

# China Adventure

BEIJING ● INNER MONGOLIA ● SUZHOU ● SHANGHAI

## The Offer

Embark on a magnificent 13-day adventure, journeying from Beijing and Inner Mongolia to the cultural gems of Suzhou, Wuxi and Hangzhou, and culminating in the vibrant modernity of Shanghai.

Your journey begins in the nation's capital, Beijing, where you will immediately be captivated by iconic sights. Walk through the vast Tiananmen Square, stepping back in time in the majestic Forbidden City, and take a scenic drive to the magnificent Great Wall at the less-crowded Juyong Pass. You'll also learn about the intricacies of jade carving and traditional Chinese medicine.

Next, escape the city for a two-night stay on the emerald Ulanqab Grasslands of Inner Mongolia. Here, you'll be treated to a unique experience in a private, ensuite yurt, with a full day to immerse yourself in the local culture plus optional activities like horse riding.

The final leg of your trip showcases Southern China's charm. In Suzhou, the 'Venice of the East', you could cruise past ancient waterways (optional) and wander through the UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden. You'll sip tea and learn about its culture at the Meijiawu Tea Village in Hangzhou

before enjoying a serene boat ride on the beautiful West Lake. The grand finale is cosmopolitan Shanghai. Stroll along The Bund to admire the dramatic skyline, explore the city's rich past at the Shanghai History Museum, and perhaps catch a thrilling optional acrobatic show.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 2 nights in a private yurt with ensuite, daily breakfast, return airport transfers and more.

**Want more? Choose from a range of optional experiences to add to your itinerary.**

*Please note:*

- *This travel offer is strictly valid for those 18 and over.*
- *As a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services if you do. This does not apply to days where there is specified time at leisure.*



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- 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.



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### The Map





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### The Itinerary

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

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

*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 Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: In-Flight

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

After breakfast this morning, you'll visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Afterwards, you'll see the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, known officially as The Palace Museum, was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le who was 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 so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards.

*Please note:*

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

#### Optional Tour: The Golden Mask Dynasty

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large-scale dramatic musical, 'The Golden Mask Dynasty'. Not included, 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).*

Overnight: Ramada Beijing North or similar, Beijing

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, you'll travel to a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade where you can observe skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu" and has a history of at least four thousand years in China. You'll then take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument, the Great Wall. Along the way, you'll enjoy stopping for a delicious Peking Duck lunch which is one of Beijing's most famous dishes (vegetarian options will be available also).



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On arrival at the Great Wall, you'll visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections that are the most accessible and consequently, the most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert which is a distance of more than 5,600 kilometres.

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

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included, paid on tour) of Beijing's 700-year-old Hutongs (narrow lanes) area by old-fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family to experience the local customs and enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes visiting Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, Houhai and Xihai) which surround places of historic interest, scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences. 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 – Ulanqab, Inner Mongolia

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

You will then travel to Ulanqab in Inner Mongolia by coach (approx. a 4-5 hour coach ride). Endless epic grasslands, broad and blue sky and herds of lovely horses, sheep and cattle endow Ulanqab the reputation of "The Summer Capital of China's Grasslands". Here you can immerse yourself into the superb refreshing emerald prairie reaching endlessly with surrounding rising and falling hills and the rarely seen landform wonder of valley on grassland.

Upon arrival, you will enjoy a two-night stay in a private yurt. Your comfortable yurt will include a private ensuite bathroom and air conditioning.

#### Overnight: Yurt Accommodation

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 5 Ulanqab Free Day

Today you will have a free day to take part in a variety of optional activities or explore this amazing area at your own leisure.

Please note that a range of optional activities and shows will be available for purchase on tour and what is available will depend on weather and the season. Potential activities include cultural shows, local dinners, horse-riding, archery to name a few. Your local guide will provide information on what is available during your stay and take payment on tour.

#### Overnight: Yurt Accommodation

Meals included: Breakfast



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#### Day 6 Ulanqab – Beijing – Suzhou

After breakfast you will travel to Beijing 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 a domestic flight. Train and/or domestic flight tickets will be distributed by your tour guide on arrival in China and in some cases you may find a domestic flight within China included in your attached international flight ticket.*
- *If you do not provide your passport details at least 60 days prior to departure you may not be in the same 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 so 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 6 to 12 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar, Suzhou

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 7 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, you'll 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 - 220 RMB per person

Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal (not included, paid on tour) to view life along China's ancient waterway.

*Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 6 to 12 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Mingdu Hotel or similar, Wuxi

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Wuxi – Hangzhou

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

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Overnight: Fubang International Hotel or similar, Hangzhou  
Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 9 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, you'll enjoy a short boat ride on the UNESCO-listed West Lake where you can marvel at the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow-draped islands.

You'll then 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 390 RMB

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

*Please note: The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 6 to 12 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.*

Overnight: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence or similar, Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 10 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 – 240 RMB

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. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

#### Optional Tour: Huangpu River Night Cruise – 280 RMB

In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional night cruise on the Huangpu River. Not included, paid on tour. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

*Please note:*

- *If the Shanghai History Museum is closed, you'll visit Suzhou Museum in place of this visit on Day 7 of the tour.*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 6 to 12 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.*



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Overnight: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence or similar,  
Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

**Day 13 Arrive in Australia**

Meals included: None

#### **Day 11 Shanghai Free Day**

Today is free at leisure or you can take part in an optional activity to Shanghai Disneyland which will include standard admission and return transfers.

Optional Activity: Shanghai Disneyland (standard admission) with Transfers - 780 RMB

Overnight: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence or similar,  
Shanghai

Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 12 Shanghai – Australia**

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

*Please note:*

- Standard check-out time is 12:00, luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later flights.
- 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 as they will be transferred to the airport the day prior.
- Some travellers may be required to fly from Hangzhou Airport, if this is required a transfer from Shanghai to Hangzhou will be arranged free of charge.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight



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### Tour Inclusions

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Wuxi and Shanghai

Visit historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing

Step back in time at the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City or The Temple of Heaven (subject to availability)

Tick the Great Wall of China off your bucket list

Indulge in a delicious Peking Duck lunch experience

Admire the rolling grasslands of Inner Mongolia and stay in a Yurt

Enjoy a scenic boat ride on Hangzhou's picturesque West Lake

Visit Lihu Park in Wuxi, a serene oasis nestled along the shores of Lake Lihu

Delve into the history of China at the Shanghai History Museum

Explore the Lingering Garden in Suzhou

Discover Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village with tastings

#### FLIGHTS

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

#### ACCOMMODATION

9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

2 nights in a private yurt with ensuite

#### DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

Dine on a delicious Peking duck lunch

#### ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

#### TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

# Important Information

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

## Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

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

## Our Policies

### Cancellation 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 4th of June 2027. Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

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

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

### Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

### Single Traveller Supplement

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

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

## Flights

### Departure Cities

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

### Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$450 per person.
- Perth & 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.*

• *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.*

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## 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.*

## Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Not available

## Stopover Packages

Not available

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

*Please note:*

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.
- 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.

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Beijing: Ramada Beijing North or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar
- Wuxi: Mingdu Hotel or similar
- Hangzhou: Fubang International Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence or similar

### Not rated

- Ulanqab: Yurt Stay

*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.

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Triple Share

Not available.

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

## Optional Tours/activities

- The Golden Mask Dynasty - 380 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
- Shanghai Disneyland with admission and transfers - 780 RMB

*Please note:*

• A range of additional optional activities and shows will be available for purchase in Ulanqab during your yurt stay and what is available will depend on weather and the season. Potential activities include cultural shows, local dinners, horse-riding, archery to name a few. Your local guide will provide information on what is available during your stay.

- 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 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 highly recommended. 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;*

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*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

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.

#### Ulanqab, Inner Mongolia

Ulanqab has a temperate continental monsoon climate, which is characterized by an extreme range in temperatures between seasons and a significant difference between day and night. The region is largely semi-arid. The Seasons: Winter is long, frigid, and very dry, lasting roughly from November to March. The grasslands are covered in snow and ice. Spring is brief, warming quickly but often accompanied by strong winds and the potential for dust storms. Summer is short, warm, and the primary rainy season (July and August), when the grasslands are at their most lush. Autumn is short, providing a cool and clear transition period before the bitter cold returns.

#### Shanghai

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. The springtime from March to May is recommended as the best time to pay a visit, while October to November, with a pleasant autumn climate, is also a wise choice.

#### 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.

#### 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

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vehicle.

OTHER

## Mobility:

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

## Fitness Level Required:

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

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

## 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

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.

### 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>

## Voluntary Changes

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

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

## Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

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

## Supplier Fees

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