

JEWELS OF CHINA & SINGAPORE

XI'AN - BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI - SINGAPORE



15 DAYS FROM

\$2799

  
per person twin-share

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This tour is designed for you to experience the best of China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries and modern architecture. Marvel at the thousands of Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of Forbidden City in the country's capital. Explore the beautiful gardens and canals of Suzhou, Hangzhou and Wuxi before immersing yourself in the bustling metropolis of Shanghai and Singapore.

Image: Marina Bay Singapore

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Images: 1. Forbidden City, 2. Great Wall, 3. Summer Palace, 4. Terracotta Warriors, 5. Bullet Train, 6. Wuxi, 7. Shanghai Disneyland, 8. West Lake

HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the 2200 year old **Terracotta Army** of China's first emperor
- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall of China**, near Beijing
- Uncover the mysteries of the **Forbidden City**, and walk in **Tiananmen Square**
- Sit by tranquil **West Lake in Hangzhou**, much admired by Marco Polo
- Stroll in one of the finest **Chinese gardens in Suzhou**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**
- Enjoy a city tour of **Singapore**

Day 5: Beijing (B, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall** at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 6,000 km long marvel. You will also visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonné factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, **The Golden Mask Dynasty** (\$75).

Day 6: Beijing (B, L)

Today tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors, followed by the **Panda House at Beijing Zoo** to see China's adorable national treasure – the giant panda. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage. Later, you can join an optional **Hutong Life Tour** (\$70), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or hutongs by pedicab or take a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. Cap off the day by attending a thrilling **Kung Fu Show** (\$75).

Day 1: Arrive in Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an via a connecting city. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest. **Note: Some flights may depart the night before. Singapore to Xian international flight sector is on Scoot.**

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

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

Day 3: Xi'an ✈ Beijing (B, L)

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

Day 4: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.

Day 7: Beijing 🚄 Wuxi (B, D)

Take a high speed train to Wuxi, an ancient city richly endowed with natural attractions due to its pleasantly warm and moist climate. Wuxi boasts a reputation of being the 'Land of Fish and Rice'. Enjoy the scenery as we pass by **Lake Tai**, the third-largest freshwater lake in China. This evening, go sightseeing around **Nanchang Street** and take a **cruise along the Grand Canal** (\$35) to view life along what was known as 'China's golden waterway' in its heyday. Then, take a stroll along the trendy pedestrian streets composed of both ancient and modern architecture.





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Day 8: Wuxi 🚗 Suzhou (B, L)

This morning visit one of the largest freshwater pearl exhibitions in the country. After lunch, travel by coach to Suzhou, an extraordinarily elegant city with its canals, stone bridges, and meticulously designed gardens. Suzhou has been referred to as 'Paradise on Earth' by Chinese poets and writers since ancient times. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is also known as 'Venice of the East'. It is also known as the 'Garden City' due to its many classical gardens, renowned for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. Visit the **Lingering Garden**, which is among the finest in China.

Day 9: Suzhou 🚗 Hangzhou (B, L, D)

This morning visit a silk spinning mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. After lunch, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the serene **West Lake**, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional open-air performance, **Impression West Lake** (\$80), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

Day 10: Hangzhou 🚗 Shanghai (B, L)

Experience tea-tasting at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantation**. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, a vibrant metropolis and the commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, it is the best place to recapture the Western influence on old Shanghai. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure strolling along the bustling shopping district centred on **Nanjing Road**. Tonight you can watch a thrilling **Chinese Acrobatic Show** (\$75).

Day 11: Shanghai (B, D)

After breakfast, visit **Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck** (88th floor) for a panoramic view of Huangpu River and the Bund. After lunch, head to the **Old Street** in the City God Temple area, symbolic of the large temple complex and surrounding traditional district of commerce in the city. Afterwards, you can cap off the celebrations by joining an optional **Huangpu River Cruise** (\$40) for a glimpse of a charming view of Shanghai. OR

Shanghai Disneyland Package (\$199): Newly opened in June 2016. Shanghai Disneyland showcases a never-before-seen world of wonder where you can ignite the magical dream within your heart and experience fun, adventure and thrills for guests of all ages! Includes standard Shanghai Disneyland admission and one transfer in each direction.

Note: Departure transfer is at a set time. If you prefer to stay behind at the resort, you must make your own way back to the hotel. You will need to forego the scheduled sightseeing for Day 11 (no refund payable) as the Shanghai Disneyland Package requires a full day. This package cannot be combined with other optional programs (Huangpu River Cruise) on this day.

DEPARTURES

2019	07-Jun	19-Jul*	30-Aug	11-Oct	
	14-Jun	26-Jul	06-Sep	18-Oct	
	21-Jun*	02-Aug	13-Sep*	25-Oct	
	28-Jun*	09-Aug	20-Sep*	01-Nov	
	05-Jul*	16-Aug	27-Sep*	08-Nov	
	12-Jul*	23-Aug	04-Oct*	15-Nov	
2020	27-Feb*	23-Apr	11-Jun	13-Aug	15-Oct
	05-Mar	30-Apr	18-Jun**	20-Aug	22-Oct
	12-Mar	07-May	25-Jun**	27-Aug	29-Oct
	19-Mar	14-May	02-Jul**	03-Sep	05-Nov
	26-Mar	21-May	23-Jul	10-Sep	12-Nov
	02-Apr*	28-May	30-Jul	17-Sep**	
	16-Apr*	04-Jun	06-Aug	08-Oct*	

*Peak season surcharge: \$300
 **School Holiday Surcharge \$400
 Single supplement: \$1000

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL/PER: Airfare included
- ADL/BNE: +\$200

INCLUSIONS

- Intl. economy airfares & taxes with Singapore Airlines
- 13 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- 13 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L), 5 Dinners (D)
- Xi'an to Beijing flight (operated by a local carrier)
- High-speed train from Beijing to Wuxi
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

EXCLUSIONS

- Compulsory prepaid tipping: \$120
- Optional programs
- China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$250
- Hotel w/breakfast: China: \$75 twin-share, \$150 single (Excludes private transfer: \$120 per way max. 3 ppl). Singapore: \$150/person/night (Includes seat-in-coach transfer)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel
Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North
Suzhou	Suzhou QingShan Hotel
Wuxi	Days Hotel Baile Wuxi
Hangzhou	Merchant Marco Garden Hotel
Shanghai	Howard Johnson Hongqiao Hotel
Singapore	Furama Riverfront Singapore

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (AUD)

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$75
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$70
Beijing	Chinese Kung Fu Show	\$75
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$35
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$80
Shanghai	Chinese Acrobatic Show	\$75
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$40
Shanghai	Disneyland Package (cannot be combined with Huangpu River Cruise)	\$199

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In an enviable location at the heart of Southeast Asia and on major shipping lanes of the global economy, Singapore is a huge draw for shoppers, business people, and foodies, and provides a true bridge between East and West. Once a haven for pirates, Singapore – the Lion City – became a first-world country in just one generation. One of the Asian 'Tiger Economies' of the 1980s and '90s (along with Japan, South Korea and Taiwan), Singapore is a regional centre for technological development, finance, and international trade.

Day 12: Shanghai ✈ Singapore (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Singapore, an island city-state off southern Malaysia. Singapore is a global financial center with a tropical climate and multicultural population. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 13: Singapore (B)

Explore the city by driving round the **Civic District**, passing by the **Padang, Cricket Club, historic Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall**. Next, stop at the **Merlion Park** and enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. Do not miss out this picture taking opportunity with The Merlion, a mythological creature that is part lion and part fish. Visit **Thian Hock Keng Temple**, one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before driving past Chinatown. Stop by a Local Handicraft Centre and observe craftsmen at work up-close. Proceed to the **National Orchid Garden**, located within Singapore Botanic Gardens, which boasts a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants. Our final stop, at **Little India**, will enchant you with the scent of joss sticks, jasmine and spices.

Note: This is a seat-in-coach tour, not private. Wait time for pick-up is around 5 minutes. If late, please make your own way to the destination.

Day 14: Depart Singapore (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Day 15: Arrive Home

Images: 8. Civic District Singapore, 9. Padang, 10. Supreme Court and City Hall, 11. Gardens by the Bay



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 YOUR TRAVEL AGENT



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