



## China Golden Route

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, Wed • Arrive Beijing**

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

**Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton (Chaoyang)**

#### **Day 2, Thu • Beijing**

**B,L,D**

Your Beijing tour features Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world with its historic Great Hall of the People. Across the broad avenue, you'll enter 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, tour Beijing's 700-year-old Hutongs ("narrow lanes") area by old-fashioned pedicab. Visit a local family living in a courtyard-style home known as a Siheyuan. In the evening, enjoy dinner at leisure at your hotel.

#### **Day 3, Fri • Beijing**

**B,L,D**

Get an early start to visit China's most famous landmark, the 3000-mile-long Great Wall of China, the only man-made object visible from the moon. Ride the cable car to the top of one of the ramparts from where you can stroll along the wall and see for miles in every direction. After lunch at a local farmer's market at the foot of the wall, visit a jade factory, where you will learn about different types of jade and its properties. Returning to the city, visit the Summer Palace, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998. Top off this evening with a Peking Duck dinner at one of Beijing's notable specialty restaurants.

#### **Day 4, Sat • Beijing / Xi'an**

**B,D**

This morning, visit the exquisite 15th-century Temple of Heaven. See the Imperial Ceiling of Heaven with its Echo Wall and its uncanny acoustics. It is said a whisper can be heard by the gods (and everyone else in the group). This afternoon, fly to historic Xi'an, ancient Silk Road capital of China and site of many archeological treasures.

**Hotel: Shangri-La**

#### **Day 5, Sun • Xi'an**

**B,L,D**

See the extraordinary terracotta warriors and the famous bronze chariot buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang 2,000 years ago. Lunch at the Museum's restaurant will feature a noodle-making demonstration. This afternoon, visit the City Walls – ride a bike on it, if you wish – for a unique perspective overlooking Beiyuanmen Muslim Street including the Great Mosque. The local market offers a huge selection of Chinese Muslim craftsmanship and a variety of local cuisines. This evening's highlight is a performance of traditional music and dance from the Tang Dynasty period.

**Day 6, Mon • Xi'an / Shanghai****B,L**

Visit the Wild Goose Pagoda, the site where Buddhism was introduced to China. Stroll the wide plaza where you can find souvenirs including genuine fake antiques of the terra cotta warriors! Also visit the Xi'an Museum before your flight to Shanghai.

**Hotel: The Portman Ritz-Carlton**

**Day 7, Tue • Shanghai****B,L,D**

Shanghai's highlights include the Shanghai Museum, repository of China's exquisite ancient art including bronze, ceramic, jade and calligraphy. Visit Yu Garden and Shanghai "old town", the Bund, modern Xintiandi (like Faneuil Hall and Ghirardelli Square rolled into one) and a Shanghai silk factory. Lunch of tasty Shanghai soup dumplings enroute. This evening, dinner at your hotel followed by a performance of the world-famous Chinese acrobatic circus.

**Day 8, Wed • Shanghai / Guilin****B,D**

Morning at leisure. Midday flight to Guilin, gateway to the magnificent landscape along the Li River that has inspired artists and poets for centuries. Dinner at your hotel.

**Hotel: Shangri-La**

**Day 9, Thu • Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin****B,L,D**

Cruise the scenic Li River with its otherworldly rock formations rising out along both banks of the river. Disembark in Yangshuo and enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the delightful lanes and markets and rice paddies. This evening, see the enchanting 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. Return to Guilin for overnight.

**Day 10, Fri • Guilin / Hong Kong****B**

See the dramatic rock formations at Reed Flute Cave and Fu Bo Hill. Then, fly to Hong Kong. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your luxurious hotel in the heart of Tsimshatsui.

**Hotel: Kowloon Shangri-La**

**Day 11, Sat • Hong Kong****B**

Your morning Hong Kong Island tour includes Stanley Market where locals and expats shop for bargains, and Repulse Bay, a beautiful stretch of crescent-shaped sand and a popular beach for locals and tourists alike. You'll board a sampan ("water taxi") for a cruise through Aberdeen village, a floating community of fishermen complete with schools, restaurants, clinics and barber shops. A ride on the steep Peak Tram brings you to the top of Victoria Peak for a stunning panoramic view of the vast, bustling harbor below. Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own.

**Day 12, Sun • Hong Kong****B,D**

Day at leisure, a great opportunity to visit Macau and its glittering casino hotels on a full-day optional tour. This evening, bid farewell to China, Hong Kong and your travel companions at a gala farewell dinner.

**Day 13, Mon • Depart Hong Kong****B**

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

## 5 ★ *Plus* Hotels

- Beijing                   The Ritz-Carlton (Chaoyang)
- Xi'an                      Shangri-La
- Shanghai                The Portman Ritz-Carlton
- Guilin                    Shangri-La
- Hong Kong               Kowloon Shangri-La

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

START DATE	END DATE	LAND ONLY	SINGLE SUPP.
<b>2020</b>			
Mav 6	Mav 18	\$5899	\$1799
May 13	May 25	\$5899	\$1899
Mav 20	Jun 1	\$5899	\$1899
Mav 27	Jun 8	\$5899	\$1899
Jun 10	Jun 22	\$5799	\$1799
Jun 24	Jul 6	\$5799	\$1799
Jul 8	Jul 20	\$5699	\$1599
Jul 22	Aug 3	\$5699	\$1599
Aug 5	Aug 17	\$5699	\$1599
Aug 19	Aug 31	\$5699	\$1599
Sep 2	Sep 14	\$5999	\$2099
Sep 9	Sep 21	\$5999	\$2099
Sep 16	Sep 28	\$5999	\$2099
Sep 23	Oct 5	\$5999	\$2099
Oct 7	Oct 19	\$6099	\$2099
Oct 14	Oct 26	\$6099	\$2099
Oct 21	Nov 2	\$6099	\$2099
Oct 28	Nov 9	\$6099	\$2099
Nov 4	Nov 16	\$5999	\$2099
<b>2021</b>			
Mar 10	Mar 22	\$5899	\$1799

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