



## Essence of China with Hong Kong Stopover - 12 Days

This tour visits five diverse cities scattered throughout China. Each of the cities has importance to a true understanding of China: Imperial Beijing, Historical Xian, Scenic Guilin, Futurist Shanghai and Cosmopolitan Hong Kong into a grander picture showcasing you how China progress in its unique fashion.




### 240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China









China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.











Passport holders of 55 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.





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Meanwhile, citizens from 47 countries can [enter China visa-free for up to 30 days](#).

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	 airport-hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven, a silk gift shop en route</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 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.  <b>Good to know:</b> Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment. <b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.

3	Day 3 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Great Wall, Summer Palace , a cloisonné 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. 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.  <b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> 1. Enjoy the Peking Duck dinner at time-honored restaurant - Quanjude or Bianyifang. The duck is characteristic with its crispy skin, tender meat and the fragrance from the fruit-wood. 2. Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.
4	Day 4 Beijing - Xi'an (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an  breakfast
5	Day 5 Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, 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. 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.  <b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show. <b>Good to know:</b> If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.
6	Day 6 Xi'an - Shanghai (by air)	 airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai  breakfast, lunch  <b>Ancient City Wall</b> The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.

7	Day 7 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund, a local gift shop en route</b> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Jade Buddha Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. Optional tour: Top of the Pyramid - The Exhibition of Ancient Egyptian Civilization is on display from July 19th, 2024 to August 17th, 2025. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai.  <b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> 1. Acrobatic Shows in Shanghai are known as the best in China. You can never imagine how exciting the show is. 2. Or you could take a Huangpu River Night Cruise which is the perfect way to enjoy the gorgeous night view of Shanghai.
8	Day 8 Shanghai - Guilin (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai, airport transfer in Guilin  breakfast  <b>Fubo Hill</b> The Fubo Hill is a perfect spot to explore the limestone karst landscape in Guilin.
9	Day 9 Guilin - Yangshuo (by cruise) - Guilin (by automobile)	 take a cruise ship from Guilin to Yangshuo; private transfer from Yangshuo to Guilin  breakfast, lunch  <b>Li River Cruise, leisure time in Yangshuo, a pearl factory en route</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.
10	Day 10 Guilin - Hong Kong (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Guilin, train station - hotel transfer in Hong Kong  breakfast

11	Day 11 Hong Kong	 breakfast  <b>Half-day tour of Hong Kong Island</b> Today starts with a half-day tour of Hong Kong Island. Visit the Victoria Peak (include One-way peak tram ride), the summit of the Hong Kong Island and get a bird-eye view of the magnificent skyline of the Victoria Harbor. Then, visit the Stanley Market and drive by the Repulse Bay. Later, explore the Historic Fishing Village at Aberdeen with sampan ride. Their traditional lifestyle is in sharp contrast to the modern life style of those living in the high-rise communities. Afterwards, return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.
12	Day 12 Hong Kong	 hotel - airport transfer in Hong Kong  breakfast

## Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flights with taxes and train ticket (2<sup>nd</sup> class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

## Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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