

CHINA

Gate 1 Tours – 10 Days

DAY 1, Monday - Depart the USA

Depart the USA to China. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey. Please note that your flight departs just after midnight. Be aware, you must check in at the airport the evening prior to your departure date

DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure

Overnight: Beijing

DAY 3, Wednesday - Forbidden City & Summer Palace Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace. Begin at Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza in the world. Erected in 1417 at the height of the Ming Dynasty, the

square was renovated and renamed two centuries later at the onset of the Great Qing Dynasty. View several impressive monuments outlining the Square's perimeter, including the Great Hall of the People, the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong and the Square's famed ceremonial gateway. From here, venture north for a visit to the Forbidden City (Imperial Palace), a construction comparable to the Pyramids in Egypt. Known today as the Palace Museum, the entire site is comprised of 800 buildings with more than 9,000 rooms. Visit a local Pearl Shop before a visit to the Summer Palace. Lunch will be served at an authentic Chinese restaurant during the Summer Palace visit

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4, Thursday - Great Wall of China & Panda Visit

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the Great Wall of China, the longest man-made structure on Earth, spanning nearly 4,000 miles of China's northern frontier. Stop at a local Jade Shop before arriving to the Great Wall. Walk along the promenades and enjoy the unrivaled scenic views of beautiful mountain passes, plateaus and grasslands from this 7th-century defensive fortification. Afterwards, depart for lunch at a local Chinese restaurant. Following lunch, a brief stop at the Beijing Olympic village and then a visit with the famous Pandas at the Beijing Zoo before returning to Beijing

Optional: Peking Duck Dinner

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5, Friday - Flight to Xian

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Xian. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Later this afternoon, trace the beginnings of Chinese civilization at the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum. Opened to the public in 1991, the museum is in southern Xian, and is home to a wealth of historical artifacts and treasures from the Han and Tang dynasties

Optional: Dumpling Dinner

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 6, Saturday - Xian Antiquities Tour with Terracotta Army

This morning, after breakfast you will have the opportunity to visit Xingqing Park. Filled with culture, this local park is a hub of activity in the morning. You may witness and have the chance to participate in morning exercise, singing, and dancing. Later this morning visit to a local Lacquer Furniture Shop. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before a tour of Xian's antiquities. Your tour includes the archaeological site at the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang (259-210 B.C.), where more than 8,000 finely sculpted, life-size terracotta soldiers and horses were discovered by local farmers in 1974. The archaeological excavation of the three pits where the Terracotta Army was found continues today, more than thirty years since the time of its unearthing

Optional: Tang Dynasty Dinner with Entertainment

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7, Sunday - Flight to Shanghai

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Afternoon at leisure to explore Shanghai on your own

Optional: Shanghai by Night with Dinner

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Monday - Shanghai City Tour

This morning enjoy a tour of the major attractions of Shanghai. Wander the classical Yuyuan Garden, built during the Ming Dynasty by the high-ranking government official Pan Yunduan. The Gardens' total area occupies approximately five acres, and features pavilions, ponds, rockeries, cloisters, and streams all within six scenic zones, including the Sansui Hall and Wanhua Chamber. In existence for 400 years, the Gardens were specifically constructed for Pan's aging parents as a sanctuary in which to live out their lives. Next, experience the old world charm of the Bund, the former "Wall Street" of the foreign powers. Walk along its park-like waterfront promenade between the Wusong River and Old Town. Later today, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before stopping at a local silk carpet shop. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure

Optional: Acrobatic Show with Dinner

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9, Tuesday - Full Day in Shanghai

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Shanghai on your own

Optional: Full Day Suzhou with Lunch & Cruise on the Grand Canal

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Wednesday - Depart for the USA

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices	Air & Land
2012	
Oct 4 (Sold Out)	\$1859 *
Oct 8 (Sold Out)	\$1899 *
Oct 15; 22 (Sold Out)	\$2069 *
Oct 29	Call For Air
Nov 5 (Sold Out)	\$1969 *
Nov 12	\$1649 *
Nov 19	\$1759 *
Nov 26	\$1599 *
Dec 3	\$1699 *
Dec 10	\$1979 *

Dec 17	\$1979 *
Dec 24 (Sold Out)	Call For Air

Dates & Prices	Air & Land	
	Book By Dec 14	Book After Dec 14
2013		
Feb 18	\$1679	\$1879 *
Feb 25	\$1599	\$1799 *
Mar 4; 11; 18; 25	\$1629	\$1829 *

Featured Hotels		
Tiantan Hotel - details	★★★★	Beijing
Grand New World Hotel Xian - details	★★★★	Xian
Yafan Longmen Hotel - details	★★★★	Shanghai

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