



# China Panorama

25 day tour to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Yangtze Cruise, Chongqing, Chengdu, Shangri-La, Lijiang, Kunming, Longsheng Rice Terrace, Li River & Guilin

This tour starts in the bustling city of Beijing where we'll visit the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Another fantastic highlight of this tour is to visit the magnificent Terracotta Warriors and Horses, which are considered to be one of the greatest archaeological finds of the last century. After visit the modern city of Shanghai, we then board our cruise ship to experience one of the world's greatest waterways - the Yangtze River. Then you will visit southwest part of China where are with unique sceneries and minorities' cultures. From Ancient Town of Lijiang to Shangri-La and you will visit the spectacular Stone Forest in Kunming, and finish at the beautiful landscape of Guilin.

**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 300km 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.





visiting a local teahouse. You can see the people chatting, playing cards and Mah-jong. This evening you head to the Changing Masks Show.

#### Day 15 Chengdu ✈️ Shangri-La

Meal: B/L/D

Today you will leisurely visit the Qingyang Palace, one of the most famous Taoist Temple then head to the Wenshu Temple - a Buddhist Temple where you can make a comparison of the most influenced religions in China. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Zhongdian – also called Shangri-La. Check in your hotel for 2 nights.

#### Day 16 Shangri-La (Zhongdian)

Meal: B/L/D

Ahongdian, also called Shangri-La, north into the Tibetan plateau of south-eastern Kham. At 3,300 meters above sea level lies Gyalthang, which, when translated means the land of "Limitless Bounty". Hereunder blue Tibetan sky, are snow-capped peaks, virgin forests of immense spruce and pine, meadows ablaze with fragrant wild flowers and pristine lakes. The town of Gyalthang (Zhongdian in Chinese) is the capital of the Diqin Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. The prefecture is a treasure house of biodiversity supporting about 7000 species of native plants among them includes azalea and rhododendron. Next take a visit to Songzanlin Monastery, the Napa Nature Reserve, the local market and some local Tibetan households.

#### Day 17 Zhongdian 🚗 Tiger Leaping Gorge 🚗 Lijiang Meal: B/L/D

Today you drive from Zhongdian to Lijiang. On the way, you visit the First Bend of the Yangtze River and the famous Tiger Leaping Gorge. Check in at hotel in Lijiang for 3 nights.

#### Day 18 Lijiang Meal: B/L/D

The old town centre of Lijiang is known as Dayan. Dayan Town was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list in 1997. You will visit the Dongba Culture Museum, which houses examples of the Naxi's writing, which is one of very few ancient pictographic scripts still in use in the world. You will also visit the Black Dragon Pond which is a great photo

#### 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 🚄 Yichang

Meal: B/D

Today you are transferred to the train station for your high speed train to Yichang (takes 7 – 8 hours, flight option available), where you board your deluxe river vessel the MV Century Sky Cruise. (3 off-shore excursions to Shibao Pagoda, Lesser Three Gorges and Three Gorges Dam Site are included. Optional tours to Fengdu Ghost City and White King Town are not included please book direct with the cruise when on board).

#### Day 10 Yangtze Cruise Meal: B/L/D

Depart from Yichang on your voyage upstream. Passing through the five-stage ship lock system on the north bank, the boat will be lifted through the locks more than 500 feet. Shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam site, passing through Xiling Gorge, followed by tonight's Captains welcome dinner.



#### Day 11 Yangtze Cruise Meal: B/L/D

Today you pass through Wu Gorge in the morning and take a shore excursion to Lesser Three Gorges. This afternoon pass through the Qutang Gorge. (Optional tour to Three Gorges Tribes and White Emperor Town or you can relax on board).

#### Day 12 Yangtze Cruise Meal: B/L/D

This morning's shore excursion to Shibao Pagoda. This afternoon relax on board. Tonight is a farewell dinner on the cruise.

#### Day 13 Chongqing 🚗 Chengdu

Meal: B/L

After disembarking in Chongqing this morning, you will have short city tour if time permits, then onto Chongqing Zoo to see the Pandas. After lunch, take train to Chengdu (2 hours), the provincial capital of Sichuan province in Southwest China, as well as a major city in Western China. You will stay 2 nights in Chengdu.

#### Day 14 Chengdu Meal: B/L/D

This morning, you visit the Chengdu Panda Research Base to see the Pandas. The Base was founded in 1987. Today the Panda captive population has increased to 62 individuals from a founding population of only 6. This afternoon you visit Jinli Street, the oldest shopping street in the area. You then experience the relaxing local life by



stop for the snow mountains. You will head off to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, which has rich vegetation coverage, ranging from subtropical to alpine. You take a cable car up the Spruce Meadow and back down.

**Day 19 Lijiang** Meal: B/L  
This morning you visit a Naxi Village; the Naxi people are the main ethnic group of the town. Then continue your visit to Yufeng Temple, a Lama Temple and White Sand Frescoes. In the afternoon, you are at leisure to explore more of this beautiful town on your own pace.

**Day 20 Lijiang ✈ Kunming** Meal: B/L/D  
**Stone Forest** Meal: B/L/D  
Fly to Kunming in the morning. Kunming is well known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its cool summers and mild winters. You will visit Stone Forest Scenic Area, which is called the "No.1 Wonder under Heaven". The area is a deeply eroded limestone Karst area, and is the highest karst terrain in the world. The unique natural sights and Sani folklore are characteristics of the Stone Forest Scenic Area.

**Day 21 Kunming ✈ Guilin** Meal: B/L  
This morning you visit Western Hill, then the peaceful Yuantong Temple and followed by the Bird & Flower market to experience the vivid life of Kunming. You will fly to Guilin in the afternoon. Check in at hotel for 3 nights.

**Day 22 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 23 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 24 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 25 Australia**  
Arrive into Australia in the morning.



## China Panorama Departure Dates & Prices



Tour code	Start Beijing Tuesday	End Guilin Thursday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Cathay Pacific Airways	
CP170328	28-Mar-17	20-Apr-17		\$6,780
CP170411	11-Apr-17	04-May-17		\$6,980
CP170425	25-Apr-17	18-May-17		\$6,880
CP170509	09-May-17	01-Jun-17		\$6,880
CP170523	23-May-17	15-Jun-17		\$6,880
CP170613	13-Jun-17	06-Jul-17		\$6,780
CP170704	04-Jul-17	27-Jul-17		\$6,880
CP170725	25-Jul-17	17-Aug-17		\$6,780
CP170815	15-Aug-17	07-Sep-17		\$6,880
CP170829	29-Aug-17	21-Sep-17		\$6,880
CP170912	12-Sep-17	05-Oct-17		\$6,980
CP170926	26-Sep-17	19-Oct-17		\$6,980
CP171010	10-Oct-17	02-Nov-17		\$6,980
CP171024	24-Oct-17	16-Nov-17		\$6,980
CP171114	14-Nov-17	07-Dec-17		\$6,880
# Land Only: \$6,180		Single supplement: \$1,680		
* 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.				
* Triple share on cruise not recommended, a single cabin with surcharge of \$380 can be arranged				
# Land Only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival Transfer in Beijing</u> and <u>Departure Transfer in Guilin</u> , including 2nd class high speed train Beijing - Xian - Shanghai - Yichang; Chongqing - Chengdu and domestic air ticket Chengdu - Shangri-La; Lijiang - Kunming - Guilin but excludes any international air tickets.				
* 2nd class train from Beijing - Xian - Shanghai - Yichang; Chongqing - Chengdu included; upgrade to 1st class with surcharge \$220 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.				
<b>Stopover:</b> 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.				
<b>Hotels used for this tour:</b> Hotels used for this tour: 4* Beijing Park Plaza Science Park; 4* Xian Days Hotel & Suites Xinxing; 4* Shanghai Regal East Asia Hotel; 4.5* Luxury MV Century Sky Yangtze Cruise; 4* Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel; 4* Shangri-La Chugeng International Hotel; 4* Lijiang Wanfu Hotel; 4* Guilin Bravo Hotel or similar.				
<b>Pre / Post Stay Hotel:</b> \$170 (Beijing) / \$170 (Guilin) - per room per night with breakfast				