

10 DAY BUCKET LIST TOUR

# INCRECIBLE CHINA

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TWIN  
SHARE

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## THE OFFER

Dazzling ultra-modern cities and centuries-old wonders, majestic rolling landscapes and dense urban sprawl; China is as beautiful and inspiring as it is diverse. Rather than take our word for it, discover the best of China for yourself on this incredible 10 day tour visiting Shanghai, Wuxi and beyond.

Begin your bucket list odyssey with visits to Tiananmen Square and the ancient Forbidden City, a heritage site which has been home to 24 emperors from the Ming and Qing dynasties. The 'pinch me' moments continue at the awe-inspiring Great Wall, a true cultural icon of China, and again at the wonderful Beijing Zoo - home to adorable giant pandas eagerly munching fresh stalks of bamboo. Travel to the charming canal city Suzhou, often called the 'Venice of the East', view abundant birdlife at the scenic Taihu Lake in Wuxi, and enjoy a boat ride on the magical West Lake in Hangzhou. In the neon metropolis of Shanghai, visit the inspiring Shanghai Museum and enjoy free time to experience all this high-tech metropolis has to offer. With return international flights, eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation, daily breakfast and a feature lunch, plus a whole lot more, this game-changing holiday package won't be around for very long!

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# THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 Sydney, Australia – Beijing, China (via Hangzhou/Shanghai/Nanjing)

Today depart from Sydney for Beijing, China via Hangzhou, Shanghai or Nanjing. Fly with award winning China Eastern Airlines. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to check-in to the hotel.

**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**  
**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City

Your exploration of Beijing begins with a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, followed by a visit to the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City.

The Forbidden City, known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, was originally constructed by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420, but was burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards. It's a true bucket list experience to stroll through this ancient marvel.

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, 'The Golden Mask Dynasty' (not included).

**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Great Wall of China

As you travel to the Great Wall this morning, stop at a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu" and has a history of at least four thousand years in China. Observe skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs. Afterwards take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently most crowded. The Great Wall

meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert - a distance of more than 3500 miles.

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included) of Beijing's 700 year old Hutongs (narrow lanes) area by old fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family living in a courtyard style home to experience the local customs, including a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes a visit to Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea; and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences.

**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

### Day 4 Beijing Zoo/Beijing – Shanghai – Suzhou

After breakfast visit Beijing Zoo to see the giant pandas. Then make a stop at "Tongrentang" to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine. Then transfer to Beijing Airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to Suzhou (approximately a 1.5 hour coach ride) to check-in to the hotel.

**Overnight: Suzhou Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 5 Suzhou – Wuxi

Often called the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou has a history dating back to 514BC. Visit the famous Lingering Garden, recognised with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. China is renowned for its exquisite silk, so naturally a visit to the Silk Spinning Factory is also in order. Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal (not included) to view life along China's ancient waterway. Next, drive to Wuxi (approximately a 1 hour coach ride) and enjoy free time at leisure in Nanchan Street, an ancient street which has been



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**Overnight: Wuxi Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Wuxi – Shanghai

This morning visit Li Lake Park, the habitat of egrets and many rare species of birds. View the picturesque Taihu Lake, the second biggest fresh water lake in China, and then visit a Pearl Outlet to learn more about the traditional Chinese pearl.

Next, drive to Shanghai (approximately a 2 hour coach ride) to visit the famous Bund. Shanghai is divided by the Huang Pu River into eastern and western sections. Modern mega high rises are seen on the eastern side while traditional European style architecture may be seen on the western side. The Bund is a five-block riverfront promenade, where you'll find most of Shanghai's banks and trading houses. Tonight, there is an optional activity to watch a thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show "ERA: The Intersection of Time" (not included).

**Overnight: Shanghai Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 7 Shanghai Museum – Free Time

This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai Museum - home to more than 120,000 objects and artworks. Enjoy some free time at leisure this afternoon or join an optional half-day tour of Shanghai (not included) including Yu Garden, believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. The exquisite garden architecture has made the garden one of the highlights of Shanghai. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional "Night Cruise on the Huangpu River" (not included).

**Overnight: Shanghai Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 8 Shanghai Free Time – Shanghai – Hangzhou

This morning enjoy some free time at leisure or take the

opportunity to join an optional tour to visit the AZ Plaza and experience the famous Maglev Train (not included). This afternoon drive to Hangzhou (approximately a 2.5 hour coach ride).

**Overnight: Hangzhou Hotel**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Hangzhou, China – Sydney, Australia

Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China, so a trip to the city just isn't complete without a visit to a local tea house. Make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village in the hinterland of West Lake Park, considered one of the most important Longjing Tea productions in China. Enjoy the beautiful village scenery while learning about China's special tea culture and how to appreciate the sophisticated taste and aroma of Longjing Tea. At the Tea House, learn how to make the Longjing Tea including tea leaves picking, frying and tasting.

Then, enjoy a small boat ride on West Lake another UNESCO World Heritage Site, admiring the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow draped islands.

Afterwards you will be transferred to Hangzhou Airport for your return flight back to Sydney, Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

### Day 10 Arrive in Sydney, Australia

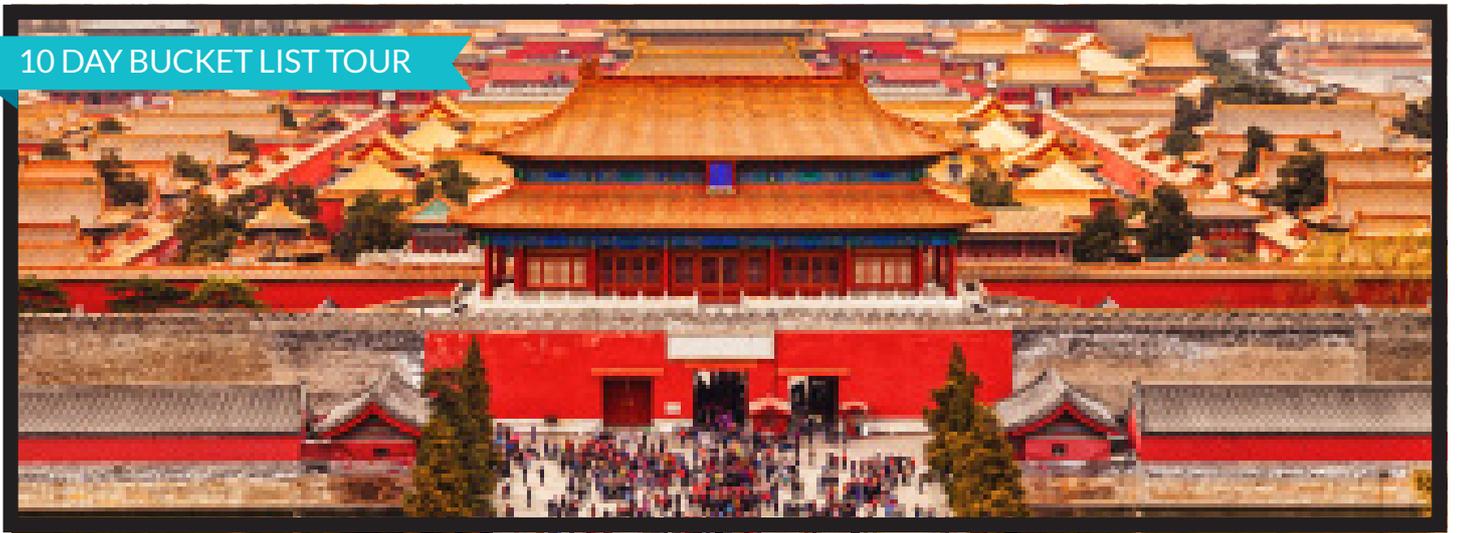


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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of China at an unbelievable price
- Explore Beijing, Suzhou, Wuxi, Shanghai and Hangzhou
- Visit the impressive Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Step back in time at the UNESCO listed Forbidden City
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
- Tick off the bucket list at the ancient Great Wall of China
- Witness adorable giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo
- Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at 'Tongrentang' in Beijing
- Visit the serene Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory in Suzhou
- Enjoy free time at ancient Nanchan Street in Wuxi
- Visit scenic Li Lake Park, home to many species of birds
- Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
- View the dazzling Shanghai skyline from The Bund
- Delve into China's rich history at the Shanghai Museum
- Enjoy free time at leisure in bustling Shanghai
- Learn about Longjing Tea at the Meijiawu Tea Village - includes tasting
- Enjoy a scenic boat ride on Hangzhou's West Lake

### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD
- 1-way internal flight (economy class): Beijing - Shanghai

### ACCOMMODATION

- 8 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast plus 1 feature lunch

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

### TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers



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## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

**Please note:** all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 31st May 2019.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$390 applies.

### Departure Dates (2019)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

**Please note:** dates/months with a \* incur a land high season surcharge of \$180 per person.

### Departure Cities

Sydney

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

China Eastern Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

**Please note:** One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

### Arrive Early

Not available.

### Stay Behind

Not available.

### Stopover Packages

Not available.

### Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

4 Star (self-rated)

- Beijing: Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel / Jincheng Hotel / Vienna International Hotel / Nanya Hotel / Holiday Inn Express Taihu Lake or similar
- Wuxi: Swiss-Belhotel Liyuan / Mingdu Hotel / Landison Plaza Hotel / Gloria Grand Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao OR Regal Plaza Hotel & Residence or similar
- Hangzhou: Pujing Garden Hotel / Yuandong Hotel / Hai Wai Hai Bai Na Hotel or similar

**Please note:** Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

### Extra Nights

Not available.

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 adults (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

Valid for adults 18 years old and over.

### Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd adult travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

**Please note:** Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

### Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 42 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

- Beijing: Day 2: 'The Golden Mask Dynasty' 330 RMB (approx. \$66 AUD)
- Beijing: Day 3: Tour 700 year old Hutong with Dinner 300 RMB (approx. 60 AUD)
- Suzhou: Day 5: Grand Canal Cruise 190 RMB (approx. \$38 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 6: ERA and The Intersection of Time 380 RMB (approx. \$76 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7: Half day city tour 180 RMB (approx. \$35 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7: Huangpu River Night Cruise 240 RMB (approx. \$48 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 8 (if time permitting): AZ Plaza and Maglev Train Experience 220 RMB (approx. \$45 AUD)

### Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Mandatory gratuities/tipping: \$12 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (this will include day of arrival and departure).
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

**Please note:** A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not

allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

**Please note:** Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Beijing:

Beijing has a temperate and continental monsoon climate, with four distinct seasons and big differences in temperature between day and night. The seasons: summer in Beijing is hot and humid, while winter is cold and dry. Spring and autumn are short and cool. The coldest month is January at an average of -4 °C, and the hottest month is July at an average of 26 °C.

### Shanghai:

Shanghai weather is generally mild and moist, with four distinctive seasons - a pleasant warm spring, a hot rainy summer, a comfortable cool autumn, and an overcast cold winter. The weather of Shanghai in July and August is the hottest, with more than 10 days' high temperatures above 35°C. The coldest period is from late January to early February. The springtime from March to May is recommended as the best time to pay a visit, while October to November, with pleasant autumn climate, is also a wise choice.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

## Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

**Please note:** a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory tip for the tour leader and driver is \$12 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided, which will be collected whilst on tour (this will include day of arrival and departure).



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## Sightseeing:

**Please note:** In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

**Please note:** Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such a journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

**Please note:** Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.



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