

Chinese Adventure



Day 1: AUSTRALIA - BEIJING

Please meet at the airport for your International flight to Beijing, China.

Day 2: BEIJING (LD)

On arrival in Beijing, you will be met by a local guide and transferred by coach to your hotel. You may have some time to freshen up before you will commence your sightseeing. You will visit Tiananmen Square – the largest square in the world. Tiananmen Square is the large plaza near the center of Beijing, China, named after the Tiananmen (literally, *Gate of Heavenly Peace*) which sits to its north, separating it from the Forbidden City. It has great cultural significance as a symbol because it was the site of several key events in Chinese history. You will then continue on to the Imperial Place, also known as the Forbidden City, home of the emperors, before returning to your hotel to freshen up for dinner. Lunch and dinner at local Chinese restaurants.

Day 3: BEIJING (BLD)

This morning after breakfast you will be met by your guide and coach and you will visit the Badaling Great Wall of China. Built as a barrier against barbaric northern nomads, you are free to climb and take photos on this magnificent relic – you will marvel at its construction. Enroute back to Beijing you will visit the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way. Lunch and dinner at local Chinese restaurants. Tonight after dinner you will attend a performance at the Beijing Opera.

Day 4: BEIJING (BLD)

This morning after breakfast you will be met by your coach and guide and you will visit the Hutong area of Beijing by rickshaw. Beijing's Hutongs back alleys are where Chinese life can be seen at its most typical and traditional. Here you will see a kindergarten and visit a typical Chinese family. After visiting the Hutongs proceed to the Lama Temple which is tended by some 70 Mongolian lamas. You will then be taken to visit the Silk Alley for some last minute shopping. Shopping in Beijing is an experience that you will not forget – here you will have the chance to put your bargaining skills to good use! There are many items available to purchase from clothes, bags, shoes, jewellery and watches. All items range in price and quality. Tonight enjoy a Peking Duck Banquet. Lunch and dinner are at local Chinese restaurants.

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Day 5: BEIJING - XIAN (BLD)

This morning after breakfast you will be met by your coach and guide and you will visit the Summer Palace, stopping en-route to see the Panda's at the Zoo. The Summer Palace was the venue for Imperial families to spend their summers and relax. Here you will see the famous Marble Boat. Returning to Beijing you will visit the beautiful Temple of Heaven with its blue tiled roof and the largest Temple in China. Lunch today is at a local Chinese restaurant. This evening after dinner at a local Chinese restaurant you will be transferred to the train station where you will board your overnight train to Xian. *(Soft sleeper class)*.

Day 6: XIAN (BLD)

On arrival in Xian you will be met by your local guide and transferred by coach to your hotel for breakfast. You will then commence touring this city by visiting the Old City Wall *(restored)* for a bike ride and the 600 year old Bell Tower. You will also see the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. As the symbol of the old-line Xian, Big Wild Goose Pagoda is a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. It is located in the southern suburb of Xian City, about 4 kilometers (2.49 miles) from the downtown of the city. Standing in the Da Ci'en Temple complex, it attracts numerous visitors for its fame in the Buddhist religion, its simple but appealing style of construction, and its new square in front of the temple. Lunch today will be at a local Chinese restaurant. In the evening you will attend a Tang Dynasty Dance Show with dinner.

Day 7: XIAN (BLD)

This morning after breakfast you will visit the Terracotta Warriors and Horses with coach and guide, which were discovered accidentally by a peasant farmer who was digging his well. The Warriors are divided into four massive pits and the viewing area has been constructed around them. You will then continue to the Hua Qing Hot Springs and the Banpo Neolithic Museum before returning to your hotel in Xian. Lunch and dinner are at local Chinese restaurants.

Day 8: XIAN - SHANGHAI (BLD)

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. On arrival in Shanghai you will be met by your local guide and coach and transferred to your hotel. You will then commence a day of sightseeing. Highlights this afternoon include the Jade Buddha Temple and the Colonial History Museum. Today you will experience a Chinese barbeque lunch at a local restaurant. You will also visit "The Bund". The Bund, which extends from Jinling Road in the south to the Waibaidu Bridge in the north, is a 1.5-kilometer-long boulevard on the western bank of the Huangpu River. Dinner tonight will be at a local Chinese restaurant.

Day 9:**SHANGHAI****(BLD)**

This morning after breakfast you will be met by your coach and guide for another full day of sightseeing. Today you will visit the Yu Yuan Garden and Old Tea House. You will then take the lift to the viewing platform of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower in the new area of Pudong for spectacular views of the Bund and Huangpu River. This afternoon you will be transferred to Nanjing Road where you can shop supervised by your teacher. China's premier shopping street, 3.4-mile-long Nanjing Road, starts at the Bund in the east and ends in the west at the junction of Jingan Temple and Yan'an West Street. Today Nanjing Road is a must-see metropolitan destination attracting thousands of fashion-seeking shoppers from all over the world. Today over 600 businesses on Nanjing road offer countless famous brands, superior quality, and new fashions. Upscale stores include Tiffany, Mont Blanc, and Dunhill. In addition, approximately a hundred traditional stores and specialty shops still provide choice silk goods, jade, embroidery, wool, and clocks. Lunch and dinner today will be at local Chinese restaurants. This evening after dinner you will see an Acrobatic Show.

Day 10:**SHANGHAI****(B)**

Depending on flight times, the morning is free for teacher organised activities before being transferred to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

Day 11:**AUSTRALIA**

Arrive Home

INCLUSIONS:

- Return International Economy Airfares: Australia/Beijing//Shanghai/Australia.
- Accommodation: Based on 3/4* accommodation with twin share for students (and 1 triple for an odd number). Two complimentary staff will also be in a twin room. All rooms with private facilities.
- 3 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Xian, 2 nights in Shanghai.
- Meals included as per itinerary B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner.
- English speaking local guides throughout the tour (*no national guides*).
- Coach Transfers for arrivals, departures, and sightseeing programs.
- Entrance admissions to main places visited as per itinerary.
- One way Domestic train Beijing/Xian soft sleeper 4 berth cabin (overnight).
- One way Domestic airfare Xian/Shanghai.
- Local office in Beijing.
- Trekset travel wallets.

CONDITIONS

Conditions apply. The price is based on the exchange rate AUD1.00 = USD 0.8650 dated 21/8/08. It is based on 20 students and 2 staff complimentary in low season. All taxes are approximate and included taxes for the 2 complimentary staff. Please contact your Trekset Tours representative for all terms and conditions.

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