China. One word is all it takes to conjure images of modern cities and ancient wonders, of mouth-watering cuisine and a rich culture shaped by more than 3,000 years of recorded history. On this nine-day two-for-one tour, the mysterious 'Land of the Dragon' is yours to discover - with a friend.

Tick off the cultural icons of Beijing, including Tiananmen Square and the ancient Forbidden City; put your best foot forward with a visit to the remarkable Great Wall; enjoy a scenic boat ride on West Lake, a UNESCO World Heritage Listed wonder in Hangzhou; visit the Lingering Garden in Suzhou, a city often called the 'Venice of the East'; witness the jaw-dropping skyline of Shanghai, visit the grand Shanghai Museum and more! Package includes return international flights, an additional internal flight from Beijing to Shanghai, seven nights 4-star hotel accommodation and much more!
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Day 1 Sydney – Beijing, China (via Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou or Chengdu)
Today depart from Sydney for Beijing, China. Fly with China Eastern Airlines, Air China or China Southern Airlines (subject to availability). Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to check into the hotel.

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 6 weeks prior to departure.

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 the magical Forbidden City. Known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, the Forbidden City was originally constructed between 1406 and 1420 by Emperor Yong Le, the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. Over the centuries, the palace was burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times, so the majority of what you see today dates from the 1700s. Afterwards, visit a Pearl Factory to gain a little knowledge of precious pearls. 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 enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside en route to China’s most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy and more original 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) 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 – Hangzhou
After breakfast visit Beijing Zoo to see giant pandas. Following the zoo visit, make a stop at ‘Tongrentang’ to learn about traditional Chinese medicine. Then, transfer to Beijing Airport for a domestic flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival you will be
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transferred to the hotel in Hangzhou (approx. a 2.5 coach ride).

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

**Day 5 Hangzhou – Suzhou**
The capital of China’s Zhejiang province, Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China. So, naturally, a visit to the city just isn’t complete without a trip to a local tea house. Enjoy 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 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 the UNESCO World Heritage listed West Lake, admiring the ethereal beauty of its willow draped islands. Afterwards, drive to Suzhou (approx. 2 hour coach ride).

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

**Day 6 Suzhou – Shanghai**
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 in order. Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal (not included) to view life along China’s ancient waterway.

Next, drive to Shanghai (approx. 1.5 hours 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 with many of Shanghai’s banks and trading houses. Tonight there is an optional activity to watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show “ERA: The Intersection of Time” or similar (not included).

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

**Day 7 Shanghai**
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).

Please note: If the Shanghai Museum is closed, a visit to the Suzhou Museum will be provided in place of this visit on day 5 of the tour.

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

**Day 8 Shanghai – Hangzhou – Sydney**
After breakfast transfer to Hangzhou Airport for your flight back to Sydney.
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Please note: Some customers may be required to stay overnight in Guangzhou, Xian or Haikou. Overnight accommodation and transfers will be provided by the airline.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

**Day 9 Arrive in Australia**

Please note: some flights may arrive back in Australia +1 days later.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of China at an unbelievable price
- Explore Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai
- Walk the Great Wall, China’s most iconic sight
- Stroll through the impressive Tiananmen Square
- Step back in time at the ancient Forbidden City
- Watch playful giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo
- Enjoy a scenic boat ride on Hangzhou’s West Lake
- Delve into China’s history at Shanghai Museum
- Admire Shanghai’s dazzling skyline from The Bund
- Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
- Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at ‘Tongrentang’ in Beijing
- Wander among the charming canals of Suzhou
- Visit Suzhou’s Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory
- Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village - includes tasting

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers

FLIGHTS

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

ACCOMMODATION

- 7 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast plus 1 feature lunch
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

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 12th of November 2019. This travel offer is priced for 2 people based on twin share.

*In Country Transport Operator Fees (ITOF) - Second Passenger Only

The second person travels free, except for a mandatory payment of $150 AUD ITOF additional to the tour price, which may be applied by the tour leader towards any in-country taxes, fees and any additional carrier, tour, transfer and logistic charges.

*Mandatory service fee:

A mandatory service fee is not included in the tour price, and is required for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory service fee 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, and covers both the tour leader and driver).

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers no discount applies (a full priced voucher must be purchased).

Departure Dates (2019)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of $200 per person.

Departure Cities

Sydney

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

China Southern, Air China, Hainan Airlines or China Eastern Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note:

- The maximum baggage allowance is 20kgs.
- 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: Friendship Hotel / Feitian Hotel / Jianguo Hotel Qianmen / North Star Continental Grand Hotel / Ramada Parkside / Gehua New Century / Chang An Grand Hotel / Novotel Sanyuan / Rosedale Hotel & Suites / Century Huatian Hotel / Beijing Riverside Hotel / Beijing GuanTong Jianhui Hotel / Schonbrunn Hotel/ Chunhuiyuan Resort and West International Trade Grand Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel / Jincheng Hotel / Vienna International Hotel / Nanya Hotel/ China Garden Hotel or similar
- Hangzhou: Pujing Garden Hotel / Yuandong Hotel / Hai Wai Hai Bai Na Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao / Regal Plaza Hotel & Residence/ Lin Yin Art 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

2 Adults.

Child Policy

Valid for adults 18 years old and over.
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**Triple Share**
Not Available

**Bedding Configuration**
Twin or Double 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 60 per vehicle.

**Optional Tours / Activities**
- Beijing: Day 2: 'The Golden Mask Dynasty' 330 RMB (approx. $68 AUD)
- Beijing: Day 3: Tour 700 year old Hutong with Dinner 300 RMB (approx. $62 AUD)
- Suzhou: Day 6: Grand Canal Cruise 190 RMB (approx. $40 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 6: ERA and The Intersection of Time 380 RMB (approx. $79 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7: Half day city tour 180 RMB (approx. $38 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7: Huangpu River Night Cruise 240 RMB (approx. $50 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
- 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.
- The ITOF of AUD$150 is payable upon arrival into China directly to your Tour Leader or as your Tour Leader directs.

**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**

**In-Country Transport Operator Fees (ITOF) - Second Person Only**

The second person travels free, except for a mandatory payment of $150 AUD ITOF additional to the tour price, which may be applied by the tour leader towards any in-Country taxes, fees and any additional carrier, tour, transfer and logistic charges.

The ITOF of $150 AUD is payable upon arrival into China directly to your Tour Leader or as your Tour Leader directs (This is not a fee or charge payable to Trip A Deal). No change is available so please ensure you have the exact amount in Australian Dollar notes.

The ITOF is separate and distinct from your tour price which is paid directly to Trip A Deal when you book and prior to your departure from Australia.

The ITOF helps to keep the costs of a Trip A Deal 2 for 1 tour as low as possible and is intended to save on operational and administrative costs so we may pass the savings on to you.

**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
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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 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 and 1 feature lunch 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 (this will include day of arrival and departure). This will be collected whilst on tour, and covers both the driver and guide.

** 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.

TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This visa can take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Please start arranging your visa as soon as you receive your documentation 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 as 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 **

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