

Best of Heavenly Kingdom - Group Tour 2016 - 14 Days

Enjoy a wonderful chance to get face-to-face with China's "National Treasure" - the giant panda. A blend of natural sceneries and historical interests, such as the Forbidden City, the Terracotta Warriors, the Dazu Rock Carvings, the Bund and picturesque Chinese classic gardens will not fail to impress you.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 (Wed) Arrive Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport-hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 (Thu) Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, optional program</i> The Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. The Forbidden City (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake. Optional program: Kung Fu Show with Peking Duck dinner (USD 60 per person)
3	Day 3 (Fri) Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Great Wall, Bird's Nest & Water Cube, a jade stone workshop en route</i> The Great Wall is one of the most spectacular structures ever built by humans and is the only one visible from space. Take an outside tour to the Olympic Stadium, nicknamed Bird's Nest, and the National Swimming Centre, also known as the Water Cube.
4	Day 4 (Sat) Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, a pearl workshop en route</i> The Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture. Take a Hutong Tour to explore the oldest part of the city and gain insight into the traditional lifestyle and customs.
5	Day 5 (Sun) Beijing - Xi'an (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel-airport transfer in Beijing, airport transfer in Xi'anbreakfast, lunch<i>Shaanxi History Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda</i> The Shaanxi History Museum, a national comprehensive museum in Xi'an, highlights the development of Chinese civilization more than 5,000 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang.
6	Day 6 (Mon) Xi'an	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch & special dinner<i>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Dumpling Banquet & Tang Dynasty Show, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route</i> The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show.
7	Day 7 (Tue) Xi'an - Chengdu (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel-airport transfer in Xi'an, airport transfer in Chengdubreakfast, lunchUpon arrival at Chengdu, visit a ancient street and mingle with the local people.
8	Day 8 (Wed) Chengdu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Giant Panda Breeding Research Center, People's Park</i> The Giant Panda Breeding Research Center is a massive ecological and zoological park offers a wonderful chance to get face-to-face with China's national treasure. There is also a panda museum that has detailed exhibitions on panda evolution, habits, habitats and conservation efforts. The People's Park, also called Renmin Park, is located in central Chengdu. If you want to know more about local people's life, this park is the absolutely your best choice.

Optional program: **Sichuan Dinner & Folklore Show**, including mask-changing magic.

9	Day 9 (Thu) Chengdu - Chongqing (by train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hotel-train station transfer in Chengdu, train station transfer in Chongqing• breakfast, lunch• <i>Dazu Rock Carvings</i> The Dazu Rock Carvings (UNESCO) is a series of Chinese religious sculptures carved on steep hillsides. Dating back to the 7th century AD, the Dazu Rock Carvings represent the harmonious synthesis of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. The highlight of the rock grotto can be found on Mount Baoding. The largest statue in the world of the Thousand-Hand Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva and a half-length reclining Buddha can both be found here.
10	Day 10 (Fri) Chongqing - Shanghai (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hotel-airport transfer in Chongqing, airport-hotel transfer in Shanghai• breakfast
11	Day 11 (Sat) Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• breakfast, lunch, dinner• <i>Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum, Bund, Xintiandi Street, Acrobatic Show</i> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. Take a stroll along the Xintiandi Street, a boutique area highlights a harmonious merger of classic and modern Shanghai. After your dinner, enjoy a spectacular Acrobatic Show, known as one of the most fabulous performance arts in China.
12	Day 12 (Sun) Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• transfer of Shanghai/Suzhou/Shanghai• breakfast, lunch• <i>Master of Nets Garden, Grand Canal, Pingjiang Road, a silk factory en route</i> The Master of Nets Garden, the smallest and most proportional of all the beautiful gardens in Suzhou, is in the mood of tranquility and harmony. Take a small boat trip along the Grand Canal and get close to the world's oldest and longest canal. Pingjiang Road, an ancient street along the Grand Canal, is filled with snack shops, tea houses, ping-tan museums, and boutique shops.
13	Day 13 (Mon) Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• breakfast• hotel-airport transfer in Shanghai

Tour Dates:

Fixed departures based on minimum of 2 travelers

Accommodation:

Beijing International Hotel
Xi'an Jiaotong Hotel
Chengdu Tibet Hotel
Chongqing Harbor Plaza Hotel
Shanghai Ocean Hotel

Tour Includes :

- English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned coach or van
- Land transfers between airport and hotel.
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch and dinner as listed
- Hotels with daily breakfast
- Domestic flight ticket with taxes and train ticket
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flight tickets
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities

-- Tips for guides and drivers (Suggested tipping amount per person per day: USD 5-7 for the guide and USD 3-5 for the driver)

-- Chinese Visa

-- Travel insurance

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