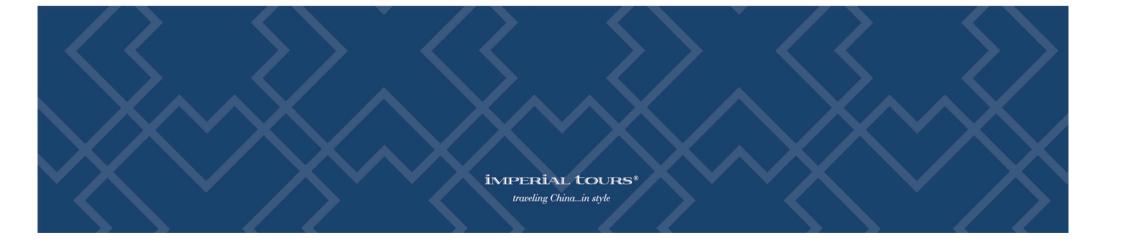


DISCOVER CHINA

Itinerary prepared for distinguished guests

14 DAY DISCOVER CHINA TOUR



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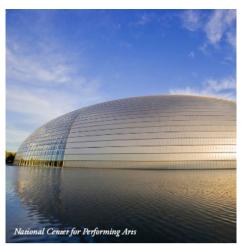
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day	1	Beijing	VIP Airport Pick-up	Transfer to Four Seasons Hotel
Day	2	Beijing	Summer Palace	Hutong Tour
Day	3	Beijing	Tian'anmen Square & Forbidden City Panjiayuan Market	Forbidden City Special Access
Day	4	Beijing	Great Wall at Jinshanling	
Day	5	Beijing Xi'an	Temple of Heaven Transfer to Sofitel Legend Hotel	Fly to Xi'an
Day	6	Xi'an	Terracotta Warriors	Great Mosque & City Wall
Day	7	Xi'an Guilin	Yangling Museum Transfer to Banyan Tree Yangshuo	Fly to Guilin
Day	8	Guilin	Bamboo Rafting	Village Life
Day	9	Guilin Hangzhou	Morning at Leisure Transfer to Four Seasons	Fly to Hangzhou
Day	10	Hangzhou	Taichi Lesson & West Lake	Temple District
Day	11	Hangzhou Shanghai	Tea Fields & Five Disciplines Transfer to Peninsula Hotel	Drive to Shanghai
Day	12	Shanghai	Architectural History Tour	French Concession
Day	13	Shanghai	Shanghai Museum	Yu Garden
Day	14	Shanghai	Depart China	









BEIJING

DAY 1

Upon arrival at Beijing International Airport, you will be met at the gate by airport VIP staff, holding a sign with your name, who will lead you through immigration, baggage claim and customs. Your China Host will then meet you after you have claimed your luggage and passed through customs. Upon transferring to the hotel, you will have the remainder of the evening at leisure.



BEIJING
DAY 2
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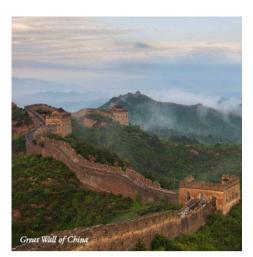


BEIJING
DAY 3
B/L/D

Today you will drive an hour northwest of the city center to the breathtaking Imperial Summer Palace, the enchanting mansion of the Empress Dowager Cixi. Set on 700 acres of land, the Summer Palace incorporates stunning temples, arched bridges, capacious pavilions and the world's longest covered corridor, all within a landscape crafted according to the dictates of fengshui. Later in the afternoon, you will visit an ancient quarter of Beijing, whose traditional alleyways known as hutongs have been preserved. Your tour begins in a typical outdoor market. From there, you will travel partly by pedicab along the lakeside to an affluent neighborhood, where you will see beautifully restored traditional courtyard homes and have the opportunity to learn calligraphy.

Today you will walk across Tian'anmen Square, one of the largest squares of the modern era, after which you will go back in time when you enter the Forbidden City. We have arranged special access to Conghuagong, a section of the Forbidden City that is normally closed to the general public. In the afternoon we will take you to the city's largest open-air antique/flea market that offers unique souvenirs. This is your opportunity to polish your haggling techniques if purchasing a handmade Ming dynasty-reproduction chair, to browse through bronze statuettes or guess the use of Tibetan curios.

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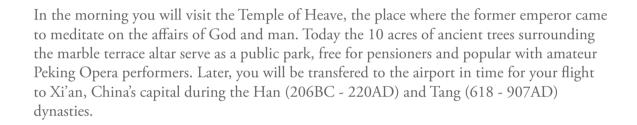


BEIJING
DAY 4
B/L/D

Today, you will visit the Great Wall of China. The section that we most highly recommend is further away, about 2 hours drive, but is generally considered one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Wall. Once there, you will be treated to a private banquet on the Wall itself (weather permitting). After lunch you will be given some time for a stroll along this most magnificent of sites.



BEIJING XI'AN DAY 5 B/L/D





XI'AN *DAY 6 B/L/D*

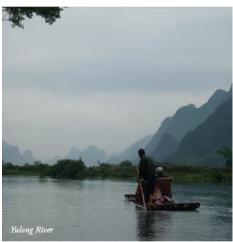
This morning you will visit the awe inspiring Terracotta Warriors, built by China's first Emperor to protect him in the afterlife. In the afternoon you will observe the enduring influence of Xi'an's vibrant Muslim community in its Great Mosque and the forever-bustling Muslim Quarter tucked in an enclave within the historic City Wall. Xi'an is fortunate to still have an Intact defensive perimeter dating back to the Ming dynasty. Higher and taller than the Great Wall, you can cycle along the top of this imposing structure for a unique perspective of Xi'an's two faces – the ancient city within the walls and the merging modern metropolis on the outside.

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XI'AN GUILIN DAY 7 B/L/D

In the morning, you may wish to visit the stunning Yangling Museum, dedicated to the tomb of the Western Han dynasty emperor, Liu Qiu (188 - 141BCE). The artifacts unearthed here, while similar in purpose to those found in the more famous tomb of Emperor Qin, are far more varied. For example, they include courtesans, buildings and farm animals as well as soldiers. Highly stylized, they are also elegant – this is one of the most sophisticated displays you will find anywhere in China. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Guilin.



GUILIN
DAY 8
B/L/D

The day begins with a ride on a traditional bamboo raft along a less visited tributary of the Li River. Children like to swim in the rippling waters, lined with overhanging clumps of bamboo. Local farmers rake the riverbed for reeds to give to their wives to dry out and weave. Fishermen send signals to their cormorants as they hunt the river bottom for fish. In the afternoon, you will travel off the tourist trail and deep into the countryside for a rare view of agricultural life. Here you will have the opportunity to wander through the river paddies and learn how to make soy milk and tofu from villagers.



GUILIN HANGZHOU DAY 9 B/L/D

This morning has been left free, and with good reason. This is one of your best chances to enjoy a little down time. You may wish to go for a swim in one of the hotel pools or perhaps take a stroll along the river. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hangzhou.

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HANGZHOU *DAY 10 B/L/D*

The day will begin with a serene taichi session overlooking the beautiful West Lake. Later, as did Marco Polo, you will travel in a private gondola across the scenic West Lake, surrounded by pagodas, causeways and islands. You will also go to the wooded valleys northwest of the lake known as Hangzhou's Buddhist temple district. After touring one of the loveliest of temples, you will decend a nearby hill past *he Cliff that Flew From Afar* to marvel at over three hundred ancient Buddhist statues carved into the limestone rock face from the 10th to 14th century.



HANGZHOU SHANGHAI DAY 11 B/L/D

You will begin the day with a drive through the tea plantations where China's most famous green tea is cultivated. Later, we will take you to a classical Chinese garden where you will experience the arts of the Five Disciplines – calligraphy, music, incense, flower arranging and tea, all of which the gentleman scholar of the past was expected to be proficient in. This is a chance for you to try your hand at some of these quintessentially Chinese arts. Later, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Shanghai. Your next destination will take your breath away. Since the early 1980's Shanghai has been growing like no other, with the skyline becoming as iconic as Manhattan or Hong Kong. Before dinner, you will have a chance to walk or drive along the Bund, taking in some of the loveliest buildings in the city.



SHANGHAI DAY 12 B/L/D

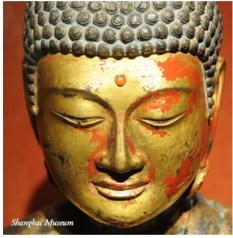
Today begins with a walking tour of colonial architecture in Shanghai given by a member of the Shanghai Historical Society. This tour will take you into some of the most important buildings along the Bund and former French Concession. En route to lunch, we will travel along sycamore-lined boulevards into the heart of the French Concession. This section of the "Paris of the Orient" now hosts many arts-based businesses and art galleries that we can visit if you so desire. The afternoon will be spent discovering some of Shanghai's great shopping areas. This could include a contemporary ceramics shop, the private studio of a renowned designer or a shop selling cashmere for children.

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SHANGHAI *DAY 13 B/L/D*

Today you will visit the Shanghai Museum, one of the most modern in the country. Arranged by category rather than chronologically, its collection displays the breadth of Chinese arts from ceramics, to jade and ivory carvings to paintings. Later in the day you will visit the Yu Gardens, one of the best examples of traditional Chinese garden design in the country.



SHANGHAI DAY 13 B

Today is your last day of the tour. You will be transferred to the airport for your departure.

HOTELS

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEIJING

The long awaited flagship hotel for the Four Seasons. Service is impeccable and rooms stylish and familiar.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES

Buffet breakfast for two, Upgrade from a Deluxe Room to a Premier Room subject to availability at time of checkin, In-room wifi access LOCATION

Close to the north embassy district with convenient access to the airport. = ${\tt ROOMS}$

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SOFITEL LEGEND HOTEL

The first hotel in a landmark building in Xi'an. The hotel has all the makings to become one of the hotels in the country with private butler service in all rooms and décor that exudes luxury.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES
Buffet breakfast for two, USD100 Food & Beverage credit per room, In-room wifi access LOCATION
Very central within the city wall.
ROOMS 71

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BANYAN TREE YANGSHUO

This newly opened scenic resort has luxurious private suites and villas that follow the design of local architecture. With mesmerizing views of the karst scenery immortalized in traditional scroll paintings this will be the perfect place to relax.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES
Buffet breakfast for two, In-room wifi access
LOCATION
In Yangshuo County
ROOMS 142

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FOUR SEASONS HANGZHOU

Located near West Lake, Four Seasons' second hotel in China draws on Hangzhou's architectural heritage to accommodate guests in Ming-style pavilions set within a traditional Chinese garden.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES
Buffet breakfast for two, In-room wifi access

LOCATION
On the Western shores of West Lake.

ROOM:

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PENINSULA HOTEL SHANGHAI

The Shanghai Peninsula evokes the Art Deco era. Comfortable rooms are equipped with the latest room technology featuring low cost, IP telephone calling and free internet service.

AMENITIES

American breakfast for two, In-room wifi access, Long distance calls via VOIP, Afternoon high tea for two when booking two Peninsula Hotels in China

LOCATION
North end of the Bund

ROOMS 235

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