

Beyond the Wall

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, Thu • Arrive Shanghai

Welcome to cosmopolitan Shanghai. After entry formalities, you'll be greeted and escorted to your deluxe hotel, (check in after 2pm). Remainder of the day at leisure to rest and adjust to the time zone.

Hotel: The Portman Ritz-Carlton

Day 2, Fri • Shanghai B,L,D

People's Park, near famous Nanjing Road, was carved out of the former Shanghai Race Club's course with several world-class museums including Shanghai MOCA that focuses on Chinese and international contemporary art. Afterwards, proceed to Yu Yuan (Garden) otherwise known as "Shanghai old town" with its traditional shop fronts, bridges and koi ponds. Lunch including tasty Shanghai soup dumplings at a popular local restaurant. In the afternoon, enjoy a private historical Shanghai tour with Mr. Patrick Crawley, the widely published expert on the history and development of Shanghai. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 3, Sat • Shanghai B,D

Visit M50, an art district with workshops, galleries and sidewalks full of statues and "tasteful graffiti." Continue to Ta Kang Lu (Road), a popular cultural district made up of small lanes and quaint international restaurants and shops. Lunch on your own. After driving on the elevated highway and crossing into futuristic Pudong, ascend Shanghai Tower, a mega-skyscraper, for a bird's-eye view for miles around. Back to earth, the Shanghai Museum houses some of China's most fabulous ancient art consisting of bronze, ceramic, jade and calligraphy. After a brief rest at your hotel, depart for the world-renowned acrobatic circus followed by a bite of some typical street food before returning to the hotel.

Day 4, Sun • Shanghai / Beijing B,(L),D

Lunch flight to China's capital where you'll explore the Forbidden City's treasure-filled Imperial Palace. Nearby Tiananmen Square is a photo-op not to be missed. Top off this evening with a Peking Duck dinner at one of Beijing's notable specialty restaurants.

Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton

Day 5, Mon • Beijing B L,D

Drive to Jinshanling, a section of the Great Wall with cable car access and spectacular views. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant at the foot of the Wall before returning to the city. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner at leisure at your hotel.

Day 6, Tue • Beijing / Luoyang B,(L),D

This morning, visit the exquisite 15th-century Temple of Heaven. See the Imperial Ceiling of Heaven with its Echo Wall and the Nine-Dragon Cypress, more than 500 years old and where locals perform Tai-chi morning exercises. Early afternoon flight to Luoyang. This evening, enjoy Luoyang's famous "Water Banquet" comprised of 24 dishes and served in a style and tradition going back 1000 years to special guests or to celebrate special occasions.

Hotel: Hyatt Place

Day 7, Wed • Luoyang B,L,D

12 kilometers outside the city are the Longmen Grottoes, one of the three most important archaeological sites in China for its Buddhist sculptures and huge number of carvings. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the nearby White Horse Temple, considered the birthplace of Buddhism in China. The imposing Tianzijialiu Museum focuses on the exhibition of large chariot pits of the Eastern Zhou Dynasty. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 8, Thu • Luoyang / Xian B,L

Board the high-speed train (2 scenic hours) to Xian where you'll proceed to the famed Terra Cotta Warriors Museum including the exquisite Bronze Chariot buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang for more than 2,000 years. Lunch at the Museum's Restaurant will feature a noodle-making demonstration. Evening at leisure.

Hotel: Shangri-La

Day 9, Fri • Xian / Chengdu B,L

Walk or ride a bicycle on the ancient City Wall overlooking the Beiyuanmen Muslim Quarter including its Grand Mosque. Enjoy a Xian-style dumpling lunch before boarding your high-speed train out west, to the capital of Sichuan province. Arrive Chengdu where you'll be transferred to your hotel. Evening at leisure.

Hotel: The Ritz-Carlton

Day 10, Sat • Chengdu B,L,D

Morning visit to the China Conservation and Research Center for Giant Pandas for a "panda keeper" experience where you will learn how to prepare the food for the pandas, and feed the pandas face-to-face by yourself. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to Chengdu and visit Jinli Cultural Street, one of the busiest commercial areas during the Shu Kingdom (221-263) and known as the 'First Street of the Shu Kingdom'. The famous baldachin - a rich, ornate cloth prized by the emperors - is available here. Tonight, enjoy a "hot pot" dinner followed by the unique Bian Lian Opera which literally means "face-changing".

Day 11, Sun • Chengdu / Guilin / Yangshuo B,(L)

Board your midday flight to Guilin where you'll visit the dramatic rock formations at Reed Flute Caves and Elephant Trunk Hill, landmarks of Guilin. Continue to the village of Yangshuo, on the banks of the Li River.

Hotel: Banyan Tree

Day 12, Mon • Yangshuo B,L,D

Morning visit to the local market at Chaolong Village followed by a Chinese cooking class. Lunch will be your own creation! Then explore rural life in Longcheng Village including a visit to a local farmer's house.

Day 13, Tue • Yangshuo / Guilin / Hong Kong B

Morning visit Fuli Ancient Town before continuing to Guilin airport for your afternoon flight to Hong Kong. After entry formalities, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of evening at leisure.

Hotel: Kowloon Shangri-La

Day 14, Wed • Hong Kong B,L,D

A panoramic view of the city from Victoria Peak. Board a sampan for a cruise around Aberdeen, a floating community where traditional fishermen still reside. Visit Stanley Market, a must-go place to do some last-minute souvenir shopping and a delightful seaside lunch. Afternoon at leisure This evening, bid farewell to China, Hong Kong and your travel companions at a gala farewell dinner.

Day 15, Thu • Depart Hong Kong B

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

5 ★ Plus Hotels

- Shanghai The Portman Ritz-Carlton
- Beijing The Ritz-Carlton (Chaoyang)
- Luoyang Hyatt Place
- Xi'an Shangri-La
- Chengdu The Ritz-Carlton
- Yangshuo Banyan Tree

Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

START DATE	END DATE	LAND ONLY	SINGLE SUPP.
2020			
May 14	May 28	\$8599	\$2599
May 28	Jun 11	\$8599	\$2599
Jun 11	Jun 25	\$8599	\$2599
Jun 25	Jul 9	\$8599	\$2599
Jul 9	Jul 23	\$8599	\$2599
Aug 6	Aug 20	\$8599	\$2599
Sep 3	Sep 17	\$8999	\$2799
Sep 17	Oct 1	\$8999	\$2799
Sep 24	Oct 8	\$8999	\$2799
Oct 8	Oct 22	\$8999	\$2799
Oct 15	Oct 29	\$8999	\$2799
Oct 22	Nov 5	\$8999	\$2799
Oct 29	Nov 12	\$8999	\$2799
Nov 5	Nov 19	\$8599	\$2599
2021			
Mar 11	Mar 25	\$8599	\$2599

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