

Highlights of China

Exploring natural wonders, historic treasures, cultural heritage, and culinary delights in Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin/Yangshuo, and Shanghai

11 Days / 09 Nights

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Tour Program Summary

China is a land of history and refinement unparalleled in the world. Attentive visitors are immersed in a sea of visual and cultural experiences unlike any other they may have had elsewhere. Each geographic area in China teems with its own identity as an energetic variation on the great theme of Chinese civilization. You will be amazed at how regions differ vastly yet express similar values and ideas.

This journey begins in **Beijing** with an exploration of the beauty of the imperial city and meetings with urban Chinese residents. Discover the splendor of China's glorious past: the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Great Wall; also witness the dynamic and ever-changing life pace in today's capital of China.

Travel by air to **Xi'an**, once the largest city in the world. Visit and explore the Terracotta Warriors Museum in homage to Qinshihuang. It is considered China's preeminent archaeological discovery. Tour other important historic sites in the ancient Tang Dynasty capital.

Board a flight to **Guilin**, and together with **Yangshuo**, the south China region of picturesque karsts mountains rising from rice paddies cultivated by local farmers and ethnic minorities, is always a 'must' on any visitor's China itinerary. This is one of the most idyllic landscapes of China, and your cruise down the Li River will reveal its beauties at each bend of the river.

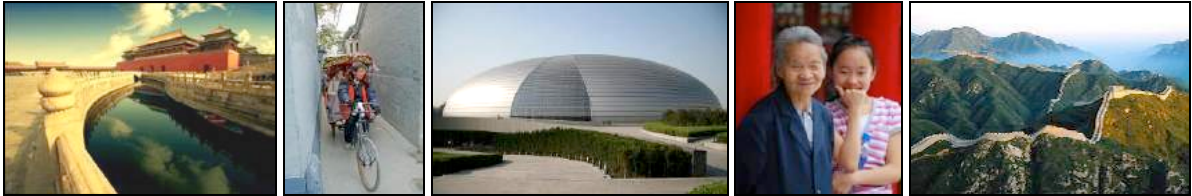
The last stop on your tour is **Shanghai**, China's most populous city and economic powerhouse. The European Bund still retains the glamour of the colonial era; modern western pubs and bars and boutiques scatter all around the center of Shanghai. Visit the traditional Yuyuan Garden and spend some time exploring Shanghai Museum, the best in the country.

Fly back home from Shanghai.

Tour Daily Itinerary

Day 01 → **depart** Fly from North America to Beijing, China on [your own booked flight](#)

Day 02 **Beijing** Arrive in Beijing today; meet your private professional English-speaking tour guide at the airport and transfer to [Waldorf Astoria Beijing \(deluxe king room\)](#). [Evening Group Reception](#) or free for your own leisure.



Day 03 **Beijing** Breakfast in hotel. Meet your guide in the lobby at **8:30am**; go to visit [Tiananmen Square](#), world's largest public square, and the "[Egg](#)"-National Performing Arts Centre (exterior) followed by the [Forbidden City](#), imperial palaces for the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) Dynasties.

After a [2-Course French Cuisine Lunch](#) in *Temple Restaurant*, take part in a pedicab "[Hutong & Courtyard](#)" tour to explore the old neighborhood of the city through narrow alleyways; transfer back to hotel for relaxation.

Join your guide again and enjoy a [Peking Duck Dinner](#) at *Dadong Restaurant* this evening. Transfer back to hotel after dinner. <B-L-D>

Day 04 **Beijing** Breakfast in hotel. Start the day a bit early at **7:30am**; meet your guide and visit [Temple of Heaven](#) in the morning to see the locals doing various morning exercise and also visit the [Hall of Prayer for Harvest](#); stop by [Hongqiao Market](#) for a visit before heading to *Capital M Restaurant* for a relaxing [lunch](#) with views of the bustling Qianmen Street and Tiananmen Square.

Afternoon travel by vehicle to [Summer Palace](#) for an exploration of this huge imperial park including a [boat ride](#) on Kunming Lake.

Transfer back to hotel in late afternoon and evening is free. <B-L>



Day 05 → **Xi'an** Breakfast in hotel and check out; travel by vehicle with guide to the [Great Wall at Mutianyu](#) for a visit including round-trip cable car ride; have [lunch](#) at *The Xiaolongpu Restaurant* in Mutianyu Village.

Transfer to Beijing Airport and fly [CA1225 \(1525-1730\)](#) to Xi'an; met by your private guide upon arrival and transfer to [Sofitel Legend Peoples Grand Hotel Xi'an \(premium king room\)](#) for check-in and relaxation. <B-L>

Day 06 **Xi'an**

Breakfast in hotel. Meet your guide in hotel lobby at **8:30am** and take a morning excursion to the Terracotta Warriors Site & Museum for an exploration; return to the hotel for a relaxation and lunch is on your own.

In the afternoon, tour the massive Ancient City Wall, built in the Ming Dynasty, and the Great Mosque and the nearby bustling Muslim Market. Tonight, enjoy a **Local Cuisine Dinner** in *Baixing Chufang Restaurant*. Transfer back to hotel after dinner for your own relaxation. <B-D>



Day 07 **→ Guilin**

Enjoy breakfast in hotel. Morning transfer to airport and fly **CZ6376 (1120-1310)** to Guilin; met by your private guide upon arrival and transfer to hotel for check-in and a short rest.

Late afternoon visit to the Diecai Hill for a panoramic view of the city and take a Canal, Lake & River Cruise for evening scenes of the city; enjoy a **Local Cuisine Dinner** in an elite local restaurant.

Transfer back to hotel after dinner and touring. Stay for two nights in Shangri-la Hotel Guilin (deluxe river-view king room). <B-D>

Day 08 **Guilin ⇄ Yangshuo**

After breakfast in hotel, drive to the pier and board a luxury cruise boat for a 4-hour breathtaking Li River Cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo with **lunch** on board. Disembark in Yangshuo.

Afternoon, tour the West Street Market and the beautiful countryside by visiting a farming village; transfer back to your hotel in Guilin and remainder of the day is for your own leisure. <B-L>



Day 09 **→ Shanghai**

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast in hotel; late morning transfer to Guilin Airport and fly **FM9380 (1210-1420)** to Shanghai; met by your private guide and transfer to The Peninsula Shanghai (deluxe river king room) for check-in and rest.

Late afternoon, pick-up by your guide in hotel lobby and enjoy a walking tour along the colonial Bund. Then, hit the historic 'long bar' at *Waldorf Astoria Shanghai* for a drink before ascending to the 7th floor of a next door building and enjoy a tasty **Western Cuisine Dinner** in *M-On-The-Bund* with a magnificent view of the Pudong and the Huangpu River. Take a short walk back to your hotel after dinner. <B-D>

Day 10 **Shanghai**

Breakfast in hotel; enjoy a guided day-tour of Shanghai, visiting the classic

Yuyuan Garden in the old town district, the comprehensive Bronze Gallery in Shanghai Museum, and the leafy former French Concession including Fuxing Park with its shady sycamore trees and stuccoed villas such as the former residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, modern China's founding father.

Lunch is Shanghai's signature dish Steamed Soup Dumplings in Dingtaifeng Restaurant. Transfer back to hotel and remainder of the day is free for your own exploration or relaxation. <B-L>

Day 11 → return Breakfast in hotel and leisure time in the morning. Afternoon private transfer to Shanghai Pudong Airport and fly home. Service ends.

Changes to Itinerary: Access China Tours has made all possible attempts to ensure the accuracy of tour itineraries. Circumstances beyond our control may occur. We reserve the right to change itineraries, sightseeing activities, and common carriers, and to substitute hotels when necessary. Service of a similar category and standard will be maintained if such changes are made. The Service Voucher in your last pre-departure packet will provide the operational itinerary summary, final transport and hotel information.



Luxury Hotels Selected for Your Tour



Waldorf Astoria Beijing



Sofitel Legend Peoples Grand Hotel Xi'an



Shangri-la Hotel Guilin



The Peninsula Shanghai

Tour Land Price Inclusions & Exclusions

Tour Land Prices: **\$4,790 USD** per person double occupancy (for a group of 2-5 travelers)
 \$4,580 USD per person double occupancy (for a group of 6-9 travelers)
 \$4,450 USD per person double occupancy (for a group of 10-16 travelers)

Single Supplement Cost: **\$1,780 USD** for single occupancy in hotels throughout the tour

What's Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- Luxury category hotel double occupancy accommodations with breakfast
- Coach class China domestic air tickets and ground transportation
- All tour related Chinese domestic taxes
- Arrival and departure transfers on tour dates
- Transfers and luggage (1 piece of 45 pounds per person for domestic flights) handling
- Pre-departure information packets
- All sightseeing, visits, cultural events, and activities listed in the itinerary
- All meals (*all breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners*) as specified in the itinerary
- Service of a private English-speaking Tour Manager/Escort (*for a group of 10 or more travelers*)
- Service of a private English-speaking local guide in each city where needed
- Private, clean, and newer motor vehicle with air-conditioning and a professional driver
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers (*for a group of 10 or more travelers*)

What's Not Included in 'Tour Land Prices'

- International air tickets (*will quote separately if requested*)
- Chinese visa processing (www.mychinavisa.com or www.mychinavisa.ca)
- Trip cancellation, baggage, accident, and medical insurance
- Meals not indicated as included and optional activities and events
- Gratuities to your Tour Manager/Escort; tipping for local guides and drivers (*for 2-9 travelers*)
- Items not listed and/or specified as included in the itinerary

Cancellation Policy: **\$600 USD pp deposit is required at sign up.** All cancellation notices must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of receipt by *Access China Tours*. We assess cancellation fees of all tours according to the following schedule:

90 days or more prior to departure	\$300 per person *
89 to 60 days prior to departure	\$600 per person *
59 to 30 days prior to departure	\$900 per person *
29 to 15 days prior to departure	\$1200 per person *

* Plus any charges assessed by government agencies, land suppliers, cruise companies and airlines.

Within 14 days of departure100% forfeiture of the tour price per person

Access China Tours will not grant partial refunds for any unused trip arrangements after the trip has commenced or any refunds to participants who do not complete any portion of the itinerary. Any airline tickets issued are subject to the carrier's refund and cancellation policy. **We strongly recommend you purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance to protect your travel investment.** If a tour is forced to be cancelled due to government's travel warnings, declared or undeclared wars, hostilities, civil disturbances, strike, riot, epidemic, and quarantines, *Access China Tours* will refund all participants' payment less any irretrievable expenses and loss (visa fees, airline penalties, communication cost, and non-refundable booking cost, etc.). However, *Access China Tours* will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by tour participants (e.g., non-refundable "advance purchase" air tickets, insurance & medical expenses, passport and visa expenses, etc.).