



Essence of China - 10 Days

Your journey starts from Shanghai, China's most modern metropolis. Then discover the breathtaking natural beauty of Li River in Guilin. Continue to Xian in Central China to admire the 6,000 life-sized Terra-cotta Warriors. The last stop of this memorable trip is "Capital Beijing" to discover its timeless imperial treasures including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.


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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Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Shanghai	 airport-hotel transfer in Shanghai

<p>2</p>	<p>Day 2 Shanghai</p>	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> Yu Garden, Bund, Shanghai Old Town Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. Step back in time and experience the historical heart of the city at Shanghai Old Town, where classic Jiangnan-style architecture and bustling street markets offer a fascinating contrast to the city's futuristic skyscrapers. Anchored by the 16th-century Yu Garden and the lively bazaar surrounding the City God Temple, this vibrant district allows you to wander through labyrinthine alleys lined with traditional gray-brick buildings, cross the iconic Nine-Turn Bridge, and sample world-famous local delicacies like Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) at historic eateries.</p> <p>Leisure Time & Optional Experiences Huangpu River Cruise: See Shanghai's iconic skyline from the water on a Huangpu River Cruise. Sail past the Bund's 52 historic colonial buildings and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui, including the Shanghai Tower and Oriental Pearl Tower. Choose a day cruise for clear architectural details or a night cruise (highly recommended) to see the city illuminated in a dazzling light show. Shanghai Tower Skywalk Experience: Soar to new heights at the Shanghai Tower, China's tallest building at 632 meters. Ride the world's fastest elevator (18m/s) to the 118th-floor Top of Shanghai Observatory. Enjoy 360° panoramic views of the city, including the Bund's colonial architecture, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and the winding Huangpu River.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Day 3 Shanghai - Guilin (by air)</p>	<p> airport transfer in Shanghai, airport-hotel transfer in Guilin</p> <p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> Fubo Hill The Fubo Hill is a perfect spot to explore the limestone karst landscape in Guilin.</p>

4	Guilin - Yangshuo (by cruise) - Guilin (by automobile)	 take a cruise ship from Guilin to Yangshuo; private transfer from Yangshuo to Guilin  breakfast, lunch  Li River Cruise, leisure time in Yangshuo, a pearl factory en route 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.
5	Day 5 Guilin - Xi'an (by air)	 airport transfer in Guilin, airport transfer in Xi'an  breakfast, lunch  Ancient City Wall The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.

<p>6</p>	<p>Day 6 Xi'an</p>	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO), The Bell and Drum Tower Square, The Muslim Quarter (Huimin Jie)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Located at the very center of ancient Xi'an, the Bell and Drum Tower Square is a grand landmark that beautifully connects China's imperial past with its vibrant modern energy. This spacious public square offers a stunning vantage point between two magnificent Ming Dynasty masterpieces: the majestic Bell Tower, which marks the geographical heart of the city, and the historic Drum Tower, which stands at the entrance to the famous Muslim Quarter. Visited by millions each year, the square provides an exceptional setting to admire traditional triple-eaved wooden architecture, which comes alive at night with a spectacular display of colorful illuminations.</p> <p>Steeped in over a millennium of history, the Muslim Quarter is a vibrant sensory feast and the heart of Xi'an's legendary food culture. As you wander through its ancient stone-paved lanes, you are greeted by an incredible array of mouth-watering delicacies and authentic Silk Road flavors. From the savory aroma of charcoal-grilled lamb skewers to the rhythmic pounding of traditional nut candy, this bustling historic enclave offers an unparalleled glimpse into the heritage and culinary soul of the city's Hui community. It is the ultimate destination to immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere and rich, diverse tastes of old Xi'an.</p> <p>Leisure Time & Optional Experiences</p> <p>Evening Recommendation: Indulge in a celebrated Xi'an Dumpling Banquet, followed by an enchanting Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show—a vibrant revival of China's golden age of art and culture.</p> <p>Extended Exploration: If your schedule allows, we highly recommend a journey to Mount Hua to witness its breathtaking natural peaks.</p> <p>Regional Highlights: For a deeper dive into Buddhist history, consider a bullet train excursion to Luoyang to marvel at the Longmen Grottoes, one of China's three most renowned ancient cave complexes.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Day 7 Xi'an - Beijing (by bullet train)</p>	<p> hotel- train station transfer in Xi'an, train station transfer in Beijing</p> <p> breakfast</p> <p> Hutong Tour</p> <p>The Hutongs are the historic arteries of Beijing, a network of narrow alleys that have defined the city's soul since the Yuan Dynasty (1271 AD). More than just passages, they represent the pinnacle of China's traditional neighborhood life and vernacular architectural art. From a bird's-eye view, the seamless integration of these winding lanes and classic Siheyuan (courtyards) resembles an intricate, orderly chessboard, hiding a world of delicate gardens, scholarly rockeries, and ancient relics that whisper stories of a bygone era.</p>

8	Day 8 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven (UNESCO) Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Step into the majestic imperial palace where 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for five centuries. Explore the ceremonial courtyards and the exquisite private quarters of the royal family. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. Discover the Temple of Heaven, a timeless masterpiece of traditional Chinese imperial architecture. For centuries, ancient emperors held grand solemn rituals here to worship heaven and pray for favorable weather and abundant harvests. Admire its exquisite layout, profound cultural connotations and classic imperial architectural charm that embody ancient Chinese cosmology and ritual traditions Dinner Suggestions Iconic Peking Duck Dinner: Indulge in a signature feast at a renowned, time-honored restaurant. Savor the legendary roast duck, celebrated for its signature crispy skin, tender meat, and the subtle aroma of fruit-wood roasting.
9	Day 9 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Great Wall, The Summer Palace (UNESCO) Traverse one of the most extraordinary architectural wonders of the ancient world. This monumental landmark stands as a timeless testament to human ingenuity, ancient engineering prowess and China's profound historical heritage. Wander through the world's largest and best-preserved imperial garden. Originally designed as a royal summer retreat, it features an exquisite collection of classical pavilions and bridges centered around the tranquil Kunming Lake.
10	Day 10 Beijing	 hotel - airport transfer in Beijing  breakfast

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or 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 (2nd class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

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- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
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