



China Explorer

15 day tour to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Suzhou, Yellow Mountain & Hangzhou

As the Chinese saying goes - "Heaven Above, Suzhou and Hangzhou below". Relish in the serene beauty of West Lake surrounded by Longjing Tea plantations in Hangzhou and immerse yourself in the tranquility of stunning Chinese gardens in Suzhou. This 15 day tour also includes magnificent World Heritage sites like the Great Wall of China in Beijing, the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian, the Yu Garden in Shanghai, Yellow Mountain and much more.



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 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

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, 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 then transferred to the train station for a high speed train to Xian. You will experience the high speed train which runs 300 km per hour and 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.

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 re-creation 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.

Day 9 Shanghai 🚄 Suzhou

Meal: B/L/D

Today you take a day excursion to Suzhou. Suzhou, referred to as the "Venice of the East" because it was built around a network of canals and bridges which fan out from the Grand Canal. Suzhou is also famous for its charming gardens. Visit the picturesque Humble Administrator's Garden, the most famous garden in Suzhou, then visit Panmen Gate and see the Grand Canal, followed by a stop at the Number One Silk Factory to witness the production of the finest silk in China. Late afternoon, board your coach back to Shanghai. Overnight in Shanghai.



Day 10 Shanghai 🇨🇳 Yellow Mountain
Meal: B/L

Today you will take high speed train to Tunxi, the township of Yellow Mountain, the train ride takes 4.5 hours. After lunch, take a city orientation tour. Check in at your hotel in Tunxi.

Day 11 Yellow Mountain Meal: B/L/D

This morning take cable car to the top of Yellow Mountain, also called Mt. Huangshan, and is well known as "the loveliest mountain in China", famous for its magnificent scenery made up of many granite peaks and rocks emerging out of clouds. Overnight at local hotel at Xidi Village.

Day 12 Yellow Mt 🇨🇳 Hangzhou
Meal: B/L

This morning visit Xidi Village, more than 200 houses were built in Ming and Qing Dynasty with many of them decorated with stone carvings and wood carvings. The village was listed as a world cultural heritage site by

UNESCO in 1999. This afternoon take the high speed train to Hangzhou.

Day 13 Hangzhou Meal: B/L/D

This morning take a leisurely cruise along the beautiful West Lake before going to Flower Harbour (Huagang) Park to see Red Carp. Then you will visit a tea plantation to sample some of the best green tea in China and to see the ancient process of refining tea. This afternoon, you can wander through the Qinghefang as well as the Huqingyutang Pharmacy where Chinese medicine is practiced.

Day 14 Hangzhou ✈ Australia Meal: B

Today is at leisure in Hangzhou until your transfer to the airport for your flight home bound.

Day 15 Australia

Arrive in Australia this morning.

China Explorer Departure Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Beijing	End Hangzhou	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Cathay Pacific Airways	
CE180206	06-Feb-18	19-Feb-18		\$3,750
CE180227	27-Feb-18	12-Mar-18		\$3,750
CE180313	13-Mar-18	26-Mar-18		\$3,750
CE180327	27-Mar-18	09-Apr-18		\$3,750
CE180417	17-Apr-18	30-Apr-18		\$3,880
CE180508	08-May-18	21-May-18		\$3,880
CE180522	22-May-18	04-Jun-18		\$3,880
CE180612	12-Jun-18	25-Jun-18		\$3,750
CE180710	10-Jul-18	23-Jul-18		\$3,750
CE180807	07-Aug-18	20-Aug-18		\$3,750
CE180904	04-Sep-18	17-Sep-18		\$3,880
CE180925	25-Sep-18	08-Oct-18		\$3,880
CE181009	09-Oct-18	22-Oct-18		\$3,880
CE181023	23-Oct-18	05-Nov-18		\$3,880
CE181120	20-Nov-18	03-Dec-18		\$3,880
CE181225	25-Dec-18	07-Jan-19		\$4,250
CE190219	19-Feb-19	04-Mar-19		\$3,880
CE190319	19-Mar-19	01-Apr-19		\$3,880
CE190402	02-Apr-19	15-Apr-19		\$3,980
CE190416	16-Apr-19	29-Apr-19		\$3,980
CE190430	30-Apr-19	13-May-19		\$3,980
# Land Only: \$3080			Single supplement: \$780	

* 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 Hangzhou](#), including 2nd class high speed train Beijing - Xian - Shanghai - Tunxi - Hangzhou but excludes any international air tickets.

* 2nd class train from Beijing - Xian - Shanghai - Tunxi - Hangzhou included; upgrade to 1st class with surcharge \$250 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 Wyndham Hotel; 4* Shanghai Regal East Asia Hotel; 4* Huangshan Xin'an Country Villa; 3* Huangshan Xidi Travel Lodge; 4* Hangzhou Meiyuan Best Western or similar.

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$160 (Beijing) / \$150 (Hangzhou) - per room per night with breakfast