# Unbelievable China

**BEIJING ● SUZHOU ● WUXI ● SHANGHAI**

## The Offer

Discover the modern marvels and ancient wonders of China with this 10-day holiday. Walk the streets of ultra-modern Beijing, see the UNESCO-listed landscapes of Hangzhou, set foot on the iconic Great Wall, marvel at the Chinese countryside and so much more.

Your adventure starts in Beijing, visiting the awe-inspiring Forbidden City or the Temple of Heaven (subject to availability) and the imposing Tiananmen Square. Observe skilled artisans at work as they create intricate designs in a Jade Museum before indulging in a picnic lunch. Take a scenic drive through the mountains to China's most renowned monument, the majestic Great Wall. Uncover the secrets of traditional medicine at a Chinese health centre before boarding an internal flight (or high-speed train) to Suzhou.

Visit the UNESCO-listed Lingering Gardens, admire exquisite material at a silk spinning factory, wander the serene paths in Lihu Park and more. Learn about spectacular freshwater pearls at a pearl factory, appreciate the sophisticated taste of Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village and admire the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow-draped islands on a boat ride on UNESCO-listed West Lake.

Reach the vibrant city of Shanghai to visit the famous Bund riverfront promenade, step back in time at the local history museum (subject to availability), and enjoy time at leisure in the bustling metropolis.

This unbelievable China offer includes return international full-service flights, 8 nights of 4-star accommodation, 9 meals, English-speaking guides and more.

*Please note:*

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

• This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation and transfers) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.

• Australian and New Zealand citizens qualify for Visa-free travel to China for stays up to 30 days. The visa exemption is set to expire on the 31st December 2026, and any extension to this exemption will likely be announced

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

## The Map

Great Wall of China
Beijing
CHINA
YELLOW SEA
Suzhou
Shanghai
Wuxi
EAST CHINA SEA
Hangzhou
LAND
FLIGHTS
FLIGHT OR RAIL

# 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.

Beijing is the monumental capital of China, blending over three millennia of history with dynamic, ultra-modern architecture. As the political and cultural heart of the country, it offers visitors an incredible juxtaposition where ancient alleys stand alongside gleaming skyscrapers.

*Please note:*

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

**Overnight: Beijing Meida Hotel or similar**
**Meals included: In-Flight**

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

After breakfast this morning, visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world which serves as the symbolic and geographical heart of Beijing and hosts some of the country's most important architectural monuments, governmental buildings, and museums.

Next, 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 rebuilt and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards.

Afterwards you will have the opportunity to take part in an optional activity, or explore Beijing at leisure.

Optional Activity: 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.

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

*Please note:*

- *There is a daily limit on the number of tickets available for The Forbidden City, therefore entry is likely, but cannot be guaranteed as it is subject to availability. In the unlikely event that tickets can not be secured, a visit to The Temple of Heaven will be offered instead.*

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- *The Temple of Heaven, founded in the first half of the 15th century, is a dignified complex of fine cult buildings that are set in gardens and surrounded by historic pine woods. In its overall layout, it symbolises the relationship between earth and heaven which stands at the heart of Chinese cosmogony and also recognises the special role played by the emperors within that relationship.*

**Overnight: Beijing Meida Hotel or similar**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Great Wall of China

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

On arrival at the Great Wall, 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. Afterwards return to Beijing where you may take part in an optional activity, or explore Beijing at leisure.

Optional Activity: 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. 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: Beijing Meida Hotel or similar**
**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. Travel to the airport for your onward flight to Shanghai where, upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you and transfer you to Suzhou. Then check into your hotel for an evening at leisure after an approximately 110-kilometre travel day.

Often called the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou is one of China's most historic and culturally rich cities, celebrated for its elegant stone bridges, tranquil canal networks, exquisite silk industry, and UNESCO-listed classical gardens.

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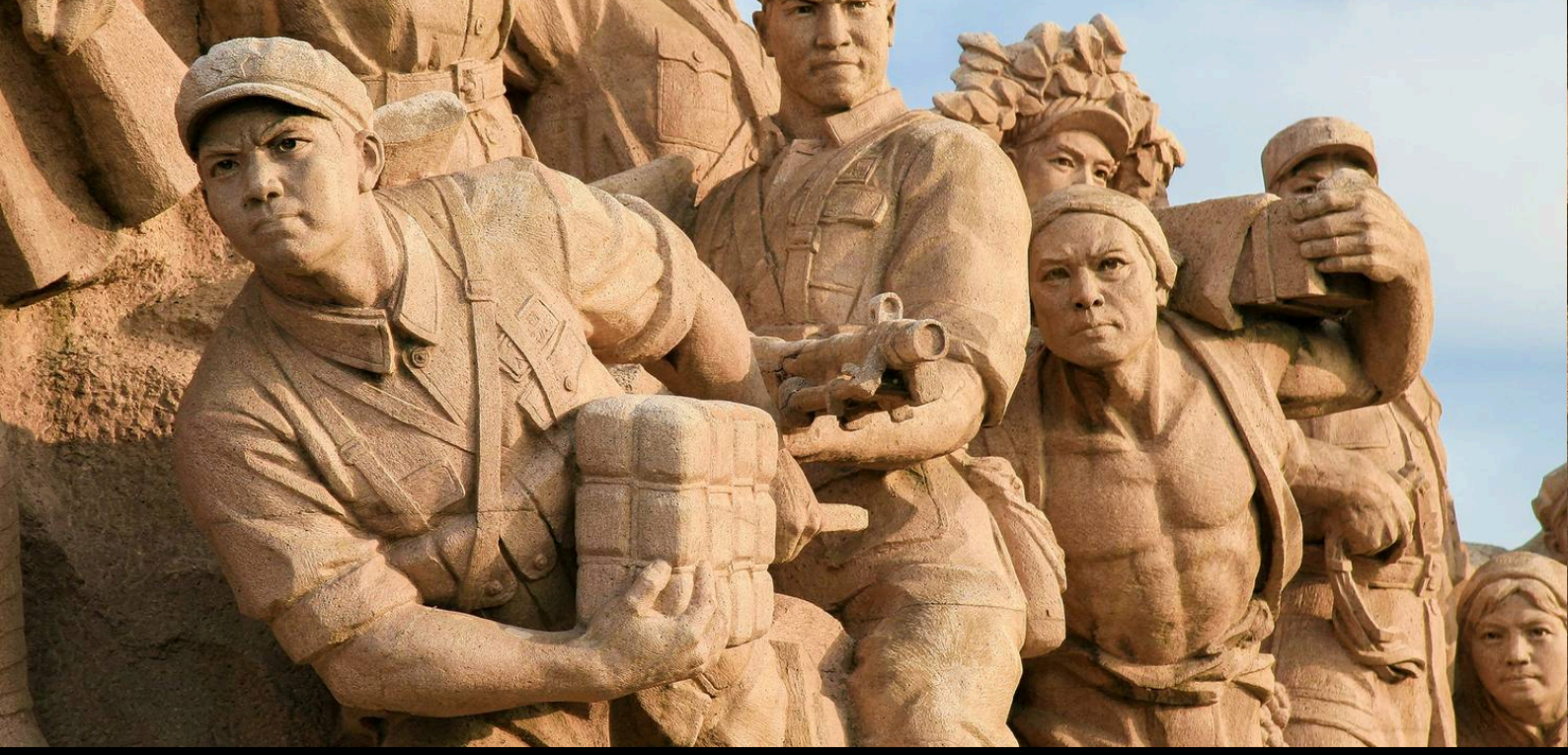



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- *If travelling from different cities but on the same order, you may travel on a different domestic flight/train to your travel partner due to the way your international airfares are ticketed. You will still be travelling on the same coach group for all other components of the tour.*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions and sightseeing will remain the same.*

**Overnight: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 5 Suzhou – Wuxi

This morning you will visit the famous UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden before stopping by a silk spinning factory as China is renowned for its exquisite silk. Afterwards enjoy time at leisure or take part in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Grand Canal Cruise

Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's ancient waterway. In the afternoon, you'll drive approximately 40 kilometres to nearby Wuxi. Known as the 'Land of Fish and Rice', Wuxi is a captivating cultural hub in Jiangsu Province nestled right along the shores of Lake Tai (Taihu). On arrival 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.

*Please note:*

- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions and sightseeing will remain the same.*

**Overnight: Mingdu Hotel or similar**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Wuxi - Hangzhou

Wuxi is also known as the 'Bright Pearl of Taihu Lake', as it is a major hub for high-quality freshwater pearls. Cultivated in the nutrient-rich waters of Lake Tai, these pearls are prized globally for their impressive luster, color range, and variety. This morning, you'll gain an insight into China's enormous manufacturing and production capabilities by visiting a Pearl Factory & shop 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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Celebrated for centuries as 'Heaven on Earth', Hangzhou is one of China's most beautiful and storied cities. The city centers around the legendary, willow-lined West Lake, rolling green tea hills, and misty Buddhist temples. It offers a much softer, more romantic pace than neighboring Shanghai, which is just an hour away via high-speed train.

*Please note:*

- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions and sightseeing will remain the same.*

**Overnight: Fubang International Hotel or similar**
**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 where you can marvel at the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow-draped islands. Then drive approximately 175 kilometres to Shanghai Shanghai serves as China's financial capital and premier global megacity. Situated at the mouth of the Yangtze River, it is bisected by the Huangpu River into historic Puxi on the west bank and futuristic Pudong on the east. Known historically as the "Paris of the East," it seamlessly blends classical Chinese traditions with European colonial architecture and high-tech urban design.

On arrival in Shanghai, 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. Afterwards you may take part in an optional activity, or explore Shanghai at leisure.

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

*Please note:*

- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions and sightseeing will remain the same.*

**Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 8 Shanghai History Museum - Afternoon at Leisure

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 join an optional activity or explore Shanghai at leisure.

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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. 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. 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 5 of the tour.*
- *The order of Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai from Day 4 to 10 may be swapped due to operational considerations however, all inclusions will remain the same.*

**Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Jiading or similar**
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Shanghai, China – Australia (or New Zealand)

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

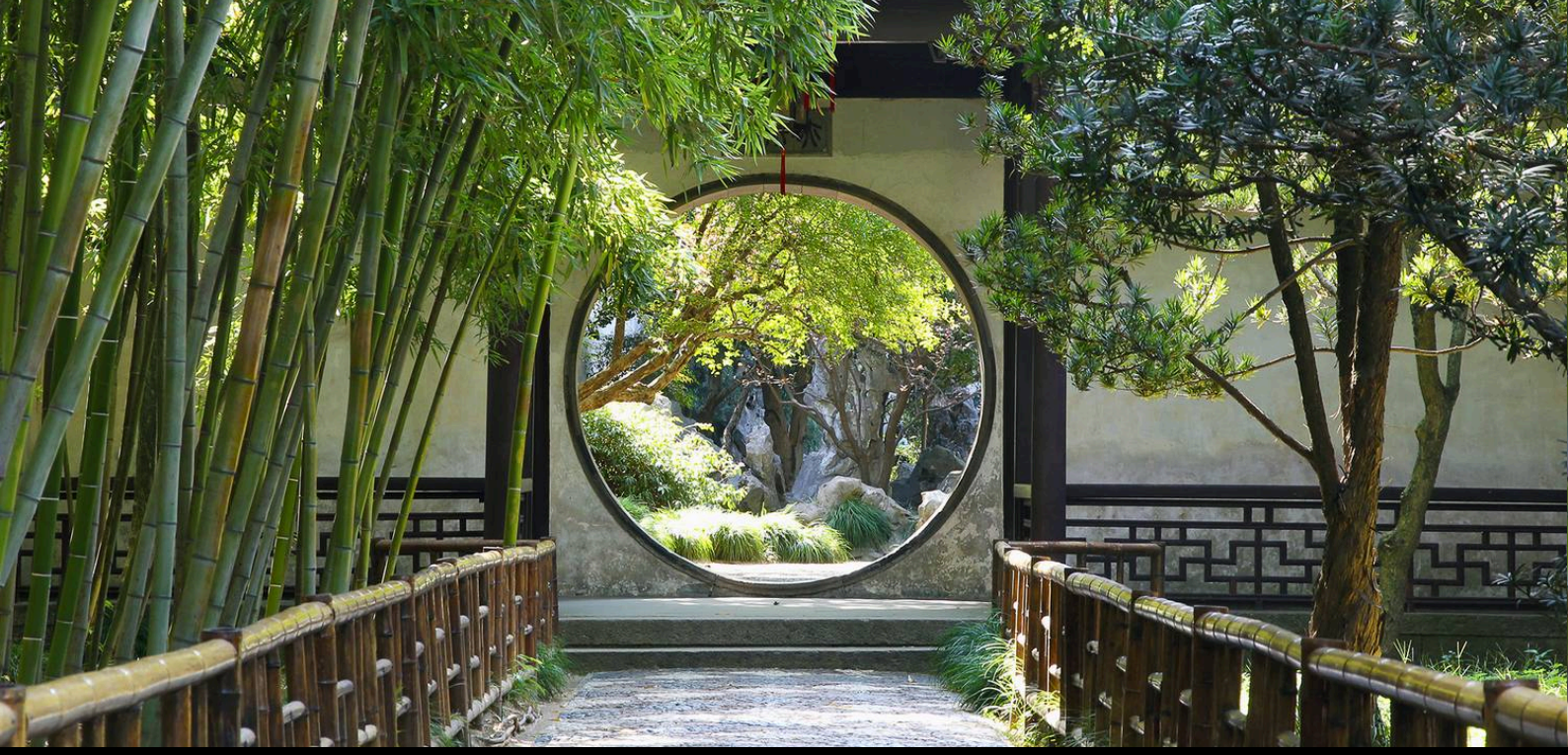
*Please note:*

- *Standard check-out time is 12:00, luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later fights.*
- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later. If 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 for their early morning flight.*
- *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**

### Day 10 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

**Meals included: None**





# Tour Inclusions

## HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Wuxi and Shanghai

Visit Beijing's historic Tiananmen Square

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

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 (subject to availability)

Explore Suzhou's Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory

Visit a local Jade Museum and see incredible artisans at work

Taste Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village

## FLIGHTS

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

One-way internal flight or high-speed rail from Beijing to Shanghai

## ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

## DINING

Enjoy 9 meals including a picnic 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

### Itinerary Deviation

This travel offer is priced based on full participation in the itinerary by all travellers. Accordingly, as a condition of purchasing this travel offer, you must not deviate from the advertised itinerary or otherwise leave the group, and the local supplier reserves the right to cancel your onward travel services (including accommodation and transfers) if you do. This does not apply to days with specified time at leisure.

### 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. If your plans change, you can receive a full refund (excluding credit card fees) if you cancel at least 12 months in advance to your scheduled departure date.

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

### General Terms 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 20 November 2027.
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 of $670 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.*

### Child Policy

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

## Flights

### Departure Cities

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

### Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth or Auckland: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

### International 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.*

# Important Information

- *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.*

**Domestic Airline(s) Used**

- Cabin Class: Economy class.

*Please note: If travelling from different cities but on the same order, you may travel on a different domestic flight/train to your travel partner due to the way your international airfares are ticketed. You will still be travelling on the same coach group for all other components of the tour.*

**Group Flights**

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

**Baggage Allowance**

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

**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.

## Accommodation

**Accommodation Used:**

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Beijing Meida Hotel or similar
- Wuxi: Mingdu Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel or similar
- Hangzhou: Fubang International 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 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

- Beijing: Summer Palace & Beijing Zoo with Dinner - 340 RMB
- Beijing: Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - 300 RMB
- Suzhou: Grand Canal Cruise - 220 RMB
- Shanghai: ERA & The Intersection of Time - 390 RMB

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- Shanghai: Half-Day City Tour - 240 RMB
- Shanghai: Huangpu River Night Cruise - 280 RMB

*Please note:*

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

## Exclusions

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

## Gratuities / Tipping

**Land**

Tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore expected in China.
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.

## 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

Spring (March - May)

**Beijing**

Spring in Beijing arrives with a rapid rise in temperature but is often accompanied by strong winds and very dry conditions. Temperatures typically range from about 8 degrees Celsius to 22 degrees Celsius. The early part of the season can feel chilly and is occasionally prone to dust storms rolling in from the Gobi Desert. As the season progresses into May, the weather becomes warm and pleasant, offering a popular time to see spring blooms before the summer heat.

**Shanghai**

Spring in Shanghai is warm and fresh, characterized by blooming flowers and fluctuating weather. Temperatures generally range from about 11 degrees Celsius to 21 degrees Celsius, with early mornings feeling cool and afternoons becoming pleasantly warm. Light rain showers and frequent drizzles are common during this transition period. Overall, it is considered an excellent time for tourism and outdoor activities before the summer humidity arrives.

Summer (June - August)

**Beijing**

Summer in Beijing is hot, humid, and marks the peak rainy season for the region. Temperatures frequently range between 25 degrees Celsius and 35 degrees Celsius, with intense heatwaves occasionally pushing afternoon highs above 38 degrees Celsius. Heavy downpours and sudden thunderstorms are common, especially in July and August, providing brief relief from the stifling urban heat. The high humidity can make midday outdoor excursions challenging.

**Shanghai**

Summer in Shanghai is notoriously hot and sticky due to its subtropical climate and high humidity. Temperatures typically range from 26 degrees Celsius to 32 degrees Celsius, but often climb above 35 degrees Celsius during peak periods. The city experiences the plum rain season in early summer, bringing prolonged overcast skies and heavy precipitation, followed by late summer typhoon risks that can bring sudden storms and strong winds.

Autumn (September - November)

**Beijing**

Autumn is widely considered the most comfortable and beautiful season to visit Beijing. The intense summer heat breaks quickly, giving way to crisp, clear skies and very pleasant weather. Temperatures generally range from 10 degrees Celsius to 25 degrees Celsius in early autumn, cooling down sharply by November. The humidity

drops significantly, leaving the city dry and sunny, which is perfect for outdoor sightseeing.

**Shanghai**

Autumn in Shanghai is a highly favored season due to its comfortable and moderate conditions. The sweltering summer heat recedes as temperatures gradually cool down from around 25 degrees Celsius in September to about 15 degrees Celsius by late November. The humidity drops noticeably, and the city enjoys clearer, breezier days with less rainfall compared to the summer months, making it ideal for walking tours.

**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 vehicle.

OTHER

**Fitness Level Required:**

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A moderate level of fitness will be required.
This journey requires a moderate level of physical fitness. Participants must be able to move independently for up to 3 hours a day without assistance, which includes stepping on and off various types of transportation, climbing stairs, and handling occasional steep or uneven ground. Due to the itinerary's nature, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or specialized accessibility needs. Other walking aids are welcome, provided you can maintain the group's pace autonomously. Although some assistance may be available, all participants must be responsible for your own luggage. Because this trip involves extensive walking, please share any health or mobility concerns with us during booking so we can help determine if this adventure is right for you.

**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).*

**Wildlife Sighting:**

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings on tour. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

**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.*

# Important Information

- *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 passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.