

## Cycle China

China Tours 2020-2021

Silver Experience **MAXIMUM 25 PARTICIPANTS**

Tour Type: Land only package

### Day-by-Day Itinerary

#### Depart Originating City

Depart from your home city and cross the international dateline. This may be a day or more before tour start date, depending on your individual international air travel arrangements.

#### Day 1, Wed • Arrive Beijing

After arrival formalities, you will be met by our representative for transfer to your hotel (check in after 2pm). Remainder of the day at leisure to rest and adjust to the time zone.

**Hotel: Capital**

#### Day 2, Thu • Beijing B,L

Start your city tour with a visit to the fascinating Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall showing Beijing as an ancient historical and cultural city. Then cross Tiananmen Square and head to the gate of the spectacular Forbidden City which was the Imperial Palace of the Ming and Qing Dynasties and one of the most important heritage sites in all of China. After lunch at a typical Beijing eatery, as seen on The Food Channel, you'll be fitted for your bicycle for a ride through the hutongs where well-preserved courtyard homes and narrow alleys border tree-lined lakes. It's a slice of "Old Peking." Touring the district by bike gives you a closer and more engaging experience of traditional Chinese life. Stop in at a local family for a cup of tea, then continue biking to the Summer Palace which is the best-kept royal garden, a complex of pavilions, temples, and galleries set among beautifully landscaped grounds surrounding Kunming Lake. Enjoy a boat ride on the lake before returning to your hotel.

#### Day 3, Fri • Beijing B,L,D

Morning excursion to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a rugged section of the Wall that offers less crowded access and a more striking perspective as the Wall climbs and winds over the surrounding hills. Ride the cable car up to the top for a visual experience that consistently exceeds visitors' expectations. Scholars estimate that the Wall, averaging 25 feet in height and nearly as thick, once stretched for 3,700 miles, passing through sixteen provinces. Country lunch at a local farmer's restaurant before climbing on your bikes for an afternoon excursion in Huairou County which will include a visit to a local market. This evening, enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner at a popular Beijing eatery.

#### Day 4, Sat • Beijing / Guilin B,D

Fly to Guilin, gateway to the magnificent landscape of the Li River. Tour the impressive rock formations at Reed Flute Caves and Elephant Trunk Hill, the symbol of Guilin. Dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

**Hotel: Bravo**

#### Day 5, Sun • Guilin / Yangshuo B,L,D

This morning, begin your cruise on the Li River with its ethereal landscape and new vistas at each turn. The peaceful water and otherworldly limestone karst formations form unforgettable panoramas. After lunch onboard, disembark in Yangshuo where one stunning river scene after another vie for attention. Dinner at a local restaurant. Tonight, enjoy the colorful SanJie Liu light show involving more than 500 performers in the world's largest natural theater with the waters of the Li River as its stage.

**Hotel: Li River Resort**

**Day 6, Mon • Yangshuo B,L**

Full day biking tours around Yangshuo to see local villages, rice paddies and endless fields with water buffalos. Participate in a cooking class at Chaolong Village to prepare your own lunch. There'll be ample time to leisurely walk through West Street's pedestrian lanes with its many shops and cafes. Evening at leisure.

**Day 7, Tue • Yangshuo / Guilin / Lijiang B,L**

Drive to Guilin airport for your flight to Lijiang. Upon arrival, you'll stop at a lunch spot for a bite before checking in to your hotel. In the afternoon visit Dayan Ancient Town with its long history and local culture of the Naxi people. Many rivers and mini-bridges crisscross the city. Evening at leisure.

**Hotel: Ivy Garden Resort**

**Day 8, Wed • Lijiang B,L,D**

Enjoy the spectacle of Impression Lijiang - Snow Mountain, an outdoor audio-visual extravaganza directed by the internationally acclaimed Zhang Yimou who directed the 2008 Beijing Olympics Opening Ceremonies and whose films have been nominated for Oscars. Over 500 local people from 10 different ethnic groups selected from 16 towns and villages around Lijiang perform rituals, dances and folk songs against the enchanting backdrop of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain range. After lunch, head to Baisha village and explore the ancient Murals and the small village that is the original settlement of the Naxi people who came to the greater Lijiang Valley a thousand years ago. Biking through the villages back to your hotel is an unforgettable experience.

**Day 9, Thu • Lijiang B,L**

Bike to Yuhu Village to visit the former residence of Joseph Rock, a 20th century Austrian-American explorer-botanist whose National Geographic articles on the mystical mountains around Lijiang is said to have inspired the novel Lost Horizon by James Hilton. Continue biking to the Tibetan Zhiyun Monastery, one of the biggest Tibetan Buddhist temples in Lijiang and repository of mysterious Tibetan cultural icons. You'll ride around Lashi Lake, a paradise for thousands of birds and animals. This evening at leisure.

**Day 10, Fri • Lijiang / Shanghai B**

Fly to cosmopolitan Shanghai where you'll be greeted and escorted to your hotel in the heart of the French Concession. There are cafes and shops all around the area of the hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

**Hotel: Juss Hengshan**

**Day 11, Sat • Shanghai B,L,D**

Sightseeing in Shanghai will feature strolling along the famous Bund with its elegant European style buildings facing the river and Pudong across the way. Yu in Chinese means pleasing and satisfying, and Yu Yuan (Garden) was specially built to provide a tranquil and happy environment. Nearby is the famous Chen Huang Miao – an area of shops, restaurants and recreation facilities where you'll enjoy a Shanghai dim sum lunch at local restaurant. The Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center is an astonishing display of history and planned development. Afternoon biking tour of the former French Concession which is a reminder of Shanghai in days gone by. The cycle-friendly area is packed full of beautiful colonial mansions and hotels dating back to the first three decades of the twentieth century. Enjoy farewell dinner and a performance of the thrilling Chinese acrobatic circus.

**Day 12, Sun • Depart Shanghai B**

At leisure until departure transfer for your flight home or onward destination.

## Deluxe 4★ Hotels

- Beijing Capital
- Guilin Bravo
- Yangshuo Li River Resort
- Lijiang Ivy Garden Resort
- Shanghai Juss Hengshan

### Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

| START DATE  | END DATE | LAND ONLY | SINGLE SUPP. |
|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>2020</b> |          |           |              |
| May 13      | May 24   | \$5699    | \$999        |
| May 27      | Jun 7    | \$5699    | \$999        |
| Jun 10      | Jun 21   | \$5699    | \$999        |
| Jun 24      | Jul 5    | \$5699    | \$999        |
| Jul 8       | Jul 19   | \$5699    | \$999        |
| Aug 5       | Aug 16   | \$5699    | \$999        |
| Sep 2       | Sep 13   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Sep 16      | Sep 27   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Sep 30      | Oct 11   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Oct 7       | Oct 18   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Oct 14      | Oct 25   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Oct 21      | Nov 1    | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Oct 28      | Nov 8    | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| Nov 11      | Nov 22   | \$5699    | \$1099       |
| <b>2021</b> |          |           |              |
| Mar 10      | Mar 21   | \$5699    | \$999        |

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