

Insatiable China

China Tours 2020-2021

Gold Experience **MAXIMUM 16 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, Mon • Arrive Beijing

After touching down at Beijing's ultramodern international airport, you'll proceed through the usual entry formalities and see your name on a sign amid a sea of signs and faces. Welcome to China. You'll be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel (check in after 2pm). Remainder of the day at leisure to rest and adjust to the time zone.

Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton

Day 2, Tue • Beijing B,L,D

Your city tour begins with a walk on Tiananmen Square then across a broad avenue to the gate of the Forbidden City, the abiding symbol of imperial China. The entire complex was painstakingly restored in time for the 2008 Summer Olympics held in Beijing. After an entertaining lunch at the "flashing knife" noodle house, take a pedicab tour of the hutongs ("old Peking") where well-preserved courtyard homes and narrow alleys border tree-lined lakes. Later in the afternoon, you'll have a private cooking class beginning with a trip to the colorful spice market with your chef who will introduce you to of the wonderful fresh produce and spices which make Chinese cuisine so uniquely delicious. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and help with the preparation of these dishes to enjoy for dinner.

Day 3, Wed • Beijing B,L,D

Drive to Mutianyu, a rugged section of the Great Wall that offers less crowded access and a more striking perspective as the Wall climbs and winds over the surrounding hills. Here the Great Wall of China presents a visual experience that consistently exceeds visitors' expectations. Enjoy a country lunch at a local farmer's restaurant at foot of the Wall. This evening, there will be a traditional Peking duck banquet.

Day 4, Thu • Beijing / Xian B,D

The Temple of Heaven is one of the finest creations of the Ming dynasty. Many locals are usually seen performing morning exercises such as Tai Chi, or playing shuttlecock game. Afterwards, try the various Beijing street food before transfer to the airport for your flight to Xian. This evening, enjoy a rooftop barbeque, Xian-style.

Hotel: Shangri-La

Day 5, Fri • Xian B,L,D

Experience a bike or buggy ride on the ancient City Wall which looks out over the rooftops of the Muslim Quarter with its traditional Chinese Islamic cuisine, shops, and merchants. Xian dumpling lunch will be followed by a viewing of the extraordinary 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors in the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. The warriors still stand at the original site where they were first discovered in 1974. After a unique vegetarian fusion dinner, you may wish to cross the wide boulevard and take a walk on the Wild (Goose Pagoda) side.

Day 6, Sat • Xian / Chengdu B,L

An ultra-high-speed train will whisk you to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. After checking in at your hotel, enjoy a local snack (non-spicy available) and then visit to the Spice Market. This afternoon, visit the Wenshu Buddhist Monastery dating from the Tang Dynasty. Then finally Jinlin Cultural Street where you can browse at your leisure and return to the hotel on your own, if you wish (remember to take your “taxi card.”). Jinlin Cultural Street is the place where you can find many local snacks and food.

Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton

Day 7, Sun • Chengdu B,L,D

The Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Centre is beautifully landscaped with lush plants and lakes. Meet with 20 some pandas and their caregivers. The highlight is the see the panda cubs at the kindergarten where they play with each other, climbing up and down trees, rolling and pushing and kicking like Kungfu masters. Also, visit the Small Red Panda Center with 40 small pandas in residence who roam freely.

After lunch, visit People’s Park with its Bonsai Garden, or stop at a local teahouse and have a cup of green tea! At People’s Park, you will see many locals gather to practice Tai Chi, fly kites, or do synchronized dance. Then head to Kuan Zhai Xiang Zi, the major buildings in this site are courtyards and ancient style streets, wander the surrounding area, immersing in traditional shops and local activities. Tonight, enjoy Sichuan Hot Pot dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 8, Mon • Chengdu / Shanghai B,L,D

Morning flight to cosmopolitan Shanghai. You’ll stroll along the famous Bund and board a touring boat for a cruise on the Huangpu River that divides Pudong and Puxi, the two sides of Shanghai. Embark on a “foodie” tour in search of local Shanghainese snacks including famous xiaolongbao (soup dumplings). Visit the 400 year-old Yu Yuan (Garden). Yu in Chinese means pleasing and satisfying, and this garden was specially built for that purpose. Nearby is Chen Huang Miao, an area of shops, restaurants and recreation facilities in the style of “old Shanghai.” This evening, enjoy dinner followed by the amazing Shanghai acrobatic show.

Hotel: The Portman Ritz-Carlton

Day 9, Tue • Shanghai B,L,D

If you wonder what an aerial view over all of Shanghai looks like, visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Museum which displays a large scale, incredibly detailed model of all of Shanghai, showing existing buildings, planned future buildings and other exhibits relating to Shanghai’s history and its future. You’ll meet a chef for a private cooking class to learn how to make those xiaolongbao among other dishes, taking part in the different steps to experience the traditional cooking methods (and make yourself lunch as well. This afternoon, visit one of Shanghai’s many restored shikumen (stone gate) districts of 19th century houses that are now (mainly) car-free with art galleries, bookstores, cafes and restaurants. The first Haagen Dazs ice cream parlor in Shanghai was in one of these. Farewell dinner this evening at a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Day 10, Wed • Depart Shanghai B

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

5 ★ Plus Hotels

- Beijing The Ritz-Carlton (Chaoyang District)
- Xian Shangri-La
- Chengdu The Ritz-Carlton
- Shanghai The Portman Ritz-Carlton

Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

START DATE	END DATE	LAND ONLY	SINGLE SUPP.
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2020

May 11	May 20	\$5399	\$1499
May 25	Jun 3	\$5399	\$1499
Jun 8	Jun 17	\$5399	\$1499
Jun 22	Jul 1	\$5399	\$1499
Jul 6	Jul 15	\$5399	\$1499
Aug 10	Aug 19	\$5399	\$1499
Sep 7	Sep 16	\$5399	\$1499
Sep 21	Sep 30	\$5399	\$1499
Oct 5	Oct 14	\$5399	\$1499
Oct 19	Oct 28	\$5399	\$1499
Nov 9	Nov 18	\$5399	\$1499

2021

Mar 8	Mar 17	\$5399	\$1499
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* tour is limited to maximum 16 participants; groups fewer than 10 participants may be locally hosted; this exclusive Gold Experience land tour begins in Beijing and ends in Shanghai; land only price does not include international airfare; for Terms and Conditions and other important information applicable to this tour, please visit us at www.pacificdelighttours.com. CST 2098539

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