Ultimate China

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The Offer

There's never been a better time to discover the modern marvels, ancient wonders and natural landscapes of China. This 21-day tour and cruise package has something for everyone, from the ultra-modern Shanghai to the peaceful landscapes that surround the Yangtze River and so much more.

Your adventure starts in Beijing where you'll experience the awe-inspiring Forbidden City (subject to availability) and imposing Tiananmen Square. Step foot on the majestic Great Wall of China, ride a thrilling high-speed train to Xi'an and be spellbound by the detailed craftsmanship of the Terracotta Warriors. Travel by high-speed train to Chengdu for a fascinating sightseeing tour, take a scenic cruise to the 71-metre UNESCO-listed Giant Buddha in Leshan and delve into Buddhist culture in enchanting Emeishan. Catch a flight to Lijiang to journey to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain for a full-day tour of snow-capped mountains, turquoise rivers and large colourful lakes.

Set off on a flight to historical Changsha and immerse yourself in the beauty of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the landscape used as the inspiration for the movie Avatar. Ride the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train to the Ten-Li Natural Gallery to witness the spectacular rock formations of this breathtaking valley. From Yichang, board the 'China Goddess No.2' and cruise the Yangtze River, the third longest river in the world, in a balcony cabin with a private ensuite. Along the way, you'll see Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge, Qutang Gorge and more. Disembark in Chongqing and board an onward flight to Shanghai for time at leisure to perhaps wander The Bund promenade or visit the Shanghai History Museum.

This unbelievable deal includes return international full-service flights, 3 internal flights, a 4-night river cruise, 15 nights of 4-star accommodation, 27 meals, English-speaking guides and more.

Please note:• This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.• As a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services if you do. This does not apply to days where there is specified time at leisure.• Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st

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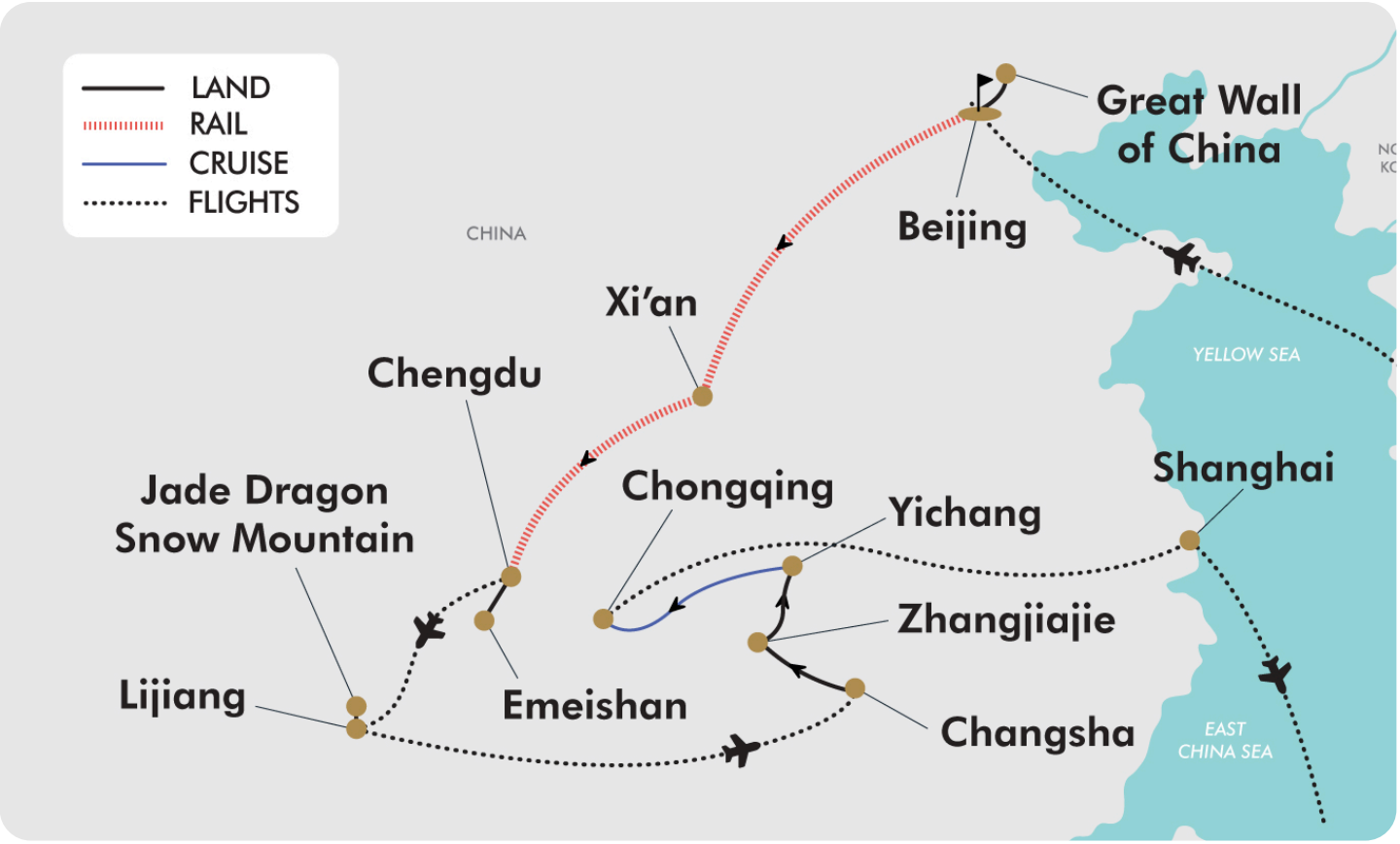
December 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

The Map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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) – Beijing, China

Today you'll depart Australia (or New Zealand) for Beijing, China. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Being the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing is the nation's political, economic and cultural centre. Located in north China, close to the port city of Tianjin and partially surrounded by Hebei Province, it also serves as the most important transportation hub and port of entry. As one of the six ancient cities in China, Beijing has been the heart and soul of politics throughout its long history and consequently, there is an unparalleled wealth of discovery to delight and intrigue travellers as they explore the city's ancient past and exciting modern development. Now it has become one of the most popular travel destinations in the world with about 140 million Chinese tourists and 4.4 million international visitors in a year.

Please note:

- *Some travellers may depart on Day 0.*
- *Some travellers may have an overnight layover in China with accommodation and transfers provided by the airline.*
- *Some travellers may have an overnight layover in an Australian city with airport accommodation provided (excluding transfers).*
- *Some travellers may arrive early in the morning of Day 2.*

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City (or Temple of Heaven)

After breakfast, your exploration of Beijing begins with a visit to a pearl factory where you can learn about cultivating fresh pearls. You'll then visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, before stopping by the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, was originally constructed by the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty, Yong Le Emperor Zhu Di, in the early 15th century. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420 but has been burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s onwards.

Optional Tour: Summer Palace and Beijing Zoo with Dinner

Take a trip to the majestic Summer Palace, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site and a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. The natural landscape of hills and open water is combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value.

Then head to the Panda House, the crown jewel of Beijing Zoo. Since the successful captive breeding of the first giant panda in 1963, and the world's first successful artificial insemination in 1978, the zoo has been at the forefront of panda conservation.

Finish with a delicious dinner experience that will allow you to savour authentic regional flavours.

Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Please note:

- *There is a daily limit on the number of tickets available for The Forbidden City, therefore entry cannot be guaranteed and is subject to availability. In the event that tickets can not be secured, a visit to The Temple of Heaven will be offered instead.*
- *The Temple of Heaven, founded in the first half of the 15th century, is a dignified complex of fine cult buildings that are set in gardens and surrounded by historic pine woods. In its overall layout, it symbolises the relationship between earth and heaven which stands at the heart of Chinese cosmogony and also recognises the special role played by the emperors within that relationship.*
- *Scheduling of attractions and activities may be alternated for the days in Beijing (Days 2 to 4).*

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, you'll travel to a jade museum to learn about the history of jade and observe skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as “Yu” and has a history of at least four thousand years in China.

You'll then take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China’s most renowned monument, the Great Wall. Along the way, you'll enjoy stopping for a delicious Peking Duck lunch which is one of Beijing's most famous dishes (vegetarian options will be available also). On arrival at the Great Wall, you'll visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections that are the most accessible and consequently, the most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China’s northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, a distance of more than 5,600 kilometres.

Optional Tour: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour of Beijing’s 700-year-old Hutongs area by old-fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family to experience the local customs and enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes visiting Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, Houhai and Xihai) which surround places of historic interest, scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences. Paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note:

- *Scheduling of attractions and activities may be alternated for the days in Beijing (Days 2 to 4).*
- *The old-fashioned pedicab operation may be suspended without prior notice and a replacement optional tour will be offered.*

Overnight: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an (High-Speed Train Experience)

After breakfast this morning, you'll make a stop at a traditional Chinese health centre where you’ll learn about acupuncture, herbal medicine, and other wellness practices integral to Traditional Chinese Medicine. Afterwards, you'll travel by high-speed train (or domestic flight) to Xian where, upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you to escort you to the hotel.

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Xi'an, located in central-northwest China, records the great changes of the country just like a living history book. Called Chang'an (the eternal city) in ancient times, it is one of the birthplaces of the ancient Chinese civilization in the Yellow River Basin area. As the eastern terminal of the Silk Road and the site of the famous Terracotta Warriors of the Qin Dynasty, the city has a reputation worldwide. More than 3,000 years of history, including over 1,100 years as the capital city of ancient dynasties, have endowed the city with an amazing historical heritage.

Please note:

- *High-speed train tickets are subject to availability, and if train tickets are unavailable a domestic flight will be provided in place of this. Train and/or domestic flight tickets will be distributed by your tour guide on arrival in China and in some cases you may find a domestic flight within China included in your attached international flight ticket.*
- *If you do not provide your passport details at least 60 days prior to departure, you may not be in the same train carriage or on the same train as your companions and other group members.*
- *Seating arrangements on high-speed trains consist of a row of 2 seats and a row of 3 seats. Due to this, TripADeal cannot guarantee you a seat right next to your travel companion on this journey.*
- *Scheduling of attractions and activities may be alternated for the days in Beijing (Days 2 to 4).*

Overnight: Metropark Huanyu Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Terracotta Warriors & Horses

The highlight today is visiting the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum. Unearthed near Xi'an, the thousands of life-size sculptures of soldiers, chariots and horses are considered a world wonder. With different facial expressions and weaponry adorning each soldier, the Terracotta Warriors were believed to have been created to accompany the Qin Emperor into the afterlife. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century so you're sure to be amazed by the scale of the Terracotta Warriors Army. Afterwards, you'll visit the Terracotta Warriors Reproduction Factory.

Overnight: Metropark Huanyu Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Xian - Chengdu (High-Speed Train Experience) - Chengdu Sightseeing Tour

Today you'll transfer to the Xian Railway Station for a high-speed train ride to Chengdu which will take approximately 4 hours.

Chengdu, the capital of China's southwest Sichuan Province, is famed for being the home of cute giant pandas. Located in the west of Sichuan Basin and in the centre of Chengdu Plain, the city covers a total area of 12.3 thousand square kilometres (4,749 square miles) with a population of over 11 million.

Upon arrival, you'll visit Kuanzhai Alley, one of Chengdu's three historic conservation districts. Constructed in 1718 during the early years of the Qing Dynasty, this charming pedestrian thoroughfare is home to an eclectic mix of classic Sichuan architecture, modern cafes and smart boutiques. As you explore, listen to commentary from your guide about the district's history

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and design while seeing how some of the city's old establishments (local restaurants, traditional teahouses and Chinese calligraphy demonstrations) sit alongside the new.

Overnight: Mercure Hotel Chunxi or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Chengdu - Leshan Giant Buddha – Emeishan Mountain

Enjoy the morning to relax or join an optional tour. Later in the morning, you'll travel to nearby Leshan where you will take a cruise to view the famous Leshan Giant Buddha. This UNESCO-listed statue stands at 71 metres tall and was built between 713 and 803, depicting Maitreya. It is carved out of a cliff face of Cretaceous red bed sandstone that lies at the confluence of the Min River and Dadu River, in the southern part of Sichuan Province.

Afterwards, you'll drive onwards to Emeishan City, located in the shadow of Mount Emei (Emeishan) which is the highest of the country's four sacred Buddhist mountains at 3099 metres. On arrival, you'll check into your hotel for an evening at leisure or you can join another optional tour.

Optional Activity: Giant Panda Breeding & Research Base of Chengdu

Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Emei Kung Fu Show

Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Hua Sheng Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Emeishan Sightseeing Tour – Chengdu – Lijang

This morning, enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in China as you walk through the Emeishan area. This is your chance to visit Bao Guo Temple, the largest temple at Emei Mountain and the centre of Buddhist activity of Emei Mountain.

Afterwards, you'll transfer to Chengdu Airport for an approximately 1.5-hour domestic flight to Lijiang. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel accommodation. Lijiang, an attractive tourist destination in Yunnan Province, is considered a fairyland blessed with fresh air, clear streams, breathtaking snowy mountains and an undisturbed landscape inhabited by friendly people. It exercises jurisdiction over four counties as well as an Old Town District. This is also the main region inhabited by the Naxi People, one of China's 55 minority ethnic groups.

Overnight: Xianghe No.1 Holiday Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

Today is your chance to discover some of China's most wild and beautiful mountain scenery on a full-day tour of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

After breakfast, you'll drive approximately 40 kilometres to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain where you will explore Ganhaizi Meadow and Baishuhe River. You'll take a cable car to Spruce Meadow and visit the Blue Moon Valley which is home to a turquoise river passing over the beautiful terraced valley, forming four large colourful lakes and dozens of miniature whitewater waterfalls.

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The mountain is the southernmost snow-capped mountain in China and is the ocean glacier nearest to the equator of all the snow mountains in Eurasia. Jade Dragon Snow Mountain has 13 peaks, stretching 35 kilometres from north to south, while Shanzidou, the main peak, is 5,596 meters above sea level. All year round, snow falls on the peaks which are frequently lost in clouds and fog. Looking from a distance, the mountain resembles a Jade Dragon, which is how it got its name.

After lunch, you will have the opportunity to join an optional activity before heading back to Lijiang. Along the way, you'll enjoy a stroll through Baisha Old Town, an enchanting traditional Naxi-style old town, and see the Baisha Mural.

Optional Activity: Impression Lijiang Ethnic Show

Directed by Zhang Yimou and held in Ganhazi Meadow about 3100 metres above sea level. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Xianghe No.1 Holiday Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Lijiang - Changsha

Today you'll transfer to Lijiang airport for an approximately 2-hour domestic flight to Changsha. This is the capital of central China's Hunan province and is a large city with a history dating to the Zhou dynasty (1046–256 B.C.). Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: Ramada Plaza Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Changsha - Zhangjiajie

If you were impressed by the Hallelujah Mountains in the film Avatar, you'll look forward to seeing the real ones in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park. There are approximately 243 peaks plus more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires in China's first National Forest Park. Scenes from the film come to mind when the peaks are caught in the right light or when the early morning mountain mist rolls in around them.

This morning, you'll drive to Zhangjiajie and take a one-way Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train to see one of the most famous attractions in the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the Ten-Li Natural Gallery. Here you'll see dense woods, fragrant flowers and impressive rock formations that make the valley seem like a natural art gallery. On both sides of the walking path, you might also see over 200 rocks that vividly mimic human and animal profiles. Many natural pictures formed on the precipices seem like paintings hanging on the cliffs.

Afterwards, you'll visit Gold Whip Stream, a brook at the foot of the towering mountains. The 400-metre-high cliff by Gold Whip Stream is spectacular and you'll have the chance to spot wild monkeys along the stream. You'll then finish the day at your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Best Western Plus Zhangjiajie or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Zhangjiajie Free Day

Today you'll enjoy the day at leisure or have the opportunity to join an optional full-day tour.

Optional Activity: Yuanjiajie Scenic Area & Bailong Elevator Ride

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This optional activity includes return rides on the Bailong Elevator which looks like a giant dragon soaring up to the sky. The Guinness World Records confirms it as the highest and fastest elevator with the maximum loading capacity in the world. The machinery might be a bit incompatible with nature but standing at its feet you will admire the power and wisdom of humankind. It reaches the mountain top in two minutes and you'll be shocked at the sight of the mountains before their eyes. Other major highlights in the Yuanjiajie Scenic Area include the Fields and Gardens in the Air, the No.1 Natural Bridge under Heaven, the Hanging Waterfall, Mihun Bridge and Tujia Village. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Charming Xiangxi Show

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large-scale dramatic musical with acrobatics. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Best Western Plus Zhangjiajie or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Zhangjiajie - Yichang

After breakfast this morning, enjoy a coach transfer to Yichang where you'll have the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Yichang Riverside No.1 Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Yichang - Yangtze River Cruise

After breakfast this morning, transfer to the Yangtze River to embark on your cruise onboard the 'China Goddess No.2' ship. Settle into your balcony cabin before preparing for the next day's sightseeing on the amazing Yangtze River. This river is thought of as the ancient pathway across China, spanning centuries of cultures and blending the best of the old and the modern.

Please note: Cruise staff may offer cabin upgrades and additional optional shore excursions when on tour. All offers are subject to availability and will be communicated and paid on tour.

Overnight: China Goddess No.2
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 15 Three Gorges Dam - Xiling Gorge

After breakfast, enjoy a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam. This 60-storey, mile-wide structure is a stunning example of human achievement and a hallmark of emerging China. You may also have the opportunity to join an additional optional shore excursion to the Three Gorges Tribe, river conditions permitting.

The 'China Goddess No.2' vessel departs upstream through the west section of Xiling Gorge in the late afternoon, the first of these dramatic slices through the surrounding mountains. The new reservoir has altered the landscape and, with more than a million people relocated, the scenery is now of a wild countryside which has inspired thousands of beautiful Chinese landscape paintings. Watch the fog move in as it appears to turn the mountains into ghostly sculptures before enjoying a gourmet Captain's Dinner for your evening meal.

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Overnight: China Goddess No.2
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Small Gorges – Qutang Gorge

This morning, a side excursion is offered into the Lesser Three Gorges where you will see the mighty Yangtze flows faster and has carved narrower and even more dramatic rising stone cliffs. While cruising, you can also spot the coffins of the Ba people that are suspended along an ancient plank road that hugs the cliff face.

Your cruise ship will then sail through the Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. Wu Gorge is 45 kilometres long and noted for its serene scenes full of zigzags, strange peaks, rising mists and beautiful sights. Meanwhile, Qutang Gorge, known for its splendid magnificence, is only 8 kilometres long.

Later in the afternoon, an additional optional shore excursion may be available (river conditions permitting) to White Emperor City and you may enjoy the “Return to the Three Gorges” Live Show in the evening. Tonight’s dinner features a feast of local cuisine and entertainment during your meal.

Overnight: China Goddess No.2
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Fengdu Xueyu Dong

This morning after breakfast, you'll experience an adventurous shore excursion to Fengdu Xueyu Dong. This ancient village of temples is full of shrines to gods of the underworld and visitors are said to be purified after they 'survive' the scares. Surrounded by misty mountains, this area was revered as a crossing-over point with a mix of the material and spiritual worlds.

Afterwards, an additional optional shore excursion is available (river conditions permitting) to the scenic Wulingshan Mountain range. The day then finishes with a Captain’s Farewell banquet dinner.

Overnight: China Goddess No.2
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 18 Chonqing - Shanghai

After breakfast, you'll disembark your cruise in Chongqing and transfer to Chongqing airport for your onward flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at Shanghai airport and then escort you to check in to your hotel.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Shanghai Free Day

Today is a free day to explore Shanghai at leisure or take part in an optional activity

Optional Tour: Half-Day Shanghai Tour

Join a half-day tour of Shanghai which includes visiting Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. The highlight of this tour is stopping by Yu Garden, boasting exquisite garden architecture that was believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Tour: Huangpu River Night Cruise

In the evening, take the opportunity to join an optional night cruise on the Huangpu River. Paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Please note: The order of Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 7 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Shanghai, China - Australia (Or New Zealand)

Today you will transfer to Shanghai airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand).

Please note:

- *Standard check-out time is 12:00 and luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later fights.*
- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later and additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day as they will be transferred to the airport the day prior.*
- *Some travellers may be required to fly home from Hangzhou airport so a transfer from Shanghai to Hangzhou will be arranged.*
- *Perth and Brisbane travellers may arrive back in Australia on the same day (Day 20)*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Tick the Great Wall of China off your bucket list
- Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the vibrant city of Shanghai
- Marvel at the ancient Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Xian
- Visit Kuanzhai Alley, one of Chengdu's three historic conservation districts
- Cruise to the Leshan Giant Buddha, a 71-metre statue built between 713 and 803 AC
- Visit Bao Guo Temple, the largest temple on Mount Emei and the highest of the country's four sacred Buddhist mountains
- Explore the beautiful city of Lijang which sits in the shadow of breathtaking snowy mountains
- Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, home to Shanzidou at 5596 metres above sea level
- Photograph the more than 243 peaks, 3,000 pinnacles and unique spires of Zhangjiajie National Forest
- Take a one-way ride on the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train
- Cruise the Yangtze River, the longest river in Eurasia and the third longest in the world
- Marvel at the 60-storey, mile-wide Three Gorges Damn on the Yangtze River

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- 3 internal flights within China

CRUISE

- Take a 4-night cruise along the Yangtze River
- Cruise aboard the 'China Goddess No.2' ship
- Stay in a private balcony cabin with an ensuite bathroom

ACCOMMODATION

- 15 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- 27 meals including all while cruising
- Indulge in a Captain's Farewell banquet dinner onboard your river cruise
- Enjoy a traditional Peking Duck lunch

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- 2 high-speed rail journeys

TRANSFERS

- Return airport and cruise port transfers

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase. Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.
On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us. If your plans change, you can receive a full refund (excluding credit card fees) if you cancel at least 12 months in advance to your scheduled departure date.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 4th November 2027.
This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of $2,250 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Perth, *Adelaide or *Auckland.

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane or Adelaide: $450 per person.
- Perth or Auckland: $600 per person.

International Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.

Please note:

- *TripADeal cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*
- *From Sydney or Melbourne, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 1 stop. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*
- *From Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 22 hours, with up to 2 stops. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and complimentary hotel accommodation will be provided.*

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- *If complimentary layover accommodation is provided the total journey times stated above will increase*
- *This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

Domestic Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy class.

Group Flights

Please note: Any flights used on this deal may be booked as part of a group ticket and therefore you may not be able to pre-select seats or request upgrades. We suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating or request and upgrade if available.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight on Day 1, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you will miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact TripADeal as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Arrive Early

Not available.

Stay Behind

Not available.

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Premium Economy: Not available.
Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- ***Flight upgrades must be purchased at the time of booking; they cannot be added after your flights have been ticketed.***

Cruise

China Goddess No.2 Ship

China Goddess No.2 cruise ship launched in November 2014. With the theme "Chinese Civilization, Three Gorges & Goddess Culture", the cruise is like a moving Three Gorges culture exhibition centre. On the ship, the passengers can enjoy not only the spectacular Three Gorges scenery but also the culture and stories of the China Goddess.

Cabins/Staterooms

Standard Cabin With Private Balcony: 25m^2

Includes

- Private Balcony.
- Private Ensuite.

Public Facilities

- Restaurant.
- Conference Room.
- Lounge.
- Elevator.
- Gym.
- Wi-Fi Access in Public Spaces.
- Non-Smoking Interior.
- Spa & Massage Facilities.
- Front View Stand.
- Well-Stocked Library.
- Cinema Room.
- Card Room.
- Indoor Swimming Pool.

Please note:

- *Cruise timetables are subject to change. Some cruise cabins may have restricted views, based on availability.*
- *Cruise staff may offer cabin upgrades and additional optional shore excursions when on tour. All offers are subject to availability and will be communicated and paid on tour.*

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Beijing: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar.
- Xian: Metropark Huanyu Hotel or similar.
- Chengdu: Mercure Hotel Chunxi or similar.
- Emeishan: Hua Sheng Hotel or similar.
- Lijang: Xianghe No.1 Holiday Hotel or similar.
- Changsha: Ramada Plaza Hotel or similar.
- Zhangjiajie: Best Western Plus Zhangjiajie or similar.
- Yichang Riverside No.1 Hotel or similar.
- Yangtze Cruise: China Godess No. 2.
- Shanghai: Shanghai Hongqiao West or similar.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

Important Information

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 18 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Two single or one queen (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

Optional Tours/Activities

- Summer Palace and Beijing Zoo with Dinner - 340 RMB per person.
- Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - 360 RMB per person.
- Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base of Chengdu - 280 RMB per person.
- Emei Kung Fu Show - 220 RMB per person.
- Impression Lijiang Ethnic Show - 360 RMB per person.
- Charming Xiangxi Show - 350 RMB per person.
- Half-Day Shanghai Tour - 240 RMB per person.
- Huangpu River Night Cruise - 280 RMB per person
- Yuanjiajie Scenic Area & Bailong Elevator Ride - 460RMB per person.

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements.
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer.
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer.
- Expected gratuities/tipping of $12 AUD per person, per day.
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Beijing

Beijing, the capital city of China, experiences a continental climate with four distinct seasons. Here's a breakdown of the climate in Beijing:

- Summer (June to August): Summers in Beijing are hot and humid, with temperatures often exceeding 30°C. July is the hottest month, with temperatures occasionally rising above 35°C. Thunderstorms are common during the summer months, bringing brief relief from the heat but also occasional heavy rainfall.
- Autumn (September to November): Autumn is one of the most pleasant seasons in Beijing, characterized by mild temperatures and clear skies. September can still be warm, but temperatures gradually decrease as the season progresses. This season is popular for tourism due to the comfortable weather and the colourful foliage.
- Winter (December to February): Winters in Beijing are cold and dry, with temperatures often dropping below freezing. December and January are the coldest months, with daytime temperatures averaging between -3°C to 4°C. Nighttime temperatures can drop well below freezing, reaching as low as -10°C or lower.

- Spring (March to May): Spring in Beijing is relatively short but marked by fluctuating temperatures and occasional dust storms. March can still be chilly, but temperatures gradually warm up by May. Spring is also a season of increased rainfall, which helps alleviate dry conditions but can also lead to occasional flooding. Beijing's climate is influenced by its inland location and surrounding mountains, which can result in temperature extremes between seasons. Additionally, air pollution, especially during the winter months, can be a concern in Beijing due to factors such as coal burning for heating and industrial emissions.

Chengdu

Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province in southwestern China, has a humid subtropical climate characterised by distinct seasons:

- Summer (June to August): Warm to hot and humid, with temperatures ranging from around 22°C to 32°C. Rainfall is more common during the summer months.
- Autumn (September to November): Mild and comfortable, with temperatures ranging from 15°C to 25°C. Autumn is generally a pleasant season with lower humidity.
- Winter (December to February): Cool and damp, with temperatures ranging from around 2°C to 12°C. It can be overcast during the winter months, and occasional light snowfall is possible.
- Spring (March to May): Temperatures start to rise, and the weather becomes more pleasant. Spring temperatures range from 10°C to 20°C.

Chengdu is known for its relatively mild and humid climate throughout the year. It experiences more rainfall in the summer, and occasional fog can occur during the winter months.

Yichang

Yichang is located in the Hubei Province of central China, along the Yangtze River. The city experiences a humid subtropical climate with distinct seasons:

- Summer (June to August): Hot and humid, with temperatures ranging from around 25°C to 35°C. July tends to be the warmest month.
- Autumn (September to November): Mild and relatively dry, with temperatures gradually decreasing. Autumn is a comfortable season, with temperatures ranging from 15°C to 25°C.
- Winter (December to February): Cool to cold, with temperatures ranging from around 0°C to 10°C. January is typically the coldest month.
- Spring (March to May): Temperatures start to rise, and the weather becomes more pleasant. Spring temperatures range from 10°C to 20°C.

Yichang, being situated along the Yangtze River, can experience some humidity, especially during the summer months.

Xian

Xian, located in central-northwest China, experiences a continental climate characterized by hot summers and cold winters. Here's a breakdown of the climate in Xian:

- Summer (June to August): Summers are hot and humid, with temperatures often reaching well above 30°C. July tends to be the hottest month, with temperatures occasionally exceeding 35°C. Thunderstorms are common during the summer months, bringing relief from the heat but also occasional heavy rainfall.
- Autumn (September to November): Autumn in Xian is generally mild and pleasant, with temperatures gradually decreasing. September can still be warm, but by November, temperatures start to drop significantly. This season is characterized by clear skies and less rainfall compared to summer.
- Winter (December to February): Winters are cold and dry, with occasional snowfall. December and January are the coldest months, with temperatures often dropping below freezing, especially at night. Daytime temperatures typically range from 0°C to 8°C, while nighttime temperatures can drop to around -10°C.
- Spring (March to May): Spring is short but pleasant, with temperatures gradually warming up. March can still be quite chilly, but by May, temperatures become more comfortable. Spring is also a season of increased rainfall, with occasional windy days.

Lijang

Lijiang, located in the Yunnan province of southwestern China, features a subtropical highland climate with mild, dry winters and warm, wet summers. Here's a breakdown of the climate in Lijiang:

- Summer (June to August): Summers in Lijiang are warm and rainy, with temperatures ranging from 15°C to 25°C on average. July and August are the wettest months, with frequent afternoon showers and occasional thunderstorms. Despite the rainfall, humidity levels are relatively low compared to other regions in China.
- Autumn (September to November): Autumn is generally considered the best time to visit Lijiang, with mild temperatures and clear skies. Temperatures gradually cool down from the summer highs, ranging from 10°C to 20°C on average. September marks the transition from the rainy season to drier conditions.
- Winter (December to February): Winters in Lijiang are mild and dry, with temperatures ranging from 0°C to 15°C on average. While snowfall is rare in the city centre, nearby mountain areas may experience occasional snow. December and January are the driest months, with little rainfall and plenty of sunshine.
- Spring (March to May): Spring brings warmer temperatures and increasing rainfall, especially in April and May. Daytime temperatures range from 10°C to 20°C on average, with occasional fluctuations. Spring is a beautiful time to visit Lijiang, as flowers bloom and the surrounding landscapes come to life.

Lijiang's climate is influenced by its high elevation and proximity to the Himalayas, which helps moderate temperatures throughout the year. The city's diverse geography also contributes to variations in

climate across different areas, with lower elevations experiencing warmer temperatures than higher-altitude regions.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation/Disembarkation

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required

Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with guided walks of up to 2 hours at a time. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival. You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities/Tipping

Land

Tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore expected. The expected tipping amount is $12 AUD or 60 RMB per person per day. While tipping is not mandatory, it is a common practice in China and a gesture of appreciation which is shared amongst the local guides, drivers and other staff members who have serviced your tour. The tipping amount can be paid in AUD or RMB to your expert tour guide in each region. As most tour guides in China consider tipping a part of their income, please don't feel intimidated should the tour guides approach you as they bid you farewell.

Yangtze Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged 150 RMB total for the 4-night cruise. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and

confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

China

Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st December 2026. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

Chinese Citizens

All Chinese passport holders are required to provide a clear copy or scan of their Chinese Resident Identity Card at least 4 weeks prior to departure. Additionally, you must carry your physical Resident Identity Card with you during your travels, in addition to your passport. It is important to note that certain major sites, such as The Forbidden City, strictly require a Chinese Resident Identity Card for all Chinese citizens in order to book tickets. Please be aware that if this ID is not provided in time, you may be unable to participate in these activities.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.