

Mystic Mountains & Tibet

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, Sat • Arrive Chengdu

After entry formalities, you will be met by our representative 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, Sun • 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. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. After lunch, tour Old Chengdu at People’s Park dating back to the Qing Dynasty with its artificial lake, several gardens and a century-old teahouse. Continue to Jinli Old Street, a pedestrian way decorated in the style of its heyday during the booming Silk Road trade. The famous baldachin - a rich, ornate cloth prized by the emperors – is available here. Tonight, enjoy a welcome “hot pot” dinner followed by the unique Bian Lian Opera which literally means “face-changing”.

Day 3, Mon • Chengdu / Lhasa B,L,D

This morning fly to Tibet. Upon arrival in Lhasa, you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your hotel. You’ll have some time at leisure to relax and acclimate to the high altitude. Lunch and dinner at your hotel. Pick up a copy of James Hilton’s Lost Horizon or watch an episode of Indiana Jones.

Hotel: Shangri-La Hotel

Day 4, Tue • Lhasa B,L,D

You’ll never forget the spectacular architecture at the world-famous Potala Palace. Former living quarters of the Dalai Lama, its massive 1,000 room structure towers over this mountain. After lunch, visit Jokhang Temple (or Jokhang Monastery) is the spiritual center of Tibet and the holiest destination for all Tibetan pilgrims. And famous Barkhor Street is a must-go place in Lhasa because it not only best preserves the original look of Lhasa from ancient times, but is also the center for local Tibetan customs, religions, economy, culture and handicrafts.

Day 5, Wed • Lhasa B,L,D

Visit to Drepung Lamasery, approximately 8kms west of central Lhasa and placed high on a steep mountainside. The alleyways are walled and narrow. The main meeting hall is massive and it is said it can fit up to 7,000 monks at a time. Adjacent to it is the kitchen which is said to be able to feed those monks! Norbulingka, which means ‘treasure garden’ in the Tibetan language, is located to the west of Lhasa. It is marked as the world’s highest, largest and best-preserved ancient artificial historical and cultural garden. Visiting the sacred Sera Monastery, you can see the monks debating about Buddhist knowledge, appreciate special buildings of Gelug characteristic and visit a local Tibetan family. Tonight, enjoy a Tibetan dinner and cultural performance.

Day 6, Thu • Lhasa / Shangri-La B,D

Early afternoon flight to Shangri-La. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel nestled in the beautiful Shangri-la highlands in Tibet. The resort is one of the most secluded hideaways in the world. Be touched by this ancient land and the majestic mountains that surround the resort. Built from traditional Tibetan farmhouses, the resort itself is a picturesque experience that allows you to relax, unwind and find an inner you. Dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Banyan Tree

Day 7, Fri • Shangri-La B,L,D

Today, you will visit Ganden Sumtseling Monastery, also known as "Little Potala Palace", located just outside the city. The site of this monastery was chosen by his Holiness the 5th Dalai Lama. Potatso National Park is the first National Park in China. It offers beautiful views of lakes, country homes, hikes along beautiful vistas and even boat rides on the lake. Dukezong Old Town has experienced both the flames of war and prosperity of frontier trade. Its authentic Tibetan dwellings, majestic prayer halls and pagodas, and winding lanes offer sanctuary to all those seeking refuge.

Day 8, Sat • Shangri-La / Lijiang B,L,D

Tiger Leaping Gorge is a scenic canyon on the Jinsha River, a primary tributary of the upper Yangtze River. Continue driving to Lijiang and the Black Dragon Pool, the most famous pond in the scenic Jade Spring Park located at the foot of Elephant Hill. A short walk finds you in the Old Town of Lijiang. And visit Dayan Town, an ancient town adjacent to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

Hotel: InterContinental Ancient Town Resort

Day 9, Sun • Lijiang B,L,D

Morning visit Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, the most southerly snowcapped mountain in the Northern Hemisphere. It is famous for its variant and beautiful natural scenes, and is considered a sacred mountain among the local Naxi ethnic people. It is also a popular hiking destination. 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. Also explore Baisha village's ancient Murals and the small village that is the original settlement of the Naxi people who came to the Lijiang Valley a thousand years ago.

Day 10, Mon • Lijiang / Kunming / Zhangjiajie B

Transfer to airport for flight to Zhangjiajie (connection via Kunming). Arrive Zhangjiajie and transfer to your hotel. You may wish to get in shape at the fitness center and beautiful indoor swimming pool. The scenery will take your breath away!

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Wulingyuan

Day 11, Tue • Zhangjiajie B,L,D

The Wulingyuan Scenic Area offers unbelievable and fantastic views. The Nature Reserve is essentially a large, shrub-and-tree-clad, block-and-obelisk landscape with a hollowed-out valley floor with a pristine mountain stream running through its center, the inspiration for Hallelujah Mountain in the fairytale world of Pandora. In the afternoon, you will ascend Tianzi Mountain by cable car through splendid vistas of bizarre rock formations, precipitous cliffs and misty clouds.

Day 12, Wed

• **Depart Zhangjiajie**

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Discover the natural wonders of Baofeng Lake. Located high in the mountains, the lake catches some of the first and purest runoff water from the mountain peaks. Baofeng Lake is bordered by lush green trees and shrub-clad stone peaks of various shapes that enclose the lake and give it a fairytale-like atmosphere. Then visit the city to enjoy the typical local mushroom hot pot lunch. In the afternoon, visit Tianmen (Heavenly Gate) Mountain, regarded as the symbol and soul of Zhangjiajie. The highest peak is around 1500 meters above sea level. The mountain is named after a huge natural cave half way up the mountain - just like a gate to heaven. You will have the chance to walk on the world-famous Glass Walkway!! At leisure until departure transfer to the airport for your flight home or onward destination.

5 ★ Plus Hotels

- Chengdu The Ritz-Carlton
- Lhasa Shangri-La
- Yunnan Banyan Tree
- Lijiang InterContinental Ancient Town Resort
- Zhangjiajie Crowne Plaza Wulingyuan

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Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

START DATE	END DATE	LAND ONLY	SINGLE SUPP.
2020			
Apr 18	Apr 29	\$6699	\$1799
May 2	May 13	\$6699	\$1799
May 16	May 27	\$6699	\$1799
May 23	Jun 3	\$6699	\$1799
May 30	Jun 10	\$6699	\$1799
Jun 6	Jun 17	\$6699	\$1799
Jun 13	Jun 24	\$6699	\$1799
Jun 27	Jul 8	\$6699	\$1799
Jul 11	Jul 22	\$6699	\$1799
Aug 15	Aug 26	\$6699	\$1799
Sep 12	Sep 23	\$6699	\$1799
Sep 19	Sep 30	\$6699	\$1799
Sep 26	Oct 7	\$6699	\$1799
Oct 10	Oct 21	\$6699	\$1799
Oct 17	Oct 28	\$6699	\$1799
Oct 24	Nov 4	\$6699	\$1799
Oct 31	Nov 11	\$6699	\$1799

* tour is limited to maximum 16 participants; groups fewer than 10 participants may be locally hosted; this exclusive Gold Experience land tour begins in Chengdu and ends in Zhangjiajie; 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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