



## Day 1: Fly to China

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Beijing.

## Day 2: Beijing

**Arrive in Beijing:** Welcome to Beijing, capital of China. Tonight, you'll join your group for a cultural dinner.

## Day 3: Beijing

**Sightseeing tour of Beijing:** An expert guide will introduce you to Beijing, a treasure chest of imperial monuments.

**Guided tour of the Summer Palace:** Explore the tiered pagodas on the magical garden grounds of the Summer Palace. Cross nearby Kunming Lake on your dragon boat ride (seasonal) and see man-made Longevity Hill rise up off the water.

**Visit the Forbidden City:** Cross a moat and protective wall on your way into the Forbidden City, whose grandeur was once accessible only to the emperor. Venture inside and see the palatial, golden-roofed Imperial Palace.

**Guided tour of Tiananmen Square:** Stand in Tiananmen Square, the world's largest public square and a site of frequent political protests. Images of the 1989 protests, which led to the death of hundreds of Chinese citizens, still hold a somber place in popular consciousness. Tonight, join your group for dinner.

## Day 4: Badaling | Beijing

**Great Wall of China:** Travel north to Badaling to view one of the Seven Wonders of the World—the Great Wall of China. Its construction began in the 5th century B.C. as a defense against the Mongols, and 300,000 people (many of whom are buried in the wall) labored on it over several centuries. The Great Wall extends across mountains and valleys for more than 3,000 miles—perhaps only a tenth of its former length.

**Tea ceremony:** Experience the timeless flavors and age-old tradition of a local tea ceremony.

**Rickshaw tour of hutongs:** Enjoy your ride on a rickshaw, a passenger cart that's pulled by a person pedaling or walking in front. You'll ride through hutongs, the ancient city alleys or lanes that are typical in Beijing. Today, hutongs still provide access to dwellings for half of the city's urban population.

🌀 **Legend of Kung Fu show:** This popular show is sure to impress with its combination of ornate costumes, vibrant set design, and gravity-defying kung fu moves.

## Day 5: Beijing

**Free day:** Today you're free to explore Beijing however you'd like.

**Peking Duck dinner:** Share a regional specialty and traditional side dishes with your group at a delicious Peking Duck dinner.

## Day 6: Shanghai

**Train to Shanghai:** Take a high-speed train from Beijing to Shanghai, China's largest and most cosmopolitan city.

**Visit the Shanghai World Financial Center:** With 101 floors, the Shanghai World Financial Center is home to a wide variety of businesses and services. At a height of 1,555 feet, the observation deck offers spectacular views of the city.

**Dinner:** Reflect on the day's activities over dinner with your group.

## Day 7: Shanghai

**Sightseeing tour of Shanghai:** Explore Shanghai, a nexus point of ancient customs and modern technology, on a sightseeing tour. Visit the Jade Buddha Temple, whose extraordinary Buddhas were each sculpted from a single piece of Burmese white jade.

**Visit the Yu Yuan Garden:** Take in the glorious showplace of classical Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537.

**Free time at the Bund and Nanjing Lu:** Once considered the "Wall Street of the East," the Bund is a waterfront promenade offering a postcard-perfect view of Shanghai's famous skyline. Stop by the storefronts on colorful Nanjing Lu and pick up a keepsake.

**Acrobatics show:** End your evening with a lively performance, showcasing one of China's most popular art forms.

## Day 8: Shanghai

**Free day:** Enjoy a free day in Shanghai. You might choose to visit People's Square, a large public square in the heart of the city, or the impressive Shanghai Museum. Tonight you'll rejoin your group for dinner.

## Day 9: Depart for home

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your flight home.

## 🌀 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

### Day 9: Hong Kong

**Fly to Hong Kong:** Travel to Hong Kong and delight in the city's gleaming skyline and beautiful harbor vistas.

**Dinner:** Celebrate your first night in Hong Kong over dinner with your group.

**Travel to Kowloon:** Journey to Kowloon, home to the Avenue of Stars. Here you'll enjoy *A Symphony of Lights*, a truly dazzling light and music performance. After the show, you'll return to Hong Kong Island aboard the Star Ferry and ride the subway back to your hotel.

### Day 10: Hong Kong

**Sightseeing tour of Hong Kong:** Visit Repulse Bay, site of Hong Kong's most popular beach, and Aberdeen, known for its floating restaurants. Then, peruse the traditional open-air Stanley Market before taking the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for a breathtaking view of the city and harbor.

**Dim sum tasting:** Enjoy traditional dim sum and the chance to try an amazingly diverse range of Chinese culinary specialties.

**Free time:** Enjoy getting to know Hong Kong however you see fit.

### Day 11: Hong Kong

**Free time:** The treasures beneath the city's gleaming skyline are yours to explore today.

🌀 **Macau:** Venture via ferry to the island of Macau, the first and last European colony in China.

**Dinner:** Tonight, enjoy a delicious meal with your group.

### Day 12: Depart for home

Travel to the airport, where you'll board your flight home.