

9 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

# MAGICAL CHINA

\$688\*

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TIANANMEN SQUARE • FORBIDDEN CITY • GREAT WALL • SHANGHAI MUSEUM

## THE OFFER

Traditional yet modern, mysterious yet well-known; China is a one-of-a-kind destination which has the ability to surprise in ways you didn't even know possible. From the vast Great Wall of China, a UNESCO listed icon which weaves along hills, valleys and rivers for more than 21,000km, to the futuristic city of Shanghai and beyond, this magical nine-day trip will be anything but ordinary.

Explore the bustling metropolis of Beijing, taking in iconic sights such as Tiananmen Square and the Imperial Museum; step back to a time of emperors and war lords with a visit to the Great Wall; explore the vibrant canals and gardens of historic Suzhou; learn about China's centuries-old love of tea in the emerald plantations of Hangzhou; view the glittering Shanghai skyline from the bund, as well as enjoying a visit to the incredible Shanghai Museum; and more. This tour of a lifetime includes return international flights from Sydney, one additional internal flight, seven nights 4-star hotel accommodation, English-speaking guides, and a whole lot more. If a trip to China has ever crossed your mind, or even if it hasn't, this is a chance to make it happen - at an amazing price!

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Sydney, Australia - 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 in to 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 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. Afterwards, visit a Pearl Factory to gain a little knowledge of fresh 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 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 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) 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 - Hangzhou

After breakfast visit Beijing Zoo to see the giant pandas. Then make a stop at 'Tongrentang' to learn more about

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traditional Chinese medicine. Then transfer to Beijing Airport for a domestic flight to Hangzhou. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Hangzhou Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Hangzhou - Suzhou

Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip 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, 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 Linger 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. a 1.5 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 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 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).

Please note: In case Shanghai Museum is closed you will visit Suzhou Museum on day 5.

**Overnight: Shanghai Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Shanghai - Hangzhou, China - Sydney, Australia

Today you will transfer from Shanghai to Hangzhou Airport (approx. 2.5hrs) for your return flight back to Sydney.

Please note: Some customers may be required to stay

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overnight in Guangzhou, Shanghai, Xian or Haikou. Overnight accommodation and transfers will be provided by the airline.

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

**Day 9 Arrive in Australia**

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of China at an unbelievable price
- Explore Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai
- Visit impressive Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Step back in time at the incredible Forbidden City
- Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
- Tick off the bucket list at the Great Wall of China
- Witness adorable giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo
- Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at 'Tongrentang'
- Taste authentic Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village
- Enjoy a boat ride on Hangzhou's scenic West Lake
- Explore the beautiful Lingering Garden in Suzhou and visit a silk spinning factory
- View the dazzling Shanghai skyline from The Bund
- Delve into China's history at Shanghai Museum

## FLIGHTS

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

## ACCOMMODATION

- 7 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



# 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.

### \*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).

*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 7th of November 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.

### 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: 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 in Beijing, China

Not available.

### Stay behind in Shanghai, China

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

- Hangzhou: Pujing Garden Hotel / Yuandong Hotel / Hai Wai Hai Bai Na Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel / Jincheng Hotel / Vienna International Hotel / Nanya Hotel/ China Garden 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 (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

Valid for adults 18+ years old only.

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Not Available

## 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



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(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.
- \*Mandatory service fee: \$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 and one 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.



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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.*

### **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 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

*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.*