








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	 breakfast, lunch  Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Summer Palace , optional program 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	 breakfast, lunch  Great Wall, Bird's Nest & Water Cube, a jade stone workshop en route 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	 breakfast, lunch  Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, a pearl workshop en route 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)	 hotel-airport transfer in Beijing, airport transfer in Xi'an  breakfast, lunch  Shaanxi History Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda 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  Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Dumpling Banquet & Tang Dynasty Show, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route 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  Reed Flute Cave 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  Li River Cruise, leisure time in Yangshuo 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  Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum, Bund, Xintiandi Street, Optional program 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  Master of Nets Garden, Pingjiang Road 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
1 Aug. 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

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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