Tibetan Plateau throughout Asia.

Wander amongst the packed stalls of the atmospheric Shazhou Night Market in the Silk Road frontier city of Dunhuang, browsing delicious foods, fascinating local wares and a wealth of souvenirs.

Visit a traditional, nomadic home of a family of the Kazakh minority community, and spend some time with them, learning about their culture, and get a glimpse of life living in a yurt.

Discover Crescent Moon Spring

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**DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN**
Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**
Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers’ fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the ancient city wall and take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner and take an optional ‘Xian by night’ tour.

**DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU**
Start the day with a visit to Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

**DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU**
Begin today with a leisurely walk along the Yellow River and then head to the hilltop Baita Temple for a moment of tranquillity. Along the river and in Baita Park you can see locals practising Tai Chi. Later, tuck into some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand stretched dough. The next day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liujiaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya.

**DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE**
Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe and spend time acclimatising to the altitude.

**DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY**
Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos.

**DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE**
Return to Lanzhou and take the speedy bullet train to Zhangye, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road.

**DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS**
Rise early this morning to witness the sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and visit the Giant Buddha Temple before boarding your bullet train to Jiayuguan.

**DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN**
Seen as China’s western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for panoramic views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert.

**DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS**
Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the ‘City of the Sands’, sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market where you can wander amongst the stalls.

**DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES**
A system of temples and sanctuaries, visit the Mogao Grottoes that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.

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- Domestic transportation
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**EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE**
- Sample Tibetan foods and flavours with a traditional Tibetan lunch, featuring ‘momos’, the tasty steamed and stuffed dumpling whose popularity has spread from the Tibetan Plateau throughout Asia.
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Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery
See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES
Visit Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst rolling dunes and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomenon produced by the wind blowing through grains of sand.

DAY 15: TURPAN
Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises.

DAYS 16-17: EXPLORE TURPAN
Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. Later, see the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. The next day, learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Kerez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD
Over the next three days travel along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Start with a visit to see the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyzi Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, and on to the fabled city of Kashgar.

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR
Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China – in fact, it feels a million miles from anywhere! Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar’s bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and a stroll around the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square.

DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR
Dive headlong into Central Asia’s largest bazaar. Within this rot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Later, fly to Urumqi.

DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE
Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazakh minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Tonight, enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China’s historic capital.

DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China’s most iconic sight – the Great Wall. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING
Head to Beijing’s symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. This evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 27: DEPART BEIJING
Fly to New Zealand, arriving home the following day.

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- Witness Karakal’s animal market
- Browse colourful bazaars
- Explore exotic Khiva
- Discover ancient Samarkand

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DAY 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TURKMENISTAN
Fly overnight to the city of Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. The rest of the morning is free to relax before a welcome lunch and visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses.

DAY 3: EXPLORING ASHGABAT
Today explore both ancient and modern Ashgabat visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Ruhnama book. Lunch at Gulistan Bazaar then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV
Journey to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv. En route, learn about the Turkmenistan cotton and gas industry and stop at ancient Abiverd.

DAY 5: DARVAZA GAS CRATER
Drive through the Karakum Desert to the Darvaza Gas Crater and walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames.

DAY 6: EXPLORING KONYE-URGENCH
Drive to Konye-Urgench and walk around the ancient city. Visit the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun’s Academy of Sciences. Cross into Uzbekistan, to the fabulous Silk Road city of Khiva, unrivalled by its 10th century city walls.

DAY 7: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA
Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO BUKHARA
Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert, to holy Bukhara, a city with an astounding history spanning 2,500 years. This evening take a walking tour through the markets and shop for traditional Uzbek crafts.

DAY 9: BUKHARA SIGHTSEEING
Visit the Bolo Hauz Mosque before wandering through a beautiful oasis to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis. Later this afternoon, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 10: THE GOLDEN ROAD TO SAMARKAND
Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of the city’s most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAMARKAND
This morning, return to Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum and Registan Square for a more in-depth look at the timeless architecture. Later, wander through a local market, visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanym Mosque.

DAY 12: DISCOVER ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY
Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, exploring sites such as the remnants of Ak-Sarai Palace. Back in Samarkand, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 14th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world.

DAY 13: TASHKENT OLD TOWN
Visit a traditional papermaking workshop in Konigil village before catching a train to Tashkent. Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shakh mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently-decorated Tashkent Metro.

EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE
- Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes. A native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan’s history and are the emblem of the country.
- Stroll through Bukhara’s Lyabi Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city’s last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd’s camp, where you’ll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

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DAY 14: LOCAL VILLAGE CRAFTS
Journey through the scenic mountains along the Uzbeñ Kyrgyz border stopping to enjoy a guided tour of the town of Kokand. Travel on to Ok Yer village to visit a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets and at the Rishtan Ceramics Museum. Arrive in Andijon.

DAY 15: SUNDAY BAZAAR
Rise early and travel to the Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar and immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Continue to the nearby town of Andijon and visit the Yodgorlik Silk Factory.

DAY 16: INTO TAJIKISTAN
Cross the border into Tajikistan, arriving in the city of Khujand. Stroll through the vibrant Fuchshian Bazaar, admire the 10th century citadel and relax at the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 17: LAKE ISKANDER KUL
Travel to Istarashan, in the northern foothills of the Tajik Mountains, and on to Lake Iskander Kul, taking time in both to enjoy the breathtaking views. Arrive in Dushanbe, Tajikistan’s capital.

DAY 18: EXPLORE DUSHANBE
Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoni Somoni monument and Khoi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the Botanical gardens, the Ismoili Somoni monument and Khoi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture.

DAY 19: INTO KAZAKHSTAN
Fly to Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan. Enjoy an orientation walk visiting Republic Square, Abai Opera Theatre, the Central Mosque, the Green Market and Zenkov Cathedral.

DAY 20: ALMATY LAKE
This morning drive to Medeo, stopping at the Big Almaty Lake and the Tien Shan Astronomical Observatory for a tour. Return to Almaty for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 21: CHARYN CANYON
Drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles. Continue to the border and cross into Kyrgyzstan and on to Karakol.

DAY 22: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET
Rise early for the bustling Karakol Sunday Animal Market. Return to the city and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Orguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone.

DAY 23: EAGLE HUNTING
Leave early to explore the beautiful gorges and waterfalls of the highlands before stopping at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Spend the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 24: HORSEBACK GAMES
Travel to Chong Kemin National Park, where you will visit Ashu village. Here you will witness some traditional horseback games, an exciting custom of Kyrgyzstan’s nomadic people. Head to capital city Bishkek, visiting the 12th-century Burana Tower en route.

DAY 25: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK
This morning’s city tour will visit Ala Too Square, Oak Park and the newly restored Museum of History. Drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through the picturesque scenery before returning to Bishkek for a farewell dinner.

DAY 26: DEPART BISHKEK
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DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KYRGYZSTAN
Travel overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan’s capital and cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a city tour to see Ala Too Square, the White House and Oak Park.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK
This morning drive south to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek for a free afternoon.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL
Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th-century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful Lake Issyk Kul, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL
Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and explore the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese mosque.

DAY 6: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET
Rise early to immerse yourself on the hustle and bustle of Karakol’s Sunday morning animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of Flowers and Jety-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone. Here you can also enjoy horseback riding and visit Irdyk village. This evening enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family.

DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING
Depart Karakol early and travel to the village of Kyzyl-Suu to see the process of constructing a yurt, continuing to explore Barskoon Gorge and Skazka Canyon. Arrive at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT
Enjoy a free morning to stroll around Bokonbayevo or walk on the shores of beautiful Lake Issyk Kul. Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravanserai that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. In a peaceful valley, it is set alongside a series of seasonal yurt-camps, where you will spend the night.

DAY 9: KOCHKOR
Take a walk around Tash Rabat to enjoy the scenery before transferring to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional ‘shyrdak’ (wool carpet) workshop and a local co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts.

DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK
Spend the morning exploring Kochkor at your own pace before heading out to the sculpted valleys of Chong Kemin National Park. Take in bustling village life in Ashu and cheer on the competitors of the horseback games, a fun demonstration of old nomadic traditions.

DAY 11: INTO UZBEKISTAN
Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly to Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

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EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE
• One of Central Asia’s most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz tradition – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan’s highlands.
• Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Lake Issyk Kul, the world’s second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
• In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage while keeping old traditions alive.

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See golden eagles hunting

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Discover scenic Kyrgyzstan Walled City of Itchan Kala, Khiva

**ROAD TO SAMARKAND**

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**DAY 12: THE FERGANA VALLEY**

Explore Tashkent’s sights, including the Barak Khan and Kukeldash madrassahs and the Tila Shaikh mosque and archives before browsing the wares of Chorsu Bazaar and admiring the opulent Tashkent Metro. Later, travel to the city of Fergana located in the heart of the rich Fergana Valley.

**DAY 13: SUNDAY BAZAARS**

Rise early and travel to Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar in the town of Margilon, where you can immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Arrive in Kokand and visit Khan’s Palace and Jami Mosque Museum then drop by a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woolen carpets. Return to Fergana.

**DAY 14: TASHKENT**

After a relaxed morning travel back to Tashkent by road. On arrival, the afternoon is free to explore more of the city.

**DAY 15: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND**

Travel by train to the legendary city of Samarkand. Upon arrival, wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of its most significant sites – Gure-Amir – the majestic mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and Central Asia’s most spectacular architectural ensemble, Registan Square. Wander through a local market and visit the Shah-I-Zinda mausoleum.

**DAY 16: ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY**

This morning, you have free time to relax or explore more. This afternoon, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world as well as a papermaking workshop and the Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

**DAY 17: EXPLORE BUKHARA**

Travel to the holy city of Bukhara, a place of astounding history, by train. Explore the legendary Kalon Minaret, the Ark of Bukhara, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Madrassah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

**DAY 18: DISCOVER SITORA-I MOHI KHOSA**

This morning visit Sitora-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir’s summer palace, a 20th-century confection of a building! Drive out to the pottery town of Gijduvan where you’ll explore the town and visit a ceramics centre. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 19: ACROSS THE DESERT TO KHIVA**

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to the station to catch the train to Khiva. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

**DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA**

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kukhna Ark Fortress and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrassah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomical, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th century Tash Hauli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

**DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT**

Today you will have free time to wander Khiva’s old town before transferring to Urgench to fly to Tashkent, arriving in the evening.

**DAY 22: DEPART TASHKENT**

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DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AZERBAIJAN
Fly overnight to Baku, Azerbaijan’s laidback capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Stroll down Martyrs’ Lane to the seafront before heading into Icheri Sheher, the atmospheric old city, for a delicious local dinner.

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR
Explore the city, visiting the treasures of Icheri Sheher - Shirvanshah’s Palace, a caravanserai and the Maiden Tower, as well as the Carpet Museum and the main market square, with its numerous art studios and souvenir stalls.

DAY 4: VISIT YANAR DAG
Visit Yanar Dag, meaning ‘Burning Mountain’, a fire fed by natural gas seeping through the sandstone and Ateshghah, the UNESCO-listed Fire Temple of Baku. Explore the medieval fortress of Mardakan and, after lunch, drive to Gobustan National Park to visit the Petroglyph Museum and view rock carvings dating back to 10,000 BC.

DAY 5: JOURNEY INTO THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS
Head north through the spectacular landscapes of the Caucasus Mountains. Stop in the ancient city of Shamakhi, visiting the 8th-century Juma Mosque and popping into a local home to try your hand at traditional yoghurt making. Continue to the city of Gabala.

DAY 6: EXPLORE SHEKI
Discover the ruins of the ancient walled city Chukhur Gabala and visit the Gabala Historical Ethnography Museum. Visit Nid village to meet the native Udin people before arriving in Sheki. Browse the wares of the colourful bazaar, visit Sheki Palace and the village of Kis.

DAY 7: GEORGIA WINE TOUR
Cross over the border into Georgia. Explore a traditional market and visit a local family. Lunch on homemade food, wine and Georgian ‘chacha’ before travelling through picturesque landscapes of vineyards and wine villages, to the magnificent wine cave at Kvareli and the Chavchavadze Estate. Continue to Akhasheni Wine Resort which, as well as being your overnight accommodation, will host you for a wine tour and tasting.

DAY 8: DISCOVER SIGHNAGHI
Travel to the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi. Continue to Bodbe Convent, the burial place – so legend tells – of St Nino, who converted Georgia to Christianity in the 4th century. Arrive in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and have dinner in the atmospheric old town.

DAY 9: EXPLORE TBILISI
Explore the sights of Tbilisi. Starting at the 13th-century Metekhi Church, continue to the monument to Vakhtang Gorgasali and Narikala Fortress and stroll through the Sharden area, where narrow streets are lined with cosy cafés, wine bars and souvenir shops.

DAY 10: DISCOVER GUDAURI
This morning visit the 3,000 year-old ancient capital – Mtskheta. Continue by driving over Cross Pass, stopping to overlook the Caucasus Mountain range. Before reaching Gudauri, where you will overnight, you will experience breathtaking views of Mount Kazbegi and visit a local master to learn about Georgian icon painting and ‘teka’ (felt) making.

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EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE
► Visit a rural home in the Caucasus Mountains of Azerbaijan where, as well as getting a glimpse of the day to day life of the locals, you can try your hand at making yoghurt, the essential component of national dish ‘dövga’.
► In the remote village of Lakhiri in the mountainous Svaneti region, learn to make one of Georgia’s most popular snacks, khachapuri, a delicious cheese-filled leavened bread.
► In the ancient city of Mtskheta, home to Georgia’s most beautiful frescoes, join a master craftsman to discover more about the art of icon painting, and the secrets of the traditional craft of ‘teka’ (felt) making.
DAY 11: UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN
Travel back along the scenic Tergi River to Gori, the hometown of Joseph Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the tiny house where he was born. Continue to the abandoned cave town of Uplistsikhe, a fascinating complex of ancient dwelling quarters and a three-nave basilica church, all hewn from rock.

DAY 12: VISIT SVANETI
Visit the local Kutaisi farmers’ market and then travel to Okatse Canyon, walking to a viewpoint for panoramic views. Travel on to Svaneti – a region that is home to high mountains, glaciers and ancient traditions. Arrive in Mestia and explore the famous watchtowers that look out over the distant mountains.

DAY 13: LAKHIRI VILLAGE HIKE
This morning you will visit Lakhiri village and take a short hike through a valley to view the Chalati Glacier. Back in Lakhiri enjoy a baking class where you’ll make khachapuri, a famous cheese-filled bread.

DAY 14: EXPLORE USHGULI
Drive to Mulakhi, one of many villages dotted with twenty-metre-high stone watchtowers, built during the Middle Ages to defend against invaders. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ushguli to visit the 12th-century Lamaria Church, Queen Tamar’s Tower and the Ushguli Museum.

DAY 15: AROUND KUTAISI
Pay a visit to the beautiful hillside Gelati Monastery before exploring the Prometheus Grotto, one of Georgia’s natural wonders. Return to Kutaisi to explore the cobbled streets of the town as you make your way up to the ruins of Bagrati Palace and citadel.

DAY 20: WINE AND CHEESE MAKING
Travel to the 10th-century Tatev Monastery, before a wine tasting at Areni Winery. Lunch today is in a local home, where you will have the opportunity to see how to distil vodka, enjoy homemade wine, and learn how to make Armenian cheese. Finally, visit Noravank Monastery – a great religious and cultural centre located in the midst of impressive red cliffs. Continue to the capital city of Yerevan.

DAY 21: EXPLORE YEREVAN
Established in 782 BC, Yerevan is a thriving city with all the hustle and bustle of a modern capital. Start your explorations in Republic Square, continuing to the Opera House and the Cafesjian Centre for the Arts. Travel to Echmiadzin, a spiritual centre and the seat of the Armenian Catholicos and stop at the ruins of 7th-century Zvartnots.

DAY 22: GARNI VILLAGE
Visit Garni Village to see its 1st century temple and have lunch at a local family home where you will learn flatbread making techniques. After lunch, visit Geghard Monastery and the Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. Sit down to a farewell dinner tonight.

DAY 23: DEPART YEREVAN
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DAY 24: ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND
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ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING
Fly to Beijing, China’s historic capital, arriving late in the evening. Note: some departures may leave the night before.

DAY 2: GREAT WALL OF CHINA
This morning is dedicated to China’s most iconic sight, the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Visit a jade museum, before a stroll through Tiananmen Square and the exquisite Summer Palace. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: TRANS MONGOLIAN RAILWAY
Early morning start to embark on your Trans-Mongolian Railway journey. This first leg heads west out of the city, passing through mountains and onto the arid plains of Inner Mongolia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ULAANBAATAR
Cross into Mongolia, passing through the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert and into the open grasslands of the steppe. Disembark this afternoon, in Mongolia’s capital Ulaanbaatar and tour the city. Tonight, dine on a Mongolian barbeque and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional throat and ‘long song’ singers. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GORKHI TERELJ NATIONAL PARK
Visit a ger district, where you can share a cup of traditional Mongolian tea with some of the residents. Travel to Gorkhi Terelj, a national park of picturesque alpine scenery. Take an easy hike to Turtle Rock and visit a nomad family and experience the warm hospitality of the Mongolian people. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE
Return to Ulaanbaatar, stopping to admire the iconic Genghis Khan statue and to visit Gandan, one of Mongolia’s most important monasteries. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GER BUILDING
Travel out to a rural village to learn all about the art of ger building and take a short walk past beautiful granite rock formations to the Aglag Butelain Buddhist Temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: ULAANBAATAR
Take a morning to relax or explore the city further. Board the train and continue your Trans-Mongolian adventure into Russia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: OLD BELIEVERS’ VILLAGE
Arrive in Ulan Ude in Russia. Tour the city before spending the afternoon at the Old Believers’ village of Tarbagatay. Learn about the community’s way of life and dine in the village hall, enjoying sumptuous local food, vodka and wine whilst being entertained with local dancing and folk singing. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRAIN JOURNEY TO LISTVYANKA
Board the train, travelling on what is now the Trans-Siberian Railway, along the spectacular shores of Lake Baikal to Irkutsk from where you’ll transfer to pretty Listvyanka. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: LAKE BAIKAL
Explore the beautiful nature around Lake Baikal on foot and by boat. Back in Listvyanka, grab some local delicacies, such as smoked omul and shashlik, at the waterside market and picnic on the pebble beach with weekending Russians. Wash it down with some local Siberian lager or vodka. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: IRKUTSK CITY TOUR
This morning travel back to Irkutsk for a tour of the city. View 19th-century wooden architecture and Trans-Siberian Railway Angara Icebreaker Museum. Enjoy lunch in 130 Kvartal – a neighbourhood of typical Siberian timber buildings – before boarding the overnight train bound for Yekaterinburg. (B,L,D)
DAY 13: TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY
Spend a full day on the train, travelling across the endless landscapes of Siberia. Throughout the day you’ll pass through rolling forest, timeless villages and spectacular panoramas. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: YEKATERINBURG
Arrive into Yekaterinburg this afternoon. The gem rush, the Romanovs, Boris Yeltsin, and gangster feuds – Yekaterinburg has a fascinating history. Discover more, and visit the moving monuments to Russia’s imperial family, the Romanovs at the Church of All Saints on Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: EXPLORE YEKATERINBURG
Today, take part in a fascinating Mafia Gangster Tour to learn about the legendary feuds of the 1990s. Re-board the train this evening to travel to Kazan. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: DISCOVER KAZAN
Arrive in Kazan, the capital of the Tatarstan Republic - the land of the Volga Tatars. Walk along Bauman Street and on to the Kazan Kremlin, Chak-Chak Museum, Kul Sharif Mosque, an old Tatar Settlement and the Soviet Lifestyle Museum. (L,D)

DAY 17: VOLGA RIVER BOAT TRIP
This morning visit the Temple of All Religions and the Virgin Monastery of Raifa, before voyaging along the scenic Volga River. Return to the city centre for dinner at a Tatar restaurant and board the overnight train to Moscow. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: VISIT THE KREMLIN
Arrive in Moscow. Take a walking tour, visiting St Basil’s Cathedral, Red Square and the Kremlin. Continue to the Lubyanka Building – the former KGB headquarters, Revolution Square and Hotel Metropol, a magnificent Art Nouveau building. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. (L,D)

DAY 19: EXPLORE MOSCOW
Continue exploring this great city. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sip sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE
Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of Moscow’s most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow’s metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG
Russia’s imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, and has long been considered Russia’s cultural hub. Tour the State Hermitage Building and the Winter Palace, the Kazan Cathedral and the Church of the Savior of the Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: CONTINUE EXPLORING ST PETERSBURG
Enjoy another day exploring the wonders of St Petersburg. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

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DAY 2: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR
Start your explorations with a visit to the 19th-century Gandan, Mongolia’s largest and most important monastery, before exploring the National Museum of Mongolia, Genghis Khan Square and the Zaisan Hill Memorial. Tonight, enjoy a Mongolian barbeque accompanied by a cultural performance that includes traditional throat and ‘long song’ singers.

DAY 3: MONGOLIAN WRESTLING CAMP
Travel to a training camp to learn all about an essential element of Mongolian culture and one of the ‘Three Manly Skills’ (the skills Genghis Khan believed essential for any Mongol warrior) – wrestling. Watch the athletes practicing and pick up some of the various tricks and techniques! Continue to an archery training camp, the second of the ‘Three Manly Skills’ and observe the archers hard at work with their bows and arrows. This evening, learn the art of cooking a Mongolian barbeque, sitting down to dine on the results with local wrestlers before spending the night in a ger, a traditional nomadic tent.

DAY 4: GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK
Head to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park and soak up the beautiful alpine scenery, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. Explore Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Also visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp.

DAY 5: NAADAM FESTIVAL EVE
As the preparations for the Naadam Festival reach their climax, visit Hui Doloon Khudag (horse racing field) for a glimpse at the third of the ‘Three Manly Skills’, horsemanship. Return to Ulaanbaatar where, in the Central Square, you can view the colourful Naadam costumes that are on display. In the afternoon explore the Winter Palace of the Bogd Khan and enjoy some free time to do some shopping for local handicrafts.

DAY 6: NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY
Mix with the locals and nomads alike to witness the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival. Watch the procession of the athletes, officials and monks in their extravagant costumes, all accompanied by traditional music and dancing. This is a festival like no other and no doubt, one of the main highlights of the trip! Cheer on the competitors in the first rounds on the wrestling and archery this afternoon, before an evening at the Naadam Traditional Folk Gala Show.

DAY 7: NAADAM FESTIVAL CONTINUES
Travel to Khustain National Park for a thrilling morning of cross-country horseracing. Watch the events alongside the locals and revel in the carnival-like atmosphere. In the early afternoon head to the exciting wrestling events where over 1,000 wrestlers meet in a single-elimination tournament that lasts nine or ten rounds. Spend the night in a ger in Khustain National Park.

DAY 8: WILDLIFE SPOTTING
Head off in 4WD vehicles at dawn for a wildlife spotting expedition, keeping an eye out for Mongolia’s famous wild horses as well as deer, gazelles and birds. Return to the ger camp for breakfast before travelling on to Kharkhorin. Mongolia’s former capital is situated on the Orkhon River, a spot handpicked by Genghis Khan in...
1220. The city remained Mongolia’s political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbalig – now Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khid – which we visit today. The area around tonight’s ger camp is known for its scenic valley surrounds and horse-trekking.

**DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ONGIIN KHIID**
Travel through wild, grassy steppe to Ongiin Khiid and explore the atmospheric ruins of Barlim Khiid and Khubag Khiid. Your guides will set up your ger camp close to the peaceful Ongi River whilst you visit a nearby Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle and taste the delicious products made from their livestock’s milk.

**DAY 10: KHONGORYN ELS DUNES**
Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia’s largest sand dunes, also known as the ‘Singing Sand Dunes’. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views, which will be well worth it! There’s also the chance to ride a two-humped camel through the dunes – a true Mongolian desert experience.

**DAY 11: FLAMING CLIFFS**
Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Gurvan Saikhan National Park. Immerse yourself in natural beauty of jagged mountains, undulating sand dunes and a valley that is snow-capped for most of the year and hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge. Continue by 4WD to Bayanzag, more commonly known as the ‘Flaming Cliffs’, an area made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone.

**DAY 12: DINOSAUR CEMETERY**
This morning, visit the dinosaur cemetery, a small part of an area of palaeontological importance thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found here – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Hike a little further into the remarkable landscapes before travelling on to Baga Gazrin Chuluu, a series of granite formations in the Middle Gobi region.

**DAY 13: TSORJIIN KHUREENII KHIID MONASTERY**
Travel back to Ulaanbaatar, stopping off to discover the atmospheric ruins of Tsorjiin Khureeni in its magnificent setting. This evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance and a farewell dinner.

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- Regional NZ departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from $7,800 (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)
- Single supplement from $990
- Customary tipping, paid locally US$70

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ACTIVE ENCOUNTERS
The satisfaction of exploring under your own steam is something that cannot be underrated, and when it also allows you to explore hidden, harder to reach places, it’s even better! Be it on foot, or on wheels, the physical elements of these tours are active enough to feel challenging but are also relaxed, fun and imbued with a sense of adventure.
Discover Xian on two wheels

DAY 5: EXPLORE XIAN
Fly to Xian, the former ancient capital and enjoy a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city’s fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Enjoy the evening at leisure or watch an optional fountain and light show and be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China’s first emperor in the afterlife. Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers’ fascinating story. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian’s old town, then enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN
Jump on the bullet train to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before walking through Jinji’s dense bamboo forest, then see the forest and gorge from above by crossing Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B,L,D)
DAY 8: DUDIOJANGYAN PANDA BASE
Drive to Duijiangyan and visit one of the world’s finest panda conservation centres. Here, the pandas are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mount Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful area with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake then return to Chengdu. (L,D)

DAY 9: ANCIENT CIQIKOU
Drive to Chongqing and visit the charming old town of Ciqikou – there’s time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later, board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 10-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world’s most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various shore excursions as well as a side trip to Goddess or Shennong Stream. This is a chance to get a glimpse of life on the river banks. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM
Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. Travel to Wuhan then fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 13: SHANGHAI IN FOCUS
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour through the city’s most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking a stroll along the Bund and enjoying a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. In the evening, enjoy a cruise along the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

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DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY AND SUMMER PALACE WALK
Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately-designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China’s colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: BEIJING’S HUTONGS
Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander among the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs before driving to the Simatai section of the Great Wall, staying overnight in Gubei Watertown. Ride up to the apex of the wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HIKE THE GREAT WALL
Take a short transfer to Gubeikou to begin your full day hike to Jinshanhua. Lasting approximately six hours, this is one of the wildest and most scenic section hikes of the Great Wall. Your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, going ‘off-wall’ for some time to navigate around a Chinese military base. Later, return to Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 5: FLY TO XI’AN
Fly to Xi’an, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls and gain an insight into the city’s fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L)

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EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE
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DAY 10: JOURNEY TO PING’AN
Fly to beautiful Guilin before transferring to Ping’an for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 1 1: RICE TERRACES HIKE
Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today’s full day hike will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 1 2: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic and imposing limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular ‘Liu Sanjie’, a dramatic water-based show set on the Li River. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING
Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River – another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

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- Cycle Yangshuo’s countryside
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- See Shanghai like a local

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This morning visit Yandaixiejie where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY
Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China’s colourful past. Drive to Simatai Great Wall where you will ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HIKE THE GREAT WALL
Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall dramatically courses through spectacular landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: EXPLORE XI’AN
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China’s first emperor in the afterlife. Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers’ fascinating story. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately created. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE CRUISE
Over the next few days, be prepared for one breathtaking scene after another. Visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream as well as various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Disembark your cruise vessel and take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for ‘face-changing’. (B,L,D)

EXPERIENCES YOU’LL LOVE

- Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world’s most spectacular locations.
- Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking Jinji suspended rope bridge.
- Hike amongst the unique beauty of the Longji rice terraces, where you’ll not only get to marvel at the intricately-carved landscapes but experience rural life and meet some of China’s minority hilltribe communities.
DAY 12: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to Pingle ancient town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji suspended rope bridge. Return to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: DUJINGYAN PANDA BASE
Visit one of the world’s finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mount Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: FLY TO GUILIN
Take an early morning flight to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 15: RICE TERRACES HIKE
Travel to the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today’s four-hour hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Later, return to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 16: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular ‘Liu Sanjie’. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING
Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining a bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River before driving back to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 18: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE
Enjoy a stroll around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese – Buddhist architecture. Visit the pearl factory, then fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 19: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city’s most fascinating districts before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: DEPART SHANGHAI
Fly to New Zealand, arriving home the following day. (B)

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• Based on AKL, WLG & CHC departures
• Regional NZ departures available
• Flight upgrades available on request
• Land only from $6,380 (Beijing – Shanghai)
• Single supplement from $1,490
• Customary tipping, paid locally RMB 1,130

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**HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER**
2 nights from $540pp

**TASTE OF MACAO STOPOVER**
2 nights from $560pp

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EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

For those looking for a 5 star experience

Our Exclusive Collection tours combine 5 star accommodation and deluxe cultural activities. Created with the more discerning traveller in mind, these hand-crafted tours feature high-end restaurants, exclusive experiences and those unique touches that will make your holiday extra special.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

• International airfares
• 5 star accommodation and porterage
• Most meals, including special dining experiences
• Guiding
• All transportation in destination
• Entrance fees and daily tours
• Champagne moments and exclusive extras
• Visa fees
• Small groups: max. 18 people

LUXURY HOTELS

Our hotels are chosen to complement the high quality of the experiences so you can relax in the knowledge that you’ll be staying in 5 star luxury throughout.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

On an Exclusive Collection tour, we aim to truly immerse you in your chosen destination, so we’ve selected a series of special experiences to help you do just that. These include a glass of champagne on the Great Wall, discovering the Terracotta Warriors with an expert guide and cocktails at Shanghai’s Jin Mao Tower.

SUMPTUOUS DINING

As well as including free evenings to allow you to dine out as you please, our Exclusive Collection itineraries feature iconic restaurants to give you a taste of the best of local cuisine.

THOSE LITTLE EXTRAS

Your holiday will get started in style with chauffeur transfers from your front door to the airport; your luggage will be whisked from the coach straight to your room, and we’ll cover the porterage. A laundry service is provided on tour, giving you one less thing to worry about.
Try your hand at the long-practised art of calligraphy, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – the perfect way to connect with local culture.

Your visit to the exceptional Terracotta Warriors is made all the more unforgettable by a meeting with one of the farmers who discovered this archaeological wonder in 1974.

In the tranquil surroundings of the Temple of Heaven Park, a Tai Chi master will give a private tuition of the basic steps of this graceful martial art, an essential element of Chinese wellbeing practice.

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DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY WALLS
Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

DAY 5: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and perhaps buy a souvenir to take home.

With the evening at leisure, you may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU
Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu, where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)

DAY 7: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT
Visit Chengdu’s Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre’s work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People’s Park, one of the city’s social hubs. Visit Matchmaker’s Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuanese dining experience – hot pot. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of Cikiqou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your five star Century Legend cruise ship. (B,D)

DAY 9: CAPTAIN’S WELCOME
The Yangtze has played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)
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Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT
The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. It is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark and travel to Wuhan, then fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 12: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN
Travel to the 1,700-year-old water town of Zhujiajiao which boasts old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 13: STYLISH SHANGHAI
Visit the old town, Yu Garden, colonial Bund, a silk factory and Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner then end the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: DEPART SHANGHAI
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to New Zealand, arriving home the following day. (B)

DAY 15: ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND
Arrive home today. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer.

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

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Departing Friday returning Friday

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11 Apr - 25 Apr $10,080 12 Sep - 26 Sep $9,960
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24 Apr - 08 May $10,380 11 Sep - 25 Sep $10,280
15 May - 29 May $10,280 09 Oct - 23 Oct $10,380

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HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
2 nights from $540pp

HONG KONG & MACAO STOPOVER
4 nights from $1,150pp

GARDENS BY THE BAY STOPOVER
3 nights from $480pp

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Be transported to culinary heaven with a demonstration of how to prepare and cook Xian’s famous steamed dumplings, before feasting on these delicious delicacies for dinner.

Ascend to the heights of the well restored Mutianyu section of the Great Wall by cable car where you can sip a glass of champagne and contemplate the wall’s undulating progress over the dramatic scenery of the area.

See Guilin’s magnificent scenery in a new light at the ‘Impression Liu Sanjie’, a light spectacular staged on the Li River. From your VIP seats, the views will be even more magical.

Meet one of the farmers who discovered the Terracotta Warriors local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies and enjoy them for dinner. You may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

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Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from glass walkways, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin and enjoy time at leisure. (B,L)

**DAY 7: CRUISE THE LI RIVER**

Take a relaxing cruise on the Li River to Yangshuo. Later, enjoy a delicious dinner before taking your VIP seats for ‘Impression Liu Sanjie’, a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: AT LEISURE IN YANGSHUO**

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo’s idyllic, karst-studded countryside and stop for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River and meet a cormorant fisherman. Spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoy an optional activity including cycling or rafting. (B)

**DAY 9: SUN & MOON PAGODAS**

Return to Guilin by road. Take a walking tour to see the Sun and Moon pagodas and stroll around Roghu and Shanhu lakes before visiting the South China Pearl Factory to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearl mining in the South China Sea. (B)

**DAY 10: GIANT PANDAS**

Take the bullet train to Chongqing, where you will see China’s celebrated bear at Chongqing’s dedicated Panda House. Later, board your five-star Century ship for your Yangtze River cruise. (B,L,D)
LEGENDS OF CHINA

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Experience natural grandeur and imperial treasures, witness man-made marvels and ultra-modern miracles, as you make your way from Beijing to Shanghai in style. Also included is a deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River.

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DAY 15: STYLISH SHANGHAI
Sightseeing today begins with a visit to Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Also take a stroll along the Bund to see the colonial architecture, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before toasting the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

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TAILORMADE CHINA

The very best of China, exactly the way you want it

WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?
Quite simply, a tailormade holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There’s no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailormade holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply just want to do things their own way.

WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?
You’re completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all-out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you’ll have, is all up to you too!

WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?
We’ve long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we’re also pretty good at putting together tailormade ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you’re after and they’ll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we’ve got you covered.

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.
How does it work?

**STEP 1**
Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you’d like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer but the exciting and unusual experiences too!

**STEP 2**
Give us a call or fill in a quote request form on our website and we’ll call you! Together we’ll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations here and giving advice there. Also, don’t forget to mention if you have any specialist interests – you can’t live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds – these are the little details we can use to make the holiday extra special.

**STEP 3**
Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We’ll create you an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote in no time.

**STEP 4**
Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make all the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you’re after. You can do this as many times as you like and take as much time as you need, we are extremely flexible and always happy to help.

**STEP 5**
When your adventure has reached that ultimate level of perfection and includes everything that you want and need, it’s time to book! Call your tailor made consultant, say the word and they will do the rest. Other than a visa form or two, all there is left to do is think about what to pack and get excited!
Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in China.

1. **TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**
   Experience one of the world’s greatest discoveries with an expert, who is working onsite and will be able to answer all the who, what’s and why’s you can think of.

2. **DUJIANGYAN**
   Easily accessible from Chengdu, Dujiangyan is home to another famous panda reserve in Sichuan province for those who cannot get enough of these adorable creatures. Dujiangyan also offers a Panda volunteer programme – let us know if you’d like more information.

3. **LIJIANG**
   Nestled amongst the fields and forests at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Lijiang also boasts a rich heritage from its past as capital of the Naxi Kingdom, which is best glimpsed in the labyrinthine, UNESCO-listed old town.
4

LONGJI RICE TERRACES
Meet ethnic communities, stay in hillside villages and gaze at the spectacular scenery – hiking here is whatever you make it, from several hours to several days!

5

DATONG
Known for its abundance of historical relics and natural beauty, Datong is most famous for its 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple.

6

GREAT WALL TREKKING
The best way to experience an incredible feat of ancient engineering, you can walk the wall for a few hours or several days, staying at little guesthouses along the way.

7

ZHANGJIAJIE
This spectacular national park is home to the world’s highest and longest glass bridge as well as the Glass Skywalk and Cliff-Hanging Walkway...not for the faint-hearted.

8

HONG KONG
Dim sum, washed down with fragrant tea, is a Hong Kong must-try. Many places offer this culinary institution in the city, from budget to high end – just let us know which you’d prefer.
EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you’ll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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For over 20 years, American-owned Victoria Cruises has been a leader in Yangtze River cruising. With one of the largest fleets on the river, outstanding service and itineraries, Victoria Cruises is well placed to deliver an unrivalled Chinese river cruising experience.

UPGRADE TO EXECUTIVE AMENITIES PROGRAMME

**Pure Yangtze (see below):**
From $170 per person (twin share). From $290 (sole traveller)

**Receive the following benefits:**
- Deck upgrade to a Superior Cabin on the Promenade Deck or higher
- Welcome fruit basket
- Complimentary morning coffee and tea service
- Complimentary wi-fi in the Executive Lounge and Lobby
- Complimentary tea, coffee and soft drinks in the Executive Lounge
- Choose to dine in either of the two dining rooms; one which offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner or the a la carte restaurant which offers buffet breakfast and lunch, and an à la carte menu at dinner (choice to be made on embarkation)
- Complimentary ‘Happy Hour’ one hour before dinner in the Executive Lounge (including house wine, beer and soft drinks)
- Complimentary house wine and beer during dinner
**BEIJING SHORT STAY**

**4 DAYS**

**TOUR TICKLIST**
- See the Summer Palace
- Walk through Tiananmen Square
- Wander the Temple of Heaven

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

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Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

**DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING**
Make your own way to your Beijing hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**DAY 2: BEIJING**
Visit China’s most famous attraction, the Great Wall. It is more than 5,000 kilometres long, stretching from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. This afternoon visit a jade factory and the Summer Palace, a royal garden and summer retreat for the emperors and their families. (B,L)

**DAY 3: BEIJING**
Start your sightseeing in Tiananmen Square, followed by the treasure-filled Forbidden City where you will pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao as you enter through the main gate. After lunch you will visit the 15th-century Temple of Heaven, one of the most perfect examples of Ming architecture. (B,L)

**DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING**
Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

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**GREAT WALL HIKE**

**3 DAYS**

**TOUR TICKLIST**
- See stunning rural scenery
- Stay in Gubei Watertown
- Walk the Jinshanling and Gubeikou sections of the Great Wall

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Price includes:
- Accommodation (1 night Beijing, 1 night Gubei Watertown)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

**DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING**
Make your own way to your Beijing hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE**
This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, a stretch much less frequented by tourists than others. From here, start your hike towards Jinshanling; you will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10 kilometres. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and will therefore take a detour off the wall around the base, stopping at a farmhouse for lunch. After finishing your hike, transfer to Gubei Watertown for an overnight stay. After dinner you can explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night, enjoying wonderful views. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN**
Spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown. Built in the style of a Chinese ancient town, Gubei is nestled beside the Simatai section of the Great Wall and encompasses the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)
DAY 1: ARRIVE XIAN
Make your own way to your Xian hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: XIAN
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Terracotta Warriors and Horses, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. Emperor Qin Shi Huang is acclaimed by Chinese historians to have ‘unified’ the rival lands of China into a single empire. Thousands of people worked for more than a decade to create the life-sized army to defend the emperor’s tomb and protect him in the afterlife. (B, L)

Later, head back to Xian and visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition and walk along the ancient City Wall, one of the best preserved in all of China. (B, L)

DAY 3: DEPART XIAN
Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

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DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENGDU
Make your own way to your Chengdu hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: CHENGDU
Enjoy a tour of the Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding to see these beloved animals in an environment similar to their natural habitat. Later, visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation Project. (B, L)

DAY 3: CHENGDU – LESHAN
Travel to Leshan where you can marvel at the Grand Buddha. Carved into the side of the Lingyun Mountain, the Buddha is 71 metres tall and wide enough for more than 100 people to sit between its feet. (B, L)

DAY 4: DEPART CHENGDU
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Price includes:
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SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

Walk along the Bund
Explore ‘Old Shanghai’
Wander through the Yu Gardens

Day 1: Arrive Shanghai
Make your own way to your Shanghai hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Shanghai
Visit the famous historical riverfront area known as the Bund and view the Pudong area, including the iconic Oriental Pearl Tower, across the river. See the superb antiques and fine arts at the Shanghai Museum and visit a silk factory. Head to the Old Town where cobblestone streets are lined with traditional shops. Enjoy a relaxing walk through the Yu Gardens, the inspiration for willow pattern china. (B,L)

Day 3: Depart Shanghai
Your arrangements will end after check-out this morning. (B)

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Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Shanghai)
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SUZHOU & HANGZHOU

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

Discover Suzhou’s inspiring gardens
Explore the Grand Canal
Cruise Hangzhou’s West Lake

Day 1: Travel to Suzhou
This morning you will be met at your Shanghai hotel and transferred to Suzhou. Also known as the ‘Venice of the East’, Suzhou is a a town famous for its plethora of traditional landscaped gardens.

Day 2: Explore Suzhou
Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and visit its inner sanctum with its ‘master’s study’ of Ming-style furnishings and architecture. Wander around the Humble Administrator’s Garden with its many ponds, bridges and islands of bamboo before cruising along a section of the Grand Canal. (B,L)

Day 3: Drive to Hangzhou
Leave Hangzhou and return to Shanghai. Upon arrival at your Shanghai hotel your arrangements end. (B)

Day 4: Discover Hangzhou
Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, the largest temple in southern China and the Six Harmonies Pagoda before enjoying a cruise on the tranquil West Lake. (B,L)

Day 5: Drive to Shanghai
Visit the garden city of Hangzhou which is renowned for its beautiful natural scenery. Stroll through the local markets and experience oriental tea-tasting. (B,L)

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Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Suzhou, 2 nights Hangzhou)
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- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
DISCOVER YUNNAN

10 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST
- Tour the Stone Forest
- Visit the Three Pagodas
- See Tiger Leaping Gorge

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- Accommodation (3 nights Kunming, 1 night Dali, 2 nights Lijiang, 3 nights Zhongdian)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

**DAY 1: ARRIVE KUNMING**
You will be met at Kunming airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**DAY 2-3: KUNMING TO DALI**
Enjoy a tour to the picturesque Stone Forest. (B,L)
Tomorrow you will fly to Dali. Visit the Three Pagodas and cruise on Erhai Lake. In the evening stroll down Foreigner’s Street. (B,L)

**DAY 4-5: DALI TO LIJIANG**
Visit Xizhou Village, the Ancient Quarter and the local market before travelling to the ‘living museum’ town of Lijiang and visit Black Dragon Pool. (B,L)
Tomorrow explore Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit the Baisha Frescoes and the Old Town. (B,L)

**DAY 6-7: LIJIANG TO ZHONGDIAN**
Travel to Zhongdian, visiting Tiger Leaping Gorge en route. (B,L) The next day, enjoy a visit to the Baishui Terrace. (B,L)

**DAY 8-9: ZHONGDIAN TO KUNMING**
Visit the Songzanlin Monastery and Old Town. (B,L) The following day, fly back to Kunming. (B,L)

**DAY 10: DEPART KUNMING**
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Kunming airport where your arrangements end. (B)

ZHANGJIAJIE SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST
- Gaze on Zhangjiajie’s pinnacles
- Admire peaceful Lake Baofeng
- Explore Mount Tianmen

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Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Zhangjiajie)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

**DAY 1: ARRIVE ZHANGJIAJIE**
Arrive in Zhangjiajie and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE ZHANGJIAJIE**
Today, enjoy a full day of exploring Zhangjiajie National Park. Begin at the Yuanjie Scenic Area and make your way around the karst scenery. Ride the Bailong glass elevator up to Mihun Stage and enjoy amazing views of the majestic peaks, including the ‘First Bridge under the Sun’ and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue to Emperor Mountain to visit Helong Park. Take a cable car down and head to Jinbian Stream and Ten-Mile Natural Gallery. You will be walking for around 4-5 hours in the park. (B,L)

**DAY 3: HUANGLONG CAVE**
Enjoy a sampan cruise on Lake Baofeng, a peaceful expanse of water amongst picturesque karst scenery. Later, explore the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of the Huanglong Cave, stretching over 120 acres in area. (B,L)

**DAY 4: MOUNT TIANMEN**
Take a cable car to the beautiful Mount Tianmen and walk on the thrilling glass skywalk. Visit Tianmen Cave, nicknamed ‘Heaven’s Door’ and Jun Sheng Sandstone painting gallery. Later, transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B,L)
GUILIN, YANGSHUO & LONGJI

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST
✓ Visit majestic Lhasa
✓ Tour stunning Potala Palace
✓ Explore ancient Shigatse

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Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Guilin, 2 nights Yangshuo)
- Meals as stated (B, L, D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE GUILIN
Make your own way to your Guilin hotel. This afternoon you will be taken on a half-day tour of the Reed Flute Cave and a pearl factory.

DAY 2: GUILIN – LONGJI
Travel to Longji, also known as Longsheng or the ‘Dragon’s Backbone’. Explore the dramatic rice terraces that have a history dating back over 500 years. To fully appreciate the beauty of this area, you will need to hike for approximately two to three hours, climbing many steps and across uneven ground and steep inclines to reach the most impressive vantage points. It is well worth the effort! (B, L)

DAY 3: GUILIN TO YANGSHUO
Relax on the Li River as you cruise to the town of Yangshuo for a two-night stay. The evening is at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 4: YANGSHUO
This morning explore the beautiful rural countryside around Yangshuo and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART YANGSHUO
Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

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Price includes:
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- Meals as stated (B, L, D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

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TIBETAN SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST
✓ Visit majestic Lhasa
✓ Tour stunning Potala Palace
✓ Explore ancient Shigatse

DAY 1: ARRIVE LHASA
You will be met at Lhasa airport and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. This afternoon enjoy a half-day tour visiting the Barkhor Circuit, where you will see many pilgrims and market stalls.

DAY 2: LHASA
Enjoy a tour of the Potala Palace, an architectural wonder towering over the entire city. You will also visit Jokhang Temple, the most sacred and active temple in Tibet. (B, L)

DAY 3: LHASA TO GYANTSE
Travel to Gyantse and visit the Pelkor Monastery and the ruins of the Old Fort. (B, L)

DAY 4: GYANTSE TO SHIGATSE
Leave Gyantse and travel to Shigatse. Visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery, the official residence of the 11th Panchen Lama. (B, L)

DAY 5: SHIGATSE TO LHASA
Travel back to Lhasa, visiting Yamdrok-Tso Lake en route. (B)

DAY 6: DEPART LHASA
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Lhasa airport where your arrangements end. (B)

NOTE:
Passengers must enter Tibet via China only. The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.
HONG KONG GLIMPSES

**2 NIGHT STOPOVER**

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city’s foodie scene and shop to your heart’s content in the many markets.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG**

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR**

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)

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**HONG KONG IN FOCUS**

**3 NIGHT STOPOVER**

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong’s largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

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**DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR**

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic ride on the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND**

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

**DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG**

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TASTE OF MACAO

2 NIGHT STOPOVER

From the historical to the modern and from the religious to the glitzy, Macao’s rich portfolio of sights and attractions makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures – a journey through Macao is like crossing two distinct countries.

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

Transfer independently by shuttle bus to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th-century Ruins of St Paul’s Cathedral, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic’s Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (L)

DAY 2: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps check out the 17th century Portuguese Guia Fortress, learn about Macao Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or try your luck in one of the many casinos on Cotai Strip. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)

HONG KONG & MACAO

4 NIGHT STOPOVER

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan island of Hong Kong to uncover its best bits before heading to vibrant Macao to explore its history and laidback culture. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights, sounds and flavours.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour starting with a panoramic ride up the Peak Tram to Victoria Peak where you’ll have fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and take an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival, take a seat-in-coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th-century Ruins of St Paul’s, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic’s Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong, 2 nights Macao)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated

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HONG KONG & MACAO

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DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

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DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Macao)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated

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SINGAPORE STOPOVER

2 NIGHT STOPOVER

Singapore has reinvented itself as one of Southeast Asia’s most modern, vibrant cities and is one of the most popular tourist destinations visited. Located at the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsular, Singapore is a perfect blend of the east and the west, with an interesting cultural mix of Chinese, Malay and European influences.

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE
Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SINGAPORE
Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore’s oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

GARDENS BY THE BAY

3 NIGHT STOPOVER

Gardens by the Bay offers breath-taking waterfront views. This multi-award winning horticultural destination spans 101 hectares of reclaimed land, and is made up of two main areas – Bay South Garden and Bay East Garden.

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Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SINGAPORE
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DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY
Transfer to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two cooled conservatories - Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

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Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Breakfasts as stated (B)
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Entrance fees

NOTE:
Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels. Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year’s Eve dinner surcharges apply.

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- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Breakfasts as stated (B)
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring with guides and entrance fees to two conservatories

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ESSENTIAL DUBAI

2 NIGHT STOPOVER

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai’s old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI
Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares here have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before trans-ferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

Price includes
- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated

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DUBAI & THE DESERT

3 NIGHT STOPOVER

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

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DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before trans-ferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE
The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before trans-ferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated

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Price includes
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

NOTE:
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Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing, Christmas and New Year’s Eve dinner surcharges apply.
We include return international economy-class flights as part of our Classic, Flexible, Solo, Go Beyond, Active and Exclusive Collection tours. If you fancy a little bit of luxury and more legroom, you can upgrade to Premium Economy (on selected airlines) or Business Class for an additional cost.

**CATHAY PACIFIC**

Redefine travelling with the comfort and quality of Cathay Pacific. Experience premium cabins, relax with award-winning inflight entertainment and travel in comfort with the exceptional service that Cathay Pacific is renowned for. Cathay Pacific and Cathay Dragon offer daily flights from New Zealand to Hong Kong, providing excellent connections from the airline’s Hong Kong hub to its worldwide network of over 80 destinations.

**SINGAPORE AIRLINES**

Travel in comfort and indulge in our award-winning product and services. Singapore Airlines has proudly serviced New Zealand for more than 40 years, and currently operates 18 weekly services to Singapore from three cities - Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Alongside its regional wing, SilkAir, and low-cost carrier Scoot, SIA provides access to a global network of 134 destinations in 37 countries and territories through the world-famous Changi Airport hub.

**JOINING YOUR TOUR**

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense. Our reservations team can assist with arranging any of these additional services. Accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.

**UPGRADE & TRAVEL IN STYLE**

Let us upgrade your flight to China or Central Asia so you can breeze through the airport, fly in comfort and arrive fresh and raring to go. Whether you’re after a little extra in Premium or all-out luxury in Business, just say the word and we’ll let you know how much it will cost, for whichever of our partner airlines you prefer.

**AIR NEW ZEALAND**

The Air New Zealand Group operates a global network that provides air passenger services and cargo transport services to, from and within New Zealand to more than 15 million passengers a year. Air New Zealand’s strategic focus and competitive advantage lies within the Pacific Rim. Our network expands from New Zealand to Australia, the South West Pacific, Asia, North America, South America and the United Kingdom.

**AIR TRAVEL NOTES**

- Please be advised that Premium Economy Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of New Zealand. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our travel consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

**AIR CHINA**

Offering frequent and flexible non stop flights from Auckland, Air China is a convenient and comfortable option for travellers to Beijing, Chengdu and Shanghai, with access to an extensive network of connecting flights throughout China. Air China’s fully-flat bed Business Class seats offer some of the best value available.

**AIR TRAVEL NOTES**

China Southern Airlines is a proud member of the SkyTeam Alliance. China Southern operates a fleet of more than 700 modern aircraft and forms an extensive network of connecting flights via its Guangzhou hub.
BOOKING YOUR TOUR

Planning your holiday should be simple, straightforward and most importantly, exciting! Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you every step of the way; from initial planning and booking, right through until your return home.

1. CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE
Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed Tour Dossiers. Choose the style of trip that suits you:
- Fully Inclusive Classic Tours
- Flexible Tours
- Solo Tours
- Go Beyond Tours
- Active Tours
- Exclusive Collection Tours
- Tailormade Holidays
- Stopovers
Still not sure? Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

2. CHECK AVAILABILITY
Our Travel Consultants or your Travel Agent will check tour availability, check your flights and confirm your full package price. Names must be provided exactly as per passport.

3. BOOKING & DEPOSIT
Your place on tour is confirmed upon payment of a $2,000 deposit (if international economy class flights are included) or a $400pp deposit (if no international flights are included). Independent Private Tours and Tailormade Holidays are usually confirmed within 48 hours.
You or your travel agent will receive confirmation by email. Upon booking, you are confirming that you have read the Tour Dossier, are fit to participate in your tour, have adequate travel insurance and agree to the Booking Conditions.

4. FINAL PAYMENT
The balance of your payment is due 75 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately four weeks before travel.

WE CARE
The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. We are determined to ensure your experience is hassle free and our ‘We Care’ programme strives to ensure just that. We are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. These audits are carried out by staff members, ground partners and our health and safety consultants to ensure that high standards are maintained.

GLOBAL SUPPORT
Our tours would not be as successful as they are without our solid working relationship with our local partners on the ground in Asia, as well as the professionalism of our own offices in Auckland, Sydney, London and China. With years of experience operating tours throughout their respective areas, you can be assured that their local knowledge in operations, touring, guides and transport means our tours operate efficiently and smoothly. In addition, they ensure that Wendy Wu tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. Our local partners have an experienced team dedicated to the provision of personal service to all Wendy Wu customers throughout their network of local offices.

YOUR LOYALTY MATTERS
Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to friends and family.
- Loyalty Discount
After completing your tour, we hope that you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family and a loyal customer, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Exclusive and Go Beyond group tours and are not applicable for tailormade itineraries, independent travel or special groups.
- Subscribe
Subscribe to our newsletter to receive inspiring stories, regular updates and be first to receive our offers. To subscribe visit: wendywutours.co.nz
- Keep in Touch
As a loyal customer, you will enjoy other benefits including a subscription to our quarterly magazine, Chinese Whispers, notification of specials and updates on new tours. Keep in touch with Wendy Wu Tours by ‘liking’ our Facebook page, and by following us on Twitter, and Instagram.
Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?
A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?
A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.nz, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook with your final documents.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying at?
A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. We use 4 star hotels on our group tours in China. Typically, a 4 star hotel in rural areas cannot be compared to a 4 star hotel in the city and therefore may be of a lower standard. No international classification system exists and a 4 star Chinese rated hotel cannot be compared to a 4 star NZ rated hotel. Rest assured, all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Q. How do I get my visa?
A. The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (for NZ passports). Additional fees may apply for non-New Zealand passport holders. All passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the duration of your tour. Simply send your passport and visa application form to us or your travel agent, along with your visa application form, at least 75 days prior to departure. Some visas take longer to process (Myanmar and multi-country tours and Central Asia tours take 90 days). We will notify you at time of booking. The cost for passport photos and dispatch of documents will be returned to you with your final documentation approximately four weeks prior to departure.

For Land Only bookings, visas are included in your price. Please ensure you advise your department date from New Zealand to ensure these are processed in a timely manner.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?
A. Your protection and safety are our main priority. That’s why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?
A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights and trains.

Q. What size are your tour groups?
A. The maximum group size on our Classic tours is usually between 8 and 12 passengers. Our Active, Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive and Solo tours have a maximum group size of 18 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?
A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?
A. You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our China and Central Asia tours if you are willing to share a twin room with another solo traveller of the same gender. We will add the single supplement cost to your invoice at time of booking. However if at 12 weeks before your departure you are matched to share with someone then we will remove the single supplement from the invoice. Alternatively if you book one of our Charming China or Captivating China tours, which are exclusive to solo travellers, there is no single supplement to pay as the holiday price includes sole use of a single room throughout.

You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. ‘Willing to share’ is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours and is on request when booking within 75 days of departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).

Q. What vaccinations do I need?
A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

Q. What currency should I take?
A. We recommend you take the local currency (RMB) and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in RMB for China tours and in US dollars for other countries. See page 125.

Q. When are Chinese public holidays?
A. Chinese New Year is on 25 January 2020/12 February 2021. Their Golden Week public holidays fall annually between 1-3 May and 1-7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

Q. How fit do I need to be?
A. Our Group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What does escorted touring mean?
A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however, you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?
A: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from large ships on the Yangtze River to smaller boats on the Li River, Grand Canal and West Lake. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards. Where bullet trains are used you may have occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?
A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?
A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included on our Classic group tours except where stated. Meals start on the normal day of departure. Not all meals are included on our Active, Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive and Solo tours and therefore offer flexibility for those passengers who wish to explore local restaurants. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?
A. We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

Q. Is porterage included?
A. Porterage is included on our Group Tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?
A. From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from $20 to $100 per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?
A. China has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain; from hand-crafted jade to local silk products or pearls from the South China Sea. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?
A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What is the flying time to China?
A. Approx. 13 hours (if flying direct).

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?
A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic Group Tours, and welcome children aged 8 years and over on our In Pursuit of Pandas tour (page 20). The minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?
A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of New Zealand, Australian and British clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?
A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?
A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

Q. How close can I get to the giant pandas?
A. If your tour includes a visit to see giant pandas, you will usually get close enough for a good photo opportunity.

Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River Cruise vessels?
A. We use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies. Please see our website for an overview of our Yangtze River Cruise ships.

Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with New Zealand?
A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in New Zealand. Therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?
A. Tipping is expected in China. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

If you are taking a tour without a Yangtze Cruise, tipping will be collected by your National Escort on arrival and distributed throughout the tour on your behalf.

If you are taking a tour which includes a Yangtze Cruise, the total amount listed on the tour pages will be collected in two parts:
1) An amount paid to your National Escort on arrival, as above.
2) A separate service levy in to be paid upon boarding the Cruise vessel.

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number: (0044) 1888 288 288.
WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Level 1, 33J Triton Drive, Rosedale, Auckland 0632. Please read them carefully as they apply to booking with us in New Zealand and Australia. We agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to “the booking,” “contract,” “package,” “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. “We,” “us” and “our” means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

Tour prices are subject to availability of tour, airline, special economy class fare and specific airline class availability. Prices may differ once airfare is sold out. All services are subject to availability. For bookings that include an international flight (Economy Class), please forward a deposit of $2,000 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. This covers your tour deposit.

Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only and existing bookings are not transferrable. Once deposit and/or airfare is paid, the price of the booking and bookings are not transferrable to any future specials. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking, as well as a valid passport copy. If you have decided not to take advantage of our air and land inclusive packages, you will be required to email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket reissue fees.

Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates indicated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

JOINING YOUR TOUR – FLIGHTS

Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy travel en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers’ own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services.

RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT

By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

• All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
• All persons are of the right physical, mental and health condition to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

BALANCE OF PAYMENT

The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs, which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than $50 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (eg. airfare portion) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to advance booking limits. Deposits and payments by credit cards will incur a surcharge.

LATE BOOKINGS

If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees.

FEES AND CHARGES

All Classic, Go Beyond, Flexible, Active, Solo and Exclusive Collection tours indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, non-refundable group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES

The following fees will apply:

• Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased – $50 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee).
• Transferring between group tours or tour date will incur amendment and/or cancellation fees.
• Reissue of airline and rail tickets – from $100 per person (other fees may apply). Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable.
• Once a booking is confirmed, any name change or passenger change will incur additional charges.

CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER

All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline and rail tickets are issued, up to 100% of the airfare and rail fare
2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees
3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
5. 45 days or less prior to departure; 100% of total cost
6. Any “no show”; 100% of total cost

In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees and any applicable amendment fees. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much as possible from suppliers to pass on to the customer. Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside New Zealand are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds of any nature.

CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS

Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to alter or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event, alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost, if a tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions, strikes, vandalisation of suppliers or publicity. Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties that are not refundable by an airline or other third party. Unforeseeable circumstances include such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances, but not travelled by, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional costs incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; pre-existing physical, medical, psychological or behavioural condition (“health conditions”) must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The “tour pace” of each tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents. If you or any member of your party has any health conditions, which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. If in the discretion of yourself and/or your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a health condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoy or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used if you are prevented from participating on a tour due to a health condition. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any health condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VIA PROCESSING

A passport with a minimum of six months validity upon return to New Zealand is required for entry into all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for New Zealand passport holders in all Classic, Go Beyond, Active, Flexible, Solo and Exclusive Collection tours. New Zealand passport holders may incur additional fees, and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing fees for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), the customer may be required to pay an administration processing fee. For processing accuracy, passport validity, and purchase of additional required passport photos rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept any responsibility for visa fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and ac-
cepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the cus-
tomer due to the refusal of a visa or for any damages or claims whatsoever caused directly or indirectly from accidents, loss, theft or damage to property or for any injury, illness or death on any of the tours specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the discretion. Leisure activities and services un-
expected and do not have a ‘willing to share’ option. ‘Willing to share’ is not available on Exclusive Collection tours and Solo tours.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION TOUR TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible for New Zealand passengers, based on executive sedan or best available. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am and 6:00am. Available within a radius of 60 driven kilometres from the supplier and the fee is subject to a supplement. Based on maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline baggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

TIPPING Local tipping is customary in most of Asia, with the excep-
tion of Japan. Wendy Wu Tours’ tipping system on all Group Tours involves passengers contributing to a kitty, paid locally to the National Escort in RMB or USD, who then distributes the kitty to providers at points on your behalf. This avoids the need for you to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. Shown on each tour page is the estimated amount for each tour and this is com-
tinuous with our standard tipping. Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan and so a tipping kitty has not been suggested. Wendy Wu Tours can suggest appropriate amounts for Extensions, Private Tours, Tailor-Made holidays and Stopovers.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours is not in a position to ensure that no counterfeit or imitation goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets vis-
ited are paid for or are purchased. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer’s own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services un-
taken during free time is at the customer’s own discretion.

RESPONSIBILITY Wendy Wu Tours (hereafter called the Company) acts as a coordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all bookings and as agent for the suppliers of transportation and/or related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to baggage or property for any injury, illness or death on any of the tours specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the discretion.

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