



## China Cultural Tour

16 day tour to Shanghai, Kaifeng, Shaolin Temple, Luoyang, Xian Pingyao, Taiyuan, Datong & Beijing

Shaolin Temple is the cradle of the Chinese Zen Buddhism and the Shaolin Martial Arts. Ping Yao is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a traditional Han Chinese city which was the major centre for the whole of China in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Yungang Grottoes are an outstanding example of the Chinese stone carvings from the 5th and 6th centuries. Plus Forbidden City in Beijing, all of them are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



### Day 1 Australia ✈ Shanghai

Depart on your flight to Shanghai, the largest city in China. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport then transfer you to the hotel.

### Day 2 Shanghai

Meal: B/L/D

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 by a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund, window-shopping in bustling Nanjing Road. After dinner you will enjoy the amazing Shanghai Acrobatics Show.

### Day 3 Shanghai 🚄 Kaifeng Meal: B/D

This morning you will take high speed train to Kaifeng city (approx. 6 hours), one of the capitals in ancient China. Upon arrival, you visit to the Millennium Theme Park of Qingming Festival where you will experience the social life of Ancient China dated back to 11 century AD. Then visit the dragon pavilion—the original site of the ancient imperial palace. You may also walk around the imperial street of the Northern Song Dynasty.

### Day 4 Kaifeng 🚄 Shaolin 🚄 Luoyang

Meal: B/L/D

In the morning you will visit to the Iron Pagoda—the symbolic building of Kaifeng City. Then drive to Shaolin. Visit the Shaolin Monastery. Built in 495AD, it is the cradle of Kung Fu (wushu) and the Chinese Zen Buddhism. There are many attractions here including the Hall of Heavenly Kings (Tianwangdian), the Pagoda Forest, the Dharma Cave and the Shaolin Temple Martial Art Training Centre. After sightseeing, you will drive to Luoyang in the late afternoon.

### Day 5 Luoyang

Meal: B/L/D

Today you will visit Longmen Caves, which

contains the largest and most impressive collection of Early Chinese Buddhist cave art represented by well-preserved pagodas, carvings and statues. You will also visit the White Horse Temple. Established by the Han Dynasty in 68 AD, it is the first temple built by the government after Buddhism of India reached China.

### Day 6 Luoyang 🚄 Xian Meal: B/D

You will take high speed train from Luoyang to Xian (approx. 1.5 hours), the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties. Upon arrival Xian, you will take afternoon tour to Shanxi Provincial Museum.

### Day 7 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. In the afternoon, you will visit the ancient City Wall and Grand Mosque. Dinner is a sumptuous dumpling banquet and a spectacular Tang Dynasty Show.

### Day 8 Xian 🚄 Pingyao Meal: B/L/D

Today you will take high speed train from Xian to Ping Yao (it takes approx. 3 hours). You will visit the old town of town of Pingyao. It is the best preserved among the ancient towns in China. It is the assembly place of folk houses in north China where rows upon rows of buildings in the Ming and Qing Dynasties stand in well-preserved conditions.

### Day 9 Pingyao 🚄 Taiyuan Meal: B/L/D

Today you will drive to Taiyuan. On the way, we will visit Qiao's Grand Courtyard, with the area of 8,724 square meters; it was the house of the richest family Qiao in Qing Dynasty in China. Though 2 centuries have been passed, it still keeps its original splendor in architectural style. We will visit the Jin





Ancestral Temple; it was originally started in the Northern Wei Dynasty (386 - 532 AD) to commemorate the memory of Shu Yu (Zhou Wu), the founder of the state of Jin.

**Day 10 Taiyuan 🚗 Datong Meal: B/L/D**  
Today drive to Datong (3.5 hours), on the way, we will visit Hanging Temple and Yinxian Wooden Pagoda. The Hanging Temple was built during 386-534AD, and restored in 1900 and there are 40 wooden halls and structures linked by an ingenious system of pillars, posts and walkways. Yingxian Wooden Pagoda was built in 1056 and is the oldest wooden Buddhist pagoda in existence; this pagoda is a 9 story octagonal building and was constructed without using any nails.

**Day 11 Datong 🍽️ Meal: B/L/D**  
Tour to Yungang Grottoes, which has 252 caves and 51,000 statues, the grottoes represent the outstanding achievement of Buddhist cave art in China in the 5th and 6th centuries. The Five Caves created by Tan Yao, with their strict unity of layout and design, constitute a classical masterpiece of the first peak of Chinese Buddhist art; afterwards we will visit Nine Dragon Screen.

**Day 12 Datong 🚄 Beijing Meal: B/BD**  
In the morning, you will take the train to Beijing. Upon arrival, met and transfer to hotel. A buffet dinner will be served at your hotel.

**Day 13 Beijing Meal: B/L/D**  
Today you will visit the 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, ride a trishaw to tour the ancient city alleys of the Hutongs and experience the lifestyle of the local people.

**Day 14 Beijing Meal: B/L/D**  
Today you will 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. Next to the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all imperial palace gardens. Marvel with fascination at the Marble Boat and the ornately painted Long Corridor. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Peking Duck Banquet.

**Day 15 Beijing ✈️ Australia Meal: B**  
Today is at your own leisure. You are transferred to the airport for your flight bound for Australia.

**Day 16 Australia**  
Arrive in Australia in the morning.



## China Cultural Tour Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Shanghai Wednesday	End Beijing Wednesday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Air China	Cathay Pacific
CC170419	19-Apr-17	03-May-17	3,980	3,980
CC170531	31-May-17	14-Jun-17	3,980	3,980
CC170719	19-Jul-17	02-Aug-17	3,980	3,980
CC170906	06-Sep-17	20-Sep-17	3,980	3,980
CC171011	11-Oct-17	25-Oct-17	3,980	3,980

Land Only: \$3150

Single supplement: \$950

\* 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 Shanghai to Departure transfer in Beijing, including all domestic 2nd class train travel but excluding any international air tickets.

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

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

\* Package prices of Air China are for departures from Sydney only.

# Package prices of Cathay Pacific 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 in Hong Kong permitted if flying with Cathay Pacific. 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: 4\* Shanghai Regal East Asia Hotel; 4\* Kaifeng Best Western Fortune Hotel; 4\* Luoyang Peony Grand Hotel; 4\* Xian Days Hotel & Suite Xinxing; 4\* Taiyuan Shanxi Grand Hotel; 4\* Pingyao De Chao Ge Hotel; 4\* Datong Guo Bin Hotel; 4\* Beijing Park Plaza Science Park Hotel or similar

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$165 (Shanghai) / \$170 (Beijing) - per room per night with breakfast