

12 day tour to Beijing, Xian, Jiuzhaigou Valley & Chengdu

Sichuan province is known as' the land of abundance' in China and has 2 regions on the UNESCO World Cultural and World Heritage lists: Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou) and Huanglong Valley. The name Jiuzhaigou refers to the nine Tibetan villages that are situated within the valley. Huanglong Valley has some of the most stunning scenery in the world. Besides Climbing the Great Wall of China in Beijing, you will also visit the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian. This tour takes you to enjoy the scenic Jiuzhaigou and Huanglong Valley and see the adorable pandas in Chengdu as well.



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.

Meal: B/L/D Day 2 Beijing 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 of 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 delicious Peking Duck Banquet.

Day 4 Beijing 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, afternoon is at leisure.

Day 5 Beijing (a) 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. This afternoon you are transferred to the train station for your high speed train to Xian. You will experience a 300km per hour trip that takes around 4.5 hours for this 1,216 kilometer long journey. Xian is the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties.

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

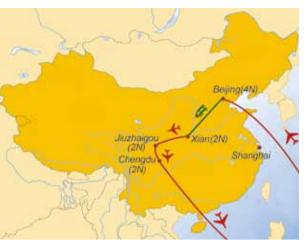
spectacular Tang Dynasty stage show.

Day 7 Xian ★ Jiuzhaigou Meal: B/L/D This morning you are transferred to the airport and board your flight to Jiuzhaigou. Upon arrival in Jiuzhaigou Airport, you will be met by your guide. You will visit Huang Long Scenic Area, the most beautiful Coloured Terrace-Ponds, where 2300 ponds come into 8 groups, such as the Guest Greeting Ponds, the Flowing Pools of the Waterfall, the Potted Landscape Ponds, the Fragrant Ponds, and the Jade-bathing Ponds. Due to varied depth of the ponds and all kinds of mineral pigments and deposits on the bottom, the water reflects a variety of charming colours. Afterwards we drive to Jiuzhaigou Valley and check into your hotel in Jiuzhaigou Valley.

Day 8 Jiuzhaigou Valley Meal: B/L/D Today you visit Jiuzhaigou Park. The name Jiuzhaigou comes from nine Tibetan villages located throughout the valley. Its attraction







lies in its simple, idyllic beauty, a fairyland, primitive and natural and still in its pristine state. You have a full day to explore this nature's jewel set into the mountains where you can see the mountains, snow peaks, lakes and folded waterfalls or you may see the habitats of rare animals such as elegant swans, lesser pandas, and golden monkeys.

Day 9 Jiuzhaigou ★ Chengdu

Meal: B/L

Today you will fly from Jiuzhaigou to Chengdu. Upon arrival Chengdu, you are met and transferred to your hotel. You will stay 2 nights in Chengdu.

Day 10 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, followed by an experience of the relaxing local lifestyle by visiting a local teahouse to watch the locals chatting, playing cards and Mah-jong. This evening you head to the Changing Masks Show.

Day 11 Chengdu ★ Australia Meal: B Today is at leisure in Chengdu until your transfer to the airport for your flight home bound.

Day 12 Australia
Arrive into Australia this morning.

Shanghai Pre-tour:

Day 1 Arrive Shanghai Meal: B Upon arrival Shanghai, you will be met and transferred to check in at your hotel for 2 nights.

Day 2 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.

Day 3 Shanghai 🚇 Beijing Meal: B

This morning is at leisure. Around noon a transfer to the train station to board the high speed-train to Beijing. It takes around 4.5hrs from Shanghai to Beijing. Upon arrival in Beijing, you are met and transferred to your hotel to start the main tour.



China Paradise & Panda Departure Dates & Prices

| Tour code | Start Beijing Tuesday | End Chengdu Friday | Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth | | |
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| | | | China Eastern | Cathay Pacific | Singapore Airlines |
| PP170411 | 11-Apr-17 | 21-Apr-17 | \$4,050 | \$4,150 | \$4,350 |
| PP170425 | 25-Apr-17 | 05-May-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170509 | 09-May-17 | 19-May-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170523 | 23-May-17 | 02-Jun-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170613 | 13-Jun-17 | 23-Jun-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170704 | 04-Jul-17 | 14-Jul-17 | \$4,050 | \$4,150 | \$4,350 |
| PP170725 | 25-Jul-17 | 04-Aug-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170815 | 15-Aug-17 | 25-Aug-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170912 | 12-Sep-17 | 22-Sep-17 | \$3,880 | \$3,980 | \$4,180 |
| PP170926 | 26-Sep-17 | 06-Oct-17 | \$4,050 | \$4,150 | \$4,350 |
| PP171010 | 10-Oct-17 | 20-Oct-17 | \$4,050 | \$4,150 | \$4,350 |
| PP171024 | 24-Oct-17 | 03-Nov-17 | \$4,050 | \$4,150 | \$4,350 |
| # Land Only: \$3,180 Single supplement: \$850 | | | | | |

- * 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 <u>Tour Inclusions</u> and <u>Extending Your Holiday</u> details.
- # Land Only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival Transfer in Beijing</u> and <u>Departure Transfer in Chengdu</u>, including 2nd class high speed train Beijing Xian; China domestic flights Xian Jiuzhaigou Chengdu but excludes any international air tickets.

- * 2nd class train from Beijing Xian included; upgrade to 1st class with surcharge \$90 pp subject to availability.
- * Extra China visa fee see page 10 for details.
- * Package prices of China Eastern are for departures from Sydney or Melbourne only.
- * Package prices of Cathay Pacific / Singapore Airlines 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 or Singapore will be at your own expenses.

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

Hotels used for this tour: 4* Beijing Park Plaza Science Park; 4* Xian Days Hotel & Suites Xinxing; 4* New Jiuzhai Hotel; 4* Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel or similar.

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$170 (Beijing) / \$160 (Chengdu) - per room per night with breakfast

Shanghai Pre-Tour: \$650 per person twin share; single supplement: \$155 - Fully inclusive tour with meals as per itinerary and first class train ticket Shanghai - Beijing. Stay at Shanghai Regal East Asia Hotel or similar.