



Bucket List China & Japan

BEIJING ● SHANGHAI ● NIIGATA ● HAKODATE

The Offer

Unlock the secrets of two of Asia's most captivating nations on this once-in-a-lifetime journey to China and Japan. Travel from Beijing to Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai to discover China's iconic landmarks. Then, explore the refined traditions and stunning landscapes of Japan's west or east coast on board an 8-night Royal Caribbean cruise.

The adventure begins in China's capital, Beijing, to walk in the footsteps of emperors across historic Tiananmen Square. Step back in time in the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City or discover the symmetrical serenity of the Temple of Heaven. Experience another bucket-list moment on the Great Wall of China, followed by a celebratory Peking duck lunch. Continue the journey southward to explore the ethereal islands of Hangzhou's scenic West Lake, visit Suzhou's classical Lingering Gardens and the picturesque shores of Wuxi's Lake Lihu. China's history is then brought to life at the Shanghai History Museum (or Suzhou Museum), with more to see during leisure time before boarding an 8-night Royal Caribbean cruise.

Wave goodbye to Shanghai's futuristic skyline as you set sail for the Land of the Rising Sun. Soak up Japan's unique culture and timeless traditions as you seek out the peace

and harmony of ancient temples and golden shrines. Choose Itinerary One to cruise Japan's west coast to Sakaiminato, Maizuru, Niigata and Hokkaido's Hakodate, before returning to Shanghai, China. Or cruise to the bright lights of Tokyo, Shimizu and Osaka with Itinerary 2's discovery of Japan's east coast, before returning to Shanghai for your flight home.

Join this bucket list journey including return international flights, an 8-night Royal Caribbean cruise, 8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 32 meals and more.

Want more? Choose your own adventure from two itineraries, and exciting optional tours and activities.

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 China land tour 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 or when you are cruising.*

Offer available for a limited time or until sold out. TRIP A DEAL PTY LTD: 50149240433

Updated: 11 Mar 2026 16:43:46

Have a question about this deal? We're here to help.
Call our friendly team on 1300 158 912

1

FREQUENT
FLYER



Trip
aDeal



BEIJING ● SHANGHAI ● NIIGATA ● HAKODATE

The Offer

• *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.*

Offer available for a limited time or until sold out. TRIP A DEAL PTY LTD: 50149240433

Updated: 11 Mar 2026 16:43:46

Have a question about this deal? We're here to help.
Call our friendly team on [1300 158 912](tel:1300158912)

2

FREQUENT
FLYER 





18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

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

Today, depart for 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).

Overnight: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: In-Flight

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

After breakfast, visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Then head to the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City, known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum. This was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420 but has been renovated countless times. This means that most of the architecture you see today dates from the 1700's and onwards.

In the event that tickets can not be secured, you'll visit The Temple of Heaven instead. The Temple of Heaven, founded in the first half of the 15th century, is a dignified complex of fine cult buildings set in gardens and surrounded by historic pine woods. In its overall layout and that of its individual buildings, it

symbolises the relationship between earth and heaven (the human world and God's world). It stands at the heart of Chinese cosmogony and the special role played by the emperors within that relationship.

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.

Overnight: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, head to a Jade Museum to learn about this precious gemstone. 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, enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China’s most renowned monument, the Great Wall. Along the way, you’ll stop for a delicious Peking duck lunch, one of Beijing’s most famous dishes (vegetarian options will be available also). On arrival at the Great Wall, you will visit the less-busy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections that 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.

Optional Activity: 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 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. This activity is not included and must be 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: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Beijing – Shanghai - Suzhou

After breakfast, head to a traditional Chinese health centre where you’ll learn about acupuncture, herbal medicine, and other wellness practices integral to Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Then, travel to the airport for your onward flight to Shanghai where, upon arrival, a tour representative will meet and transfer you to Suzhou, where you can check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Please note:

- *A high speed rail journey may be provided in place of your domestic flight.*
- *Domestic flight/train 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 flight or train carriage or on the same train as your companions and as other group members.*
- *If you provide incorrect passport details, you may be required to purchase new tickets at your own expense upon arrival.*





18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

- *The 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.*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar, Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Suzhou – Wuxi

Suzhou has a history dating back to 514 BC and is often referred to as 'Venice of the East'. Here you'll visit the famous UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden before stopping by a silk spinning factory as China is renowned for its exquisite silk.

In the afternoon, drive approximately 40 kilometres to Wuxi and visit Lihu Park, a serene oasis nestled along the picturesque shores of Lake Lihu. Here you'll find lush greenery, scenic walking paths and charming bridges, take time to admire the peaceful views as you spot locals cycling around the lake, fishing and boating along the water.

Optional Activity: Grand Canal Cruise

Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's ancient waterway. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Mingdu Hotel or similar, Wuxi

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Wuxi - Hangzhou

This morning, gain an insight into China's enormous manufacturing and production capabilities by visiting a Pearl Factory to learn about freshwater pearls, a key export commodity with great cultural significance since the Han dynasty.

Afterwards, drive approximately 200 kilometres to Hangzhou where you can check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Fubang International Hotel or similar, Hangzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Hangzhou - Shanghai

Hangzhou is considered one of the tea capitals of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip to a local tea house. Make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village, located in the hinterland of West Lake Park, considered one of the most important Longjing Tea productions in China. This is a chance to enjoy the natural environment and beautiful village scenery while learning more about their special tea culture. At the Tea House, learn how to make Longjing Tea including picking, frying and tasting the tea leaves.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Afterwards, enjoy a short boat ride on the UNESCO-listed West Lake to marvel at the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow-draped islands.

Drive approximately 175 kilometres to Shanghai to visit the famous Bund, a five-block riverfront promenade with many of Shanghai's banks and trading houses. You'll discover Shanghai is divided by the Huangpu River with modern mega-high rises on the eastern side and traditional European-style architecture on the western side.

Optional Activity: ERA & The Intersection of Time

Tonight, take part in an optional activity to watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show, "ERA: The Intersection of Time" or similar. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar, Shanghai
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Shanghai History Museum & Free Afternoon

This morning, you'll have the chance to step back in time at the Shanghai History Museum, a landmark museum that comprehensively reflects the local history of Shanghai. In the afternoon, enjoy free time at leisure or join an optional activity (not included, paid on tour).

Optional Activity: Half-Day Shanghai Tour

Join a half-day tour of Shanghai visiting the exquisite Yu Garden which is believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Huangpu River Night Cruise

Take the opportunity to join the optional night cruise on the Huangpu River. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note:

- *If the Shanghai History Museum is closed, a visit to the Suzhou Museum will be provided in place of this visit on Day 5 of the tour (when in Suzhou).*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar, Shanghai
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Shanghai – Embark Royal Caribbean Japan Cruise

Today, be transferred to the Port of Baoshan to board Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas ship for your 8-night cruise to Japan.

Departs at 16:30

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 10 Cruising

While at sea, take time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, treat yourself at the spa (charges apply), discover the onboard restaurants or explore the thrills on each deck until arriving at the next destination.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Sakaiminato, Japan

Docked: 09:00 - 19:00

Welcome to Sakaiminato, a unique port city on the Sea of Japan best known as the "City of Yokai," the mythical monsters of Japanese folklore. Just a short trip from the cruise pier, immerse yourself in the whimsical world of local manga artist Shigeru Mizuki along Mizuki Shigeru Road, where you'll find nearly 180 bronze statues of his famous yokai characters and an accompanying museum. Be sure to indulge in the city's other great specialty: remarkably fresh seafood, including prized crab and Bluefin tuna, available for sale at the bustling Sakaiminato Marine Products Direct Sales Center.

Beyond the yokai and the fresh catches, Sakaiminato is a convenient gateway to the cultural and scenic wonders of the San'in region. You could join an optional shore excursion to the world-renowned Adachi Museum of Art, celebrated for its stunning Japanese gardens and modern paintings, or make your way to the historic Matsue Castle, one of Japan's few original feudal-era castles (charges apply). Alternatively, you could join an

optional shore excursion to explore the ancient and sacred Izumo Grand Shrine, dedicated to the god of marriage and known for its massive straw rope (shimenawa).

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Maizuru, Japan

Docked: 07:00 - 17:00

Maizuru is a peaceful entry into the scenic "Kyoto by the Sea" region, offering a perfect blend of naval history and stunning natural landscapes. The city is split into two distinct areas: the eastern district, defined by its historic Maizuru Red Brick Park - a collection of beautifully preserved former naval storehouses, including a unique World Brick Museum - and the western, older castle town of Nishi-Maizuru. Immerse yourself in this unique heritage by taking a Maizuru Bay Sightseeing Boat Cruise for close-up views of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force vessels and the picturesque Ria coastline, or ascend the Goro Sky Tower for a breathtaking panorama of the deep, sheltered bay (charges apply).

Maizuru serves as an excellent, less-crowded gateway for excursions to one of Japan's most famous natural sights: Amanohashidate, the "Bridge to the Heavens," a stunning pine-covered sandbar considered one of the Three Views of Japan.

Nearby, explore the charming, traditional fishing village of Ine, famous for its unique waterfront Funaya (boathouses) that appear to float on the water. For those interested in local flavour,



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

the Maizuru Port Tore Tore Center is a must-visit seafood market, providing an opportunity to sample the freshest catches from the Sea of Japan, including local crab.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Niigata, Japan Docked: 08:00 - 17:00

Niigata, also known as the "Land of Rice and Sake," a historic port city on the Sea of Japan celebrated for its world-class Koshihikari rice, top-tier sake breweries, and exceptional seafood. Within the city centre, you can easily access key attractions such as the Befco Bakauke Observatory at Toki Messe for free, 360-degree panoramic view of the city and the Shinano River, or walk the historic Bandai Bridge, which connects the old Furumachi district to the modern Bandai City. A must-do is a visit to Ponshukan inside Niigata Station, where you can famously sample over 100 varieties of local sake from vending machines, followed by tasting the city's celebrated Kiwami Sushi platter (not included), which showcases the freshest local catches and premium rice.

For a deeper cultural dive, consider exploring the city's rich history through its beautiful architecture and arts; you can tour the sprawling, aristocratic former residence now known as the Northern Culture Museum to see the wealth of the region's historic farming families, or stroll the atmospheric Nuttari Terrace Street and the old Furumachi District, which is one of the remaining districts in Japan to preserve the tradition of Geigi (Geisha) dance performances. The port area also conveniently

features Pia Bandai, a lively direct-sales market where you can shop for fresh seafood, local produce, and unique regional snacks, perfectly representing Niigata's proud culinary heritage.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Hakodate, Japan Dock: 07:30 - 19:00

Hakodate is located on the historic southern tip of Hokkaido, Japan's first port to open to international trade, resulting in a city famous for its unique blend of Japanese and Western architecture, stunning vistas, and fresh seafood. The two main attractions are the magnificent Mount Hakodate, renowned globally for its Michelin three-star panoramic view of the city nestled between two bays (accessible via a quick 3-minute ropeway ride from the lower station), and the historic Goryokaku Park, a massive, star-shaped, Western-style fortress that is breathtaking when viewed from the top of the Goryokaku Tower (charges apply).

Hakodate's port area is exceptionally accessible, often offering free shuttle buses to the downtown core near JR Hakodate Station, which is the perfect starting point for your day. Steps away from the station lies the vibrant Hakodate Morning Market (Asa-ichi), a must-visit culinary hub where you can sample fresh-caught squid (the city's mascot), sea urchin, and other Hokkaido specialties, or even try the unique experience of fishing for your own squid.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

From there, it's a short journey to the Motomachi District, which showcases the city's international history through preserved foreign buildings like churches and the Old Public Hall, and the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses, a beautifully renovated waterfront complex filled with shops and dining, ideal for souvenir hunting.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Cruising

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising onboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Cruising

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising onboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Disembark Shanghai (Baoshan), China

Arrive: 07:00

Arrive back at the Port of Baoshan and make your own way to the airport for your return flight home.

Please note:

- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later so additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day.*
- *Perth and Brisbane travellers may arrive back in Australia on the same day (Day 17).*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some travellers may arrive back into Australia +1 day (Day 19) or very late on Day 17.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Map

Itinerary 1





18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

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

Today, depart for 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).*

Overnight: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: In-Flight

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

After breakfast, visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. You'll then head to the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City, known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum. This was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420 but has been burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times. This means that most of the architecture you see today dates from the 1700s and onwards.

In the event that tickets can not be secured, visit The Temple of Heaven instead. The Temple of Heaven, founded in the first half of the 15th century, is a dignified complex of fine cult buildings set in gardens and surrounded by historic pine woods. In its

overall layout and that of its individual buildings, it symbolises the relationship between earth and heaven (the human world and God's world). It stands at the heart of Chinese cosmogony and the special role played by the emperors within that relationship.

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.

Overnight: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, head to a Jade Museum to learn about this precious gemstone. 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.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Afterwards, enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument, the Great Wall. Along the way, you'll stop for a delicious Peking duck lunch, one of Beijing's most famous dishes (vegetarian options will be available also). On arrival at the Great Wall, you will visit the less-busy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections that 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.

Optional Activity: 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 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. This activity is not included and must be 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: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Beijing – Shanghai - Suzhou

After breakfast, head to a traditional Chinese health centre where you'll learn about acupuncture, herbal medicine, and other wellness practices integral to Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Then, travel to the airport for your onward flight to Shanghai where, upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and transfer you to Suzhou. You can then check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Please note:

- *A high speed rail journey may be provided in place of your domestic flight.*
- *Domestic flight/train 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 flight or train carriage or on the same train as your companions and as other group members.*
- *If you provide incorrect passport details, you may be required to purchase new tickets at your own expense upon arrival.*
- *The 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.*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.*



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Overnight: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar, Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Suzhou – Wuxi

Suzhou has a history dating back to 514 BC and is often referred to as 'Venice of the East'. Here you'll visit the famous UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden before stopping by a silk spinning factory as China is renowned for its exquisite silk.

In the afternoon, drive approximately 40 kilometres to Wuxi and visit Lihu Park, a serene oasis nestled along the picturesque shores of Lake Lihu. This is where you'll find lush greenery, scenic walking paths and charming bridges so make time to admire the peaceful views as you spot locals cycling around the lake, fishing and boating along the water.

Optional Activity: Grand Canal Cruise

Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's ancient waterway. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Mingdu Hotel or similar, Wuxi

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Wuxi - Hangzhou

This morning, gain an insight into China's enormous manufacturing and production capabilities by visiting a Pearl Factory to learn about freshwater pearls, a key export commodity with great cultural significance since the Han dynasty.

Afterwards, drive approximately 200 kilometres to Hangzhou where you can check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Fubang International Hotel or similar, Hangzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Hangzhou - Shanghai

Hangzhou is considered one of the tea capitals of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip to a local tea house. Today you'll make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village, located in the hinterland of West Lake Park which is considered one of the most important Longjing Tea productions in China. This is your chance to enjoy the natural environment and beautiful village scenery while learning more about their special tea culture. At the Tea House, you'll learn how to make Longjing Tea including picking, frying and tasting the tea leaves.

Afterwards, enjoy a short boat ride on the UNESCO-listed West Lake to marvel at the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow-draped islands.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Drive approximately 175 kilometres to Shanghai to visit the famous Bund, a five-block riverfront promenade with many of Shanghai's banks and trading houses. You'll discover that Shanghai is divided by the Huangpu River with modern mega-high rises on the eastern side and traditional European-style architecture on the western side.

Optional Activity: ERA & The Intersection of Time

Tonight you can take part in an optional activity to watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show, "ERA: The Intersection of Time" or similar. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar, Shanghai
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Shanghai History Museum & Free Afternoon

This morning, you'll have the chance to step back in time at the Shanghai History Museum, a landmark museum that comprehensively reflects the local history of Shanghai. In the afternoon, you can enjoy free time at leisure or join an optional activity (not included, paid on tour).

Optional Activity: Half-Day Shanghai Tour

Join a half-day tour of Shanghai visiting the exquisite Yu Garden which is believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Huangpu River Night Cruise

In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional night cruise on the Huangpu River. This activity is not included and must be paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note:

- *If the Shanghai History Museum is closed, a visit to the Suzhou Museum will be provided in place of this visit on Day 5 of the tour (when in Suzhou).*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 8 may be swapped due to operational considerations, but all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar, Shanghai
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Shanghai – Embark Royal Caribbean Japan Cruise

Today, you will be transferred to the Port of Baoshan where you'll board Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas ship for your 8-night cruise to Japan.

Departs at 16:30

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Day 10 Cruising

While at sea, take time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, treat yourself at the spa (charges apply), discover the onboard restaurants or explore the thrills on each deck until we arrive at the next destination.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Cruising

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising onboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Tokyo, Japan

Docked: 05:30 - 20:00

Tokyo is an exhilarating metropolis that perfectly blends ancient tradition with future-forward technology, offering visitors a dynamic contrast of experiences. For a glimpse into its deep history, visit the iconic Senso-ji Temple in Asakusa, the city's oldest Buddhist temple, and stroll the vibrant Nakamise shopping street. For a moment of serenity amidst the urban buzz, explore the vast, tranquil forest surrounding the sacred Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine, providing a peaceful escape right in the heart of the city.

The city's famously efficient transportation system quickly connects you to its world-renowned urban centres. Stand at the Shibuya Scramble Crossing, the world's busiest intersection, or immerse yourself in the dazzling neon-lit entertainment and

shopping district of Shinjuku. For unparalleled vistas, ascend the towering Tokyo Skytree for a panoramic view of the entire Kanto region, or visit the sleek Shibuya Sky observation deck for a thrilling perspective of the cityscape below (charges apply).

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Shimizu, Japan

Docked: 07:00 - 17:00

Shimizu is one of Japan's most picturesque coastal cities, globally renowned for offering stunning, frame-worthy views of the iconic Mount Fuji from its serene location on Suruga Bay. The most popular highlight is the nearby Nihondaira Plateau, accessible via a scenic ropeway ride (approximately round trip), which provides a magnificent, panoramic vantage point overlooking the bay, the city, and, on clear days, a breathtaking perspective of Mount Fuji. At the plateau's summit is the beautiful Kunozan Toshogu Shrine, the original mausoleum of the great Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu, featuring vibrantly decorated architecture that is designated as a National Treasure of Japan.

Another essential cultural experience is visiting Miho no Matsubara, a seven-kilometer coastline lined with picturesque pine trees that is recognised as a component of the Mount Fuji UNESCO World Heritage site, offering a classic Japanese view that has inspired artists for centuries. For those who prefer to stay close to the water, the lively S-Pulse Dream Plaza is a popular waterfront complex featuring shopping, a Ferris wheel





18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

with great views, and the unique Shimizu Sushi Museum and surrounding Sushi Alley, where you can taste the region's famous, super-fresh tuna.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Osaka, Japan Docked: 11:00 - 23:00

Osaka, often called Japan's "kitchen," is a chaotic, colourful, and famously friendly metropolis, providing an essential dive into the country's exuberant food culture, history, and modern entertainment. A perfect day blends feasting on local specialties like takoyaki (octopus balls) and okonomiyaki with sightseeing. The undisputed centrepiece of any visit is the dazzling Dotonbori district, a vibrant, canal-side hub known for its massive, illuminated signage - including the iconic Glico Running Man - fantastic street food stalls, and the famous Shinsaibashi-suji shopping arcade.

Easily accessible from the bay area is the towering Osaka Castle, a magnificent reconstruction of one of Japan's most significant fortifications; visitors can explore its modern museum interior and climb to the top for panoramic city views, all set within a beautiful park that is particularly spectacular during the cherry blossom season. For a taste of old Osaka, the retro Shinsekai district, with its nostalgic feel and the landmark Tsutenkaku Tower, offers a glimpse into the city's past and is the perfect place to try kushikatsu (deep-fried skewers).

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Cruising

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising onboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Cruising

Enjoy a day at leisure while cruising onboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Disembark Shanghai (Baoshan), China Arrives at 07:00

Arrive back at the Port of Baoshan and make your own way to the airport for your return flight home.

Please note:

- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later so additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day.*
- *Perth and Brisbane travellers may arrive back in Australia on the same day (Day 17).*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

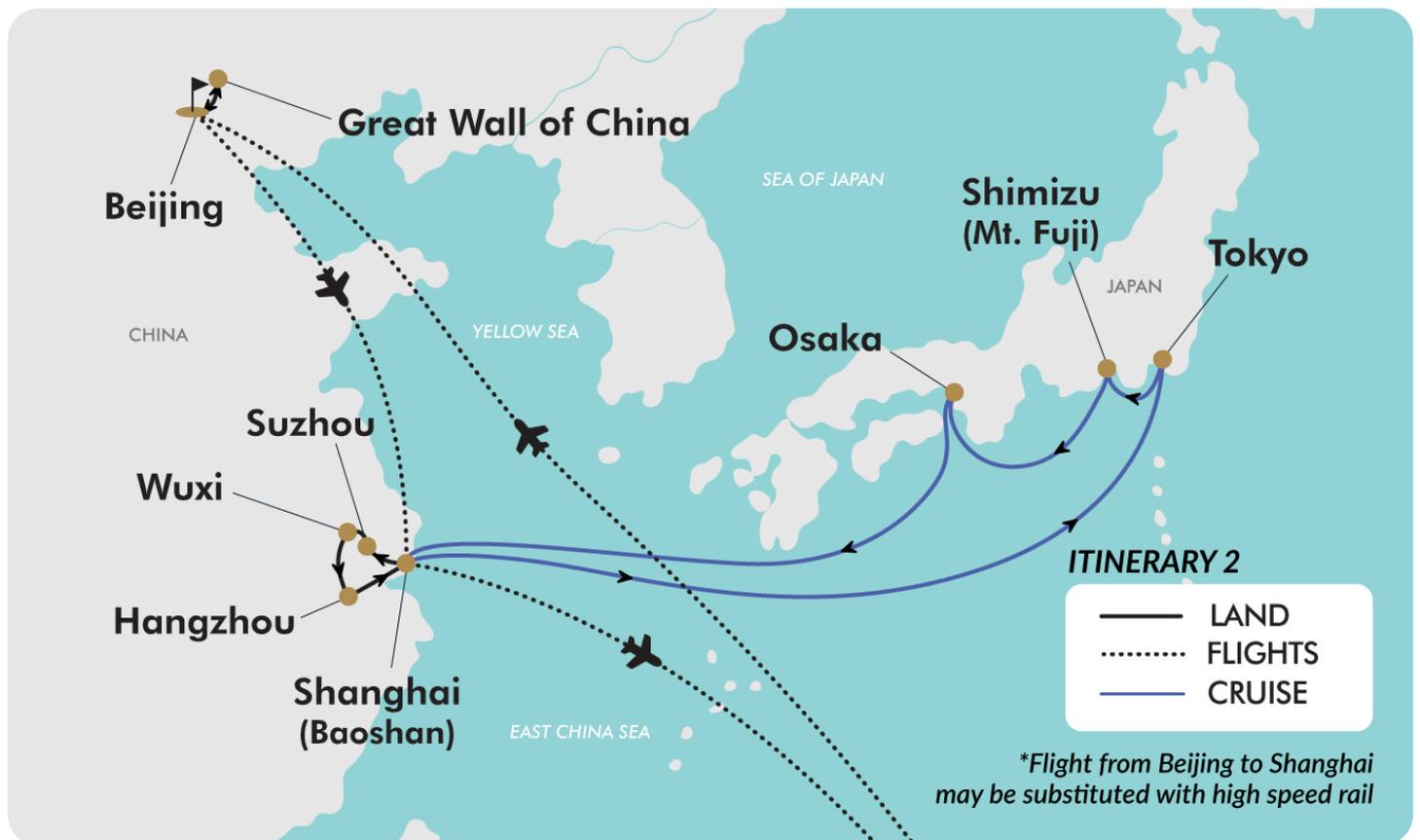
Please note: Some travellers may arrive back into Australia +1 day (Day 19) or very late on Day 17.



18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

The Map

Itinerary 2





18-DAY CRUISE & TOUR PACKAGE | BUCKET LIST CHINA & JAPAN

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover China & Japan's rich natural beauty and culture
- Visit Beijing's historic Tiananmen Square
- Step back in time to the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City or Temple of Heaven
- Tick the Great Wall of China off your bucket list
- Savour a delicious Peking duck lunch
- Enjoy a boat ride on Hangzhou's scenic West Lake
- Visit Lihu Park in Wuxi, a serene oasis along the picturesque shores of Lake Lihu
- See renowned classical greenery at Suzhou's Lingering Garden
- Delve into the history of China at the Shanghai History Museum or Suzhou Museum
- Cruise to Japan on an 8-night Royal Caribbean cruise

FLIGHTS

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

CRUISE

- Itinerary 1: 8-night West Coast Japan cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
- Itinerary 2: 8-night East Coast Japan cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas
- Prepaid cruise gratuities included on board the cruise (additional gratuities may apply to additional onboard purchases)

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 32 meals, including all while cruising
- Savour a traditional Peking duck lunch

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- One way internal flight (economy class) OR high-speed rail from Beijing to Shanghai
- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Day 1: Airport to hotel
- Day 4: Hotel to airport/train station
- Day 4: Airport/train station to hotel
- Day 9: Hotel to port

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 and 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 and 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 16th October 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 44 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 applies:

ITINERARY 1

Interior Cabin: \$2,670
Ocean View Cabin: \$2,850
Balcony Cabin: \$3,290

ITINERARY 2

-

Sold Out

Interior Cabin: \$3,250
Ocean View Cabin: \$3,310
Balcony Cabin: \$3,580

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

Child Policy

No children permitted. Valid for adults 18 years old and over.

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 Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used

- 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 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.*

Important Information

- 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.
- 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 Flight(s) or High-Speed Rail Used

- Airline Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Beijing - Shanghai

International and Domestic Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person

- 20 kilograms of checked baggage (one piece).
- 7 kilograms 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

Not available.

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

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.

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.

Cruise

Royal Caribbean's Spectrum of the Seas

Discover a Far East adventure full of new feats and firsts on Spectrum of the Seas®, the first of the Quantum Ultra Class ships. There is a diverse range of entertainment including pools, live shows, diverse dining options, bars, fitness facilities, spa treatments, kids and teens clubs, a casino, shopping and interactive experiences. Additional charges may apply.

Onboard currency:

\$ USD

Cabins/Staterooms:

Interior Cabin

Cabin size: 15m²

Location (on decks): 3, 6 - 13

- Room with bed and vanity

- Two twin beds that convert to a Royal King bed
- One bathroom

Ocean View Cabin

Cabin size: 17m²

Location (on decks): 3, 8, 9, 10, 11

- Room with bed, dresser and sitting area with sofa
- Ocean view
- Two twin beds that convert to a Royal King bed
- One bathroom

Balcony Cabin

Cabin size: 18m²

Balcony size: 5-7m²

Location (on decks): 6 - 13

- Room with bed, dresser and sitting area with sofa
- Ocean view with balcony
- Two twin beds that convert to a Royal King bed
- One bathroom

Please note:

- Cruise timetables are subject to change.
- All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Beijing: Ramada Beijing North or similar
- Hangzhou: Fubang International Hotel or similar
- Wuxi: Mingdu Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Courtyard Shanghai Jiading 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

Important Information

provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Accommodation Location

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

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

- Summer Palace and Beijing Zoo with Dinner - 340 RMB
- Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - 360 RMB
- Grand Canal Cruise - 220 RMB
- ERA & The Intersection of Time - 390 RMB
- Half-Day Shanghai Tour - 240 RMB
- Huangpu River Night Cruise - 280 RMB

Optional Tours/Activities

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/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*
- *Shore excursions can also 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. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

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

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.

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.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included in the tour price for the services of the cruise staff throughout the cruise component of this tour, however, additional gratuities may apply to onboard purchases.

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

Important Information

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, China

Beijing has a temperate and continental monsoon climate, with four distinct seasons and big differences in temperature between day and night. The seasons: Summer in Beijing is hot and humid, while winter is cold and dry. Spring and autumn are short and cool. The coldest month is January at an average of -4 °C, and the hottest month is July at an average of 26 °C.

Shanghai, China

Shanghai's weather is generally mild and moist, with four distinctive seasons - a pleasant warm spring, a hot rainy summer, a comfortable cool autumn, and an overcast cold winter. The weather in Shanghai in July and August is the hottest, with more than 10 days of high temperatures above 35°C. The coldest period is from late January to early February. Springtime from March to May is recommended as the best time to visit, while October to November, with a pleasant autumn climate, is also a wise choice.

Japan

Japan has four distinct seasons with a climate ranging from subarctic in the north to subtropical in the south. Conditions are different between the Pacific side and the Sea of Japan side. Northern Japan has warm summers and very cold winters with heavy snow on the Sea of Japan's side and in mountainous areas. Eastern Japan has hot and humid summers and cold winters with very heavy snow on the Sea of Japan side and in mountainous areas. Western Japan has very hot and humid summers (with temperatures sometimes reaching 35°C or above) and moderately cold winters. Okinawa and Amami have a

subtropical oceanic climate. These areas have hot and humid summers (with temperatures rarely reaching 35°C or above) and mild winters.

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.

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.

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:

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!

Important Information

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 that include guided city tours that include walking. 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: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

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 [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.

Japan

A tourist visa is not required for Australian or New Zealand citizens visiting Japan for stays of up to 90 days for tourism, business, visiting friends or relatives, etc. that does not include remunerative 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 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

Important Information

passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.