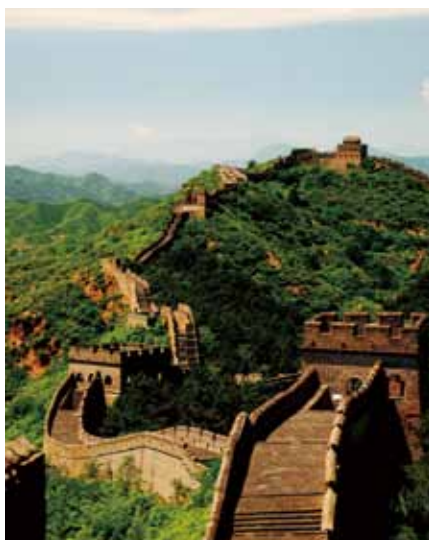




# Best of China

13 day tour to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Longsheng Rice Terrace, Li River & Guilin

Guilin is considered to be the pearl of China's thriving tourist industry on account of the natural beauty and historic treasures. The boat trip down the Li River will allow you to experience gorgeous scenery including various Karst mountain peaks, wildlife, rural villages and performers. The Longsheng Dragon's Backbone Rice Terraces are the culmination of both the profound wisdom and strenuous labor of local minority Zhuang people.



## Day 1 Australia ✈ Beijing

Depart on your flight to Beijing. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

## Day 2 Beijing Meal: B/L/D

Today's visit includes Tiananmen Square, the largest city square in the world. From Tiananmen Square enter the Forbidden City. This massive complex was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. With almost 10,000 rooms, this well-preserved imperial palace is the largest in the world. After lunch, you will go to Baihai Park which was the winter palace for the emperors in the past.

## Day 3 Beijing Meal: B/L/SD

Today you experience the splendour of the Great Wall, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing manmade structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. This evening enjoy a Peking Duck Banquet.

## Day 4 Beijing Meal: B/L

This morning you visit the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all imperial palace gardens. Be amazed with fascination at the Marble Boat and the ornately painted Long Corridor. After lunch, this afternoon is at leisure.

## Day 5 Beijing 🚄 Xian Meal: B/D

This morning you visit the Temple of Heaven, where emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties would make offerings to heaven and pray for good harvests. You are transferred to the train station and take high speed train to Xian. You will experience the high speed train which runs 300 per hour and takes around 4.5 hours for this 1,216 kilometer long journey. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Xian is the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties.

## Day 6 Xian Meal: B/L/SD

Today's touring is to the vast treasure of the underground army of the Terracotta Warriors. They are to be found at an archaeological site which so far has yielded some 8000 ancient terracotta soldiers and horses, each a unique, finely detailed sculpture. This afternoon, you visit the ancient city wall which is one of the best persevered in China. Dinner is a sumptuous dumpling banquet and the spectacular Tang Dynasty stage show.

## Day 7 Xian 🚄 Shanghai Meal: B

This morning, you are transferred to the train station and take high speed train to Shanghai. It takes around 6 hours for this 1,503 kilometer long journey. Upon arrival, you visit Xintiandi, where "yesterday meets tomorrow in Shanghai today." As a recreation born out of the sprawls of Shikumen housing, which is the architectural symbol of Shanghai in the 20th century, Shanghai Xintiandi, "The City's Living-room" is a place to unwind and relax after a long day. Check in at your hotel.





**Day 8 Shanghai** Meal: B/L  
 After breakfast, the day begins with a grand city tour of Shanghai – the classical Ming Dynasty Yu Yuan Gardens with pavilions, towers and terraces and Pudong, the new economic district across from the Bund. The tour continues after lunch with a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund and some window shopping along bustling Nanjing Road. You can enjoy your shopping at the local market.

**Day 9 Shanghai ✈ Guilin** Meal: B  
 This morning is at leisure. You will fly to Guilin in the afternoon. Check in at hotel for 3 nights.

**Day 10 Guilin 🚢 Yangshuo** Meal: B/L/D  
 The highlight of Guilin is the Li River cruise, a 5-6 hour cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo passing through various strange and wonderful mountain formations. Upon arrival Yangshuo you will have time to roam the local market.

**Day 11 Guilin 🚗 Longsheng** Meal: B/L  
 Day excursion to Longsheng. Longsheng is

located in the mountainous region on the north eastern part of Guilin. The natural beauty and the colourful ethnic Chinese cultures and customs attract people from all over the world. You visit old Zhuang village, and the beautiful terrace rice fields on summit of Longji (Dragon's backbone), which are built along the slope winding from the bottom of the valley to the mountain top, with the highest place of an elevation of 885m and the lowest 380m. Return Guilin in the late afternoon.

**Day 12 Guilin ✈ Australia** Meal: B/L  
 This morning, you tour the Reed Flute Cave, a wonderful limestone cave with a dazzling variety of stalactites and stalagmites and Fubo Hill. After Lunch, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong then take connecting flight bound for Australia.

**Day 13 Australia**  
 Arrive into Australia in the morning.

**Best of China Departure Dates & Prices**

Tour code	Start Beijing Tuesday	End Guilin Saturday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	# Land Only: \$2,880	Single supplement: \$750
			Cathay Pacific Airways		
BC170207	07-Feb-17	18-Feb-17	\$3,550		
BC170307	07-Mar-17	18-Mar-17	\$3,550		
BC170328	28-Mar-17	08-Apr-17	\$3,680		
BC170411	11-Apr-17	22-Apr-17	\$3,780		
BC170425	25-Apr-17	06-May-17	\$3,680		
BC170509	09-May-17	20-May-17	\$3,680		
BC170523	23-May-17	03-Jun-17	\$3,680		
BC170613	13-Jun-17	24-Jun-17	\$3,680		
BC170704	04-Jul-17	15-Jul-17	\$3,780		
BC170725	25-Jul-17	05-Aug-17	\$3,680		
BC170815	15-Aug-17	26-Aug-17	\$3,680		
BC170829	29-Aug-17	09-Sep-17	\$3,680		
BC170912	12-Sep-17	23-Sep-17	\$3,780		
BC170926	26-Sep-17	07-Oct-17	\$3,880		
BC171010	10-Oct-17	21-Oct-17	\$3,780		
BC171024	24-Oct-17	04-Nov-17	\$3,780		
BC171114	14-Nov-17	25-Nov-17	\$3,680		
BC171205	05-Dec-17	16-Dec-17	\$3,880		
BC171219	19-Dec-17	30-Dec-17	\$4,150		
BC180206	06-Feb-18	17-Feb-18	\$3,550		
BC180227	27-Feb-18	10-Mar-18	\$3,550		
BC180313	13-Mar-18	24-Mar-18	\$3,550		
BC180327	27-Mar-18	07-Apr-18	\$3,680		

\* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

\* Please refer to Page 13 for **Tour Inclusions** and **Extending Your Holiday** details.

# Land Only price: Tour starts from **Arrival Transfer in Beijing** and **Departure Transfer in Guilin**, including 2nd class high speed train Beijing - Xian - Shanghai and domestic air ticket Shanghai - Guilin but excludes any international air tickets.

\* 2nd class train from Beijing - Xian - Shanghai included; upgrade to 1st class with surcharge \$180 pp subject to availability.

\* Extra China visa fee see page 10 for details.

\* Package prices of Cathay Pacific are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Hong Kong will be at your own expenses.

**Stopover:** Stopover in Hong Kong permitted if flying with Cathay Pacific Airways. Extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Hong Kong can be arranged at additional cost, see Hong Kong stopover package for details.

**Hotels used for this tour:** Hotels used for this tour: 4\* Beijing Park Plaza Science Park; 4\* Xian Days Hotel & Suites Xinxing; 4\* Shanghai Regal East Asia Hotel; 4\* Guilin Bravo or similar.

**Pre / Post Stay Hotel:** \$170 (Beijing) / \$170 (Guilin) - per room per night with breakfast