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Tours*



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China

Extension to Hong Kong



## Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays (9 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- 3 meals daily Days 3–8 (breakfast daily and 1 lunch on extension)
- Full-time bilingual tour director
- In-depth sightseeing and entrance fees to special attractions
- Experiential learning: Cultural immersion

**Highlights:** Summer Palace; Forbidden City; Tiananmen Square; Great Wall of China; Rikshaw tour; Shaanxi Provincial Historical Museum; Big Wild Goose Pagoda; IMAX theater; Terra-cotta Warriors; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Yuan Garden; Nanjing Lu; Jin Mao Tower; Acrobatics show

**With extension:** Stanley Market; Dim Sum lunch

**Optional:** Tang Dynasty Dinner Show; Huangpu River cruise; Heritage tour (extension only); Top of the Town Dinner and Night Cruise (extension only)



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The richness of Chinese history and culture is all around you on your tour through the world's most populous nation.

## Day 1 Flight

**Overnight flight** • Your adventure begins as you fly through the night to China.

## Day 2 Beijing

**Arrival in Beijing** • Touch down in Beijing. Recall that it was in this city that Chairman Mao proclaimed the People's Republic of China in 1949. Meet your bilingual Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay; then transfer to your hotel.

## Day 3 Beijing

**Guided sightseeing of Beijing** • An expert local guide introduces you to the Chinese capital, a treasure chest of imperial monuments. This ancient city first received its modern name when it became the capital for the second time in Chinese history in 1402 (“Beijing” means “Northern Capital”). See Tiananmen Square (the Gate of Heavenly Peace), the largest public square in the world. Visit the Forbidden City (Gugong), once accessible only to the Emperor. Get a close-up look at the golden-roofed Imperial Palace, one of the world's greatest architectural achievements. Hundreds of thousands of workers labored on the construction of this palatial complex during the Ming Dynasty (1403-1424). It was later renovated during the 18th century (Qing Dynasty). Although situated in the very heart of Beijing, the Forbidden City is surrounded by both a moat and a protective wall. The emperors who once resided here often spent their entire lives within the complex—it was not until 1949 that a “commoner” set foot inside the area.

**Lunch with local students (except during**

**Chinese holidays and exam time)** • Learn what school life is like in China while you eat lunch with a group of Chinese students. Of course, they'll be curious about American schools too, so be prepared to answer a lot of questions!

**Peking Duck Dinner** • Tonight, you'll be treated to the sumptuous dish that northern China is famous for: Peking duck! During this special feast, learn about the ritual preparation and savory side dishes that accompany this regional specialty.

## Day 4 Beijing

**Excursion to Badaling and the Great Wall of China** • Travel north to Badaling to view one of the wonders of the world: the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against the Mongols: 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. Extending across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles—perhaps only a tenth of its former length—the wall is visible from outer space! In



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fact, if one were to take all the stone used in the Great Wall's construction, one could build another wall—8 feet high—around the entire globe!

**Rikshaw tour of hutongs** • Exploring hutongs on a rikshaw tour is an unforgettable experience. A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing. Hutongs were common in ancient Beijing. Today, as the city develops into an international metropolis, its lanes and alleyways, occupying one third of the city proper, still serve to access dwellings for half the total urban population.

**Experiential learning: Cultural immersion (except during Chinese holidays)** • Peer into the daily life of a typical Chinese family. Learn (and enjoy!) the art of Chinese cooking during a visit to a local household.

### Day 5 Beijing • Xi'an

**Temple of Heaven Park** • See Tiantan, or Temple of Heaven Park, a huge outdoor complex adorned with Ming and Qing relics.

**Flight to Xi'an** • Transfer to the airport for your flight to Xi'an (pronounced *Shi-ahn*), one of China's most extraordinary cities. Xi'an was once the largest city in the world, and the capital of 11 dynasties.

### Day 6 Xi'an

**Guided sightseeing of Xi'an** • Follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo during guided sightseeing. (Xi'an was located at the eastern end of the Silk Road, the route the famous traveler followed.) See the 7th-century Big Wild Goose Pagoda (built upon the orders of Xuan Zang, the monk who introduced Buddhism to China), the city walls, the 118-foot-high Bell Tower, and the Great Mosque (one of China's oldest Moslem temples).

**Visit to the Shaanxi Provincial Museum** • See artifacts from the Han and Tang dynasties at the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, which was built on the site of a former Confucian temple.

**Visit to the Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army** • Visit the intriguing Museum of the Terra-Cotta Army, which exhibits the amazing collection of figures discovered by peasants digging for water in 1974. The army's 6,000 painstakingly modeled, life-size warriors and horses—of which no two are alike—were sculpted to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, founder of the Qin Dynasty (221–206 B.C.) and the first ruler to unify China.

**IMAX Theater** • On the 3D IMAX screen, view a fascinating film depicting the excavation process by which the Terra-Cotta Army was excavated.

**Optional Tang Dynasty Show and Dinner** • Experience the splendor of the Tang Dynasty at this world-class theater restaurant featuring famous Cantonese cuisine. Since its opening in 1988 in Xi'an, the complex has accommodated over 2.5 million guests from around the world, both tourists and dignitaries alike, who often proclaim it a favorite part of their Chinese journey.

### Day 7 Xi'an • Shanghai

**Flight to Shanghai** • Fly to Shanghai, China's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai (meaning “up from the sea”) has been an important port since the Opium War. Recall that it was in Shanghai that China's Communist Party—and later the Cultural Revolution—first originated.

**Experiential learning: Cultural immersion (except during Chinese holidays)** • Visit a local hospital to learn about Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

**Optional Huangpu River Cruise** • Climb aboard for an exciting two-hour cruise down the bustling Huangpu River. You'll start in Taihu Lake in the Jiangsu province, head towards Shanghai to where the Huangpu joins the mighty Yangtze. The Huangpu is known as one of Shanghai's most scenic attractions.

### Day 8 Shanghai

**Guided sightseeing of Shanghai** • Guided sightseeing begins in the heart of the city with a visit to the Bund (once considered the “Wall Street of the East”), a beautifully landscaped promenade overlooking the waterfront. You'll also view the Jade Buddha Temple; the extraordinary Buddhas you see here (each sculpted from a piece of white jade) were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana. Continue on to the glorious Yu Garden, a showplace of classical Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537. As you stroll along its winding paths, past goldfish ponds, shrubs and pavilions, note that the Chinese consider gardening a complex art form in which the challenge is to construct an entire world in miniature using

minerals, plants, and animals in a limited space.

**Nanjing Lu** • Spend time admiring the crafts, delicacies, and interesting shops that line colorful Nanjing Road. Pick up a small souvenir, if you like.

**Jin Mao Tower** • Enjoy spectacular views from the Jin Mao Tower, China's tallest building and the fifth tallest building in the world.

**Acrobatics show** • Witness a thrilling display by talented performers during today's acrobatics show. The Chinese have been enjoying this entertaining sport for 22 centuries!

### Day 9 Home

**Return home** • Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

### EXTENSION

#### Day 9 Shanghai • Hong Kong

**Extension to Hong Kong** • Alternatively, your group can plan to extend its stay with a two-day visit to Hong Kong.

**Flight to Hong Kong** • Board your flight to Hong Kong, China's Window on the World. This bustling metropolis, important financial center, and former British Crown Colony reverted to Chinese control in 1997. (Britain first claimed Hong Kong following the Opium War in 1842, and later, in 1898, signed a 99-year lease for the territory.) In 1998, Britain ceremoniously ended this lease.

#### Day 10 Hong Kong

**Guided sightseeing of Hong Kong** • Guided sightseeing brings you up Victoria Peak for a truly breathtaking view of the city, harbor, and neighboring islands. You'll also pass Happy Valley, the Royal

The oldest section of the Great Wall of China was constructed in 500 B.C. by the Kingdom of Qi.



Yacht Club, Repulse Bay (Hong Kong's most popular beach), and the world-famous Aberdeen Harbor (known for its floating restaurants).

**Dim Sum Lunch** • Enjoy the local tradition of a dim sum lunch today. Originally a forum for sampling and conversation, dim sum gives you the chance to try an amazingly diverse range of Chinese culinary specialties.

**Optional Heritage Tour** • Find out first-hand about the restorations taking place in Hong Kong to preserve its cultural heritage. Visit the 1892 Man Mo Temple (Man is the god of literature, Mo the god of martial arts); the Wishing Tree, featuring a spirit in the trees who allegedly grants wishes to those that pray here; and Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall and the walled villages of Lo Wai. You'll pass through the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail, homeland of the Tang Clan, and visit Tai Fu Tai, an opulent 1865 state home.

### **Day 11 Hong Kong**

**Free time in Hong Kong** • Spend your time exploring the sensory smorgasbord that is Hong Kong.

**Optional Top of the Town Dinner and Night Cruise** • Opt to check out Hong Kong from 62 stories above—at the Revolving 66 restaurant where you'll enjoy a superb four-course Western dinner. Afterwards, meander the night markets of Temple Street before ending the night with a spectacular harbor cruise with the lights of the city in the background.

### **Day 12 Home**

**Return home** • Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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