

## EN122 Beijing-Xi'an-Guilin-Hangzhou-Suzhou-Shanghai 14 Days

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Tour Code: EN122

The grand tour perfectly shows you a combination of neoteric China as well as Ming-Qing royal cultural relics - Beijing, the ancient fascination of China in Xi'an, and a breathtaking natural sceneries - Guilin. The following Suzhou and Hangzhou are the famous ones, which show you the picture of "Paradise on Earth". The last destination is Shanghai, a cosmopolitan, bustling city in China.

Tour Itinerary:

#### Day 01 USA-Beijing

Depart the USA for Beijing.

#### Day 02 Beijing (L)

On arrival, our guide will hold a welcome sign to meet you. You will be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax. If time permits, you will have a brief visit to Lama Temple.

#### Day 03 Beijing (B, L)

In the morning, you will take a half-day excursion to explore the incredible Forbidden City with its grand palaces and courtyards. Built in 1420, it was here that 24 emperors lived and ruled for over 500 years. The South Gate leads you to Tian'anmen Square - the biggest of its kind in the world. In the afternoon, you will go to the beautiful Summer Palace where you can discover gardens, palaces and pavilions with temples and halls in a tranquil, landscaped lakeside setting.

#### Day 04 Beijing (B, L)

In the morning, you will take a half-day guided visit to the awesome Great Wall of China. Here you can enjoy the stunning views as you stroll along this seemingly endless piece of history, which winds its way into the far distance. In the afternoon, you will go to the Ming Tomb, which took over 200 years to complete and walk along the Sacred Way, which means the road leading to heaven.

#### Day 05 Beijing-Xi'an (B, L)

In the morning, you will explore the Temple of Heaven which itself has become a symbol of the city. Here ancient emperor worshipped God and prayed for harvest. Then you have a tour through Beijing's historic alleyways (or hutong). During this you will be afforded an insight into the everyday life of Beijingers.

Then you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Xi'an, one of China's ancient capitals.

Upon arrival in the afternoon, you will visit the Great Mosque in the midst of a thriving Muslim quarter, which is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques. At this site, you can also see the famous Bell Tower.

### Day 06 Xi'an (B, L)

In the morning, you will have a full day visit of the world-famous Terracotta Warriors where life-sized infantrymen, archer, officers and their horses symbolically guard the tomb of the first Qin emperor. In the afternoon, you will continue your tour to the Wild Goose Pagoda, which is an important cultural relic and one of the remaining symbols of ancient Xi'an.

Xi'an's well-presented History Museum traces the city's development from the matriarchal societies of the third millennium BC to its apogee under the mighty Tang dynasty in the tenth century.

### Day 07 Xi'an-Guilin (B, L)

In the morning, you will visit the city Wall that still compasses the center of Xi'an. Then, you will be transferred to take the flight to Guilin. Upon arrival in the afternoon, you will meet the guide and visit Seven-Star Park and the Reed Flute Cave- a 790 feet deep dripstone cave which includes myriads of stalactites and stalagmites of dazzling colors.

### Day 08 Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin (B, L)

You take a boat cruise trip from Guilin along the Lijiang River for one of the finest excursions in your tour of China. The journey downstream to Yangshuo offers 30 miles of breathtaking scenery: clumps of bamboo trees line the shores, buffalo wallow in the shallow water, and children play beside their fathers who rake the river bed for reeds. En route, you will meet with villagers herding their cormorant birds along the river bottom in search of fish. Besides, lunch is served aboard. When arriving at Yangshuo, you will take a tour around town by bicycle to explore traditional village life: wandering through the rice fields and appreciating numerous karst peaks surrounding it.

### Day 09 Guilin -Hangzhou (B, L)

In the morning, you will be transferred to take the flight to Hangzhou where sightseeing focuses on the lovely gardens, lakes and terrific islands. Upon arrival in the afternoon, you will visit the Six Harmonies Pagoda, which is definitely a masterpiece of ancient Chinese architecture.

### Day 10 Hangzhou (B, L)

In the morning, you will have a cruise on the scenic West Lake including the Three Pools

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Mirroring the Moon. You also can visit the Su Causeway and the Flower Harbor Park. Then you will visit an old traditional pharmacy in the old city. In the afternoon, you will visit Six Harmonies Pagoda, which is definitely a masterpiece of ancient Chinese architecture, and a tea farm.

### Day 11 Hangzhou-Suzhou (B, L)

In the morning, you will have a cruise on the scenic West Lake including the Three Pools Mirroring the Moon. You also can visit the Su Causeway and the Flower Harbor Park. Then you will visit an old traditional pharmacy in the old city. After the visit, you will be transferred to the rail station, and an-hour train journey takes you to Suzhou, known as the Venice of the east.

### Day 12 Suzhou-Shanghai (B, L)

In the morning, city tour begins with visiting the Humble Administrator's Garden, which is followed by a trip to Silk Reeling Factory. In the afternoon, you will go on to appreciate the Lingering Garden which is on the list of the world heritage by UESCO. Then you will visit the Panmen Ancient City Gate with Ruiguang pagoda. Here you will enjoy an overlook of the Old Canal, the main trade artery that connected northern China and its south back during the old Dynasty time. At dusk, you will be transferred to the rail station and take the train to Shanghai.

### Day 13 Shanghai (B, L)

In the morning, you will meet the guide and pass through the old town as well as take a walk along the famous waterfront to fully appreciate this diverse city. Then you will visit the Shanghai Museum with its collection of ancient Chinese Art of bronze, ceramics, painting and calligraphy. This afternoon we will take you to visit the Yu Gardens, one of the best examples of traditional Chinese garden design in the country. Afterwards, you will have some time to stroll through Shanghai's Old Quarter and visit a local Buddhist temple.

### Day 14 Shanghai-USA (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your homeland.

Departure Date: January-December

Price:

Cost in USD \$ per person

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Travelling Party

Tour Cost Per Person

2-3 persons

\$ 2120

4-5 persons

\$ 1890

6-7 persons

\$ 1690

Service Included:

\* Entrance fees.

\* Meals as listed in the itinerary, B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=Dinner.

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- \* Private Car/Van for transfers & sightseeing and English-speaking Local Guide.
- \* Hotels deluxe/comfort class (Land category 4-star or 5 star by any possibility, twin share bases with breakfast).
- \* Trains and Flights as listed in the itinerary and Airport Taxes.

### Service not Included:

- \* Visa Fees and International flight.
- \* Gratuities, Tips to guides and drivers.
- \* Personal Expenses.
- \* Single Room Supplement.

### Note:

Prices are not valid by High Season and Chinese holiday periods, for e.g.: April 30th - May 3th, Sep 30th to Oct 7th, and Chinese New Year period which usually falls in End of January. With high season and main holidays the Price will increase. Price for Superior class hotels will be some higher and for middle class hotels will be some lower.

We thank you for your interest in the tour above. By questions please feel free to contact us. For a fast response, please submit a quick Reservation or Enquiry form below by clicking button "Enquiry", and we'll get back to you by e-mail within 24 hours.