

Special! China Highlights

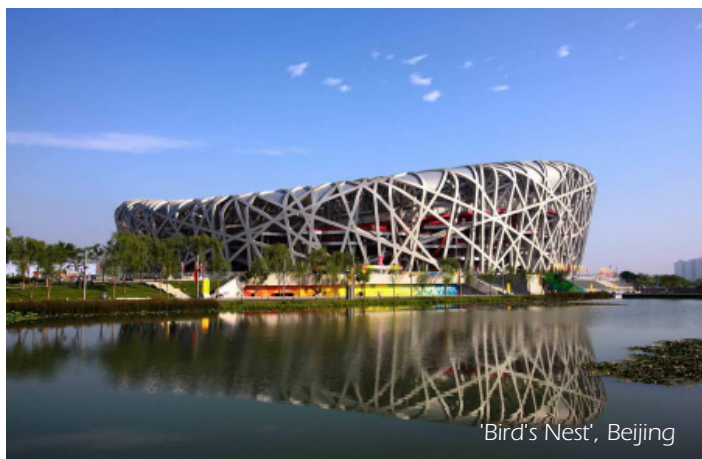
Beijing, Xian, Guilin,
Yangshuo, Hangzhou & Shanghai



\$2500

including airfare

+ tax **12 days**



'Bird's Nest', Beijing



Terracotta Warriors, Xian



Li River, Guilin

2009 Departure Dates:

10 Apr, 08 May, 22 May, 05 Jun, 10 Jul



The Great Wall, Beijing



'Water Cube', Beijing

Prices: \$2500/adult; \$2250/child
Land Only: \$2380
Single Room Supplement: A\$695
Air Ticket Extension: \$150 (35 days)

Price includes:

International return airfares economy class
 Full accommodations at 4-star hotel on twin sharing basis
 All meals indicated
 All the transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary with entry fee
 English-speaking guide

Price excludes:

Sydney and China airport taxes and fuel surcharges approx. :
 \$395(adult), \$295 (child)
 Chinese visa fee A\$40;
 Travel insurance; Tipping and personal expenses

This tour is based on minimum 10 passengers for departure.



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Airport taxes and fuel surcharges are correct at 1 Jan and subject to change without prior notice

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Itinerary

Day 01 Sydney/Beijing

We fly from Sydney to Beijing today via Air China's flight CA174 (2000/0500+1). Beijing is the dynamic capital of People's Republic of China. Once the imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing is still extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics.

Day 02 Beijing (B/L/D) Hotel: Qianmen Jianguo Hotel or similar

Upon arrival into Beijing in the early morning (05:00), you are greeted and transferred to your hotel. After breakfast and a short rest you will visit the Tian'anmen Square, the biggest public square in the world, and a photo stop at China National Grand Theatre. After lunch, visit the Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive emperors for more than 500 years.

Day 03 Beijing (B/L/D)

Hotel: as above

Morning tour to the Great Wall via China National Stadium (Bird's Nest) and China National Aquatics Centre (Water Cube), stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the seven wonders of the world. Along the way, you will stop at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. Continue to visit the Summer Palace, the largest and the best preserved of all imperial palace gardens, which boasts such delights as the famous Marble Boat and the ornately painted 'Long Corridor'. After dinner, acrobatic show.

Day 04 Beijing (B/L)

Hotel: as above

Morning, enjoy a pedi-cab tour of Hutong - the "old city" neighbourhoods of narrow alleyways and courtyard gardens, experience local life on a family visit and kindergarten if opens. After our special lunch in a local family home, tour to the brand new Qianmen Street, which is also called the Heaven Street, because there were 23 emperors during China's Ming and Qing dynasties walking through this street to pray and make sacrifice at the Temple of Heaven. Centuries ago, Qianmen Street had become a commercial and amusement center due to its convenient location, connecting the Imperial Palace and civil communities in ancient Beijing. Visit a local market if time permit. Evening at leisure, dinner will be on your own arrangement.

Day 05 Beijing/Xian (B/L) Hotel: Grand New World Hotel or similar

In the morning, transferred to the airport for a flight to Xian. Upon arrival you will be met & transferred, and to visit Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

Day 06 Xian (B/L/D)

Hotel: as above

Morning, tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Included are the Circle Vision Movie and Bronze Chariot. Afternoon, we visit the Shaanxi History Museum. Have sumptuous dumpling dinner, and enjoy a traditional Tang Dynasty show after dinner.

Day 07 Xian/Guilin (B)

Hotel: Guilin Park Hotel or similar

Free to explore this ancient city on your own pace till transfer to the airport and fly to Guilin. Upon arrival, transferred to your hotel.

Day 08 Guilin/Yangshuo/Guilin (B/L/D)

Hotel: as above

The Highlight of the trip to Guilin is a spectacular cruise down the meandering and picturesque Li River, the breathtaking scen-

ery as jagged mist-covered mountains, quaint villages dot the riverbanks, drift past humped limestone peaks, fishermen aboard bamboo rafts and grazing water buffalo. You will also have a chance to roam Yangshuo's local market. The well-known West Street in Yangshuo also called Foreigner Street, which the history has 1400 years. It is a small and traditional street on south of China, but the international sentiment ambience show over the whole street. All of the people who waiter work in hotel or wine bar, seller work in bookstore or art shop, aged-lady sell fruit can speak fluent English.

Day 09 Guilin/Hangzhou (B/L/D) Hotel: Wuyang Hotel or similar

Morning, visit to Reed Flute Cave, a site of wonderful limestone caves, showcasing a dazzling variety of stalactite and stalagmite stone formations if time permit. Then, we catch a noon flight to Hangzhou, the city known as "the most beautiful city in the world" by Marco Polo.

Day 10 Hangzhou/Shanghai (B/L/D)

Hotel: The Bund Riverside Hotel or similar

After breakfast, we will take a short cruise tour on the West Lake, where you would surely appreciate the fabled scenery such as "Broken Bridge", "Autumn Moon over the Calm Lake" and "Three Pools mirroring the Moon". If time permits, we visit Lingyin Temple, which is among the ten most famous Buddhist temples in China and has a history of over 1000 years. Early afternoon, continue our travel by coach to metropolitan Shanghai.

Day 11 Shanghai

Hotel: as above

Morning tour to the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai, then to the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. After lunch, we tour a Silk Spinning Mill. Then, visit the Shanghai Xintiandi, which is a new tourist attraction in downtown Shanghai, featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses and a maze of narrow alleys, which have been converted into specialist F & B, retail, entertainment and cultural facilities. Dinner will be on your own arrangement. (B/L)

Day 12 Shanghai/Sydney (B)

Free at leisure for last minute shopping or further explore this booming city on your own pace, prior to transferred to the airport for your flight home by CA175 (1535/0900+1).

Day 13 Sydney

Morning arrive in Sydney.

