

Tour G – Best of China (12 Days)

Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin and Shanghai

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip international airfare from LAX (or SFO).
- Air and ground transfers for all the included tour programs.
- Fully escorted by a bilingual professional tour director.
- Well-selected English-speaking guide in each city.
- 5-star (deluxe) hotels in all cities.
- 22 meals (including 2 special dinners).
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as specified.
- Luggage handling for one bag per person.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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| Beijing | Beijing International Hotel (5 star) |
| Xi'an | Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel, Xi'an (5 star) |
| Guilin | Sheraton Guilin Hotel (5 star) |
| Shanghai | Jin Jiang Hotel (5 star) |

2010 Departure Dates: 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3, 6/10, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21.

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| Tour Prices (per person) | March | April | May - October |
| From LAX (or SFO) | \$2,798 | \$2,898 | \$3,098 |

Low airfare add-on from most U.S. cities is available. For land-only package (excluding international flight) deduct \$550. For single room occupancy add \$1,050.

Day 1 & 2: USA/Beijing, China

Depart home and arrive Beijing the next day. Stay in centrally located (1 1/4 miles from Tiananmen Square) **Beijing International Hotel** (5 star).

Day 3: Beijing

Today's tour starts with the **Tiananmen Square** followed by the **Forbidden City** (aka Palace Museum), in which 24 emperors lived from 1421 to 1911. **Hutong tour** by rickshaw in the afternoon. This tour will take you to the old residential quarters and a visit to a **private home**. **Welcome dinner – Peking Duck**. B, L, SD

Day 4: Beijing

Start with the **Temple of Heaven**, one of the most photographed buildings in the world. Built in 1420, it was the place where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for abundant harvest. This is also the place that retired people get together for various cultural activities. Then we'll drive to the **Great Wall** (at Badaling), the greatest project in ancient China. Enjoy climbing the Wall! Today we'll also visit a cloisonné workshop to witness the making procedures of **cloisonné**, a unique handicraft in Beijing with a history of over 500 years). B, L

Day 5: Beijing/Xi'an

air

Tour the famous **Summer Palace** – China's largest and best preserved imperial garden. Here we will also take a boat ride on the



Beautiful Kunming Lake (if weather permits). Today we'll drive by the **Bird's Nest** (National Museum) where 2008 Olympic Games were held. Have your cameras ready for pictures. Take an afternoon flight to Xi'an, the capital of ancient China for 13 dynasties. Transfer to comfortable **Shangri-la Golden Flower Hotel, Xi'an** (5-star). B, L

Day 6: Xi'an

Today's highlight is the **Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses** - the eighth wonder of the world. **Tang Dynasty dinner show in Tang Palace**. B, L, SD

Day 7: Xi'an

Today's tour starts with the ancient **City Wall** built in Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644 AD), where you will also see the **Draw Bridge**. Then the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** - the landmark of Xi'an built in 652AD. The program in the afternoon is the **Museum of History**, one of the finest museums in China. B, L

Day 8: Xi'an/Guilin

air

Take a morning flight to Guilin. Visit a **Tea Farm**, where you will see tea bushes, witness the tea processing and enjoy tea ceremony. Stay in centrally located (by the Li River) **Sheraton Guilin Hotel** (5 star). B, L

Day 9: Guilin

Board a riverboat and sail on the **Li River** surrounded by majestic karst limestone formations, mist-covered hills and bamboo groves.

Lunch on boat. Disembark in Yangshuo in the afternoon and have some free time in the **bustling market town of Yangshuo**. Drive back to Guilin. B, L

Day 10: Guilin/Shanghai

air
Morning flight to Shanghai, the most sophisticated city in China. It was the “Paradise of Adventurers” in the past and is China’s commercial center today. Stay in centrally located (adjacent to the famous Huaihai Zhong Road – the commercial center) classic **Jin Jiang Hotel** (5 star). The rest of the day is free at leisure (If you wish, you may visit the **Shanghai Expo** on your own). B, L

Day 11: Shanghai

Today’s tour starts with the **Bund**, from where you can view both the traditional and modern Shanghai. Then the renowned **Shanghai Museum**, with its priceless collections of ancient Chinese bronzes, ceramics, and calligraphy. After the Mongolian BBQ lunch, we’ll walk around in the **Old Town of Shanghai**, known as “China Town in China”. Dinner in a local restaurant and then attend fantastic **Acrobatic Show** in a theater. Then we’ll drive by the Bund to enjoy the beautiful **night view of Shanghai**. (This afternoon, if you wish, you may have some time to visit the **Shanghai Expo** on your own). B, L, D



Day 12: Shanghai/Home

Depart Shanghai and arrive home on the same day. B

IMPORTANT NOTES

*Abbreviations in the itineraries:

B – Western buffet breakfast; L – Chinese lunch
D – Chinese dinner; SD - Special Chinese dinner

*A few meals are not included due to flight schedules or for the convenience to have your own choice. Our past experience and feedback from tour members have approved that this arrangement is favorable to clients. For excluded meals, your tour director or guides will provide you with sufficient information for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants where various cuisines are available (Some flights offer in-flight meals.).

*The tour itinerary and hotel arrangements are subject to change in case of unexpected and unavoidable circumstances.

*The list tour prices do not include departure taxes, governmental fees, fuel surcharges, Chinese visa fees, travel insurance and gratuities. Details are described in “Terms and Conditions”.

*We mostly use U.S. air carriers as our designated airlines for transpacific flights. Different groups may take different designated airlines. Low airfare add-on for departure from most U.S. cities is available. Gateway cities are not limited to LAX or SFO. Not all passengers need to connect flights in West Coast. Airline tickets upgrade is available at additional cost.

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