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China Classic Senior Tour - 12 Days

This 12-day senior tour features the most popular attractions in China, in which senior travelers can enjoy a relaxed and pleasant journey. You will start your trip from ancient Beijing, and continue to visit the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an. Then, you will enjoy the Li River cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo. The last stop is Shanghai where you could explore its diversity and vibrancy.




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 54 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 38 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  Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , a silk gift shop en route 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. Good to know: 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. Ideas for leisure time: 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  Great Wall, Bird's Nest & Water Cube, a cloisonné 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. Ideas for leisure time: 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	 breakfast, lunch  Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace 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. 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.
5	Day 5 Beijing - Xi'an (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an  breakfast
6	Day 6 Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, 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. Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show. Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or you could take a full-day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.

7	Day 7 Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  Shaanxi History Museum, Great Mosque, Muslim Snack Street The Shaanxi History Museum, a national comprehensive museum in Xi'an, highlights the development of Chinese civilization more than 5,000 years. The Great Mosque, which blends Islamic mosque styles and traditional Chinese architectural elements, acts as one of the oldest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China The Muslim Snack Street is full of mouth-watering delicacies and snacks.
8	Day 8 Xi'an - Guilin (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Guilin  breakfast
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  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.
10	Day 10 Guilin - Shanghai (by air)	 airport transfer in Guilin, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai  breakfast, lunch  Fubo Hill The Fubo Hill is a perfect spot to explore the limestone karst landscape in Guilin. Ideas for leisure time: If you arrives at early afternoon and have no plans, you could take an optional trip to Zhujiajiao. With a history of 1700 years, this is an ancient water town prized for its lovely rivers, stone bridges, and historical buildings.

11	Day 11 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  Yu Garden, Bund, a local gift shop en route 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. Ideas for leisure time: 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.
12	Day 12 Shanghai	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai  breakfast  Service ends.

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or coach
- Land transfers between airport or train station and hotel
- First entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight tickets with taxes and train tickets (2nd class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

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

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