Heart of China

ZHANGJIAJIE ● CHONGQING ● CHENGDU

The Offer

Cities that give a glimpse into the future, majestic mountains that inspired the Avatar movie franchise and lovable pandas, this tour into the heart of China will show you another side of this fascinating country.

Fly into Changsha, gateway to Zhangjiajie, the country's first National Forest Park. Descend into the breathtaking Ten-Li Natural Gallery's fantastical mountainscape where stone towers reach for the sky and the serene Golden Whip Stream winds through lush forest walkways. This region was the inspiration for the floating Hallelujah Mountains in Avatar and offers a truly breathtaking spectacle to enjoy.

Spend a day at leisure in Zhangjiajie City or embark on an optional excursion to Yuanjiajie Scenic Area, home to the famous Bailong Lift - the world's tallest and fastest elevator. Board a high-speed train through the mountainous landscapes to Chongqing, the 'Mountain City'. Explore its architectural marvels, such as the Great Hall of the People, the famous Liziba monorail that passes directly through a residential building and stroll through the traditional charm of Hongya Cave.

Discover Leshan, with a cruise that provides an unforgettable view of the monumental, 71-metre-tall Giant Buddha, a UNESCO World Heritage site carved into a cliff face. Continue in the spiritual shadow of Mount Emei (Emeishan) with a visit to the tranquil Bao Guo Temple before arriving in the Sichuan provincial capital, Chengdu.

The trip culminates in Chengdu with a heartwarming visit to the Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base, a site dedicated to China's national treasure. Cap off your adventure with a stroll through the historic, yet stylish, Kuanzhai Alley for a taste of classic Sichuan architecture.

This stunning tour includes return international full-service flights, 8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 9 meals, English-speaking tour guides, a high-speed train experience and more.

Want more? Customise your journey with flight upgrades, or optional cultural performances, scenic excursions and more available throughout your tour.

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

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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 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

YELLOW SEA
Chengdu
Chongqing
Zhangjiajie
Emeishan
Changsha
Leshan
CHINA
EAST CHINA SEA
LAND
RAIL
FLIGHTS

The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Changsha, China

Today depart Australia for Changsha, China.

Nicknamed the "Star City" and renowned as one of China's "Four Furnaces," the capital of Hunan province is celebrated for its fiery regional cuisine, deep historical roots, and an exciting late-night culture.

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 Plaza or similar
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Changsha – Zhangjiajie

Today depart Changsha and drive onwards to Zhangjiajie.

Were you impressed by the Hallelujah Mountains in the film Avatar? The real ones are in Zhangjiajie. There are 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires in the national park. Scenes from the film come to mind when the peaks are caught in the right light, or when the early morning mountain mist rolls in around them. In 1982, Zhangjiajie National Forest Park became China's first National Forest Park.

On arrival in Zhangjiajie, take the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train (one-way) to see one of the most famous attractions in the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park – Ten-Li natural Gallery. There are dense woods, fragrant flowers and grotesque rocks that make the valley seem like a natural art gallery.

Over 200 rocks vividly mimic human and animal profiles on both sides of the walking path, extending deep into the valley. Many natural pictures formed on the precipices seem like paintings hanging on the cliffs. Afterwards, visit Gold Whip Stream, a brook at the foot of the towering mountains. The 400-metre-high cliff by Golden Whip Stream is spectacular. One thing to watch out for is the wild monkeys along the stream.

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

Today's driving distance is approximately 340km

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

Day 3 Zhangjiajie - Day at Leisure

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join in some optional activities.

Optional Activity - Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Tour (Day)

Travel to the nearby Yuanjiajie Scenic Area and ride the famous Bailong Lift which looks like a giant dragon soaring up to sky. The Guinness World Records confirms it as the highest and fastest outdoor elevator with the maximum loading capacity in the world. The machinery might be a bit incompatible with nature, but standing at its feet you will admire the power and wisdom of humankind.

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It reaches the mountain top in two minutes and everyone will be shocked at the sight of the mountains before their eyes. Paddy fields and houses are visible among the green hillside. The mountain trail invites you to walk around the area and enjoy vistas. Major highlights in Yuanjiajie Scenic Area includes Bailong Lift, Fields and Gardens in the Air, No.1 Natural Bridge under Heaven, Hanging Waterfall, Mihun Bridge and Tujia Village. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Acivity - Tianmen Fox Fairy Show (Evening)

Experience a large-scale outdoor musical drama that uses the Tianmen Mountain and its surrounding valley as a stage backdrop. It tells the story of a mythical fox fairy who falls in love with a human woodcutter, based on a local Chinese folktale, and features hundreds of performers, local singers, and high-tech effects.Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

Day 4 Zhangjiajie – Chongqing (High Speed Train Experience)

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or take the opportunity to join an optional tour to see the famous Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge, the world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge spanning over two mountains in Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon (Please see current pricing in Important Information).

This afternoon transfer to Zhangjiajie Railway Station for a high speed train to Chongqing (around 3.5 hour ride). Upon arrival transfer to the hotel.

Chongqing, Often nicknamed the "Mountain City" due to its hilly terrain, this vibrant metropolis is a spectacular blend of hyper-modern innovation and ancient history. The city is famous for its mind-blowing urban landscape and complex, multi-layered topography. It's a place where you can exit a building on the ground floor and find yourself on the 22nd floor of a different street.

Overnight: Winterless Hotel or similar, Chongqing
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Chongqing - Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will enjoy a walk outside the Great Hall of the People, an iconic landmark that ranks in the top 10 of classical Asian architecture of the 20th century and the Classic Chinese Centennial Building of the 20th century. Then head to Liziba Subway Station and experience the Chongqing monorail passing directly through a residential building, an architectural marvel that has become very hot in social media. Last enjoy some free time in Hongya Cave, multi-level shopping and dining known for its traditional stilted architecture.

In the afternoon, you can enjoy free time at leisure or join some optional activites

Optional Activity - Ciqikou Ancient Town Tour (Afternoon)

Your optional afternoon will start in Ciqikou Ancient Town, an old town preserved in sprawling modern Chongqing. It's an old sleepy town built in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. The town's name, Ciqikou, means porcelain harbor, and the community

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prospered from the porcelain trade. It offers a glimpse of the peaceful laid-back life in Chongqing countryside. Then proceed to Jiefangbei Square.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the government built a seventh floor six-sided cylindrical at the intersection of the national road, the livelihood road, the civil liberties road and the minister road in downtown Chongqing. It was called "people's liberation monument" and originally surrounded with low buildings. Now Jiefangbei is Chongqing's CBD with all the big shops and department stores, here you can see the most prosperous side of Chongqing.

Last stop at Kuixing Pavilion, a place where scholars in ancient times prayed and made wishes. With a history of over 200 years, it has now become a popular city landmark among locals and tourists alike.

Optional Activity - Yangtze Two-rivers Night Cruise (Evening)

Chongqing Two Rivers Night Cruise is one of the name cards of Chongqing. It offers a chance to behold Chongqing's renowned night view, where the city's mountainous skyline, encircled by the Yangtze and Jialing rivers, comes alive with a mesmerizing display of lights.

As the cruise glides smoothly, passengers can leisurely take in the sights while passing by major highlights of Chongqing downtown, fully immersing in the city's nocturnal charm. Last proceed to a secrete spot where you will have a full night view of this amazing city.

Optional Activity - Chongqing Hot Pot dinner (Evening)

Enjoy a traditional Chongqing hot pot dinner.

Overnight: Winterless Hotel or similar, Chongqing
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Chongqing – Leshan Giant Buddha – Emeishan Mountain

This morning, travel onwards to Leshan.

On arrival take a cruise to view the famous Leshan Giant Buddha. The Leshan Giant Buddha is the city's centerpiece attraction and a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring a 71-metre-tall stone Maitreya Buddha carved directly into a riverside cliff face during the Tang Dynasty. Overlooking the confluence of the Min, Dadu, and Qingyi rivers, it stands as the largest stone-carved Buddha statue in the world.

Afterwards, drive onwards to Emeishan City, located in the shadow of Mount Emei (Emeishan), the highest of the country's four sacred Buddhist mountains at 3099 metres.

Today's driving distance is approximately 350km.

Overnight: Hua Sheng Hotel or similar, Emeishan
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Emeishan – Chengdu

This morning enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in China as you walk through the Emeishan area and visit Bao Guo Temple, the largest temple at Emei Mountain, is the doorway to the mountain as well as the centre of Buddhist activity of Emei Mountain.

Afterwards proceed onwards to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. Chengdu is renowned among travelers for balancing a relaxed, unhurried lifestyle with deep historical roots, fiery

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cuisine, and modern cosmopolitan energy. Unlike faster-paced Chinese metropolises, the city is famous for its teahouse culture, lively street snacking, and world-class wildlife conservation.

Today's driving distance is approximately 180km.

Overnight: AC Hotel Chengdu North or similar, Chengdu
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Chengdu - Sightseeing

After breakfast, visit the famous Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base of Chengdu.

Giant Pandas, one of the rarest animals in the world and known as a 'living fossil', are not only extolled as China's national treasure, but also beloved by people around the world. Chengdu Panda Base, also called Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, is the world's only museum that focuses entirely on the critically endangered giant pandas. It is a site that panda fans cannot miss.

Then visit Kuanzhai Alley, one of Chengdu's three historic conservation districts. Constructed in 1718 during the early years of the Qing Dynasty, this charming pedestrian thoroughfare is home to an eclectic mix of classic Sichuan architecture, modern cafes and smart boutiques.

As you explore, listen to commentary from your guide about the district's history and design, and witness how some of the city's old establishments — local restaurants, traditional teahouses, Chinese calligraphy demonstrations — sit alongside the new.

Overnight: AC Hotel Chengdu North or similar, Chengdu
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Chengdu – Australia (or New Zealand)

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

Please note:

- *Standard check-out time is 12:00 and luggage storage is available at the front desk for those with later fights.*
- *Some travellers may be required to depart a day later and additional accommodation and transfers will be provided free of charge. This will not apply to passengers departing before 02:00 the following day as they will be transferred to the airport the day prior.*

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 10 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

Please note some flights may arrive +1 days

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Marvel at the 243 peaks and more than 3,000 pinnacles and spires of Zhangjiajie National Forest

View the amazing rock pillars of the Ten-Li Natural Gallery

Take a one-way ride on the Ten-Li Gallery Monorail Train

Enjoy a high-speed rail experience from Zhangjiajie to Chongqing

Visit Chongqing, famous for its mind-blowing urban landscape and complex, multi-layered topography.

See the famous Liziba Subway Station and experience the Chongqing monorail passing directly through a residential building

Explore Hongya Cave, multi-level shopping and dining known for its traditional stilted architecture.

Cruise to the Leshan Giant Buddha, a 71 metre Buddha statue built between 713 and 803 AC

Visit Bao Guo Temple, the largest temple on Mount Emei, the highest of the country's 4 sacred Buddhist mountains

Visit the famous Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base of Chengdu

Visit Kuanzhai Alley, one of Chengdu's three historic conservation districts

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply. (Excludes Trip Only Package)

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

9 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

High-speed train experience

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only package)

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

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General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our

Terms & Conditions

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Privacy Policy

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Cancellation Policy

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Itinerary Deviation

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Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 8th November 2027.
Minimum group size 10, 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 $940 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

Flight information for options excluding Trip Only Package

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: $450 per person
- Adelaide: $500 per person
- Auckland: $600 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.

Important Information

Please note:

- *We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*
- *From Sydney or Melbourne, the journey to your destination may take up to 25 hours, with up to 1 stop. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and either a complimentary city tour or hotel accommodation will be provided depending on length of the layover and time of day.*
- *From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland, the journey to your destination may take up to 30 hours, with up to 2 stops. In some cases you may have an extended layover in Guangzhou or Shanghai and either a complimentary city tour or hotel accommodation will be provided depending on length of the layover and time of day.*
- *If complimentary layover accommodation is provided the total journey times stated above will increase*
- *This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

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.

TRIP ONLY PACKAGE

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only Package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Changsha: Ramada Plaza or similar
Zhangjiajie: Best Western Plus Zhangjiajie or similar
Chongqing: Winterless Hotel or similar
Emeishan: Hua Sheng Hotel or similar
Chengdu: AC Hotel Chengdu North 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,

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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

Day 3: Yuanjiajie Scenic Area Tour - 500 RMB per person
Day 3: Tianmen Fox Fairy Show - 400 RMB per person
Day 4: Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge - 400 RMB per person
Day 5: Ciqikou Ancient Town Tour - 280 RMB per person
Day 5: Yangtze Two-Rivers Night Cruise - 280 RMB per person
Day 5: Chongqing Hot Pot dinner - 220 RMB per person

Please note:

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

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Expected gratuities/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

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only Package.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

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)

Chongqing

Spring is generally mild and pleasant in Chongqing. The weather warms up quickly, with temperatures typically ranging from about 15°C to 25°C. This season still sees occasional thick fog in the mornings, especially in March, a remnant of the winter humidity. Light showers are common, but overall it's a comfortable transition period before the intense summer heat arrives.

Chengdu

Spring in Chengdu is characterized as pleasant and warming. It's often considered a very comfortable time to be in the city. Temperatures follow a similar range to Chongqing, usually between 15°C and 25°C. Chengdu experiences less fog than Chongqing and is generally a little drier, making it a popular time for local travel and outdoor activities.

Summer (June - August)

Chongqing

Summer in Chongqing is extremely hot and humid, earning it the moniker of one of China's "Furnace Cities." Temperatures frequently exceed 35°C and can sometimes climb over 40°C in the afternoon. This is the peak rainy season, featuring frequent, heavy thunderstorms that, while intense, do little to break the stifling humidity. The heat often makes midday outdoor activities challenging.

Chengdu

Chengdu's summer is also hot, humid, and rainy, but generally less extreme than in Chongqing. Temperatures typically range from 25°C to 33°C. Like its neighbor, Chengdu receives the bulk of its annual

rainfall during this period, with July and August being the wettest months, characterized by high humidity and heavy precipitation.

Autumn (September - November)

Chongqing

Autumn is often considered the best time to visit Chongqing. The weather turns cool and comfortable, providing a welcome relief from the summer heat. Early autumn sees temperatures ranging from 18°C to 28°C, gradually cooling by November. The humidity drops, and the city enjoys clearer skies and less rainfall compared to the summer months.

Chengdu

Autumn in Chengdu is similarly a cool and crisp season. It is another ideal time for tourism due to the comfortable, moderate weather. Temperatures generally range from 14°C to 22°C. While rain is common, it tends to be lighter and less frequent than during the summer, offering many pleasant, mild days.

Winter (December - February)

Chongqing

Winter in Chongqing is mild, damp, and famously foggy. Compared to northern China, it's short, with temperatures typically ranging from 6°C to 12°C. However, the high humidity makes the cold feel much more penetrating. The season is dominated by frequent and heavy fog, giving the city its nickname "Fog City." Snow is extremely rare.

Chengdu

Chengdu's winter is cold, damp, and predominantly overcast. Temperatures are low, ranging from about 5 °C to 10 °C. The persistent cloud cover and high humidity contribute to a perpetual feeling of chill. Fog can also occur, and the city receives very little sunshine during this season. As with Chongqing, significant snowfall is highly uncommon.

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

Mobility:

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 and any extension to this exemption will likely be announced 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.

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 passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.