



## SIC-H Tour - Essence of China with Pandas, Avatars & Hong Kong - 16 Days

Experience the ultimate bucket-list journey across China on this premium 16-day small group tour. Combining the Essence of China with legendary wonders, you will travel from the Great Wall to meet giant pandas in Chengdu, hike the breathtaking "Avatar" pillars in Zhangjiajie, cruise the limestone peaks of Guilin, and conclude in vibrant Hong Kong. With a maximum of 16 guests, enjoy a highly personalized service. Departures are guaranteed with just 2 passengers.

**Guaranteed Departure:** Only 2 people are required to run the tour. If only 1 person is confirmed for a specific departure date, we will inform you ahead of time and suggest a new date.









**Genuine Small Group:** Maximum of 16 guests per group for a comfortable, personalized experience—no large crowds of 30+.







**Guaranteed Hotels:** Stay in premium 4-star downtown hotels. We provide specific, verified hotel options with full transparency—no vague descriptions or unexpected downgrades.




**Frequent Departures:** Departs on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (except national holidays).











Departure Dates & Prices in USD per person		
Departure Date	Twin/Double Share	Single Room
July 6	3,045	3,755
July 20	3,045	3,755
Aug 3	3,045	3,755
Aug 17	3,045	3,755
Sept 7	3,045	3,755
Sept 21	3,045	3,755
Oct 19	3,045	3,755
Nov 2	3,045	3,755
Nov 16	3,045	3,755
Dec 7	3,045	3,755
Dec 21	3,045	3,755



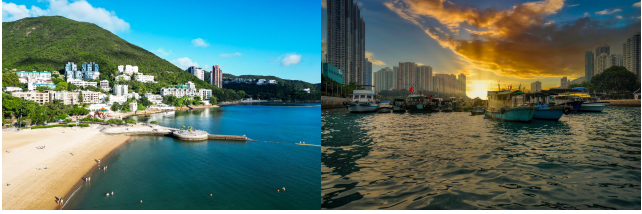



Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport

1	Day 1: Arrival in Beijing	 airport - hotel transfer
2	Day 2: Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>The Summer Palace (UNESCO), a pearl workshop en route, Mutianyu Great Wall</b> 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.  Visit China’s most famous monument and one of the best-preserved sections of the Great Wall. Known for its stunning watchtowers and beautiful forest scenery, your visit includes a round-way cable car ride for a comfortable and scenic trip up and down.
3	Day 3: Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Tian’anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), a tea house en route</b> 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
4	Day 4: Beijing - Xi'an (by bullet train)	 train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an  breakfast, lunch  <b>Lama Temple</b> The Lama Temple has a reputation of the largest and best-preserved Tibetan Buddhist Lamasery in Beijing. The building and artwork of the lama Temple is a combination of Han and Tibetan styles.

5	Day 5: Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO), Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Terracotta Warriors and Horses Replica Factory</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.
6	Day 6: Xi'an - Chengdu (by bullet train)	 train station transfer in Xi'an, train station - hotel transfer in Chengdu  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: Chengdu - Leshan - Chengdu (by automobile)	 private transfer in Chengdu & Leshan  breakfast, lunch  <b>Leshan Giant Buddha</b> The Leshan Giant Buddha is an enormous 230-foot Buddha, which is the largest stone-carved Buddha in the world. You will board a boat and head out into the Mingjiang River to get an overall view of the statue from afar.
8	Day 8: Chengdu - Zhangjiajie (by air)	 airport transfer in Chengdu, airport - hotel transfer in Zhangjiajie  breakfast, lunch  <b>Giant Panda Breeding Research Center</b> The Giant Panda Breeding Research Center is a massive ecological and zoological park offers a wonderful chance to get face-to-face with China's national treasure. There is also a panda museum that has detailed exhibitions on panda evolution, habits, habitats and conservation efforts.

<p>9</p>	<p>Day 9: Zhangjiajie</p>	<p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Mount Tianzi Scenic Area, Yuanjiajie Scenic Area, Bailong Elevator , Zhangjiajie National Forest Park</b>  Take a shuttle bus to Mount Tianzi Scenic Area and take a cable car to the mountain top. Mount Tianzi is admired as one of the top four scenic spots of Wulingyuan Scenic Area (UNESCO). Mount Tianzi is renowned by the amazing natural landscape, it embodies varied beautiful scenes at different time within one day and is reputed as “huge bonsai, small fairyland”. Afterwards, take a shuttle bus to Yuanjiajie (UNESCO), experience the magnificent scenery of jagged peaks and deep valleys. It is said that the Southern Sky Pillar in Yuanjiajie was the prototype of the floating mountains in the Film Avatar. Take the Bailong Elevator to get down from the mountain. The Bailong Lift is the highest outdoor elevator in the World. Experience a full-day, breathtaking journey through the otherworldly sandstone pillars of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the true inspiration behind the floating mountains in the movie Avatar. Your adventure begins with a scenic cable car ride up the mountain, whisking you directly into the clouds. First, explore Tianzishan (Tianzi Mountain), renowned for its misty peaks and stunning panoramic views of thousands of jagged pillars rising from the valleys. Next, journey to Yuanjiajie, where you will stand face-to-face with the awe-inspiring Avatar Hallelujah Mountain and cross the First Bridge Under Heaven. After marveling at these gravity-defying landscapes, you will experience a thrilling descent aboard the famous Bailong Elevator, a soaring glass structure built into the cliffside. Conclude your unforgettable day with a peaceful, ground-level stroll along the crystal-clear waters of Golden Whip Brook (Jinbianxi), where you can admire the towering peaks from below amidst lush forests and playful wild macaques.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Day 10: Zhangjiajie - Shanghai (by air)</p>	<p> airport transfer in Zhangjiajie, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai</p> <p> breakfast, lunch</p> <p> <b>Tianmen Mountain</b>  Embark on a thrilling exploration of Tianmen Mountain, legendary for its dramatic cliff faces and spiritual mysteries. Your journey includes a spectacular round-trip cable car ride, featuring one of the longest alpine cableways in the world, which takes you directly from the city center up into the mountain's misty peaks. At the top, walk along cliff-hanging pathways and marvel at the magnificent Tianmen Cave (Heaven's Gate), a colossal natural water-eroded hole that looks like a gateway to the heavens. For an enhanced journey, you can choose an optional experience to Baofeng Lake, where you can take a peaceful boat cruise across emerald waters surrounded by stunning karst mountains and listening to local folk songs.</p>

11	Day 11: Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Yu Garden, Bund, Jade Buddha Temple, Nanjing Road, Shanghai Old Town</b> 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. 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 Nanjing Road, a must-see metropolitan destination attracting thousands of fashion-seeking shoppers from all over the world, is a top prosperous 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.
12	Day 12: Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  <b>Zhujiajiao Ancient Town, Zhang Yuan &amp; Fengshengli</b> With a history of more than 1700 years, the Zhujiajiao Ancient Town features lovely rivers, stone bridges, and historical buildings on the riverbank. A premier cultural and lifestyle landmark in Shanghai that seamlessly blends history with modern trends. Zhang Yuan is the city's largest and best-preserved Shikumen (stone-gate) architectural complex, recently restored into a high-end luxury and fashion district. Right next door, Fengshengli complements the historic charm with a vibrant, modern dining and lifestyle block filled with trendy cafes, popular restaurants, and lively bars. Together, they offer the perfect taste of Shanghai's unique heritage and contemporary urban energy.
13	Day 13: Shanghai - Guilin (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai, hotel transfer in Guilin/Yangshuo  breakfast, lunch  <b>Bamboo rafting on the Yulong River</b> Enjoy a bamboo rafting on Yulong River. One small raft with a boatman could take two people. 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.
14	Day 14: Guilin - Hong Kong (by bullet train)	 train station transfer in Guilin, train station - hotel transfer in Hong Kong  breakfast, lunch  <b>Fubo Hill, Elephant Trunk Hill</b> The Fubo Hill is a perfect spot to explore the limestone karst landscape in Guilin. The Elephant Trunk Hill is the landmark of Guilin's spectacular limestone karst hills. The shape of the hill is just like a huge elephant drinking water from the river with its trunk.

15	Day 15: Hong Kong	<p> breakfast</p> <p> <b>Morning Sightseeing:</b> Explore the traditional side of Hong Kong at the Aberdeen Fishermen's Village, visit the scenic beach at Repulse Bay, and take in the stunning city views from Victoria Peak.</p> <p><b>Afternoon at Leisure:</b> Enjoy free time to shop, dine, or explore Hong Kong on your own at your own pace (no guiding or transport services provided).</p>  
16	Day 16: Hong Kong - Departure	<p> hotel - airport transfer in Hong Kong</p> <p> breakfast</p>

Notes

**Deadline:** Book at least 20 days before arriving in China. Please send us all passenger names, passport numbers, room choices, and itineraries before this date.

**Shared Tour & Guiding:** Travelers with different tour packages on the same date may share the same bus and guide. All main sights are fully guaranteed, but the daily order of the itinerary may change to make the trip run smoothly for everyone.

**Flight Notice:** The departure dates are **Mondays**, which is **Day 1 (your arrival day)**. Please book your flight to land in Beijing on or before these dates.

Destinations	Hotels
Beijing	Xinqiao Hotel 新桥酒店 (or similar)
Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel 钛时代酒店 (or similar)
Chengdu	Tianfu Sunshine Hotel 天府阳光酒店 (or similar)
Zhangjiajie	National Scenic Spot Sunshine Resort 国家风景区阳光度假酒店 (or similar)
Guilin	Guilin Bravo Hotel 桂林 Bravo 酒店 (or similar)
Shanghai	Ocean Hotel 海洋酒店 (or similar)
Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza Metropolis Hotel 海港城广场酒店 (or similar)

## Tour Includes :

- Accommodation in double/triple/single rooms in the indicated hotels
- Chinese lunches at local restaurants as indicated in the itinerary
- One glass of soft drink or local beer per person for each mentioned meal
- All transfers to/from the airport in each destination and all included sightseeing
- All first entrance fees to the mentioned tourist sites
- All domestic flights in economy class and airport taxes as indicated in the itinerary
- All domestic trains in second class as indicated in the itinerary
- An English-speaking local guide/assistant in the travel destinations

## Tour Excludes :

- All other meals and all other beverages not mentioned
- Transfers outside the allotment dates;
- Tips
- Tips for pre-tours or post-base-trip extensions
- Evening shows in China and other optional visits
- Medical + baggage insurance
- China Visa
- All personal expenses and anything not specifically listed under "Inclusions"

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