










## China Classic Cycling Tour - 9 Days

This tour realizes your dream to travel on the bike and appreciate three wonderful cities in China. During 8 days, you will admire the rich culture and history in Beijing and Xi'an, and discover the breathtaking natural beauty of Guilin.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	 Upon arrival, meet and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore China's historic and vibrant capital city on your own.
2	Day 2 Beijing	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch</b> <b>Cycling: About 5 kilometers</b> Today enjoy a special cycle tour along Beijing's Central Axis, which runs from north to south across the city, with the many ancient and modern landmarks on both sides. Your first peek begins with <b>Tian'anmen Square</b> , the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. Then ride (about 1km) to the <b>Forbidden City</b> (UNESCO), where the 24 emperors of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards and private quarters. Then we move on to <b>Bell and Drum Tower</b> (about 3.7km). Back to Han Dynasty, (206BC-220), there used to be a morning bell and a dusk drum everyday telling the time to the citizens. <b>Hutong</b> area is not far from Bell and Drum Tower. Cycling along the narrow alleys, you will appreciate some ancient courtyard houses and gain a full glimpse of local culture. You may also buy some special souvenirs from those boutiques in the hutong.
3	Day 3 Beijing	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner</b> Today setting out to the China's most renowned monument, <b>Great Wall</b> (UNESCO) that is the most spectacular structures ever built by human and as the only one visible from space. After lunch, visit the <b>Ming Tomb</b> , ancient burial ground of the Chinese emperors. In the evening, you will enjoy a traditional <b>Beijing Duck Dinner</b> , a Chinese delicacy.
4	Day 4 Beijing - Xi'an (by air)	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch</b> Today you will visit another renowned imperial site – the <b>Temple of Heaven</b> (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors would make sacrifices to Heaven and pray for bountiful harvests. This construction is supreme achievement of Chinese traditional architecture. Continue to visit the <b>Summer Palace</b> (UNESCO), the largest imperial garden in the world. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to Xi'an, the ancient capital for 11 dynasties and east end of the Silk Road. Meet and transfer to the hotel.

5	Day 5 Xi'an	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner</b> Today's excursion will take you to the <b>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses</b> (UNESCO), one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses and bronze chariots silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. Then head to the <b>Wild Goose Pagoda</b> , a Tang Dynasty landmark. This seven-story pagoda was initially constructed in 652 AD, and a larger team of scholars was organized here for translation of the Buddhist sutras brought back from India and it became a holy place for pilgrimages. In the evening, appreciate a tasteful <b>Dumpling Feast</b> followed by an exquisite traditional <b>Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show</b> .
6	Day 6 Xi'an - Guilin (by air)	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch</b> <b>Cycling: About 13 kilometers</b> Your day will start with a cycle tour (about 13km) of <b>Ancient City Wall</b> , which is one of the oldest walls in China and still compasses the center of Xi'an. It will take you about 1.5 hours to encircle the city wall and enjoy the layout of the ancient capital city. Then fly to Guilin, which is said to be "the best scenery under heaven" for its unique karst limestone along the Li River. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel.
7	Day 7 Guilin - Yangshuo (by boat)	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch</b> This morning, you will embark on a memorable 3-hour <b>Li River Cruise</b> , which brings you a real journey of China's best known natural scenery. Upon arrival at <b>Yangshuo</b> , meet and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free in Yangshuo.
8	Day 8 Yangshuo	 <b>Meals: Breakfast, Lunch</b> <b>Cycling: About 15 kilometers</b> After breakfast, take a bicycle tour (about 5km) from Yangshuo to <b>Aishan Villiage</b> . The Tianjia River runs through the village with lush bamboo on the riverbanks. Cycling in this peaceful village, you will get immersed in the crystal clear water and lush hills and gain a glimpse of the rural life style in China. Then ride (about 3.5km) via some local villages and arrive at <b>Gongnong Bridge</b> . The bridge spans the Yulong River (Dragon Meeting River), which is known as the little Li River because of the wonderful landscape. Local people use bamboo rafts as daily transportation up and down the river between their houses, markets, and rice paddies. In the afternoon, ride back to Yangshuo (about 6km).
9	Day 9 Yangshuo - Guilin (by automobile)	 <b>Meals: Breakfast</b> After breakfast, drive back to the Guilin. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport and take your homeward flight. Service ends.

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