

From Historic Capitals to dramatic karst mountains

Trip Code: 13-day: TP13LC , 15-day: TP15LC

- 🕻 11/13 Nights
- 🚨 Small to Medium Group
- 🕲 21/ 26 Meals
- Escorted Tour
- 🛏 4-5 Star Hotel
- Airfare included
 Coach, Flight
- Daily Sightseeing

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Embark on a 15-day exploration of China that highlights both the ancient and natural legends of the country. From the historic grandeur of Beijing and Xi'an, with their imperial and ancient sites, to the breathtaking natural landscapes of Guilin, this tour captures the essence of China's storied past and spectacular scenery. Additionally, experience the urban vibrancy of Shanghai and the tranquil beauty of Hangzhou and Suzhou, where classical gardens and serene lakes blend seamlessly with the legends of old.

- ✓ Marvel at the **Great wall**, a testament to China's architectural prowess
- Step back in time to explore the Forbidden City that stands as a beacon of China's regal history.
- ✓ Stand in awe before the grandeur of this historic army Terra Cotta Warriors.
- Amazed the breathtaking karst formations of Guilin.
- ✓ Cruise the scenic Li River as depicted in traditional Chinese paintings.
- Explore the Longsheng Rice Terraces, an engineering marvel of agriculture that dates back centuries.
- \checkmark Walk along the famous Bund in **Shanghai**, a mile-long stretch along the
- Huangpu River to capture the western influences of the old days.
- ✓ Visit the serene **West Lake**, where described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world".
- In the 'East Venice' of Suzhou, revel in the tranquility of these meticulously designed gardens.



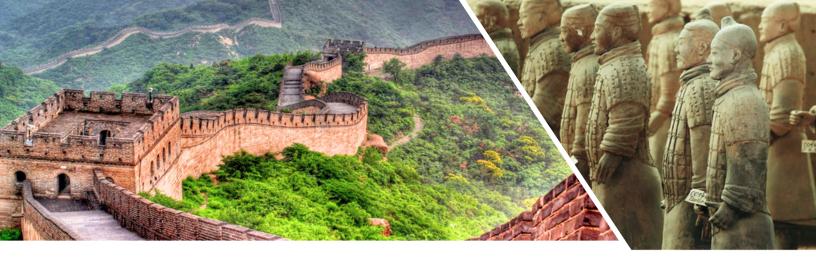
Day 1 North America - Beijing

- Day 2 Arrive in Beijing
- Day 3 Beijing
- Day 4 Beijing
- Day 6 Beijing Xi'an
- Day 7 Xi'an
- Day 8 Xi'an Guilin
- Day 9 Guilin Yangshuo
- Day 10 Yangshuo Guilin
- Day 11 Guilin Shanghai
- Day 12 Shanghai
- Day 13 Shanghai North America

For 15 Days

- Day 12 Shanghai Hangzhou
- Day 13 Hangzhou Suzhou
- Day 14 Suzhou Shanghai
- Day 15 Shanghai North America





Day 1 North America - Beijing

Fly overnight to Beijing.

Day 2 Arrive in Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy your welcome dinner with the group. **Meals:** Dinner

Day 3 Beijing

Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, it is a historic and magnificent imperial palace complex and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. It is located at the heart of Beijing and covers an area of about 180 acres. It is enclosed by a massive defensive wall and a deep moat, making it one of the largest and best-preserved ancient palace complexes in the world. Then indulge in a delicious lunch to savor the flavors of both tradition and innovation - Peking Roast Duck. This afternoon, you may join the optional Temple of Heaven & Hutong Life tour(US\$89/person). This tour offers an authentic experience, explore the UNESCO-listed Temple of Heaven before navigate Beijing's historic alleyways on a rickshaw for a glimpse into the past, followed by a visit to a local family.Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 Beijing

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and you can get a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia enroute before the Great Wall. Then drive pass by modern exteriors of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube that were built for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. Both buildings have become symbols of modern China and are significant landmarks that showcase the country's architectural prowess. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (US\$65/person). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 Beijing

Today continue to the legendary Summer Palace, the resort of the Empress Dowager, where the palace grounds boast a collection of enchanting gardens and architectural marvels. Enjoy a serene boat ride across the lake, soaking in the breathtaking views, then meander through the expansive palace grounds, capturing the essence of royal leisure.

After delving into the world of Chinese herbal medicine, you may immerse yourself in the thrilling world of the Beijing Acrobatic Show (US\$60/person), an optional tour that offers a dazzling fusion of extraordinary agility and dramatic flair. Watch in awe as acrobats perform gravity-defying stunts and intricate maneuvers, set against a backdrop of vibrant costumes and pulsating music—a truly electrifying experience! **Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6 Beijing - Xi'an

Today, embark on the modern high-speed rail bound for Xi'an. Xi'an was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Over a period for more than 2000 years, Xi'an was the capital of eleven dynasties. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel and enjoy the unique DaPaiDang dinner in local restaurant. Tonight, you may join the optional visit to the Grand Tang Everbright Citv (US\$69/person). It is a 2,100-meter-long pedestrian mall in Xi'an. The design theme is inspired by Tang Dynasty (618-907), You may try on a Tang Dynasty costume, the traditional attire of the Chinese people, and have a great photo opportunity along the artificial ancient street at night, to immerse yourself in the vibrant nightlife in the Tana Dynasty.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 Xi'an

Today you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum and see the attached life-sized defending army for the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world" and is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics Factory before visiting Ancient City Wall. It is not only the most complete city wall that has survived in China, but also one of the largest and most complete ancient military defense systems in the world. This evening, enjoy the "special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" (US\$68/person). **Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch

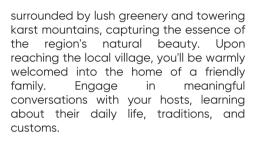
Day 8 Xi'an - Guilin

Today transfer to the airport for your flight to the magical Guilin, renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, is a gem in southern China. Surrounded by dramatic karst mountains and picturesque rivers, Guilin's beauty has inspired poets and artists for centuries. Upon arrival, visit the Elephant Trunk Hill and the Reed Flute Caves where you'll be impressed by the fantastic Karst limestone formations. Then return to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 Guilin - Yangshuo

Today take a boat cruise trip from Guilin along the Li River for one of the finest excursions on your tour of China. The journey downstream to Yangshuo offers 30 miles of breathtaking scenery. You may have an opportunity to catch the fascinating sights of fisherman with cormorant birds while enjoy your lunch on board. Arrive in the so called "Global Village" Yangshuo in the afternoon. Free time after getting to West Street. West Street is the oldest street in Yangshuo with a history of more than 1,400 years., urrounded by an array of traditional folks and amazing international elements. This afternoon, you may join the optional "Bamboo rafting adventure & local family visit" (US\$75/person), it is an unique and relaxing experience, enjoy bamboo rafting on the Yulong River, where you will float along the serene waters,



Tonight, you may enjoy an optional live performance on the Li River "The Impression Sanjie Liu" (US\$68/person) This performance expresses the beautiful scenery of the Li River, the colorful culture of the ethnic groups in Guangxi and the brave imagination of the excellent artists in China. Overnight in Yangshuo. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10 Yangshuo - Guilin

Today return to Guilin, en-route, embark on an excursion to Longsheng Rice Terraces. Known as the Draaon's Backbone Rice Terraces, stand as a testament to both human ingenuity and the stunning beauty of rural China. Carved into the lush, rolling hills, surrounded by the serene beauty of the mountains and the rhythmic flow of water. During rainly season, the terraces are flooded, reflecting the sunlight like mirrors, while in autumn, the fields turn golden with ripe rice ready for harvest. Then back to Guilin. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 11 Guilin - Shanghai

Today transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanahai, the vibrant and commercial Centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. Tonight you may join the optional, you may enjoy the "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai (US\$50/person).

Meals: Breakfast

For 13 Days Tour:

Day 12 Shanghai

Today we will visit the Shanghai History Museum, renowned for its impressive collection of ancient Chinese art, and the City God Temple area, surrounded by a network of local snack vendors and souvenir shops that make for a colorful walk. Overnight in Shanghai. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 13 Shanghai - North America

Today transfer to the airport for your return flight. Meals: Breakfast

For 15 Days Tour:

Day 12 Shanghai - Hangzhou

Today transfer to Hanazhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Today, visit the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hanazhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends with many famous historical and cultural sites. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 13 Hangzhou - Suzhou

Today we will experience an oriental teatasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation before transfer to the hotel in Suzhou. Suzhou is also known as the "Garden Citv" due to its classical gardens. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams. Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". Visit Lingering Garden, an UNESCO World Heritage site. structured into four themed sections linked by covered walkways. At its heart lies a central garden surrounding a pond and a grotto crafted from yellow stone granite, a masterpiece attributed to the renowned artist Zhou Binzhong. You may take an optional cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday (US\$50/person). Overnight in Suzhou.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 14 Suzhou - Shanghai

Today we will return to Shanahai and explore the silk factory to discover the intricate process of silk production. Then, visit Shanahai Museum and the City God Temple area, surrounded by a network of local snack vendors and souvenir shops that make for a colorful walk. Enjoy a farewell dinner before return to hotel. Overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 Shanghai - North America

Today transfer to the airport for your return flight. Meals: Breakfast



FREE Upgrade to 5 Star Hotels or similar

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Wyndham
Beijing North



Wyndham HangZhou East



DoubleTree by Hilton Suzhou Wujiang



CIAO Hotel Guilin



Optional Tours

Beijing "Temple of Heaven & Hutong Life tour" (US\$89/p)





- Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (US\$65/p)
- Xi'an "Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty
 - Singing and Dancing Show" (US\$68/p)
- Xi'an "Grand Tang Everbright City" (US\$69/p)



Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. And take a famous rickshaw Hutong, the traditional alley ways that made up Beijing's old city layout, immersive yourself to get a wonderful glimpse into old Beijing.

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- Suzhou "Grand Canal Cruise" (US\$50/p)
- Shanghai "Huangpu River Night Cruise" (US\$50/p)
- Guilin "Bamboo rafting adventure & local family visit" (US\$75/p)
- Guilin "The Impression Sanjie Liu" (US\$68/p)

Package Includes

- International Airfare from Vancouver in economy class
- Airport taxes
- High-speed rail: Beijing to Xi-an
- Domestic Flight: Xi-an to Guilin & Guilin to Shanghai
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodations
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

2025 Departures

| 26-Mar | 16-Apr | 07-May | 21-May | 10-Sep |
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| 17-Sep | 08-Oct | 22-Oct | 05-Nov | 12-Nov |

Price Notes

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel:
 - **13-day**: \$999/p . **15-day:** \$1,099/p
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$600; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city, Halifax, St.John from \$700; Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Victoria from \$500
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.

Package Does Not Include

- China Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: 13-Day US\$168/person 15-Day US\$196/person
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls