

## China Golden Route - Group Tour 2018 - 13 Days

This newly released Splendid China Tour covers five popular cities in China, namely Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin, Shanghai and Suzhou, with fixed departure dates based on minimum of 2 passengers. Many must-see attractions are selected, such as the Forbidden City, the Terracotta Warriors, the picturesque Li River, the Bund and the Classic Chinese Garden.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 (Wed) Arrive Beijing	 airport-hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 (Thu) Beijing	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, optional program</b>            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)</p>
3	Day 3 (Fri) Beijing	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Great Wall, Bird's Nest &amp; Water Cube, a jade stone workshop en route</b>            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.</p>
4	Day 4 (Sat) Beijing	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, a pearl workshop en route</b>            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.</p>
		 hotel-airport transfer in Beijing, airport transfer in Xi'an

5	Day 5 (Sun) Beijing - Xi'an (by air)	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Shaanxi History Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda</b> 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	 breakfast, lunch & special dinner  <b>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Dumpling Banquet &amp; Tang Dynasty Show, a ceramic &amp; pottery workshop en route</b> 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 - Guilin (by air)	 hotel-airport transfer in Xi'an, airport transfer in Guilin  breakfast, lunch  <b>Reed Flute Cave</b> The Reed Flute Cave is a fascinating gallery of natural sculptures. Enjoy the radiating lights that illuminate the natural rock formation and stone pillars along the zigzag pathway in the cave.
8	Day 8 (Wed) Guilin	 take a cruise ship from Guilin to Yangshuo; transfer from Yangshuo to Guilin  breakfast, lunch  <b>Li River Cruise, leisure time in Yangshuo</b> In the morning, meet your guide at the hotel and transfer to embark on a memorable Li River Cruise. Through this 3-hour journey of China's best known natural scenery, you can appreciate unique karst landscapes as well as verdant hills and lovely waters. Then, arrive at Yangshuo at about 13:00 and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Ideas for leisure time in Yangshuo (optional tours): 1. Take a bamboo rafting on the Yulong River. Sitting in a chair on the raft and floating down the Yulong River, you will be impressed by the amazing natural beauty in the countryside. 2. Yangshuo County is dotted with rolling hills, bamboo forests and local villages. Taking an walking tour with your guide and explore this scenic countryside is not a bad choice. 3. Or you could join in a 3-hour Chinese Cuisine Cookery Class. It is a great chance to learn a course of Chinese dish from local people. Your friends and family will be amazed when you make them Chinese dishes at the party.
9	Day 9 (Thu) Guilin	 breakfast  Free day in Guilin. Optional program: one-day tour to Longsheng Dragon Spine Rice Terraces (USD 99 per person)
10	Day 10 (Fri) Guilin - Shanghai (by air)	 hotel-airport transfer in Guilin, airport-hotel transfer in Shanghai  breakfast

11	Day 11 (Sat) Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum, Bund, Xintiandi Street, Optional program</b> 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. Optional program: Acrobatic Show with dinner (USD 60 per person)
12	Day 12 (Sun) Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai (by automobile)	 transfer of Shanghai/Suzhou/Shanghai  breakfast, lunch  <b>Master of Nets Garden, Pingjiang Road</b> 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. Pingjiang Road, a ancient street along the Grand Canal, is filled with snack shops, tea houses, ping-tan museums, and boutique shops.
13	Day 13 (Mon) Shanghai	 hotel-airport transfer in Shanghai  breakfast  Service ends.

#### Tour Dates:

Fixed departures based on minimum of 2 travelers

4 Apr. 2018  
 11 Apr. 2018  
 18 Apr. 2018  
 25 Apr. 2018  
 2 May 2018  
 9 May 2018  
 16 May 2018  
 23 May 2018  
 30 May.2018  
 6 Jun. 2018  
 13 Jun. 2018  
 20 Jun. 2018  
 27 Jun. 2018  
 4 Jul. 2018  
 11 Jul. 2018  
 18 Jul. 2018  
 25 Jul. 2018  
 1Aug. 2018  
 8 Aug. 2018  
 15 Aug. 2018  
 22 Aug. 2018  
 29 Aug. 2018  
 5 Sep. 2018  
 12 Sep. 2018  
 19 Sep. 2018

3 Oct. 2018  
10 Oct. 2018  
17 Oct. 2018  
24 Oct. 2018  
31 Oct. 2018  
7 Nov. 2018  
14 Nov. 2018  
21 Nov. 2018  
28 Nov. 2018  
5 Dec. 2018  
9 Jan. 2019  
20 Feb. 2018  
27 Feb. 2018  
6 Mar. 2019  
13 Mar. 2019  
20 Mar. 2019

**Accommodation:**

The Presidential Beijing  
Xi'an Jianguo Hotel  
Guilin Park Hotel  
Shanghai Ocean Hotel

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**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
- 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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