

BEIJING ● XI'AN ● HANOI ● NINH BINH

## The Offer

Embark on an extraordinary 19-day adventure, seamlessly blending the ancient wonders of China with the breathtaking beauty of Vietnam!

Your journey begins in Beijing, exploring the majestic Tiananmen Square and the historic Forbidden City or Temple of Heaven, before marvelling at the colossal Great Wall of China. Travel to Xi'an by high-speed train, where you'll come face-to-face with the legendary Terracotta Warriors – a truly unforgettable sight.

Next, fly to Guilin, a region famed for its dramatic karst landscapes. Discover the unique Cockfighting Hills at Chuanshan Park, and consider an optional cruise along the enchanting Li River or a full-day tour to Yangshuo Ancient Town, renowned for its vibrant fan paintings.

Discover the spectacular Ban Gioc - Detian Waterfalls, Asia's largest transnational waterfall, before crossing the border into Vietnam. Explore the geological marvels of Nguom Ngao Cave and the unique stone houses of Khuoi Ky Stone Village in Cao Bang. Your adventure continues in Hanoi, Vietnam's ancient capital, where you'll delve into local life with a walking tour visiting a local market, the picturesque West Lake and more.

Finally, immerse yourself in the natural grandeur of Ha Long Bay on an overnight traditional junk cruise, before discovering the stunning limestone karsts of Tam Coc by bamboo boat. This comprehensive tour promises a captivating blend of history, culture and natural beauty.

This 19 day packages includes return international full service flights, a domestic flight, an overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay, 16 nights of 4 star hotel accommodation, 22 meals including daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 1 dinner, plus more.

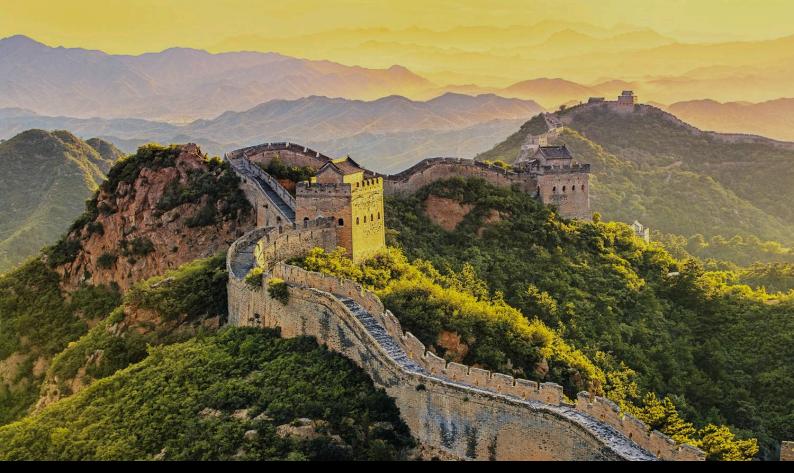
Want more? Add optional experiences & tours to your itinerary while on tour.

#### Please note:

• This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.

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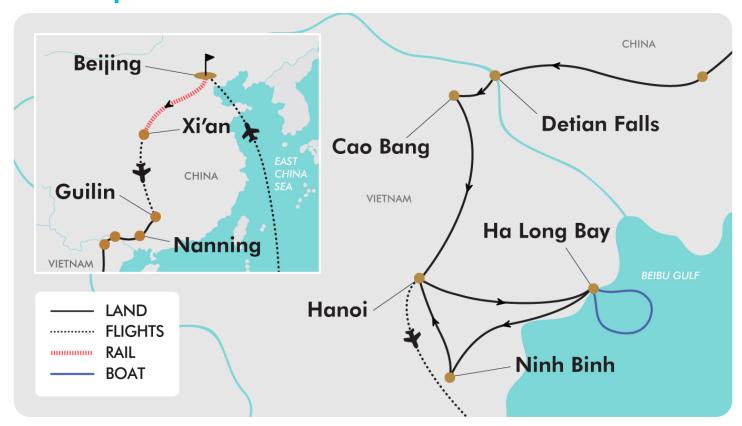
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- As a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services if you do. This does not apply to days where there is specified time at leisure.
- The Chinese Government has recently announced that Australian and New Zealand citizens will now qualify for Visafree travel to China. Please see important information for more details.

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# The Itinerary

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

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

#### 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: Ramada Hotel North or similar, Beijing 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 to gain a little knowledge of fresh pearls. Then visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, followed by the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City (subject to availability). The Forbidden City, known officially as The Palace Museum, was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420, but was burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards. Finish the day back at your hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, or alternatively take part in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: The Golden Mask Dynasty

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large-scale dramatic musical, 'The Golden Mask Dynasty.' Please see current pricing in Important Information. Not included, paid on tour.

#### Please note:

- Scheduling of attractions and activities may be alternated for the days in Beijing (Days 2 to 4).
- 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.

Overnight: Ramada Hotel North or similar, Beijing Meals included: Breakfast





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#### Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, as you travel to the Great Wall this morning, stop at a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu" and has a history of at least four thousand years in China. Observe skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs. Afterwards, take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently 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. Finish the day back at your hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, or alternatively take part in an optional activity.

#### Optional Tour: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour of Beijing's 700 year old Hutongs (narrow lanes) area by old-fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family living in a courtyard style home to experience the local customs, including a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes a visit to Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences. Please see current pricing in Important Information. Not included, paid on tour.

Please note: Scheduling of attractions and activities may be alternated for the days in Beijing (Days 2 to 4)

Overnight: Ramada Hotel North or similar, Beijing Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an

After breakfast, 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. Next, travel by high-speed train to Xi'an. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and then escort you to check into the hotel.

#### Please note:

- 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 arrangement on high-speed trains consists of a row of 2 seats and a row of 3 seats. Due to this, we 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, Xi'an Meals included: Breakfast

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#### **Day 5 Terracotta Warriors & Horses**

The highlight today is a visit to 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. You will be amazed by the scale of the Terracotta Warriors Army. Enroute, visit the Terracotta Warriors Reproduction Factory.

Finish the day back at your hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, or alternatively take part in an optional activity.

Optional Tour: Xi'an At Night with Grand Tang Dynasty Ever-Bright City & Dinner

Tonight, first enjoy an early dinner with local cuisine at a local restaurant. Then head to Grand Tang Dynasty Ever-Bright City, a large-scale Tang style architectural complex pedestrian street in China with the background of the prosperous Tang culture, and is a landmark scenic spot in Xi'an. As the top destination for showcasing and experiencing Tang culture in Xi'an, it has attracted a large number of tourists with its unique Tang culture and rich cultural, artistic, and technological exhibitions. Datang Everbright City is brightly lit at night, with antique style buildings shining brilliantly between the turns of light and shadow, recreating the magnificent Tang Dynasty. On the way back to the hotel, look out for the Ancient City Wall, another highlight of the nightlife in Xi'an. Please see current pricing in Important Information. Not included, paid on tour.

Overnight: Metropark Huanyu Hotel or similar, Xi'an Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 6 Xi'an - Guilin

Today after breakfast, transfer to Xi'an Airport for your onwards flight to Guilin.

Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and then escort you to check into the hotel.

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

#### Day 7 Guilin Sightseeing

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

Chuanshan Park is located near the east bank of the Li River, offering idyllic scenery including the clear Xiaodongjiang River passing by. Chuanshan Park is famous for its Cockfighting Hills, formed by Chuanshan Hill and Pheasant Hill. The two hills together resemble 2 birds itching for a fight.

This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Guilin at your own pace.

Alternatively, take part in an optional cruise this evening (not included).

#### Optional Activity: Two Rivers & Four Lakes Scenic Cruise

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 enclose the downtown Guilin. A sightseeing cruise through this inner-city

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water loop provides beautiful scenes of Guilin at night. Please see current pricing in Important Information. Not included, paid on tour.

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

#### **Day 8 Guilin Free Day**

Today, enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join an optional full-day tour.

Optional Activity: Yangshuo Ancient Town & Li River

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's particularly known as the artistic town 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 plied the river for centuries and is still used by fisherman 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. Please see current pricing in Important Information. Not included, paid on tour.

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

#### Day 9 Guilin - Nanning

After breakfast enjoy an approximately 4 hour scenic drive to Nanning, the Capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Upon arrival visit Sanjie LangXi'ang Shopping area, featuring a blend of ancient architecture and modern commerce. It's a place where visitors can wander through its narrow alleyways and encounter quaint shops and homes that reflect the region's rich cultural heritage. This area is not just about history; it's alive with local customs and delicious street food, making it a perfect spot for both shopping and sightseeing.

Finish the day at your hotel accommodation in Nanning.

Overnight: Vienna Hotel Nanning Jiangnan Wanda or similar, Nanning

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 10 Nanning - Ban Gioc/Detian Waterfalls, China - Cao Bang, Vietnam

Enjoy an early departure for the Ban Gioc - Detian Waterfalls and experience the ultimate sightseeing. Straddling the China-Vietnam border, Detian Waterfall is ranked as the largest transnational waterfall in Asia. Comprised of three levels, this is one of the most scenic and photogenic waterfalls with the towering karst peaks and trees as background.

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Here you can take a bamboo raft to admire the lower layer of the fall and feel the spray from the falls. There are several viewing platforms along the riverside. Your guide will lead you to admire the grand waterfall from different angles and distances, allowing you to take some amazing photos.

Later in the afternoon drive to the Trà Lĩnh border where you will go through China and Vietnam Immigrations with your luggage. Your tour guide will greet you at the arrival area on the Vietnam side to begin the Vietnam section of your tour. Travel onwards to the town of Cao Bang and check into your hotel where you will enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note: You will visit Detian Waterfalls on the Chinese side of the China-Vietnam border.

Overnight: Muong Thanh Luxury Cao Bang Hotel, or similar, Cao Bang

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 11 Cao Bang Sightseeing

In the morning, go on a sightseeing tour of the Cao Bang province. Travel along the Ma Phuc Pass to your first stop, Nguom Ngao Cave, a massive cave system with stunning stalactites and stalagmites. Afterwards, travel to Khuoi Ky Stone Village which is located in a picturesque setting within the mountains and preserves the cultural beauty and spiritual values of the Tay ethnic group that reside there. Here the houses are built entirely of stone and roofed with traditional yin-yang tiles. Stone is the main material in the daily life of the Tay people and according to their concept, stone is a sacred object, carrying the meaning of protection for the villagers.

Afterwards, enjoy a delicious local lunch, then travel onwards to Chùa Phật Tích Trúc Lâm (Truc Lam Meditation Monastery), a nearby Buddhist temple with amazing views of the nearby waterfalls and mountains. Finish the day back in Cao Bang, where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note: To visit the Truc Lam Pagoda, you will need to climb approximately 400 steps; however, this is not mandatory.

Overnight: Muong Thanh Luxury Cao Bang Hotel, or similar, Cao Bang

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 12 Cao Bang - Hanoi

Enjoy breakfast before checking out mid-morning for your journey to Hanoi, the ancient capital of Vietnam, arriving at your hotel in the evening.

Today's travel time is approximately 280 kilometres or 5.5 hours.

Overnight: Flower Garden Hotel or similar, Hanoi Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 13 Hanoi Walking Tour - Free Afternoon

This morning a enjoy walking tour to discover real life in Hanoi. Visit a local market and mingle with the vendors, stroll around the picturesque West Lake and enter Quan Thanh, a sacred Taoist temple and Cua Bach Parish Church, a Roman Catholic church built in the early 20th century by the French administration and one of the most beautiful in Hanoi.

Afterwards enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore this fascinating city.

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Overnight: Flower Garden Hotel or similar, Hanoi Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Hanoi – Ha Long Bay

This morning, depart Hanoi and journey past farmlands and rice paddy fields to Ha Long Bay (approximately 190 kilometres). Embark on board your traditional junk-style vessel for an overnight cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Ha Long Bay. Settle into your deck chair and cruise through the picturesque emerald waters, marvelling at the towering limestone karst islands.

Enjoy a lunch before participating in some afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for fantastic panoramic views, or taking a boat into a secluded bay. Cruise further into the bay to visit a Pearl Farm before watching a traditional Vietnamese cuisine cooking demonstration, followed by dinner on board. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks.

Please note: Packing an overnight bag only for your cruise is recommended. The rest of your luggage will be securely stored, or you can take all your belongings if you'd prefer.

Overnight: Le Journey Cruise or similar, Ha Long Bay Meals included: Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner

#### Day 15 Ha Long Bay - Ninh Binh

Early risers can take part in a Tai Chi session on the sundeck. After breakfast, climb aboard the tender for a visit to Sung Sot Cave (Surprise Cave), a colourful grotto of giant stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the boat and enjoy a short cooking class where you will learn to prepare local delicacies such as spring rolls. Enjoy a light brunch on board, followed by a relaxing trip back into port, where you will disembark and travel onwards to Ninh Binh province by bus (approximately 4 hours distance).

Upon arrival in Ninh Binh, check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: The Reed Hotel or similar, Ninh Binh Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 16 Ninh Binh Sightseeing

This morning you will depart to Tam Coc, in the Ninh Binh province, enjoying the beautiful scenery along the way. Upon arrival, your guide will take you to Hoa Lu, the ancient royal capital of Vietnam. Here you will visit

the King Dinh and King Le temples from the 10th Century, learning about the heroic histories of these two kings during the Chinese wars.

Afterwards, continue to Tam Coc where you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, enjoy a bamboo boat ride on the Hoang Long River to see Tam Coc (three caves). It takes approximately two hours to go up and down the river and along the way you witness local fisherfolk, village life, and of course, the striking limestone karst formations that Tam Coc is famous for.

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In the early evening, arrive at the hotel where you will enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: The Reed Hotel or similar, Ninh Binh Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 17 Ninh Binh - Hanoi

After breakfast, return back to Hanoi with a stop at Phat Diem Church along the way to admire its architectural beauty.

Overnight: Flower Garden Hotel or similar, Hanoi Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 18 Hanoi, Vietnam - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today brings to an end your Vietnam journey. At the appropriate time, receive a transfer to Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport for your onward flight to Australia.

Please note: Standard check-out time is 11:00, and luggage storage is available at the hotel if you have a flight departing later in the evening (charges may apply).

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 19 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None

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## **Tour Inclusions**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Experience the welcoming hospitality and culture of China & Vietnam

Visit the impressive Tiananmen Square in Beijing

Step back in time at the magical Forbidden City or the Temple of Heaven (subject to availability)

Walk along the remarkable Great Wall of China

Marvel at the ancient Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Xi'an

Witness the incredible vistas of mountains, rice paddies and local houses

Visit Chuanshan Park, located near the east bank of the Li River in Guilin

Visit the beautiful Ban Gioc - Detian Falls which straddle the border of Vietnam and China

Admire the mountains from Truc Lam Meditation Monastery

Enjoy a walking tour through a remote and indigenous mountain village in North Vietnam

Explore the vast Nguom Ngao cave, home to stunning stalactites and stalagmites

Discover the buzzing sights and sounds of Hanoi on a guided walking tour

Sail among the tranquil waters and limestone islands of Ha Long Bay

Visit the 10th-century King Dinh and King Le temples in Hoa Lu, the ancient royal capital of Vietnam

Enjoy a bamboo boat ride at Tam Coc to admire the remarkable rivers, caves and limestone karsts of the region

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

One way internal flight from Xi'an to Guilin

#### **CRUISE**

Overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

16 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

#### **DINING**

Enjoy 22 meals including daily breakfast, 4 lunches & 1 dinner

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

High-speed train between Beijing and Xi'an

#### **TRANSFERS**

All train & airport transfers



\*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 <u>General Terms and</u> <u>Conditions</u> 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 nonrefundable: 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.

#### **Offer Essentials**

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 5th November 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1,250 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.

#### **Age Policy**

This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.

#### **Flights**

#### **Departure Cities**

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

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

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

#### International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

#### Domestic Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Xi'an to Guilin

#### **Domestic Flight Information**

Baggage allowance per person 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.

**Preferred Airline Surcharge** 

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Not available.

#### **Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options**

Not available.

#### **Stopover Packages**

Not available.

#### Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class ex Sydney or Melbourne: \$5,600 per person (available at checkout) Business Class ex Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth: \$6,700 per person (available over the phone)

Business Class ex Auckland: \$7,250 per person (available over the phone)

#### 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)
- Beijing, China: Ramada Hotel North or similar

- Xi'an, China: Metropark Huanyu Hotel or similar
- Guilin, China: Ramada High Tech Zone or similar
- Nanning, China: Vienna Hotel Nanning Jiangnan Wanda or similar
- Cao Bang, Vietnam: Muong Thanh Luxury Cao Bang Hotel or similar
- Hanoi, Vietnam: Flower Garden Hotel or similar
- Ninh Binh, Vietnam: The Reed Hotel or similar

#### No Star Rating

 Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise: Le Journey Cruise 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**

- Beijing: Day 2: The Golden Mask Dynasty - 350 RMB
- Beijing: Day 3: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - 330 RMB

- Xi'an: Day 5: Xi'an At Night with Grand Tang Dynasty Ever-Bright City & Dinner -220 RMB per person
- Guilin: Day 7: Two Rivers & Four Lakes
   Scenic Cruise 280 RMB per person
- Guilin: Day 8: Yangshuo Ancient Town & 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 or shore excursions 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/tipping
- 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**

#### Land - China

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.

#### Land - Vietnam

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the

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services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 AUD per person per day in local currency. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

#### 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

The capital of China, Beijing, experiences a temperate, continental monsoon climate (Köppen Cwa), characterised by four well-defined seasons. Winters (December to February) in Beijing are cold and dry, with occasional snowfall. Spring (March to May) brings a rapid increase in temperature. Summers (June to August) are hot and humid, with the majority of the year's rainfall concentrated in July and August. Autumn (September to November) is widely regarded as the most pleasant season, offering clear skies, comfortable temperatures, and vibrant foliage.

#### Guilin

Nestled in southern China, Guilin boasts a monsoon-influenced humid subtropical climate (Köppen Cfa, bordering on Cwa). This translates to short, mild winters and long, hot, and very wet summers. The city's defining climatic feature is its substantial rainfall, particularly during the plum rain season from April to June. This moisture contributes to the region's lush, karst landscapes. Spring and autumn offer pleasant temperatures and are considered the best times to visit, although rain is still a possibility. Summers are hot and humid, while winters are generally mild and damp.

#### Hanoi

Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, lies in a humid subtropical climate zone (Köppen Cwa) with a distinct monsoon influence. This results in two main seasons: a cool, dry winter and a hot, wet summer. The winter monsoon, from November to March, brings cooler and drier conditions, though it can still be overcast and drizzly at times. The summer monsoon, from May to October, is characterised by high temperatures, heavy rainfall. The shoulder seasons of spring (April) and autumn (October and November) offer a pleasant transition with more moderate temperatures and reduced rainfall.

#### 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**

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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.

#### **Dietary Requests**

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

#### **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!

A moderate level of fitness will be 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 must 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.

#### 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 <a href="Terms and Conditions">Terms and Conditions</a> regarding shopping for further information.

#### Visas

#### China

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

#### **Vietnam**

Australian passport holders are eligible to apply online for a single entry electronic visa (e-visa), valid for up to a maximum of 90 days. Lodge your application online (for a non-refundable fee) with the Vietnamese National Web Portal of Immigration. You will be given a unique code to track your visa application status. Once your visa is granted, you must print it out and present it at check in. Keep this e-visa print out with you at all times during your travel in Vietnam.

Some private online visa services and travel agents have scammed travellers or been involved in the public disclosure of the personal information of applicants for

visas and 'visa issued on arrival' approval letters. To avoid such scams, only use official Government of Vietnam services to arrange your visa. Visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as currency, customs and quarantine regulations) change regularly. Contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Vietnam for up-to-date information.

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#### 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 <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>

#### **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 nonrefundable 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.

