



Treasures of China

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The Offer

Discover the treasures of China on this fantastic 11-day travel package. Step into the country's rich ancient culture and stunning landscapes of Shanghai, Guilin, Zhangjiajie and more.

Arrive in Shanghai and travel west to Suzhou, the "Venice of the East". You'll see The Linger Garden, featuring ancient ornate pavilions among the bridges and canals. Go back in time 1000 years at Tangxi Ancient Town in Hangzhou, a historic water town built around the Grand Canal, with roots dating back to the Northern Song Dynasty (960–1127). Visit the enchanting West Lake Park, the pride of Hangzhou, and taste a traditional brew at Meijiawu Tea Village.

Return to Shanghai, the third biggest city in the world. While in the 'Magic City', expect delicious traditional food and Chinese architecture clashing with Art Deco and ultra-modern buildings, all in one place. Some free time in the city means you can escape to an ancient park, cruise the Huangpu River, explore the local markets or enjoy a walk along the Bund waterfront area (optional activities, extra charges may apply).

Experience some of China's most popular natural wonders in the destinations ahead, Zhangjiajie and Guilin. The breathtaking, towering rocky formations of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, in Hunan Province, inspired Hollywood director James Cameron for his 2009 hit *Avatar*. In Guilin, the city is framed by a dramatic landscape of limestone karst hills and two lakes, from a medieval-era moat that once surrounded the city. On Shanhu Lake's shore, see twin pagodas, the Sun and Moon, light up the sky at night.

This unforgettable experience includes return international full-service flights, a one-way domestic flight from Shanghai to Zhangjiajie, 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, a one-way high-speed rail trip from Zhangjiajie to Guilin and daily breakfast.

Want more? Optional experiences and tours can be added to your itinerary. They can be booked and paid for directly with the tour operator at the time of travel.

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

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is specified time at leisure. • The Chinese Government recently announced that Australian and New Zealand citizens will now qualify for Visa-free travel to China. This will commence on July 1, 2024, and apply to stays up to 30 days in China. Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

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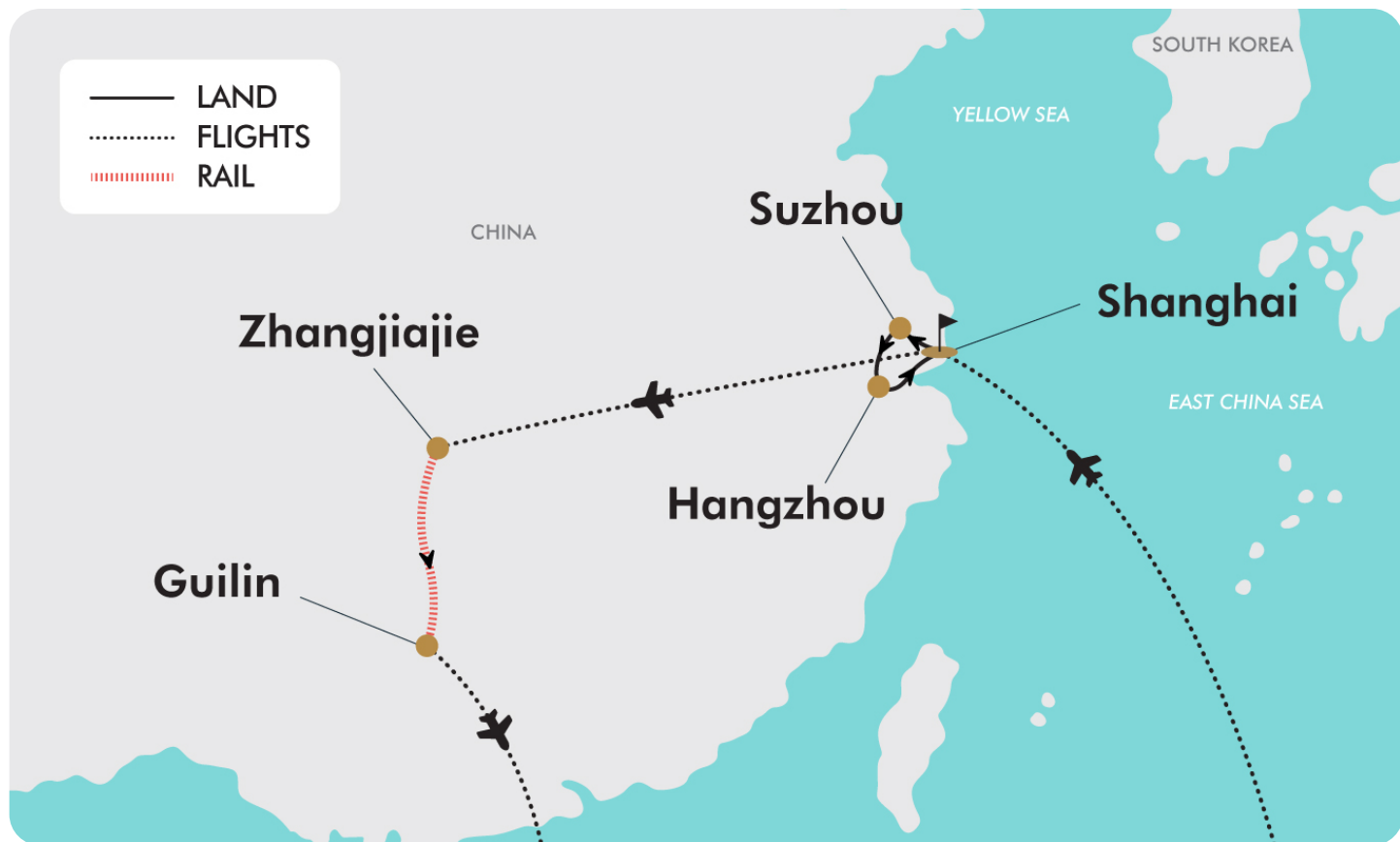
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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia – Shanghai – Suzhou

Today, depart Australia on your flight to Shanghai, China.

Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel in Suzhou.

Please note: Some travellers may depart on Day 0.

Overnight: Suyuan Hotel or similar, Suzhou

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Suzhou – Hangzhou

Established in 514 BC, Suzhou is often referred to as the 'Venice of the East' due to its intricate network of waterways.

Today, visit the Lingering Garden, which, along with other classical gardens of Suzhou, has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is celebrated for its exceptional landscaping and cultural significance.

Given China's distinguished heritage in silk production, a visit to a traditional Silk Spinning Factory has also been arranged.

Optional Activity: Cruise along the Historic Grand Canal

(Not included - booked and paid on tour)

Offers a unique perspective on life along this ancient Chinese waterway. Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Following the exploration of Suzhou, the journey will continue to Hangzhou (approximately a two-hour drive).

Upon arrival, visit Tangxi Ancient Town, which is over 1000 years old and historically served as a significant gateway along the water route to Hangzhou. The town's infrastructure was developed over a period exceeding five centuries, reflecting its enduring importance.

Overnight: Fubang International Hotel or similar, Hangzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Hangzhou – Shanghai

A visit to Hangzhou, widely regarded as the tea capital of China, would be incomplete without experiencing a traditional tea house.

First up, you will visit the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village, nestled in the scenic hinterland of West Lake Park. This location is esteemed as one of the most significant centres for Longjing Tea production in China.

Guests can immerse themselves in the natural surroundings and picturesque village landscape while gaining insight into the region's distinctive tea culture. At the Tea House, one can learn the art of Longjing Tea preparation, encompassing the processes of picking, pan-frying and appreciating the nuanced flavours through a tasting.

Following this, enjoy a tranquil boat excursion on West Lake, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering captivating views of Hangzhou's willow-lined islands.

Next, drive to Shanghai (approximately a two-hour drive) to explore the renowned Bund. The Huangpu River gracefully divides Shanghai into eastern and western districts. Contemporary, towering skyscrapers characterise the Eastern





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bank, while the Western side features distinguished European-style architecture. The Bund itself is a prominent five-block riverside promenade, home to many of Shanghai's historical banks and trading houses.

Optional Activity: Acrobatic Show

(Not included - booked and paid on tour)

Watch the superb and thrilling Chinese acrobatic show "ERA: The Intersection of Time". Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading Hotel or similar, Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Shanghai History Museum & Free Afternoon

This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai History Museum.

The Shanghai History Museum is a landmark institution that provides a comprehensive overview of Shanghai's history, from its ancient origins to its evolution into a modern metropolis. Enjoy some free time at leisure this afternoon, or join an optional half-day tour of Shanghai (not included, paid on tour).

Please note:

- *If the Shanghai History Museum is closed, a visit to Suzhou Museum will be provided in place of this visit on Day 2 of the tour.*
- *Due to time constraints, you may visit the famous Bund in the morning on Day 4.*

Optional Activity: Half-Day Shanghai Tour

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

Join a half-day tour of Shanghai, including Yu Garden, believed to have been built over 400 years ago. The exquisite garden architecture has made the garden one of Shanghai's highlights. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Optional Tour: Huangpu River Night Cruise

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional "Night Cruise on the Huangpu River" (not included - paid on tour). Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading Hotel or similar, Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Shanghai – Zhangjiajie

This morning, wake up very early for a flight to Dayong Airport in Zhangjiajie.

Were you impressed by the Hallelujah Mountains in the film Avatar? The real ones are in Zhangjiajie.

There are 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires in the national 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.

In 1982, Zhangjiajie National Forest Park became China's first National Forest Park. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and you will take a Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train (one-way) to see one of the most famous attractions in the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park: Ten-Li Natural Gallery. There are dense





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woods, fragrant flowers and grotesque rocks that make the valley seem like a natural art gallery. Over 200 rocks vividly mimic human and animal profiles on both sides of the walking path, extending deep into the valley. Many natural pictures formed on the precipices seem like paintings hanging on the cliffs.

Afterwards, visit Gold Whip Stream, a brook at the foot of the towering mountains. The 400-metre-high cliff by Gold Whip Stream is spectacular. One thing to watch out for is the wild monkeys along the stream.

Finish the day at your hotel for an evening at leisure.

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

Day 6 Free Day in Zhangjiajie

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join an optional full-day tour to see the nearby Yuanjiajie Scenic Area (not included - paid on tour).

Optional Tour: Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Full-Day Tour

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

Start the day with a ride up the famous Bailong Elevator, which looks like a giant dragon soaring up to sky.

The Guinness World Records confirms it as the world's highest and fastest elevator with the maximum loading capacity. 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 everyone will be shocked at the sight of the mountains before their eyes. Paddy fields and houses are visible among the green hillside. The

mountain trails here invite you to explore the area and enjoy the stunning vistas. Major highlights in Yuanjiajie Scenic Area includes the Bailong Elevator, Fields and Gardens in the Air, Number 1 Natural Bridge under Heaven, Hanging Waterfall, Mihun Bridge and Tujia Village. Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Optional Activity: Charming Xiangxi Show

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large-scale dramatic musical and acrobatics performance. Current price is available in the Important Information section.

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

Day 7 Zhangjiajie – Guilin (High speed train experience)

Early this morning travel to Zhangjiajie Railway Station for a high-speed train ride to Guilin (approximately a 7-hour ride). The city of Guilin is located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southern China, and is renowned for its breathtaking natural landscapes and unique karst topography, with dramatic limestone hills and towering peaks. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at Guilin Railway Station and transfer you to your hotel where you will check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note: Today, a light boxed breakfast will be provided due to the early start.

Overnight: Ramada High Tech Zone or similar, Guilin
Meals included: Breakfast





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Day 8 Guilin sightseeing

After breakfast, visit Chuanshan Park, one of the most famous attractions in Guilin.

The Li River offers a wealth of beautiful scenery, including the idyllic Chuanshan Park on the east bank, with the clear Xiaodongjiang River nearby. Chuanshan Park is renowned for its Cockfighting Hills, which are formed by Chuanshan Hill and Pheasant Hill. The two hills together resemble 2 birds itching for a fight. This afternoon will offer you free time to explore Guilin at your own pace.

Tonight, you could enjoy an optional Two Rivers and Four Lakes Scenic cruise.

Optional Tour: Two Rivers and Four Lakes Scenic Cruise

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

The Two Rivers and Four Lakes scenic area refers to the water loop consisting of the Li River, Peach Blossom River, Mulong Lake, Gui Lake, Rong Lake, and Shan Lake that encircle downtown Guilin. Taking a sightseeing boat to cruise this inner-city water loop, you will get the most beautiful scenes of the night in Guilin. Current price is available in the Important Information section.

Overnight: Ramada High Tech Zone or similar, Guilin

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Guilin Free Day

Today, enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join an optional full-day tour to see Yangshuo Ancient Town and the famous Li River.

Optional Tour: Yangshuo Ancient Town and the famous Li River

(Not included - booked and paid on tour).

With this optional tour, you will first drive to Yangshuo and visit Fuli Ancient Town. This old town has a history of 800 years, and it is particularly known as the artistic hub of the area, with traditional, colourful fans and scroll paintings. Along the cobbled alleyways that connect the town centre, you will find plenty of small factories making painted paper fans. Watch the intricate paper fans being made and hand-painted in this sleepy old town set on the banks of the Li River. Then take a bamboo raft to see the Li River. The rafts are built in the traditional design, which has been used on the river for centuries and is still employed by fishermen and farmers. Bamboo was originally used in construction, however these days the hull consists of 10 large plastic pipes fastened together. You will see why Yangshuo and the Li River offer some of the most extraordinary views on the planet. Enjoy an included lunch in Yangshuo and visit a local village to learn how local families and children live before returning to Guilin, where you will enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Current price is available in the Important Info section.

Overnight: Ramada High Tech Zone or similar, Guilin

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Guilin – Australia

Enjoy some free time to explore this beautiful city and transfer to Guilin Airport for your flight home.

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- *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 depart from Liuzhou Airport depending on flight availability. Transfer from Guilin to Liuzhou Airport will be provided.*
- *Some travellers may have a layover in Shanghai of 8 hours or more. Affected customers will be provided with a complimentary sightseeing tour before returning to the airport for their return flight home.*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 11 Arrive in Australia

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic boat ride on Hangzhou's picturesque West Lake
- Delve into the history of China at the Shanghai History Museum
- Explore the Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory in Suzhou
- Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village with tastings
- Visit Tangxi Ancient Town, which is over 1000 years old
- Marvel at the 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires of Zhangjiajie National Forest
- Marvel at Hallelujah Mountain, the inspiration behind the Hallelujah Mountains in Avatar
- Take a one-way ride on the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train
- Visit Chuanshan Park on the east bank of the Li River in Guilin
- Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Guilin and the breathtaking limestone mountains
- Enjoy a high-speed rail experience from Zhangjiajie to Guilin

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- One-way internal flight from Shanghai to Zhangjiajie

ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- One-way high-speed rail experience from Zhangjiajie to Guilin

TRANSFERS

- Return airport 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.

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.

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 15th of March 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 42 per vehicle.

This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

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.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$730 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 or Melbourne.

International Full-Service Flight(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We 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 journey to your destination may take up to 25 hours, with up to 1 stop. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and either a complimentary city tour or hotel accommodation will be provided depending on length of the layover and time of day.*

- *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.*

Internal Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Internal Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person

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- 1 x 20kg of checked baggage
- 1 x 7kg of carry-on baggage

Group Flights

Please note: Any flights used on this deal may be booked as part of a group ticket. Group tickets do not allow for any customisations including upgrades, seat selection or paid seating options. Any customisations would need to be requested at the airport upon check-in.

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Not available

Stopover Packages

Not available

Flight Class Upgrades

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.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, 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 miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Suzhou: Suyuan Hotel or similar, Suzhou
- Hangzhou: Fubang International Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading Hotel or similar
- Zhangjiajie: Best Western Plus Zhangjiajie or similar
- Guilin: Ramada High Tech Zone 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.

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.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

- Grand Canal Cruise - 220 RMB per person
- ERA and the Intersection of Time Show - 390 RMB per person
- Half-Day Shanghai Tour - 240 RMB per person
- Huangpu Night Cruise - 280 RMB per person
- Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Day Tour - 460 RMB per person

- Charming Xiangxi Show - 350 RMB per person
- Two Rivers & Four Lakes Scenic Cruise - 280 RMB per person
- Yangshuo Ancient Town and the famous Li River - 550 RMB 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 require minimum numbers to operate.*

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 of \$12 per person per day for land tour
- 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

Gratuities/tipping

Tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore expected. The expected tipping amount is \$12 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.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

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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

Shanghai

Shanghai experiences a pleasant autumn from September to November, which is often considered one of the best times to visit the city. Here's a breakdown of what you can expect:

September

Temperature: The weather in early September can still feel like summer with average temperatures ranging from 23°C to 29°C (73°F to 84°F). By mid and late September, it gradually becomes cooler. **Rainfall:** Rainfall decreases in September

compared to the summer months, with an average of around 80-90 mm of precipitation spread over approximately 8-10 rainy days.

Sunshine: You can expect a good amount of sunshine, with average daylight hours around 12.4 hours.

What to wear: In early September, summer clothes are still suitable. By late September, it's advisable to bring a light coat or sweater for the cooler evenings and mornings.

October

Temperature: October sees a significant drop in temperature, with average temperatures ranging from 18°C to 24°C (64°F to 75°F). The weather becomes decidedly autumnal.

Rainfall: October is one of the drier months with average rainfall decreasing to around 50-60 mm over about 7 rainy days.

Sunshine: Expect mostly sunny days with clear skies and pleasant sunshine.

What to wear: Long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, and light jackets are recommended for October.

November

Temperature: November brings cooler temperatures, with averages ranging from 12°C to 18°C (54°F to 64°F). There's a noticeable temperature difference between day and night.

Rainfall: November remains relatively dry with average rainfall around 50-60 mm spread over approximately 7-8 rainy days.

Sunshine: While the days become shorter, you can still expect a fair amount of sunny or partly cloudy days.

What to wear: You'll need warmer clothing in November, such as sweaters, thicker jackets, and even a light coat, especially towards the end of the month.

Guilin

Autumn in Guilin, from September to November, is widely regarded as the best time to visit due to the pleasant weather and stunning scenery. Here's what you can expect:

September

Temperature: September is still warm, with average temperatures ranging from 21°C to 30°C (70°F to 86°F). Early September can still have some lingering summer heat.

Rainfall: Rainfall decreases significantly in September compared to the summer months, with an average of around 80-100 mm of precipitation over approximately 8-10 rainy days.

Sunshine: You can expect a good amount of sunshine with clear or partly cloudy days.

What to wear: Light and breathable clothing is suitable for most of September. You might need a light jacket for cooler evenings.

October

Temperature: October brings comfortable and mild temperatures, ranging from 16°C to 27°C (61°F to 81°F). This is considered ideal weather for outdoor activities.

Rainfall: October is one of the driest months in Guilin, with average rainfall around 80-90 mm spread over about 10 rainy days.

Sunshine: Expect plenty of sunny days and clear skies, perfect for sightseeing and photography.

What to wear: Light layers are ideal for October, such as long-sleeved shirts, light sweaters, and a jacket for cooler mornings and evenings.

November

Temperature: November sees a further drop in temperature, with averages ranging from 11°C to 20°C (52°F to 68°F). While still mild, it signals the approach of winter, and there can be a significant temperature difference between day and night.

Rainfall: November is also relatively dry, with average rainfall around 60-70 mm over approximately 9 rainy days.

Sunshine: You can expect a mix of sunny and cloudy days. The skies are generally clearer than in the summer months.

What to wear: You'll need warmer clothing in November such as sweaters, jackets, and long trousers. A padded jacket or wool sweater might be necessary towards the end of the month, especially for the

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evenings.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

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 90 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.

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

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

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.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

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).

Payments & Currency On Tour

Visa/MasterCard/Amex can only be used at some hotels and is not often accepted in local restaurants and supermarkets.

Whilst WeChat and Alipay are commonly used payment platforms in China at most businesses, some travellers can experience issues due to internet accessibility and other technical difficulties.

Cash is still widely accepted in China and

most people still use cash on a daily basis. Therefore we recommend taking cash in either RMB (local currency) or AUD and the tour guides can assist with currency exchange in China if required.

Optional tours and tipping can be paid in RMB or AUD on tour and credit card and Alipay/WeChat are not accepted.

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

The Chinese Government has announced that Australian and New Zealand citizens will now qualify for Visa-free travel to China. This will commence from the 1st of July 2024 and apply for stays up to 30 days in China (from the day of arrival into China until the day you leave China). Eligibility criteria will apply. Please consult Smart Traveller and your nearest Chinese consulate for up-to-date eligibility criteria and information.

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.*

Important 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 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 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.